

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Measures That Occupy the Attention of the Lawmakers.

RAILROADING RAILROAD BILLS.

Measures Introduced in the Senate Reach the Governor Within a Week.

The Bill Taxing Store Orders Referred to a Conference Committee.

Harrisburg, May 30.—There was introduced in the senate yesterday afternoon, by Messrs. Focht and Emery, bills which will give corporations the right to construct either underground or elevated railroads in cities, boroughs and townships, and which will give to street railway companies considerable more power than they now possess. An amendment to the latter bill would give to a new company the right to use Broad street, Philadelphia.

The bill providing for the appointment of sealers of weights and measures for bituminous coal mines was defeated.

Harrisburg, May 31.—In the senate yesterday the Ferrebee bill taxing store orders, pass books, etc., was amended by restoring it to the form in which it passed the house, with the exception of the clause exempting from taxation orders for coal and rent inserted by the senate committee.

Bills were introduced: By Mr. Sisson, of Erie, providing that persons charged with kidnaping shall be triable exclusively in courts of oyer and terminer; by Mr. Focht, of Union, authorizing appeals from common pleas courts in assessment of taxes cases to the superior court.

Harrisburg, June 1.—The senate yesterday broke all its records for prompt action on legislation by passing finally, within less than 48 hours after they were introduced, the Emery and Focht elevated and subway railway bills. The bills were called up ahead of numerous other measures on the calendar at yesterday's session, and passed without debate by a vote of 32 to 6.

The promoters of the bills say that they will be promptly signed by Governor Stone, and that a corporation will immediately be organized, with a large capital, to take out a charter for the erection of an elevated railway system in Philadelphia and suburbs.

Among other bills passed finally were: Appropriating \$10,000 for the erection of a monument to the late Governor Curtin; taxing store orders, etc., 25 per cent on their face value; providing for the election by the people of mine inspectors for the anthracite regions.

Harrisburg, June 4.—The Emery and Focht rapid transit bills passed first reading at last night's session of the house.

The Snyder bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to pay the deficiency in the school appropriation caused by Governor Stone's reduction in 1899 was last night reported to the house from the appropriations committee.

At the afternoon session the senate amendments to the Ferrebee company store bill and the Garner mine inspectors' bills were concurred in. The house subsequently reconsidered the Ferrebee bill and asked for a conference committee. As amended the bill levies a tax of 25 per cent on the face value of store orders, coupons, etc., issued by corporations, except for coal and rent. The other bill increases the number of mine inspectors in the anthracite region from eight to sixteen, and provides for their election by the people instead of having them appointed by the governor.

Mr. Henderson, of Allegheny, introduced a bill covering amendments to the act governing cities of the second class, commonly known as the Pittsburgh "ripper." The principal amendment is intended to give the city recorder the power formerly within the jurisdiction of the mayor.

The same bill was introduced in the senate.

House bill making it unlawful for first cousins to be joined in marriage was defeated in the senate last night.

Harrisburg, June 5.—The Focht and Emery rapid transit bills passed second reading in the house yesterday and were then sent back to the corporations committee for amendment. They were reported out later in the day and were taken up today for third reading and final passage, after which they went back to the senate for concurrence.

The senate will meet this evening to consider the bills, and as soon as they have been disposed of they will go to Governor Stone for his action.

The bill revoking warrants for coal lands under the beds of navigable streams, issued under the act of 1848, failed on final passage.

The senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of William T. Solly to be judge of the orphans' court of Montgomery county, which was created by the present legislature.

The Muehlbronner bill amending and supplementing the act governing second class cities, popularly known as the Pittsburgh "ripper" law, was passed on first reading.

Among bills passed finally in the senate yesterday were: House bill providing for the submission to the people next November of a proposed amendment to the constitution regulating the registration of voters; house bill providing for the prevention of idioity; enabling the construction of a bridge between Union and Northumberland counties at Lewisburg.

The senate decided to insist on its amendments to the house bill taxing company store orders, and a conference committee was appointed to carry out the senate's instructions.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Thursday, May 30.

A compromise has been effected between warring Northern Pacific interests.

Minister Loomis will not return to Venezuela, but will be given another diplomatic post.

Vice Admiral Seymour, British commander on the China station since 1896, has been promoted admiral.

