THE RED-HOT STAGE

Governor Campbell and His Cohorts Ready for Hard Fighting in Ohio.

M'KINLEY HAS A GOOD LEAD

Republican Leaders Squelch a Tendency to Personalities.

ENERGETIC LITERARY BUREAUS

A Great Deal of Confusion Exists Over the New Voting System.

FORAKER'S FRIENDS AND SHERMAN

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 26.—The campaign in Ohio has reached the interesting stage at last. Up to this time Major McKinley has met with little opposition on the stump, but the Democrats are now prepared to contest every inch of the ground.

It cannot be denied that Major McKinley has secured considerable advantage which he will probably be able to hold to election day. Since the middle of August he has done some hercu'ean work, but he is careful of his health and the effect has been to toughen him like a race horse rather than reduce his vitality.

The Major has been in most sections of the State from the Pennsylvania to the Indiana line and from the lakes to the Ohio river. Wherever he has appeared large crowds have greeted him. His fame as the author of the tariff bill went before him, and both Republicans and Democrats turned out in crowds to greet him, some out of curiosity to see what the tariff advocate looked like, but the majority to listen to an exposition of the new protection law.

OHIO PEOPLE STUDY BOTH SIDES.

It is characteristic of Ohio people, I am told, to attend the political meetings of all parties. A large audience does not indicate a big vote, but McKinley has made a good impression. Whether it is lasting or not the Ides of November will tell. Magnetic Governor Campbell may be able to brush aside like a cobweb some of the Republican success already gained, but his protracted illness has been unfortunate, though he is to-day feeling very well.

Since the Governor opened his side of the campaign at Sidney a week ago he has been resting. Monday he will enter the arena to stay until the election. The Governor has complained all along that his party was too poor to make an early fight. He hopes in the next month to counteract whatever prestige the good start has given the Republican candidate.

The irrepressible Mills has been the most prominent of the Democratic speakers, next to the Governor. He has been getting in some free trade licks, but it is doubtful if his extreme views will accomplish much good for his party.

WILL AVOID ALL PERSONALITIES.

Both sides have an array of orators that is appalling, and the Ohio people are destined to be buried under a mass of political facts and arguments. The first trace of personality appeared in the campaign when the Republican press a few days since made much ado over a note of the Governor's for $3,000 which went to protest. The Democrats claim the attack has helped their candidate, McKinley, it is understood, has called off his hot-headed partisan, and the leaders at Washington have sent notes of warning to be careful in future. The Democrats hold that a man's private finances have nothing to do with his politics. The Governor is a poor man. So is McKinley. It is safe to say that little will be heard on this subject during the balance of the canvass.

One of the Democratic schemes is to get up a series of debates between the Major and the Governor. The object to be gained is to confine the discussion to the tariff, and to keep the silver question in the background. The Governor would also have the benefit of McKinley's large crowds.

CHAIRMAN HAHN SEES THE TRAP.

From present indications it looks as if the Republicans will not be entrapped. The managers state that they will not be throttled on the silver issue, and as for the tariff, it is the basis of the party's strength. Should the negotiations fail for a continuous joint debate the Democrats intend to make capital out of it by claiming that McKinley was afraid to meet Campbell day after day. The Republicans feel that they have nothing to gain and everything to lose. The bulk of advisers are opposed to a succession of discussions.

Saturday is a dull day around headquarters. Chairmen Neal and Hahn have gone home to spend Sunday. Secretary Matthews was in charge at the Republican camp, and David S. Tarbell represented Chairman Neal and Secretary Cole for the Democrats. Both parties are carrying on extensive literary bureaus. A large force of men and young ladies is employed in the mailing departments. The Republicans have at least 20 pamphlets and dodgers which they are distributing freely.

THE SPEECHES SENT BROADCAST.

In the list are McKinley's and Sherman's opening speeches, facts about the tariff, the effect of free sugar, documents about State affairs, etc. The Democrats are equally voluminous. Young Thurman's speech is intended to offset Sherman's effort against the free coinage of silver. All sorts of free trade arguments and Democratic maxims are being scattered broadcast. No fault can be found with the activity displayed in the literary bureau of either of the parties.

The Republicans charged recently that the Democrats were trying to make a deal with the People's party. It was cited that Chairman Neal met Mr. Snyder, a Kansas Alliance orator, and arranged with him to stump the State for the Democrats and to use his influence with the Fourth party people in the interest of Campbell. Chairman Neal could not be seen, but Mr. Tarbell, who is an assistant in the Speakers department, said there could be nothing in the story, as no assignments had been made for Mr. Snyder, or any other Alliance speaker. He did not believe it was true or he would know something about it.

NOT MANY FLOPPERS YET.

