A MISTAKEN NOTION

About the Minor Leagues Explained by Al. Pratt.

SOME COMPARISONS MADE.

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GOSSIP ABOUT THE LOCAL TEAM.

Kilrain Will Rather Fight Sullivan Than Go to England.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

It is surprising to know of the mistaken opinion that to a large extent prevails regarding the quality of ball playing to be found among the minor leagues as compared with that of the larger organizations. Of course the general idea has been for a very long time that good players in either the National League or American Association would have what is commonly called a picnic in the lesser organizations. There are, however, some good authorities who contend otherwise. This contention, doubtless, appear strange to the vast majority of the enthusiasts, but it is this feature that makes it exceedingly interesting.

During a conversation on the matter yesterday Al Pratt said: "I confess that for a long time I was fully convinced that nothing approaching good ball playing could be seen in the minor leagues. A few years ago there was some truth in an opinion of this kind, but lately things have changed considerably.

SOME OF THE FINEST.

I state emphatically that last season I witnessed as fine a class of ball playing on the grounds of minor leagues as I have ever seen on the Pittsburg grounds. I have been forced by the clearest evidence in the world to change the opinion I held a few years ago. I have noticed that as a rule players in the small leagues are considerably more fearless than those in the big leagues. There is a reason for this, and it is found in the fact that the young men in the small organizations are extremely anxious to make a reputation at all hazards. Besides young players are becoming more numerous every year, and this means that there are more good men at command. It is really surprising to learn the great number of young players who apply for engagements now. Certainly I do not wish to be understood as saying that the minor leagues are entirely as good as the larger bodies, but I do contend that there is not that great difference in the quality of playing as is generally understood. How do our last National League or American Association teams suffer defeat at the hands of the lesser lights? Many of us are disposed to attribute these defeats to luck or flukes. Such is not always the case, however. The result is caused by a better class of playing than the big people generally expect."

Manager Swartwood also had something to say on the question. "I was never more deceived in my life," he said, "than I was when I joined the International League.

HE EXPECTED A PICNIC.

"I really thought that I would have a picnic in holding my own. I was badly fooled, however, and it keeps me hustling for all I am worth to keep anything like even. I can say without fear of successful contradiction that I have seen as good ball played in the minor leagues as I have ever seen in the National League or American Association. For instance, Cliff Carroll used to be considered a prominent baserunner in the National League, and he was a good runner. When he joined the International League there were several better men than he was in that respect. Young Keefe, the pitcher whom Washington bought from the International League, puzzles many of the big hitters of the National League, and when he pitched in a minor league he got a worse drubbing than he has ever gotten since. I venture to say that if Rowe and White were to play in the International League they would not be one whit more successful than they were in the league they want to leave. I can mention numerous players who were considered good in the big leagues and who barely held their own in the small organizations. The player in the latter are more enthusiastic as a rule. I know clubs the members of which spend hours a morning in learning to slide. They will make a mark, say about 12 feet from the base, and then practice to slide that distance. When they can accomplish that they make the mark 15 or 16 feet away from the base, and by this kind of enthusiastic practice they soon know exactly what they can do in a game, and they can do it well. Ball players are becoming so numerous that the big organizations cannot take all the good men, and they must necessarily play with clubs of lesser note. The opinions I have just expressed are the result of practical experience. There is no theory about them."

BOOMING THE PEDS.

Pittsburg Talent in Demand at Butler and in Ohio.

W. M. Gardiner, the well known sporting man who formerly backed Harry M. Johnson, the sprinter, is making efforts to arrange a 3 or 4 days' pedestrian contest at Butler. Yesterday Mr. Gardiner wrote Peter Priddy on the matter requesting the latter to try and secure as many Pittsburg entries as possible for the race. It is intended to have the race eight hours per day, and Mr. Gardiner denies that McClelland will be a starter. If matters can be arranged satisfactorily the contest will take place in about ten days' time.

Henry Poff, the Warren pedestrian, is also arranging another race to take place in Trumbull county, Ohio. Poff lost $30 on his last venture at Warren, but expects to do better next time. He wants 25 miles start of Nolan in a 36-hour race for $100 a side. Poff states that his money is ready at any time.

Had a Busy Time.

