

LEGISLATORS TESTIFY

Before the Pennsylvania Bribery Investigating Committee.

AN EX-CONGRESSMAN ACCUSED.

Representative Brown, of Union, Testifies That Monroe H. Kulp, of Shamokin, Offered Him Money to Remain Away From Joint Convention.

Harrisburg, March 29.—The investigation into the charges of alleged bribery in connection with the consideration of the McCarroll jury bill in the house was resumed yesterday afternoon in one of the house committee rooms. Representative Kendall, of Somerset, testified that a person not a member of the legislature had approached him and said he would like to have his vote for Mr. Quay for senator, and that if he could see his way clear to vote that way he believed he would receive a sum equal to \$5,000. Mr. Kendall declined to give the name of the party, but said he was a resident of Bedford county, and wanted it understood that it was not Frank Willing Leach, as had been alleged.

Mr. Keator, of Philadelphia, testified that a member admitted to him that he was approached on the senatorship. The witness preferred not to give the name of the member, as he had not yet been called before the committee.

Mr. Laubach, of Philadelphia, testified that the Tuesday following the Republican senatorial caucus he was approached by Frank Jones, of Philadelphia, and asked to vote for Senator Quay. Mr. Laubach replied that he was instructed by the convention which nominated him to vote against Mr. Quay, and that he would not violate his instructions. Later Jones declared that if Laubach would vote for Quay he (Laubach) could have the chief clerkship of the Philadelphia mint or custom house.

Representative Brown, of Union, swore that on the evening of Jan. 17, the day before the first joint ballot for senator was taken, a gentleman met him at the Commonwealth hotel and invited him to call on Mr. Quay. Mr. Brown declined, and then the gentleman persuaded him to take a walk. They walked to a dark street and there the gentleman asked Mr. Brown if he could not go away and not be present the next day in the joint convention when the ballot was taken. "I refused," said Mr. Brown, "and then he offered me \$200 if I would go to Philadelphia and miss the train. I again refused, and he raised the price to \$300, and said if I would go into the convention and vote for Mr. Quay the price would be altogether different. I refused the offer."

"What is the gentleman's name?" Chairman Fow asked.

"I prefer not to give it, because he is a friend of mine," Mr. Brown replied. "I made a clear promise that I would not tell."

"The next meeting of this committee will be held tomorrow," said Chairman Fow. "Unless you reveal the name of the person you will be given into the custody of the sergeant-at-arms, to be taken to the Dauphin county jail for contempt."

Other members of the committee urged Mr. Brown to tell, and he asked time to consider. Mr. Dixon suggested that the witness should not hesitate, but tell without further delay. Mr. Brown then said the person was ex-Congressman Monroe H. Culp, of Shamokin.

Mr. Caldwell, of Mercer, testified that E. A. Thompson, of Mercer county, who was an applicant for a position in the legislature, told him that he (Thompson) could get a place if he (Caldwell) would vote for Mr. Quay. Mr. Caldwell saw Attorney General Elkin, and was told that the usual way to secure positions of that kind was to go into the caucus and support the organization. The witness wanted it understood that Mr. Elkin had made him no offer.

MR. SHERMAN HOME AGAIN.

The Distinguished Invalid's Pallid Features Show Serious Illness.

Newport News, Va., March 29.—The cruiser Chicago, which left Hampton Roads March 13 under orders to overtake the American liner Paris and transfer from that ship ex-Secretary of State John Sherman, who had been taken seriously ill, arrived at Old Point yesterday with the distinguished invalid on board.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Sherman, closely muffled, and with his features entirely concealed beneath a heavy black veil, was placed in a steam launch and removed to the pier. He was borne in a litter to the hotel on the broad shoulders of four marines. At 6 p. m. he was again placed on the litter and taken on board the Washington boat. He reached the latter city early this morning, and was at once taken to his home.

That Mr. Sherman is a very sick man no one who got a glimpse of his pallid features can doubt. Naturally of spare build, he has lost flesh and his thinness is strikingly apparent, and he is obviously far advanced in feebleness and general infirmity.

Telegraphing Without Wires.

London, March 29.—Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor, who recently, after long delay, obtained permission from the French government to establish a station on the French coast for the purpose of experimenting with wireless telegraphy between England and France, announces that he has conducted successful experiments between the south foreland, County of Kent, and Boulogne, at the mouth of the Liane. The Times this morning prints a hundred word dispatch, the first press message by the Marconi system, and says: "The experiments were conducted with the Morse code, which was received as distinctly as if the terminal had been connected by wires."