In some counties the Democrats have combined with the Fourth party on the Legislative ticket. This was done in Delaware county, and as a result the Democratic County Chairman, Dr. E. H. Hyatt, has announced that he will vote the Republican ticket. He is the most prominent flopper up to date, but his conversion is due to personal causes. Neither party has done much proselyting, but it is too early for that kind of thing.

Secretary Matthews said the Republican outlook was very bright. He had no apprehensions but they would fight to a finish. In no instance, he stated, had his party combined with the People's, and in some cases where the Democrats had done so they would lose heavily by it. This was true in Crawford county. He though coalitions to secure present strength were a great mistake. Results continue longer than a year, and he thought in the end the Democrats would regret that they ever made a combination. For the Democrats, Mr. Tarbell said they hoped to win. They have no reason to feel discouraged. He thinks there is a great deal of dissatisfaction over the tariff, and for this reason many Republicans will vote against McKinley.

THE FIERY GROSVENOR ARRIVES.

General Grosvenor, who has been sojourning in Europe as a World's Fair Commissioner, returned home to-day. He stopped in Columbus long enough to get his speaking appointments and then went to Athens. The General is a good talker, but the Republicans are fearful he will get the party into a snarl before long.

H. W. Westbrook and H. Martin Williams, of Missouri, blew into town to-day to take the stump for the Democrats. They say the Alliance is stronger than ever in their State, and that the sub-treasury feature did not injure the organization in the least.

Considerable hard feeling is being engendered between the Foraker and Sherman crowds over the Senatorial fight. The convention at Cleveland to-day is expected to settle the contest in favor of Sherman, but even should the Forest City people turn against him, it is generally conceded that Honest John has Foraker badly licked. If the next Legislature is Republican, Sherman will undoubtedly be re-elected.

SHERMAN'S FRIENDS OUT OF OHIO.

The demand for his return from beyond the confines of the State is very strong, and is having its influence. It is believed that the Foraker-Sherman fight has not injured the State ticket, but it is hard to see it in that light. Rather than have Sherman re-elected, the People's party would be willing to make any kind of a coalition with the Democrats.

It will take considerable schooling to teach citizens how to vote under the new system. It is not simple by any means. This work is being intrusted by the parties to the local committees. Temporary booths and tickets in abundance have been prepared. The eagle heads the Republican, the rooster the Democratic, the rose the Prohibition and the plow and hammer the People's.

BRAINY MEN CAN'T AGREE.

A booth has been built here which stands on the pavement just inside of one of the gates of the State House grounds. A company of intelligent men were trying to vote to-day, but they couldn't agree. They would read and re-read the instructions, which they interpreted differently, and finally one man offered to bet $1,000 he was right, but he wasn't.

This is only a sample of what trouble voters will have, and if numerous mistakes are not made it will be wonderful. It seems that a retention of the old form of tickets with the Australian system of secresy would have been sufficient.

A VERY UNIQUE STAND

WAS THAT FROM WHICH M'KINLEY SPOKE AT OBERLIN.

Ex-Governor Foraker Talks Long and Entertainingly at Cadiz—Other Political Meetings Yesterday—Nominations of the Various Conventions Over the State.

OBERLIN, Sept. 26.—(*Special*)—One of the most magnificent Republican meetings of the campaign was held at this place to-day. It is pronounced the largest meeting in Lorain county since the Garfield campaign. Prizes had been offered to the largest turn-out of a delegation and every township in the county was represented. The meeting was held on the College campus and it is estimated there were over 10,000 present.

Hon. James Monroe, one of the professors of the college, was the chairman of the day, and made an interesting introductory speech when he presented Major McKinley. The platform was an unique feature of the occasion. It was built out from the college building and was banked up with corn and pumpkins on all sides. On either corner of the platform was a pyramid of sugar barrels, labelled "free sugar," with wool and wheat in sacks forming pyramids on the other corners. In the front of the platform was a display of tin, a pail and a large coffee pot, with the inscription of American tin for American workmen.

Major McKinley devoted his entire time to a discussion of the tariff and silver issues, and the scenes about him gave opportunity for many a pointed illustration. Hon. J. B. Burrows also made a speech.

McKinley made a speech at Medina to-night, and will spend Sunday in Columbus. A dispatch from Cadiz says: "The Republican mass meeting was a grand success here to-day. Ex-Governor Foraker arrived at 1:30 o'clock and was escorted to the large grove of Hon. J. C. Jamison, where he delivered his address to a large and enthusiastic crowd. After complimenting Senator Glover, Hon. W. B. Hearn and Hon. John A. Bingham, he proceeded to fully and very fittingly discuss the subject of protection, free coinage and why the Republicans should make a special effort to carry the ticket this fall. He talked for two hours and five minutes and the people were highly pleased with all he said.