The members of the Pittsburg Rifle Club had a busy time of it yesterday at the Salt Works' Range. There was a large attendance of spectators and an unusually large number of contestants. The wind interfered greatly with the shooting. Following were the scores:

								Average.
J. A. Huggins	80	81	72	68	77	81	82	77 2-7
L. Brehm	73	80	84	72	76	74	74	76 1-7
Dr. Taylor	84	74	81	72	68	..	..	75 4-5
John Flinch	74	74	76	72	82	..	..	75 3-5
A. George	83	57	77	72	81	..	..	74
J. A. Flick	74	61	64	75	77	78	..	71¾
Geo. Cochrane	75	66	65	74	72	73	69	71
David Rusty	66	75	67	75	70	..	..	68 3-5
Dr. Down	66	63	66	72	67	..	..	66 4-5
Jas. England	49	63	62	66	..	..	..	60

About Ward's Return.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—During a talk with President Hewitt, of the Washington club, this evening he said Ward had left Liverpool for New York last Friday and that he would meet him there when he arrived. "We are able to pay $12,000 for Ward's release, and will give him a very liberal salary. I don't think Boston wants Ward now. Mr. Soden told me yesterday that some of the Boston papers have been more anxious about Ward's future than he or his partners have. I will take Morrill if I can get him, but I don't think Boston will release him. At any rate, Washington will place the strongest team in the field it ever had. Our people have patronized us liberally, and we are anxious to show them that we appreciate what they have done for us."

Tredway All Right.

Tredway, the lithe looking young fielder of the St. Paul club, will leave for his home, in Ohio, to-day. He has been working in this city during the winter and is in excellent condition. During a conversation yesterday afternoon he said: "I will rest at home a short time and then proceed to St. Paul, where I report on April 1. I think we'll have a good club this year, and if we don't win the penant, we'll not be far from it."

Columbia Returns.

Mr. Herman Hauft, the well-known local pigeon fancier, was happily surprised yesterday by the return of his favorite pigeon Columbia. The bird had been penned up at Terre Haute, Ind., for nine months. When the bird returned home yesterday it was in excellent condition, and is ready for next season's fly. Mr. Hauft is arranging some big "flys" for the approaching season.

The Newsies Organize.

The Pittsburg Newsies' Ball Club has organized for the season of 1889 with the following members: George Bands, Patrick Butler, James McGowan, Nathan Abel, Thomas Randall, Barnet Abel, Patrick Collins, James Powers and John Fergeson. Address all communications to Newsboys' Home, Old avenue, city.

A CALL ON CARNOT.

The French President Unable to Attend the Game in Paris To-Day—Monsieur Lynch Disappointed—Boulanger Bound to Be President.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

PARIS, March 7.—[Copyright]—The weather continues bad, but the prospects are fine for a big attendance to-morrow, if the game can be played. Lynch visited President Carnot, this afternoon, with an invitation. M. Carnot responded that he would be most happy to attend, if possible. Later he sent word that an official engagement prevented, but he would send his official staff.

It was impossible, of course, to send an official invitation to Boulanger, but it is likely he will be there if the game can be played. Notes of invitation have been sent also to all the embassies, and the responses show that the attendance will be of a most desirable character.

It will be necessary to leave on Friday night, after the game, in order to be in Bristol on Saturday, where a game is billed. Many Americans called at the Hotel St. Petersburg to-day to see the boys. Placards announcing to-morrow's game may be seen in all the principal shops.

Ward has told Spalding that it will be necessary for him (Ward) to leave the company after the first game in England. Ward says this is made necessary by the state of his personal affairs. He says he has a note due on Denver property on March 29, and other affairs requiring his attention. Arrangements have been made so that this defection will not injure the trip.

BIG SALE OF TROTTERS.

All the Leading Horsemen at the New York Auction—Mr. Quinton Buys Mascot for $26,000—Other Costly Horses Bought.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Fully 2,500 people assembled in the American Institute building at 10 o'clock this morning to be present at the auction combination sale of California trotting stock. They found that a trotting track nearly one-sixth of a mile in length had been laid in the building in order that the gait and style of animals to be sold might be displayed thereon to good advantage.

This sale, both in the number of animals offered and their character, was the most important ever known in the East.