Associate Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, is to marry Miss Emma M. Mott, a Washington teacher.

Friday, May 31.

Pennsylvania's Republican convention will be held at Harrisburg Aug. 21.

At Memphis Gen. John B. Gordon was unanimously re-elected commander of the United Confederate Veterans.

Fred Rochelle, a 35-year-old negro, was burned at the stake at Bartow, Fla. He outraged and murdered Mrs. Rena Taggart, white.

In a collision between trolley cars at Wilmington, Del., Joshua Gilman and Conductor Elmer Jones were killed and 28 injured.

In yesterday's university boat race at Ithaca, N. Y., the Cornell second crew won, with Columbia second and Pennsylvania third.

Saturday, June 1.

A state of siege has been proclaimed at Corunna, Spain.

Count William Bismarck, second son of the late Prince Bismarck, died in Berlin, aged 48.

King Edward has decided to reduce his ecclesiastical establishment from \$6 paid chaplains to 12.

Dr. Daniel B. Purinton, president of Denison (O.) university, has been offered the presidency of West Virginia university.

Charles Burt has been appointed general passenger agent of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, to succeed the late H. P. Baldwin.

Terrific wind and hail storms are reported in Mississippi and Alabama. Near Vicksburg, Miss., a 5-year-old child was killed by falling timbers.

Monday, June 3.

James A. Herne, the actor and playwright, died in New York, aged 62.

Edward Forshay, an actor, killed Miss Edna Stokes, an actress, at Chicago. Jealousy.

Governor McSweeney, of South Carolina, refuses to accept the resignations of Senators Tillman and McLaurin.

W. H. Newman, president of the Lake Shore road, has been chosen president of the New York Central.

The Spanish military attaches at the various embassies and legations abroad have been withdrawn for reasons of economy.

Tuesday, June 4.

The Confederate Soldiers' Home, a state institution for indigent veterans, was opened yesterday at Atlanta, Ga.

The first practice spin of the intended cup defender independence, in Massachusetts bay, was entirely satisfactory.

Three robbers held up wealthy Costen Burns at Ellwood City, Pa. Two were captured, but one escaped with \$1,700.

Thomas Mulhearn, convicted of manslaughter for killing his wife, Ellen, at Paterson, N. J., was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine.

Harry Lehr, the pet of New York's 400, was married in New York to the widow of the late John V. Dahlgren, daughter of the late Joseph Drexel, of Philadelphia.

Wednesday, June 5.

Fires raging near Los Benos, Cal., have burned over 20,000 acres.

Maryland's Republican state convention will be held at Baltimore Aug. 6.

Russians lost 31 officers and 682 men in the fighting in China, or 15 per cent.

The brewers strike in Newark, which has continued for nine years, has ended in unionizing all the breweries.

Chicago's union machinists will insist on the dissolution of the employer's organization unless they settle with the strikers.

By an explosion of gasoline at a Washington dyeing establishment Samuel E. Haldeman was fatally and three others seriously burned.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, June 4.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$2.10; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$2.25; city mills, extra, \$2.40; \$2.50. Rye flour steady at \$2.75; \$2.90 per barrel. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, spot, 73½¢; 74¢. Corn slow; No. 2 mixed, spot, 47½¢; 47¾¢; No. 2 yellow, for local trade, 50¢. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 34½¢; low grades, 30½¢. Hay weak; No. 1 timothy, \$16.50 for large bales. Beef quiet; beef hams, \$19.50; Pork quiet; family, \$17.50; mess, \$15.25; live poultry quoted at 10¢. for hens, 7¢. for old roosters, 22¢; for spring chickens weighing 3 to 4 lbs. to the pair and 15¢; for spring chickens weighing 1½ to 2½ lbs. to the pair. Dressed poultry (fresh killed) at 10¢. for choice fowls, 6½¢. for old roosters, 25¢; for nearby broilers, 11¢; 12¢. for frozen chickens and 10¢; for frozen turkeys. Butter firm; creamery, 15¢; factory, 13¢; imitation, 11¢; creamery, 13½¢; New York dairy, 11¢; 11½¢; fancy Pennsylvania prints jobbing at 21¢; do. extra, 20¢. Cheese easier; fancy large, colored, 8½¢; fancy large, white, 8½¢; fancy small, colored, 9½¢; fancy small, white, 9½¢. Eggs steady. New York and Pennsylvania, 13½¢; western, regular packed, 12¢; western, selected, 13½¢. Potatoes quiet; Jerseys, 50¢; Jersey sweets, \$1.50; Cabbages quiet; Norfolk, per crate, 50¢. East Liberty, Pa., June 4.—Cattle market steady; extra, \$5.00; prime, \$4.75; 5.50; good, \$4.40; Hogs higher; extra prime heavy, \$6.10; best middling, \$5.50; heavy Yorkers, \$5.35; light do., \$4.95; pigs, \$4.85; sheep steady; best wethers, \$4.30; choice lambs, \$3.75; common to good, \$3.50; veal calves, \$3.50; 5.00.