A dispatch from Sandusky says: The Democratic County Convention to-day made the following nominations: Representative, John J. Molter, Sandusky; Treasurer, D. J. Deyo, Gratton; Prosecuting Attorney, John P. Stein, Sandusky; Commissioner, A. G. O'Donnell, Sandusky; Recorder, Charles Traub, Sandusky; Coroner, Dr. Ehrhazi, Sandusky; Infirmary Director, Charles Kessler, Sandusky.

A dispatch from Dayton says: The Montgomery county Democracy held their county convention here to-day. The ticket is as follows: Representatives, W. A. Reiter, H. H. Iarns, John Hfll-r.

A dispatch from Lancaster says: The Republicans of Fairfield county to-day nominated for Representative Joseph J. Elder.

A New Philadelphia dispatch says: The Republicans of this joint Eighteenth and Nineteenth Senatorial district, composed of Tuscarawas, Coschocton, Guernsey, Monroe and four townships in Noble county, met in this city and nominated by acclamation for State Senator Alex Bargar, of Mill township, this county. Bargar is a farmer and lawyer, and a very popular gentleman. His nomination is considered an excellent one and he will poll a very large vote.

CAMPBELL ON TIN PLATE.

A Speech Devoted to the Difference Between That and Terne Plate.

COLUMBUS, Sept. 26.—[*Special.*]—Governor Campbell had to drive nine miles to reach his appointment at London, Madison county, to-day. As they passed the new Court House, now under process of construction, the Democratic workmen ran up a flag and put a great rooster on top of the Court House, and an immense placard stating: "There is no Piqua tin used on this building." The platform was emblazoned with great streamers, stating that no Piqua lead tin was used. This gave the Governor an opportunity to explain the difference between tin plate and terne plate. The Governor explained that to talk of terne tin plate was as absurd as to speak of a black-white man; that terne plate was terne plate, and tin plate was tin plate, and that there was no such thing as terne tin plate.

The word terne came from the French, and was used to indicate that whatever it was applied to was composed of three different articles. The word "Terne" as applied to metals means that metal named was composed of a union or composition of three metals, no matter whether tin be used or not. Terne plate had a technical meaning, and meant a metal, the basis of which was sheet iron or steel dipped into a mixture of lead and tin, making a plate composed of three metals, iron, lead and tin.

One County That Will Have a Farmer.

AKRON, O., Sept. 26.—[*Special.*]—The People's party held their county convention here to-day, with over 100 delegates present. A full ticket was nominated. J. O. Williamson, a farmer, and heretofore a prominent Republican was named as Representative. The convention was very enthusiastic. All four tickets now in the field are headed by farmers for the Legislature.

Russia Not Looking for Treaties.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 26.—It is semi-officially denied here that Russia is negotiating for a commercial treaty with Persia.

COLLAPSE OF A MINE.

Sixteen Miners Buried for Eight Hours Before Rescued.

THE BIG GANGWAY BREAKS LOOSE,

Leaving the Men Facing Almost Sure Death Before the Chasm.

THRILLING JOURNEY ACROSS A ROPE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SHAMOKIN, PA., Sept. 26.—One of the strangest accidents in mining annals and the sensational escape and rescue of a number of miners occurred at Hickory Ridge to-day. For eight hours the men were imprisoned in an old chamber, not knowing what second they would be crushed to death. They were Carson DeLong, Zach Hann, Frank Walthroff, Daniel Oyster and a dozen Hungarians and Italians.

When they entered the mine at 7 o'clock in the morning, Inside Foreman William Reinhardt directed the men to rob pillars, considered the most dangerous of inside work. A pillar divides one breast or chamber from another, and after all the coal is taken from the chamber then the pillar is removed in order to secure more coal. A chain pillar divides the levels. At the ridge the men were working on the first level, while 100 feet of rock and coal lay between it and the second lift, which had been well worked out. DeLong and his comrades were compelled to work cautiously, as the pitch was 90 degrees. There were few men in the gangway anywhere near the men.

A YAWNING CHASM OPENS.

An hour after the first pick had been sunk into the coal the miners experienced a tingling sensation, as though a bunch of needles had been thrust into the soles of their feet. They grew dizzy and were momentarily paralyzed with astonishment and fear. The bottom of the gangway was cracking in hundreds of places, while through the fissures issued a blast of air and dirt. A violent swaying then ensued, mingled with a sudden roar and crunching of coal, while a succession of reports, like that of an artillery battery in action, were heard above the din.

"Boys," shrieked Hann, "the chain pillar must be running, and if we don't get out of here it means death." A rush was made for the closet chamber. Waltroff was in the rear and was lifted to the edge in safety, just as the bottom of the place they had left dropped and revealed to their startled gaze a yawning chasm 100 feet in depth and 90 feet in width. When the pillar started to run the men on the lower level escaped. The imprisoned men were surrounded on all sides by falling coal.