It was the greatest gathering of trotting horsemen seen in New York this winter, and was mainly composed of men whose names are well known on every trotting track and stable in America. Prominent among these were David Bonner, J. H. Schultz, J. D. Ferguson, Jack Splan, John Madden and W. H. Crofut, both of Lexington, Ky.; Jack Bowen and John Golden, of Boston; John Goldsmith, of California; Peter Johnson, of Philadelphia; B. F. Myers, Dayton, O.; J. M. Wilcox, Wilkesbarre, Pa., and Gabe Case, of New York.

Promptly at 1 o'clock the auctioneer mounted his rostrum and the famous bay filly Nehusha was hooked to a sulky and sent around the ring. She is by Stamboul, 2:14¾; dam, Melnska, 2:30¾ at 2 years. Nehushta is 15¼ hands high, and is marked by a small star. She has been broken single and to whole, is a natural trotter, and made 2:37¾ when 3 years old, and 2:30 on January 11 last, winning her race in three straight heats. She was knocked down to J. H. Schultz, of Brooklyn, for $8,500.

Then came the sensation of the day. The sale of Mascot by Stamboul-Minnehaha and his yearling brother. It was announced that bidders could have their choice of the animals. Mascot is a fine-sized bay with a white left hind ankle and white face coronet. He is a splendid looking colt, with fine action, and is of undoubted gameness. He has trotted a quarter of a mile in 38¾ seconds, and was warranted to go faster.

He was started at $5,000, but in less than a minute $8,000 was offered for him. His price advanced steadily $1,000 a clip until $13,000 was bid for him. Then the auctioneer paused a moment and made a little speech in which he claimed that $25,000 would only be a fair price for him or other colts he said, and predicted that the stock farm which got him, no matter how obscure it might now be, would be celebrated and marked hereafter.

After this bidding went steadily on until $20,000 was reached, when there was considerable applause. The contest was now between Mr. Schultz, of Brooklyn, and Mr. D. S. Quinton, of Trenton, N. J. They raised each other $500 at a clip until a burst of applause greeted the call of $25,000. It was Mr. Schultz's offer. Mr. Quinton saw him and went $1,000 better. Mr. Schultz turned his back to the auctioneer, who dwelt a few moments over $26,000, and then, amid deafening applause, knocked the animal down to Mr. Quinton at that figure, the greatest ever bid for a 2-year-old at an auction.

Other horses of noted breeds were sold at good prices, including a brown filly by Alcaser, who was sold to J. D. Ferguson, of this city, for $4,000. An Alcaser colt was also bought by Mr. Ferguson for $2,300.

STEUBENVILLE WEAKENS.

Nobody There Will Venture to Organize a Ball Club.

Al Pratt visited Steubenville yesterday with the object of trying to get a baseball club organized there in connection with the Tri-State League. Mr. Pratt returned home fully convinced that a club cannot be organized there this year. Speaking of his trip he said:

"There is considerable baseball enthusiasm in Steubenville, but the difficulty is to get hold of somebody to be responsible for a club. About $1,000 would organize a team there that would pay well, and I'm certain that more than that could be secured from the business people. Why 100 persons could soon be found who would be willing to put up $10 a piece, just because of the advertising that city would get as a result. If I had not been in business here I could soon have a team in Steubenville. I would get about 11 young men, paying the fielders and basemen from $45 to $50 per month each, and two batteries at about $60 or $70 each man, and have a good team. There are plenty of good young men ready to make a start at these figures. The grounds and grand stand are there yet and everything could be made comfortable at little expense. However, high salaries placed the club in so much debt when it was in the Ohio State League, that nobody seems inclined to be identified with it again. I think Erie will be willing to take the place intended for Steubenville. Erie is a good place and will have an excellent team."

VERY MUCH CONCERNED.

Officials of the Local Club Figuring on Kuehne's Case.

The officials of the local club are much concerned about the difficulty that Kuehne and probably Morris have gotten into concerning the charges against them for running a poker room. Yesterday morning Manager Phillips and Secretary Scandrett had a long conversation about the matter. They examined the law and found that the penalty for such offenses is a fine of $500 and a year's imprisonment.

Last evening Manager Phillips stated that Chief Kirschler is of opinion that the accused players need not expect to be leniently dealt with. It is understood that there is a warrant out for the arrest of Morris when he returns to the city. There is general regret regarding the unfortunate affair, particularly because of the possibility of imprisonment.

Manager Phillips is, indeed, anxious about the matter, claiming that every player on the team has had every inducement to do right. He met Miller at Harrisburg on Saturday, and gave George some sensible advice.