Ten Workmen Terribly Burned.

Johnstown, Pa., March 29.—Ten men were horribly burned, two of them probably fatally, by the blowing off of a monster cylinder head on a blowing engine in blast furnace No. 6 of the Cambria Steel company last night. The victims are: George Haberkorn, face steamed until the flesh looks like a raw beefsteak; Joseph Shuster, 17 years old, overcome with gas and burned about the face; C. Diamond, John Barrett, James J. Miller, Samuel Markert, Henry Kukuck, Michael Shugruef, Henry Herzon and W. Bowers.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Harrisburg, March 29.—William Fisher, aged 38, was instantly killed last evening by coming in contact with a cut-off box belonging to the electric light company. The box was on fire, and Fisher lit a match and in trying to see the number and name touched the box and at the same time stepped in a pool of water. He received 2,000 volts.

Norristown, Pa., March 25.—The death warrant from Governor Stone, fixing May 18 as the day of death, was read to murderer James A. Clemmer in the county jail just after his arrival by Sheriff John Klight and Deputy Charles Johnson. Clemmer sat motionless for an instant, staring into space. Then he collapsed with his head between his hands, weeping and quivering with emotion.

Hazleton, Pa., March 28.—J. M. Lahiff, of Pittsburgh, arrived here yesterday. He says he wants to employ several hundred Hungarians and Italians to work in the bituminous coal regions of Pennsylvania, where a strike has been threatened on account of a disagreement over wages. Free transportation will be tendered those who accept Mr. Lahiff's terms. It is said he represents several bituminous coal operators.

Lancaster, Pa., March 28.—E. K. Smith, aged 76, died Sunday in the Eastern penitentiary. In 1869 he was a member of the legislature. He was a leading citizen of Columbia and a member of the banking firm of Smith & Graybill, of that place, whose failure seven years ago resulted in his conviction for embezzlement. The case attracted much attention at the time through the position and age of the defendant.

Corry, Pa., March 28.—James Burns, telegraph operator at Spring Creek, saw two men breaking into the Philadelphia and Erie station early in the morning. Burns gave the alarm and a number of people surrounded the station. The robbers made a break for liberty, when William McKilrick fired upon them with a shotgun. One of the men fell, his body filled with shot. The other was wounded. The wounded man refuses to give his name or that of his companion.

Pittsburg, March 28.—Indications point to a strike of diggers in the thick vein coal mines of this district. An official of the United Mine Workers is authority for the statement that a suspension of work will occur if the thick vein operators bolted the conference of thin vein operators and miners agreed to submit the question to arbitration, and the thick vein operators will be asked to submit their case to a committee to be selected.

Lancaster, Pa., March 27.—As a result of Saturday's Republican primary for delegates to the state convention and county offices the Quayites elect all of their candidates by majorities ranging from 5,000 to 6,000. The delegates had a majority of 4,800, with a gain of almost 2,400 over last year. Ex-Senator C. C. Kauffman, of Columbia, who was one of the anti-Quay leaders, lost his own ward and borough, which last year, when he was an unsuccessful candidate for senator, he carried by 500 majority.

Reading, Pa., March 27.—The boiler of a locomotive drawing a train of empty coal cars on the Philadelphia and Reading railway exploded nine miles north of this city yesterday afternoon. Oscar Leisy, a brakeman, whose home was at Pine Grove, was killed by flying fragments of the wrecked boiler, and Lyman Emerich, fireman, and George L. Zimmerman, engineer, were injured. Emerich was terribly scalded and had an arm broken, and his condition is critical. Zimmerman will recover.

Lancaster, Pa., March 29.—The prevalence of cerebro-spinal meningitis, or spotted fever, which has assumed epidemic form, is causing serious alarm in this city. At a special meeting of the board of health strict sanitary regulations and private funerals were advised. During the past week nine deaths have occurred, several of the victims dying within a few hours of being stricken, and all experiencing the most excruciating pain. In some cases the bodies turned black at death.

Lancaster, Pa., March 29.—Ralph Wireback, condemned to be hanged on May 17 for the murder of Bank President D. B. Landis, yesterday attempted to commit suicide in his cell in the county jail. His cell had been stripped of everything except a mattress. From this the murderer managed to take several straws. These he lighted at a gas jet, and before the death watch could interfere set fire to the mattress. He stood over the blaze that resulted, but was rescued before being seriously injured.