AN AWFUL SITUATION.

They went up to the chamber as far as possible and had a council of war. They found that there was no possible way of exit other than the way they had entered, but now a seemingly impassable chasm. Suddenly they heard voices calling for them, and they hurriedly clambered to the edge of the chasm. "Are you alive," cried Foreman Reinhardt, who with Tom Llewellyn and Davy Williams had gained the entrance of the gangway quick as the rush occurred.

The rescuing party were overjoyed on hearing that the men were safe. How to get the miners across the abyss was the next thing. A rope was procured and for hours Reinhardt and his men tried to cast an end across. Sometimes it would land on a treacherous ledge almost within reach and then go whistling down in darkness and dust. Once it fell on a rock which seemed solid, but as Dan Oyster was about to seize it the rock and rope went down with a rush.

The men then grew timid and glanced into each other's faces with fear. It was growing serious. They were almost without oil and had nothing but what was in their cans for provision. Was it to be a second Jeansville horror, and yet within shouting distance of rescuers?

MEANS OF RESCUE PROVIDED.

These gloomy meditations were cut short by a whirling noise and the crack of a bolt, which, attached to the rope, had fallen at their feet. "Fasten your end of the rope to a timber," they heard a voice cry, "and we will do the same." Once securely tied about a post, the men consulted as to who would make the attempt. It was a perilous undertaking, but, as the way led to liberty, it did not take long for Carson DeLong to make up his mind. Rubbing his limbs vigorously and tieing a pair of suspenders about his waist were his preparations.

Then bidding his comrades goodby, the intrepid fellow flung himself into space and went hand over hand. The rope cracked and swayed. Several times he thought he would fall, but with strained muscles and stout heart De Long went on, and at last was drawn up and into the happy rescuers' arms. His experience was duplicated by other men, and when the last had crossed they wept like children and cheered loud and long over the miraculous escape. On being hoisted to the surface 2,000 men, women and children cheered and danced with joy. The company's loss is enormous.

FRANK MALOY CANNOT RECOVER.

Condition of the Victim of the Baltimore and Ohio Wreck.

Thomas Burton, the engineer, and Frank Maloy the fireman, who were dangerously injured Friday night in the wreck at Linden station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, were resting easily last night at Mercy Hospital. Dr. Kearns, who has charge of the patients, has little hope of Maloy's recovery. He spoke last evening for the first time since the wreck occurred and it was all he could do to tell his name. Burton suffers internally but his chances for recovery are favorable.

Superintendent Holbrook finished clearing up the wrecked engine early yesterday afternoon and the road is again in good shape.

Boys Must Not Become Odd Fellows.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 26.—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows did not transact a great amount of business this morning, the weather being somewhat adverse to the exercise of much mental effort.

The constitutional amendments providing for admission into the order of youths of 18 years, was defeated by a vote of 107 to 58, the necessary three-fourths vote not having been obtained. The lodge also decided to postpone for a year the consideration of the liquor question. The effect of this will be to leave saloonkeepers eligible for a year to come.

Roumania Alarmed by Russia.

VIENNA, Sept. 26.—Russian troops are practicing forced night marches and other night maneuvers across the River Pruth, on the Roumanian frontier, with the aid of electric lights. The Roumanian Government has become alarmed at these warlike demonstrations. Consequently, it is also concentrating troops on its frontier, and has ordered a force of Roumanian cavalry to Upper Moldavia.

A Sherman Man Defeated.

AKRON, Sept. 26.—[*Special.*]—At a meeting of the Republican committee of the county to-day C. Q. Hale was nominated for Representative, William Nesbitt for County Commissioner and Eli Smith Infirmary Director. An interesting phase of the affair was the defeat of Emory Prior by Hale, who was for Sherman as against Foraker for United States Senator.

Rea Bros. Win in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—The Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, receiver of the Chicago branch of S. V. White & Co., to-day added $113,875 to the assets of the firm. This amount came from Rea Bros., of Pittsburg, who had purchased of S. V. White & Co. something over 5,000 shares of railroad and Cotton and Lead Trust stock before the failure. The stock was not all paid for and was found with the assets. Rea Bros. petitioned Judge Gresham to order the shares turned over to them on payment of the balance due ou them, and the court so ordered.

GOULD BROUGHT TO TIME.

THE WIZARD OF WALL STREET RUNS UP AGAINST HIS MASTER.

J. Pierpont Morgan Talks Straight to Him—He Must Stop Juggling Union Pacific—Threatened With Banishment From Wall Street if He Doesn't.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—[*Special.*]—J. Pierpont Morgan is a man of strong will and definite purposes. He took hold of the Union Pacific finances at the request of Jay Gould. He soon found that Gould was juggling with the property. Having identified himself with the scheme to fund the floating debt, he naturally felt that success was essential to the preservation of his prestige as a great financier. Consequently when he found that Gould was giving that scheme a negative support he was indignant.