KILRAIN INDIGNANT.

He Says He Won't Go to Europe if Sullivan Will Fight.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BALTIMORE, March 7.—Kilrain has completed arrangements for his European trip. He will sail from New York by the White Star steamer Adriatic Wednesday next. This will land him in Liverpool in ample time to be present at the Smith-Mitchell fight, which comes off on the 23d.

When Kilrain heard the statement of certain parties that he would not be back in time to fight Sullivan, he became quite indignant and declared that he would give up his trip abroad if Sullivan would agree to meet him within six weeks.

LOCAL WINNERS.

Pittsburg Dogs Make a Big Success at the Albany Show.

At the Albany, N. Y., dog show yesterday the following local dogs won prizes:

The Mt. Washington Kennel's noted English setter Lindoo won first prize in his class, also capturing numerous specials. This kennel's bitch Zona also won first and specials in her class. The dogs were handled by Joseph Lewis.

Laura S, a beagle bitch owned by Lewis Bros., Canonsburg, Pa., won first in the open beagle bitch class. Patsy O'Connor, Irish water spaniel, same handlers, won the ribbon in his class. The Keystone Kennel's Bernard bitch Lola, captured a first also. Sir Wallace, a black and tan terrier, owned by A. Stucky, Southside, won second prize in his class.

Players for Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. VA., March 7.—Manager Sullivan, of the local Tri-State League, has signed 18 men to date, as follows: Catchers, M. Zimmer, William Bowman; pitchers, George Zeigler, John Dawson, Fred Schmidt, M. J. Kane and H. M. Chamberlain; first base, B. Spiedel; second base, B. F. Sullivan; third base, M. A. Connell and Frank Carlin; left, M. J. Ryan; centre, Mike Hobright; right, Henry O'Rourke; general in or out-holders, E. M. Mulhearn, A. E. Croner and John M. Ward. Manager Sullivan will arrive in about ten days days to take charge.

GETTING DOWN TO WORK.

County League Clubs Preparing for Their Coming Struggle.

The Riverside Greys don't mean to allow grass to grow beneath their feet now that they have been admitted to the County League. Yesterday they were at Pratt's store in strong force purchasing a stock of bats, and other articles necessary to play the national game. They mean to get down to hard practice at once, and if they don't open the season in good condition it will not be because of a lack of work.

The balance of the County League clubs are one by one getting into working order. There is undoubtedly a greater enthusiasm among the local amateurs this year than there has ever been.

New Orleans Races.

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—There was beautiful weather to-day and the attendance at the races was large. Track fair.

First race, one-half mile—Dan Mecks won in 54½ seconds, Lillie Dale second, Cleo Martin third.

Second race, four and one-half furlongs—Annawan won in 1:00½. Oaraman second, Pomeroy third.

Third race, five-eighths of a mile—Tudor won in 1:07¾. Jimnie B second, Golightly third.

Fourth race, three-quarters of a mile—Stilleck won in 1:20, Probus second, Cheeny third.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

A German Drug Clerk Frightfully Butchered With a Hatchet—The Store Was Robbed, but That is Not the True Motive of the Atrocious Deed.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Gunther Wechrung, 29 years of age, a German drug clerk, was struck on the head with an ax early this morning by an unknown man, who attempted to rob the store. Wechrung's skull was fractured, and he will die. Wechrung said he was lying on a lounge when the thief entered, and that when he tried to prevent the robbery the thief drew the ax from beneath his coat and struck him down.

Wechrung's hands were almost cut off in trying to save his head. His assailant has not been arrested. The store was robbed, but the police believe that this was done to avert suspicion as to the real motive of the crime. Wechrung was not insensible when discovered, and was removed to the hospital, where the doctors set to work to try and bring him to such a state that he would be able to tell something of the crime.

The hatchet with which the deed was done was new. It had an edge five inches long and a handle a foot long. The edge of the steel had been turned by the force of the blows upon Wechrung's skull. The drug store is on the ground floor of a tenement. The prescription counter, where the murder occurred, is concealed from the view of customers in the store, and at its rear a window overlooks the yard.

The proprietor of the store was summoned and the dying clerk placed upon the lounge, where restoratives were administered. His senses were not gone, and when questioned as to how he had received the cuts answered slowly and painfully. He had sat down on the lounge, when the boy left him, and bent forward to lace his shoes. While in that position he received a blow on the arm, and in attempting to rise was struck in the head. Instinctively raising his hand to ward off the blow, the hatchet, in the grasp of the butcher, again descended, and the member was nearly severed. The clerk then lost consciousness.