Harrisburg, March 28.—There are rumors here that a conference of Senator Quay's friends throughout the state will be held at the executive mansion tomorrow to discuss the senatorial contest. The story is that Mr. Quay has notified his friends that he is feeling too badly to leave Florida at this time, and that he will leave his candidacy entirely in their hands. Senator C. L. Magee, of Allegheny, and his followers, who have been voting for Mr. Quay since the beginning of the deadlock, are expected to break away inside of ten days, and this is assigned as the most potent reason for the conference.

Pittsburg, March 27.—Mrs. Mary E. West yesterday entered suit for \$20,000 damages against Louis Emanuel, a prominent druggist of this city and president of the Pharmaceutical association of Pennsylvania. The suit is based on the claim of Mrs. West that Emanuel sold to her daughter Edna a headache powder, which the young lady took, and from the effects of it died shortly afterwards. The issue will be squarely put to and the court decide on the question whether or not a druggist in this state can be held responsible for all drugs sold by him, whether regular or patent medicine nostrums.

Pittsburg, March 27.—A freight wreck yesterday on the Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad at Jack's Run, just below the city, resulted in the death of two men, the probable fatal injury of another, and the complete destruction of an engine and ten freight cars. The loss to the company is about \$25,000. The dead are James A. Bracken, engineer, and James R. Lowe, fireman, both of Pittsburg. C. F. Bradenbaugh, a brakeman, was hurt internally and will probably die. The Fort Wayne train was standing still, when an extra freight on the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into it. The telegraph operator and signalman both claim to have signalled the extra to stop.

THOSE BRIBERY CASES.

Fresh Developments of Daily Occurrence at the Hearings at Harrisburg.

GETTING CLOSE TO QUAY'S PEOPLE

Representative Foster Offered Committee Places if He Could Help the "Old Man"—Racy Revelations Among the Republicans—The Democracy Standing Firm in Their Allegiance to Jenks—Developments Expected This Week.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 27.—The claim set up by the Quayites, in derision at the work of the investigating committee, that only Democrats had been enmeshed in its toils was proven groundless during the week just closed. Ex-Senator John J. Coyle, Republican, and one of the most noted of the Quay lobby, was on the stand in his own defense. Four reputable members had charged him with offering them bribes. As was expected, Coyle denied everything.

On last Thursday night Representative Robert McCay Foster, Democrat, from Centre county, went on the stand and surprised everybody by declaring that had he voted for Senator Quay he might have been placed on the soldiers' orphans' school commission and the appropriations committee. Mr. Foster's story was to the effect that having been a member of the appropriations committee last year and of the soldiers' orphans' school commission he desired to be retained as a member of both of them the present term. He first went to Senator David Martin, of Philadelphia, who was supposed to be very close to Speaker Farr. Mr. Martin agreed to do what he could for Mr. Foster, but subsequently he told him that it would be impossible for him to aid him.

WAS QUAY'S LIEUTENANT.

Several evenings after someone, he had forgotten whom, told him that Frank Willing Leach, one of Senator Quay's lieutenants, was the man to see for places. He called on Mr. Leach and told him what he wanted. The interview did not amount to much, but some days later a note was brought to Mr. Foster in his seat in the house, asking him to come to the speaker's room, that Mr. Leach desired to see him. The note was from the latter. He went and Mr. Leach opened the conversation by asking Foster "what he could do for the 'old man'."

Then Mr. Leach went on to say that despite the claims of prominent Republicans Quay could not be elected except by Democratic votes. Although the standing committee had been appointed by the speaker, he (Leach) would hold the places open for two weeks to give Foster a chance to act. Leach said that while it was popularly supposed that Speaker Farr made up the standing committees, yet he (Leach) was the man who did the appointing. He would hold up the places desired for two weeks and his action would be guided by the action of Mr. Foster.

To the credit and honor of Democracy Foster retorted by saying that he had agreed with his constituents to vote for a Democrat as long as there was one in the field, and that when there was not one, he would vote for any reputable Republican other than M. S. Quay. Under the circumstances he would accept nothing and Leach had nothing to give that he would take. That ended the conversation and from that day Leach and Foster have not spoken.