He had a talk with Gould to-day, and "the Wizard of Wall street" was given to understand that he was no longer a wizard. He was told plainly that unless he acted the part of a straightforward man, he would not only be hustled out of the Union Pacific, but that his power in Wall street would end summarily. Gould has a great deal of money at his command, but Morgan, as the fiscal agent of the Vanderbilts, has a great deal more. Gould was not slow in grasping the point of Mr. Morgan's arguments. He made up his mind that to keep in the swim was the best policy for him, consequently he agreed to work hand in hand with Morgan in placing the trust notes of the Union Pacific, which are designed to extend the floating debt of that company for three years.

To that end he to-day subscribed $1,000,000. Early this afternoon there was a meeting in the office of Drexel, Morgan & Co. of the trustees in charge of the funding of the Union Pacific floating debt. The session was not a long one, and at its close it was said that $4,500,000 of the $5,500,000 offered the public had been taken. So it was expected that the plan would be carried to a successful termination, probably early next week.

An authentic interview with Gould today confirmed the Street in its conviction that the time has come when the Missouri Pacific Railroad will suspend the payment of dividends. The payment of one for the current quarter is no longer a matter of policy nor of the pressure of public opinion upon Gould and his immediate associates, but a question of cash.

A FLORIDA SENATORIAL FIGHT.

The Secretary of State Will Not Attest the New Man's Commission.

PENSACOLA, FLA., Sept. 26.—The Pensacola *News* will publish to-morrow morning a special from Tallahassee giving complications in the Senatorial situation. Secretary of State, Crawford, refuses to attest the commission of ex-Congressman Davidson appointed by Governor Fleming to succeed Senator Call. Crawford is an old line Whig and says the great seal of the State of which he is custodian shall never adorn any certificate for Call's successor, witho ut it is Call himself.

The Florida Supreme Court will convene on the 15th prox., and the Governor will apply for a mandamus to compel compliance with the constitutional requirement providing that the Secretary of State shall attest all commissions issued by the Executive. Many people in Tallahassee believe that Secretary Crawford will go to jail rather than obey the mandate if issued by the Supreme Court and the anti-Call men seem confident of forcing the Secretary to attest Davidson's appointment.

SEVERAL NEGROES KILLED

In a Riot Between Striking Cotton Pickers and Those Working.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Sept. 26.—Late reports received from Morianna say trouble between cotton pickers near there culminated in a riot, resulting in several negroes being killed and a number wounded. The Sheriff of the county quelled the disturbance and has the leaders in custody. The riot grew out of a strike inaugurated by a number of pickers who demanded 75 cents per 100 pounds, an increase of 25 cents. The planters refused their demands.

The dissatisfied negroes at once struck and their places were immediately filled by others. The strikers became angered at these proceedings and asked the working negroes to quit. Being refused a general fight ensued, women, men and children participating with hoes, sticks, knives and revolvers. It is reported that two were killed outright.

Cook County Democrats Make Up.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—The Democracy of this county, which has been divided ever since last April, when, by running two Mayoralty tickets, one headed by ex-Mayor Cregier, the other by ex-Mayor Harrison, both being defeated, having fixed up their differences, met in convention to-day and nominated Jonas Hutchinson for Superior Court Judge; Charles F. Babcock for Superintendent of Schools, and a full list of other candidates.

To Try Colonel Wood's Slayer.

TOPEKA, Sept. 26. — T. B. Ball, of Wichita, ex-Judge of Sedgwick County Court, has been selected to preside at the trial of James Brennan, the murderer of Colonel Sam Wood. When Judge Theodosious Botkin refused to preside at the trial, the matter of selecting the Presiding Judge was left to the attorneys of the prosecution and defense.

Ten Men Sentenced to Death.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 26.—The most death-dealing sentence in the annals of this State, except in cases of insurrection, was passed at Laurens yesterday. Ten negroes were sentenced to be hanged October 23 for the murder of another negro.

Small Philadelphia Failure.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26.—Executions aggregating $22,136 were issued this afternoon against John J. Pyle and George W. Knadler, trading as the Pyle-Knadler Baking Company.

THE FIRE RECORD.

THE losses in Savannah's Friday night fire will amount to $400,000.

WRIGHT'S cotton mill, at Tydesley, Bolton, was damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of £30,000.

AT Newark, O., yesterday fire destroyed the house of Riley Couch. Loss $1,500, with an insurance of $800.

A SAWMILL valued at $2,000 belonging to M. L. Carnahan, of near Greensburg, was burned Friday night.