FOUNDERED IN THE PACIFIC.

A British Vessel Wrecked and Two Sailors Drowned.

PORT TOWNSEND, ORE., March 7.—Chief Officer Smith, of the British bark Port Gordon, arrived from Qiminalt reservation last night on the tug Sea Lion with 12 of the crew. He reports that the vessel was lost at 5 o'clock in the morning of February 27, by the sea breaking over the vessel and terrible raging of the waves from the southeast, which compelled the crew to lash themselves in the rigging to prevent being washed overboard. The heavy sea prevented the men from lowering the boats as each was lashed when launched. Two seamen attempted to swim ashore with lines, but were lost. The vessel grounded 100 fathoms from the shore.

AFTER TASCOTT ONCE MORE.

Five Detectives Just Miss Getting Him in the Toils.

WINNIPEG, March 7.—Five Chicago detectives arrived in this city a few days ago to take Tascott back with them. They came in response to a telegram from a Whitemouth tie contractor, who suspected one of his workmen of being the murderer of millionaire Snell. The man's handwriting and general description tallied with that of Tascott.

He disappeared before the detectives could see him. Two of the officers have returned to Chicago and the others have gone to San Francisco.

A WHOLE FAMILY SLAIN.

Robbers Murder a Husband, Wife and Their Two Children.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—Information comes from Paducah, Ky., that Mitchell Peebles and his wife and two children were found murdered in bed in their home on Duck Creek this morning. No particulars are given, but it had been reported that Peebles had received a considerable sum of money, and it is supposed that thieves entered the house and committed the horrible deed for the purpose of robbery. Great excitement existed in the vicinity.

RUSSELL DETERMINED TO WIN.

He Will Make an Elaborate Effort in Behalf of Parnell.

LONDON, March 7.—The Parnellites are in a flutter over the approaching close of the *Times* case. Sir Charles Russell is ready to make an elaborate opening address for the Parnellites. He is determined not to risk an adverse decision on any grounds. Most of the witnesses subpœnaed from Ireland have promised their services free.

LE CARON IS DISOWNED.

The Fenians Vow That He Never Was a Member.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The Executive Council of the Fenian Brotherhood held a meeting in this city to-day, and adopted a resolution requesting the press to announce in their behalf that the spy, Le Caron, has never been a member of the Fenian Brotherhood.

Another Irish Member Imprisoned.

DUBLIN, March 7.—Dr. Tanier, member of Parliament for Cork, who was arrested for violating the crimes act, was tried at Tipperary to-day. He was convicted and sentenced to three months imprisonment without hard labor. He has appealed from the sentence.

Boulanger's Election Verified.

PARIS, March 7.—The Cabinet has rescinded the decree of exile against the Duc d'Aumale. In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the election of General Boulanger to the Chamber for the Department of the Seine was verified.

Free to All!

The bargains offered at the Hub, in clothing for men and boys, are free for every one to examine. You find no such bargains at any other store in the city. Remember this is the greatest chance of the season to get big bargains in underwear, overcoats, suits and pantaloons, for men and boys, at the Boston Clothing House, 439 Smithfield st.

PREJUDICED JUDGES

Are the Obstacles With Which Mr. Parnell Now Has to Contend.

SOME OUTRAGEOUS DECISIONS

Made to Sustain the Puerile Evidence Offered by the Times.

ONE WITNESS PROVED A PERJURER.

Boulanger's Popularity and Other Matters Continue to Trouble France.

The judges of the Parnell Commission are showing an evident partiality toward the *Times*. One member is rendering himself particularly obnoxious. The witnesses examined yesterday were of the Le Caron stripe, and their testimony was almost absurd. The English Government wants more money for the navy. Paris continues in a troubled condition.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.]

LONDON, March 7.—[Copyright]—Justice Smith, to whose appointment it will be remembered the Irish members strongly objected last year, has from the first sitting of the commission frequently behaved in a manner which afforded ample justification for the suspicions entertained of his impartiality.