JAMESTOWN CAPTURED.

Britons Compelled to Yield to the Boers Under Kemp.

THE FIGHT AT VALKFONTEIN

Said to Be One of the Most Desperate Engagements of the War in South Africa—General French to Command in Cape Colony.

London, June 5.—Details received regarding the fighting at Valkfontein show that it was one of the most desperate engagements of the war. Gen. Dixon's column was traversing the district and establishing posts, when it was attacked by 1,200 Boers under Commandant Kemp. The Boers were so close that 50 British fell at the first volley.

The yeomanry held the position, protecting the guns until they were nearly decimated, and then, finding it impossible to save the guns, the artillerymen shot the gun horses to prevent the Boers moving the guns. The column quickly recovered from the shock of the unexpected attack. The Derbyshires charged with bayonets, and after a short, desperate fight drove off the Boers and recovered the guns. The Derbyshires and yeomanry both lost very heavily.

It is asserted that while the Boers had temporary possession of the guns they shot two artillerymen in cold blood for refusing to work them against their own comrades.

The war office last night published the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, June 4:

"Jamestown (Cape Colony) surrendered to Kritzinger's commando on the morning of June 2 after four hours' fighting. The town guard and local volunteers were overpowered before our pursuing columns could come up. Our casualties were three killed and two wounded. The Boer loss is said to have been greater. The stores were looted, but the garrison was released. Have placed Gen. French in charge of the operations in Cape Colony."

The appointment of Gen. French, who has been recruiting his health in Cape Town, to command the operations in Cape Colony, indicates that Lord Kitchener attaches considerable importance to the invasion.

The surrender of Jamestown is regarded as a disagreeable incident, because it has provided Commandant Kritzinger with a fresh supply of the sinews of the war.

The recrudescence of serious fighting brings further demands for the sending out of reinforcements.

REMARKABLE STEAMBOAT RACE.

Victor Won by Forty-five Seconds in a Hundred Miles.

Cleveland, June 5.—The hundred mile race from Cleveland to Erie yesterday between the Cleveland passenger steamer City of Erie, owned by the Cleveland and Buffalo Transit company, and the Tashmo, Detroit's crack passenger boat, owned by the White Star company, was in many respects the most noteworthy race ever sailed on fresh water.

The Erie covered the distance in 4 hours, 19 minutes and 9 seconds, beating the Tashmo by 45 seconds, elapsed time. It was pronounced by old vessel men to be the prettiest race ever witnessed. Aside from winning the speed championship of the great lakes, the Erie won about \$100,000 for those who bet on her.

A Minister Expelled.

Des Moines, Ia., June 5.—George D. Herron, former professor of applied Christianity in Iowa college at Grinnell, is no longer a Congregationalist. He was tried by a council of ministers and elders of the church, representing eight organizations, sitting at Grinnell yesterday, on the charge of "conduct unbecoming a Christian and a gentleman." Evidence was introduced to show cruel treatment of his "unusually loyal and devoted wife," which finally resulted in divorce proceedings and legal separation. The council unanimously voted to expel him.

Boys' Bravado Results Fatally.

Cumberland, Md., June 5.—Luke Mallon, aged 16 years, residing along the south branch of the Potomac, met death in a manner that was novel. In company with others he was trying to conquer a vicious ram that was grazing on a mountain field. In a spirit of bravado he offered to lay a wager that he could ride the animal. He mounted the ram's back and the animal bounded down a steep mountain side. When near its base the ram collided with a tree with great force, and the rider was so badly injured that he died.

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