AN express car containing 1,000 boxes of peaches was destroyed by fire on the Ft. Wayne road at Economy yesterday.

AT Clam Falls, Wis., 12 buildings were burned Wednesday at a loss of about $8,000 with no insurance. All but two buildings in the village were burned.

EARLY Friday morning the store and dwelling house owned by J. C. Beckwith, of West Tarentum, were entirely consumed by fire. The loss will reach $3,000.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., had a $100 000 fire early yesterday morning. The fire destroyed the mammoth warehouses of Nixon & Western, covering an acre of ground.

FIRE early yesterday morning at Greenville, Ill., consumed Sails' evaporator and mills, the flames getting beyond control. The loss will amount to $125,000, with insurance of $70 000 on the mills and contents.

KICK FROM AN ORGAN.

The Tory Whitewashing Report Made on Sir Hector Langevin

DENOUNCED BY A PARTY JOURNAL.

Quebec Excited Over the Wild Rumors of Mercier's Intentions.

TALK OF ANNEXATION INDULGED IN

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

OTTAWA, Sept. 27.—A sensation was caused here to-day among the Tory members who voted to whitewash Sir Hector Langevin over the arrival of the Hamilton *Spectator*, the chief Government organ in West Ontario, containing an article openly denouncing the Government's policy. The *Spectator* says:

With great regret, we are compelled to express an opinion that the action taken by the House of Commons constitutes a failure of justice. We cannot believe that this verdict renders justice in the case. It is true that it must be read in view of the fact that Sir Hector has resigned his portfolio, and some may think that the loss of office is sufficient punishment. But the fact remains that there was a conspiracy; that the conspiracy was successful; that the loss to the public has been great, and the success of the conspiracy was possible only because of action taken by the Department of Public Works.

CONDONING THE SCANDALS.

For the sake of the country, for the sake of the Conservative party, it is to be deplored that the irregular transactions which brought about the public scandal and led to these public losses were condoned by a report which a majority of the House of Commons has adopted.

To-day a large placard was hoisted upon Sir Hector's private residence in this city, announcing that it was for sale cheap. It was in this now celebrated house that Thomas McGreevy and Hector Langevin concerted all their schemes, many of which have been disclosed to the world by the rising of the curtain this session.

After all, what have the Liberals accomplished as a result of the recent Parliamentary investigations? The Government has condoned every offense, and Premier Abbott has rallied his whitewash brigade in every case to apply the brush to his erring colleagues.

THE MERCIER-ANGER FIGHT.

The outlook in political circles at Quebec is by no means reassuring, particularly the deadlock between Premier Mercier and the Lieutenant Governor, ex-Judge Angers, which is being engineered from here. In fact from the first Premier Abbott has thought his agent, Governor Angers, endeavored to secure the dismissal of Premier Mercier and his Cabinet, in order to obtain control of the Treasury benches in Quebec for one of his own political stripe.

The political fever in Quebec is again aroused, owing to the evident conspiracy between the Ottawa Government and the Lieutenant Governor to impose a Tory administration upon the province, in defiance of the Legislature and the people. Governor Angers refuses to sign the commission appointing Hon. H. G. Jolly, ex-Premier, to the Legislative Council, and the friends of the latter are almost in a state of rebellion, asserting that Angers objects to Mr. Jolly because he is a French Protestant.

WILD RUMORS OF MERCIER.

The wildest rumors are current with regard to Mercier's intentions in the event of his dismissal. It is said that he will take no dismissal from Angers; that he will remain in office and defy him; that he will call together his supporters and adopt resolutions or take some other proceedings censuring the Lieutenant Governor and calling upon the Governor General to relieve him at once, otherwise the province will declare itself out of the confederation and take the consequences which may lead to annexation.

In the meantime Governor Angers is living in seclusion at the Government House and refuses to visit his offices in the departmental buildings. It is reported that the real reason why Governor Angers refuses to leave Spencerwood is the fear of being mobbed by the people, who condemn his unconstitutional and foolish efforts to help the Tory party. The situation is far more serious than people outside the city are able to realize, and it is growing more and more so every day.

A BOGUS THEATRICAL AGENT.

Young Girls Shipped by Him From New York to a Low Texas Variety Hall.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—[*Special.*]—Another New York "theatrical agency" is attracting the attention of the police authorities, and its proprietor may, like Agent Elbrogen, who was convicted some months ago, have to defend himself against the charge of procuring girls for improper purposes. To-day this dispatch was received here from Houston, Tex.:

Six young girls, who were brought here from New York to perform at a variety show, left for Galveston to-day under the charge of the Chief of Police, where they will take steamer Comal and return home. The girls claim they were deceived about the character of the place.