To-day he excelled himself by frequent displays of temper, rude interruptions of the defendant's counsel and ostentatious patronage and protection of the *Times'* counsel and witnesses. Both Mr. Russell and his colleague, Mr. Lockwood, had several lively skirmishes with his Lordship, who, getting the worst of it, took his revenge by sharply reprimanding Michael Davitt for a disrespectful allusion to the present Government.

HE LAMENTS PIGOTT.

The general feeling is that Justice Smith has been much upset by the collapse of Pigott, for whom, when he was in the witness box, he showed a curious consideration. It was strange, too, to note with what joyous alacrity he concurred in President Hannen's amazing ruling at the opening of to-day's proceedings, to the effect that hearsay evidence was admissible against the Irish members. Excepting this ruling and the Attorney General's announcement that he is within a measureable distance of the close of the *Times'* case, the proceedings were much more amusing than important. Coleman, alias Caulfield, who re-entered the witness box, proved to be an informer of the type with which we have been made familiar during the last few months.

He talked glibly in his examination of the outrages planned and carried out by the Land Leaguers and paid for out of the League treasury, but, as usual, fell to pieces in the cross-examination. Six years ago, in a court of justice, he gave evidence supposed to cover the same period, the same persons and the same outrages. He had forgotten that that evidence was duly entered in the official dispositions, which Mr. Russell produced to-day with crushing effect.

PERJURY PROVED.

The informer had to choose whether he had committed perjury in 1883 or to-day, and naturally got into a hopeless tangle. Like LeCaron, Coleman seems to have made a pretty good thing out of the informing business. He was paid liberally and regularly by the police, and in 1883, after he had given the evidence which sent several men to penal servitude, he was presented by the grateful Government with £1,000, with which he went to Canada.

Later in the afternoon Solicitor Soames was put in the witness box. It seemed quite like old times and the resemblance was heightened when he began to talk about Parnell letters. One Thomas Walsh had tried to make a deal with Soames on the Pigott line, and promised to obtain documentary evidence of Parnell's illicit dealings in arms. This man produced a letter, which Soames, amid a big burst of laughter, naively declared bore Mr. Parnell's undoubted signature and received £50 on account, with a promise of £500 more, and then Walsh vanished never to be heard of more.

The story was a funny one, and the manner of its telling was comical in the extreme. The Court adjourned until Tuesday, and the *Times'* case will close before the end of next week.

THE PANAMA AGITATION.

An Effort Made to Secure Government Help for the Canal.

PARIS, March 7.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day M. Villain urged that the canal scheme should not be abandoned, and that a meeting of the shareholders of the company should be convened for the purpose of discussing means for the continuation of work on the canal. M. Villain said that if the savings of France were insufficient to build the canal assistance should be invoked from other countries. He suggested that an international conference of engineers be summoned. He moved an order of the day appealing to the Government to safeguard the interests of the shareholders.

M. Bouvier, Minister of Finance, disclaimed any responsibility on the part of the Government. He said the Government had no means of interfering, although it approved of every effort made by capitalists and companies to prevent the collapse of the undertaking. Prime Minister Tirard, replying to M. De Cassagnac, said the Government would do its utmost for the success of the canal, but he could say no more.

The offices of the Comptoir d'Escompte were crowded to-day with persons awaiting to withdraw their deposits. The bourse was agitated. Societe des Metaux shares fell 15f and Rio Tinto shares 26f 25c. Comptoir d'Escompte shares fell considerably.

ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS.

That is About the Figure England's New Navy Will Cost.

LONDON, March 7.—In the House to-day Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the delay to supply the navy with guns was due to the failure of the system of lining. All the ships, he said, would be supplied by the end of the present year. He stated that the Government proposed to build eight first-class men-of-war of 14,000 tons each, and two of 9,000 tons; nine class cruisers, four of the Pandora type of cruisers and 18 of the sharpshooter type of torpedo vessels. The total tonnage of all these vessels will be 318,000 and the total cost £21,500,000.

Lord George Hamilton asked that £10,000,000 be appropriated from the consolidated fund for the proposed increase of the navy, and that the remainder of the sum required be provided for in the ordinary estimates. He promised that the Admiralty's programme would be executed within four and a half years.

An English Man-of-War Wrecked.

LONDON, March 7.—The British man-of-war Sultan has been wrecked on the island of Comino, in the Mediterranean. The Captain and crew were saved. The Sultan was an iron, armor-plated vessel of 9,290 tons. She was temporarily attached to the Mediterranean squadron.

China Hostile to Foreigners.