The investigating committee received an extension of time until April 2. This week it is expected that there will be some very important evidence furnished. After a severe fight, in which all of the opposition came from the Quay faction and the support from the Democrats and independent Republicans, a resolution was passed, authorizing the investigating committee to call the members of the house alphabetically and inquire of them what they knew of attempted bribery. The call is still going on. Up to the present there having been 60 members subpoenaed. The bribery sensation, of course, is the principal topic of interest in this city.

SENATORIAL SITUATION.

The senatorial situation has not changed, but a change is looked for this week. It will not come from the Democratic side, because they are pledged to Hon. George A. Jenks. Colonel James M. Guffey, national committee-man, who has with such conspicuous skill and diplomacy directed the conduct of the party's affairs here in Harrisburg and over the state since the opening of the legislature, has not ordered any change in the Democratic program and no change is anticipated. Colonel Guffey was here again last week, looking over the field and taking a personal interest in the situation. Never in the history of the Democratic party has any leader identified himself so closely with the rank and file, or manifested such a personal interest in the individual welfare of every member.

There is a great deal of interest awakened over the Democratic state chairmanship. There are all sorts of rumors afloat, but nobody cares to talk. Even Colonel Guffey will not discuss the question, except with his personal friends and the men in whom he reposes confidence within the party. One thing can be predicted, however, that the chairmanship will be settled without a struggle and without any factional differences. This is all that can be said at the present time.

NEW BALLOT LAW.

There is a splendid opportunity before now and the end of the session for the Democrats, aided by the independent Republicans, to make some important changes in the present ballot law. While this might be accomplished in the house, there is a great deal of doubt as to whether it would go through the senate. The latter body is the graveyard for good measures, largely because the Democrats and their allies, the independent Republicans, are in the minority. The Quay ring having complete control of the senate majority. The present ballot law requires some change to render it more effective, and there are a number of bills before the legislature having that object in view. As a rule the Democrats are in favor of ballot reform, which is the shibboleth of Colonel

Guffey and his co-workers in the field of Democracy.

The Granger tax bill, which passed the house last week with only nine votes against it, is designed to simplify questions of taxation, and was introduced by Representative Cressy, one of the Democratic leaders in the house. The Democrats not only voted for the measure, but their leaders talked for the success of the bill. It is expected that this measure will add about \$2,000,000 to the state revenue, without increasing the taxation of the individual citizen on real or personal property.

MORE THAN LIKELY.



Messenger—Hurry over to the museum, doctor, the glass-ester is ill. Doctor—What seems to be the matter with him? Messenger—They say he has a pane in his stomach.—Detroit Free Press.

DID NOT INCLUDE HIM.



Kind Lady—Don't you know it's bad for little boys to smoke? Patsy Bolivar—Dat's what I tells me kid brudder.—Philadelphia Press.

THE MODERN CASABIANCA.



The boy stood on the burning deck. As straight as noble Festus; He said: "I'm not a bit afraid. My suit's made of asbestos."—London Idler.

A BIT OF LOCAL GOSSIP.



"Have ye heard that Mary Moriarty has married the plectecman?" "Serve him right; I never liked him."—St. Paul's.

PAT NAME FOR THIS BIRD.



A SMALL SPOT MAY BE CANCER.

MOST VIOLENT CASES HAVE APPEARED AT FIRST AS MERE PIMPLES. The greatest care should be given to any little sore, pimple or scratch which shows no disposition to heal under ordinary treatment. No one can tell how soon they will develop into Cancer of the worst type. So many people die from Cancer simply because they do not know just what the disease is; they naturally turn themselves over to the doctors, and are forced to submit to a cruel and dangerous operation—the only treatment which the doctors know for Cancer. The disease promptly returns, however, and is even more violent and destructive than before. Cancer is a deadly poison in the blood, and an operation, plaster, or other external treatment can have no effect whatever upon it. The cure must come from within—the last vestige of poison must be eradicated.



Mr. Wm. Walpole, of Walshtown, S. D., says: "A little blotch about the size of a pea came under my left eye, gradually growing larger, from which shooting pains at intervals ran in all directions. I became greatly alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it Cancer, and advised that it be cut out, but this I could not consent to. I read in my local paper of a cure effected by S. S. S., and decided to try it. It acted like a charm, the Cancer becoming at first irritated, and then discharging very freely. This gradually grew less and then discontinued altogether, leaving a small scar which soon dropped off, and now only a healthy little scar remains where what threatened to destroy my life once held full sway." Positively the only cure for Cancer is Swift's Specific—

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