The agent referred to is Tony Smith. An advertisement appeared in the papers here on September 15, in response to which a number of girls applied at Smith's agency, and eight of them were sent to Houston via Galveston by steamer in charge of a Mrs. Bell, wife of the proprietor of the alleged "theater" at Houston. In response to a telegram for a description of the Houston theater, the following was received: "A stage at one end and a bar at the other. The girls wear dresses short at both ends and persuade the men to buy beer."

CAPTURED BY A RUSSIAN CRUISER.

The First Authentic Story of the Bering Sea Sealing Affair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26.—Captain George Wester, of the sealing schooner City of San Diego, is in the city. He gives the first authentic account of the capture of the sealer J. Hamilton Lewis by Russians for poaching in the western part of Bering Sea.

The City of San Diego, Geneva and J. Hamilton Lewis were sailing together near Copper Island when they saw the Russian cutter Aleut approaching. The Aleut opened fire but did no damage, and it seemed that all three vessels escaped. They plunged into a dense fog and saw nothing of each other for two hours, when they were again in sunlight. The Aleut had then captured the Lewis.

A Bad Deal for the British.

OTTAWA, ONT., Sept. 26.—Advices received from British Columbia to-day indicate that in promising to indemnify the Canadian sealers for any loss they might sustain in being driven out of Bering sea this season, the British Government assumed a responsibility they had not accurately estimated. It now appears that Great Britain will have to pay, at least, $300,000, and, possibly, $700,000, to fulfill its pledges to the sealers of British Columbia.

A Lost Art Rediscovered.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 26.—Peter Johnson, of Dassel, Minn., thinks he has discovered the long lost art of tempering copper. He and Niles Nilson, a machinist, wish to organize a company to build a factory in Minneapolis. The new process will make copper as hard as steel.

Disastrous Floods in Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 26.—Central New Mexico has been without mail from the East and West for several days, owing to washouts on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad near Lagunda and Rio Puerco stations. Water covers the track for several hundred yards in several places, and the bridges across the Puerco are dangerously weak, and fears are entertained that it will go down the stream to-night.

MANY BURNED TO DEATH

IN THE FOREST FIRES NOW RAGING IN THE NORTHWEST.

Three Persons Dead and a Family Hemmed in by the Flames—Great Amount of Property Destroyed—The People Getting Control.

ELLENDALE, N. D., Sept. 26.—Word comes from Emons county that the whole east end of the county has been swept by a terrible prairie fire in which three persons lost their lives. Many families are rendered homeless. Whole herds of cattle perished in the flames. One herder lost 45 head of stock out of a herd of 53. The loss will reach fully $150,000. The lives lost were a man, his wife and son who were trying to save their farm property. Several hundred men managed to stop the progress of the flames just as they reached the boundary of McIntosh county, where the fire would have had a clean sweep. People in the district it burned over in Emons county are in a pitiable plight, without food or shelter.

A dispatch from Hinckley, Minn., says: There has never before been a fire of the magnitude of this one in this region. That of two years ago is said by the lumbermen here to have been nothing compared with this one. The whole country has been swept by the flames, and everything has been burned outside of the towns except a few lumber camps here. Thousands of tons of hay on the lowlands were destroyed. Reports from the southwest, along the line of the Great Northern, say that the danger seems to be over, unless there is a heavy wind again. The fire is burning northward toward Superior, and is said to be in the vicinity of Partridge and Kerrick.

At Oak Park and Princeton the people were obliged to turn out en masse to fight the fires. In both instances they were successful. On every side of Milaca the fires are still burning. Nothing but a heavy rain will take away all fears.

A telegram from Mora, Minn., says: After a long and brave fight with the forest fires the people in Kanabre county, Minn., are feeling relieved. The high wind has gone down and no further dangers are anticipated in the settled portion of the county. So far as heard no lives have been lost. The new bridge across the Knife river and several lumbering camps with valuable kits were burned. The fire is working its way north and the damage to standing pine will amount to thousands of dollars.

A report from Turtle Lake, Minn., says: Word has reached this village that the family of Mr. Nesso, a farmer living a short distance out of town, consisting of himself, his wife and several small children, were hemmed in by the flames and no doubt burned to death, as no help could reach them.

LAND LEAGUE MEETING.

SEVEN HUNDRED DELEGATES TO BE IN CHICAGO THIS WEEK.

Secretary J. P. Sutton Already There Preparing for the Reception—A Scheme to Be Sprung to Get Back $200,000 From Parnell and McCarthy.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—Seven hundred Irishmen, delegates to the National Convention of the Irish Land League of America, are expected to arrive in this city next Thursday. They represent nearly every land league in America and many other Irish societies as well. Central Music Hall has been selected as the place of meeting, and McCoy's Hotel as the headquarters of the convention.

John Fitzgerald, of Lincoln, Neb., President of the American Land League, who has been very ill for some time, has so far recovered that he is expected to be present and preside at the deliberation of the convention.