SHANGHAI, March 7.—A marked increase in hostility to foreigners is noticeable throughout China. The native soldiery at Chefoo are suspected of plotting to attack the foreign settlement.

A GRANGER VICTORY.

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as will the bill providing for the publication of the mercantile appraiser's list one time, instead of three times, and providing for the omission of liquor dealers from the list. The bill to authorize county and township commissioners to publish a list of tax exonerations will also be reported favorably.

A COLD WATER FIGHT.

The Prohibitory Amendment Causes a Lively Debate in the House—Democratic Amendments Defeated—Rutan's Position.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The debate today on the law to govern the prohibition election was rendered interesting by the attempt of the Democratic Senators, through Henninger, of Lehigh county, to fasten an amendment on it providing for the extension of licenses to their natural limit in case the amendment should be carried. Senator Henninger, aided by Senator Ross, of Bucks, explained that the amendment was based on the assumption that if the Constitutional amendment were carried it would wipe out the licenses as well as the liquor laws.

The interesting features of the debate were the admission of Senator Cooper that he would like to submit the high license question along with the prohibition question, and the assertion of Senator Rutan that if the sale of liquor was immediately abolished the penalties against selling liquor without a license would remain in force. This was in answer to a declaration of Senator Ross that the passage of the amendment by abolishing liquor laws and licenses and providing no penalties to enforce the amendment, would produce anarchy.

Senator Green, of Berks, controverted Senator Rutan's position by pointing out that the submission resolution provided that the amendment was to be carried provided that penalties were to be provided in the future. Senator Ross also held that the penalties to which Senator Rutan referred were Siamese twins with the license laws and fell with them.

Senator Newmyer pointed out that the amendment proposed to the election bill by the Democrats brought two subjects under one title, and would render the bill unconstitutional. After a great deal of talk the bill passed finally as amended by Senator Cooper last night to cover the poll tax amendment. The House to-night concurred in this, and Captain Dravo proposed some amendments correcting clerical errors, which rendered it necessary for the bill to go over.

ANDREWS IS ALL RIGHT.

No Damaging Evidence Turns Up at the Beef Investigation.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The committee to investigate, at his own request, the rumor that Chairman Andrews had handled money to defeat the dressed beef bill, met to-night and examined a number of newspaper correspondents, with the result that the only thing developed was that there had been rumors which no one could trace to any responsible source. Representative Brown, of Lawrence, was called and stated that the resolution he had intended to introduce was framed because of a desire to vindicate himself, with others who had voted their honest convictions in opposition to the measure.

He had not been offered money and knew of no one who had been. The only remarkable part of the proceedings to-night was the refusal of Mr. Dohoney, Managing Editor of the *Patriot*, to tell who he had heard talking about the matter.

THE TRUSTS MAY STAY.

Unfavorable Action on the Several Anti-Monopoly Measures.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The House Judiciary General Committee this afternoon negatived the three bills directed against trusts, introduced respectively by Messrs. Fow and Ritter, of Philadelphia, and Kratz, of Montgomery. The bill for the prevention of the adulteration of food and drugs will be unfavorably reported, on the ground that it goes too far.

Representative Dravo's bill, authorizing County Commissioners to erect soldiers' monuments at a cost of $10,000 on petition of a certain number of residents of the county, was acted on affirmatively by the committee this afternoon, after having twice before been negatively reported.

INSURANCE LEGISLATION.

Two Bills Which Will be Important in Their Effects.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The Senate Insurance Committee will favorably report the bill permitting fire and marine insurance companies to alter the par value of their shares of capital stock, and also providing that stockholders may direct the disposition of new shares of stock, provided the new stock is not disposed of below par.

Similar action is taken with Senator Packer's bill providing that insurance companies shall pay a tax of 3 per cent into city and county treasuries on premiums collected within the particular cities and boroughs.

MARLAND'S BILL BOUNCED.

The Educational Committee Resolves on a Negative Report.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

HARRISBURG, March 7.—The Education Committee took a summary action on Representative Marland's factory and school bill, by resolving this afternoon to report it negatively. It is a source of great regret to Mr. Marland, and he will probably endeavor to have a hearing on it.

THE WEATHER.

For Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, fair, preceded by light rain or snow on the lakes; cooler, northwesterly winds.

PITTSBURG, March 7, 1889.

The United States Signal Service officer in this city furnishes the following.

Time.	Ther.		Ther.
7:00 A. M.	35	Mean temp.	35
10:00 A. M.	38	Maximum temp.	43
1:00 P. M.	41	Minimum temp.	35
3:00 P. M.	42	Range	8
5:00 P. M.	40	Precipitation	*
8:00 P. M.	38		

*Trace.

River at 5 P. M., 12.0 feet, a fall of 0.3 feet in the last 24 hours.

River Telegrams.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.]

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather snowy. Thermometer 36° at 4 P. M.

WARREN—River 3 5-10 feet and falling. Weather cloudy and moderate.

BROWNSVILLE—River 10 feet and falling. Weather cloudy. Thermometer 34° at 7 P. M.

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MURDERED HIS WIFE.

The Case of Calvin M. Dellinger Called Up in Court—A Wreck on the Connotton—News From Nearby Towns.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LANCASTER, March 7.—The case of Calvin M. Dellinger, a young man of this city, who is charged with having murdered his wife on the night of October 4, was commenced to-day, and a jury was not secured until late this afternoon. The woman's body was found lying along the little Conestoga creek, from which it had been dragged by some unknown person on the morning of October 5.

A number of buttons had been torn from her dress, and there were signs of a struggle on the ground. The woman had left home some days before the murder, after quarreling with her husband, and the Commonwealth claims that he met her on this night and induced her to go to this spot, which is very lonely, where he drowned her.

A BARGAIN ROLLING MILL.

It Cost $135,000, and is Now Sold for Just $8,625.

YOUNGSTOWN, March 7.—James Friend and Andrien Hoffstot, of Pittsburg, with Lloyd Booth and Ralph J. Wick, of this city, have purchased the rolling mill of the Wheeler Iron Company, at West Middlesex, which has been idle for the past two years.

The price paid was $8,625. The plant cost $135,000, and most of the machinery is in excellent condition. The purchasers have not decided whether they will operate the plant or dispose of it to other interests.

IT JUMPED THE TRACK.

Many Persons Injured in a Wreck on the Connotton Road.

COSHOCTON, March 7.—The Connotton Valley passenger train, due in Coshocton at 9 o'clock to-night, jumped the track three miles north of Coshocton and went into a ditch. The following persons are injured: C. W. Paine, civil engineer, of Cleveland, badly bruised about head; J. N. Churchill, of Warren, ribs broken; Dr. Lightner, of Keene, arm badly hurt; Emma Kempf, of Coshocton, slight bruises on body; Caroline Kempf, of Coshocton, nose broken and skull injured; J. N. Currick, of Springfield, legs bruised.

Another Big Fire at Altoona.

ALTOONA, March 7.—The carriage manufactory of Aaron Bolger, at Martinsburg, this county, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. One hundred road cars and all tools and stock were burnt. Loss about $25,000. No insurance. Mr. Bolger went into the shop with a glass coal oil lamp, which exploded and caused the fire.

A Decision Against the Standard.

FINDLAY, March 7.—Judge Ridgely to-day granted an injunction asked for by Pentzer, preventing the Standard Oil Company from further operating a lease on Pentzer's land. This is the lease forcibly taken by the Standard some time ago, when they learned of its probable transfer to the Peerless Oil Refining Company of this city.

Freeport's New Industry.

FREEPORT, March 7.—Joseph G. Beal has leased the property belonging to the Improvement Association, at Butler Junction, and taken an option on it. He intends "Russianizing" steel rails, which he claims can be done. If he is successful he will, with some capitalists, build a large mill at once.

A Rather Light Sentence.

CHAMBERSBURG, March 7.—Chas. Meridith, who pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the killing of Peter Rone during a quarrel while returning from a serenading party, was to-day sentenced to two years and four months in the penitentiary.

Innocent Men in Prison for Years.

HAVANA, March 7.—In 1882 seven parties were arrested in San Cristobal, a small town near Havana, charged with forgery in elections. Now, after having these men in jail for seven years, the Supreme Court, sitting here, declares them innocent.

The German Idea on Samoa.

BERLIN, March 7.—The *Boersen Zeitung* says that the United States has proposed to refer that portion of the Samoan question concerning Germany and the United States alone to arbitration. Germany is not averse to this, and adheres to the opinion that the conference to be continued in Berlin should settle the questions involving Germany, Great Britain and the United States.

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