J. P. Sutton, Secretary of the National Land League, has arrived in the city and is already at work with the Municipal Council of the Chicago Land League, in perfecting the arrangements for the reception of delegates and the harmonious working of the convention through its two days' session. Mr. Sutton said to-night:

"One of the main objects of the convention will be to inaugurate a movement that will eventually result in the restoration of the $200,000 now held by Parnell and Justin McCarthy in Paris to the purpose for which it was originally intended, the benefit of the poor in Ireland. This money was contributed by the land leagues for that purpose, and we wish to see it used in that way. There is no fear that our convention will not be harmonious. While Parnell undoubtedly will have both followers and opponents in the convention, loyalty for the mother country will fuse all differences, and the convention will be a success."

Mr. Sutton was present at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Chicago Land League to-night at McCoy's Hotel, at which the various committees reported progress and gave evidence that everything was nearly in readiness for the reception of the delegates.

Provisions for Injured Workmen.

BERNE, Sept. 26. — The International Congress, which has been considering here questions of accidents to workmen and workwomen, employers' liability in such cases, state insurance and other like subjects, closed to-day. The Congress adopted a resolution advising the co-operation of private efforts and the state in providing compensation in cases of accident to workmen.

A Grocer Killed by a Watchman.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 26.—James B. Daly, of the firm of Daly Bros., grocers on Main street, in this village, was shot and killed to-day in his store by J. P. Gleason, a night watchman. There had been bad feeling between Gleason and Daly on account of Daly permitting Mrs. Gleason to stay at his house after she had separated from her husband.

Spiritualists Demand Gold.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Sept. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Tabor filed to-day in the Federal Court a suit for $100,000 damages against Mayor C. C. Dorian, of Texarkana, for false imprisonment. Mr. and Mrs. Tabor are spiritualists and were arrested for telling fortunes without paying for a license.

Vessels for Peace and War.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The Government of Montenegro has ordered the three merchant cruisers to be built in England after the type of the vessels of the Russian Volunteer fleet. These vessels are to be employed during peace in trade between the Adriatic and Odessa.

General James A. Wilcox Dead.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 26.—General James A. Wilcox, general counsel of the C., H. V. & T. Railroad, died here to-day after a lingering illness. He was provost marshal of this district during the war, and was a distinguished member of the Ohio bar. He was an ex-Mayor of Columbus.

America Investigating Russian Cotton.

ODESSA, Sept. 26.—America has appointed a gentleman to visit Central Asia to report on the rapidly increasing cotton industry of Trans-Caspian Russia and Turkestan, which renders Russia independent of American textiles.

DIED.

WATKINS—On Sunday, September 27, 1891, at 12:45 A. M., MARIE, youngest daughter of Alfred L. and Annie B. Watkins, aged 7 weeks.

Funeral service at residence of parents, 501 Sheridan avenue, East End, on MONDAY at 3 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private.

THE NEXT BIG RUSH

In the Oklahoma Country Will Be for Town Lots on Monday.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE WAITING.

They Want Horses and Vehicles Shut Out or Many Will Be Killed.

PLENTY OF GOOD WATER DISCOVERED

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

GUTHRIE, O. T., Sept. 26.—The news from Chandler to-day is more encouraging. Plenty of provisions are now on the ground, and people no longer suffer from hunger and thirst. Water was discovered at a depth of two feet 100 feet from the center of the Government town site. It is a cool, clear spring of water. As soon as the people are allowed to ascend the bluff and view the broad plateau on which the county seat is located, they will discover that it is a much finer town site than appears from their present point of view.

There will be a tremendous rush for lots, and petitions are being circulated asking the military to shut out all horses and vehicles. If this is not done a dozen people will probably be crushed in the wild rush into the town. A large party sneaked into town last night and pulled up several hundred stakes. This has delayed the survey, so that the town site cannot be thrown open before Monday. A number of cowboys threatened to rush in by force today, but were soon scared away by soldiers.

Yesterday afternoon the 3,000 people who had staked off lots on the section adjoining Chandler were ejected by the soldiers. The entire crowd, numbering 10,000, is now temporarily located on the school section. Thirty stores are running in tents there. Governor Steele is camping with Judge Allison on an old Sac and Fox farm. There are four log huts, which have been cleaned up and put in good order. One is used for a bedroom, one for a parlor and the other for a dining room. The kitchen is out of doors. The Governor seems to enjoy roughing it. He got used to it when a regular army officer.

A man named Johnson, of Missouri, rode his horse so hard for a claim near Chandler that the horse fell dead, falling on the rider and killing him. A party of men digging a well north of Chandler found a large pocket of pure lead ore. Rich specimens were brought to this city to-night and cause the greatest excitement. A courier from Tecumseh to-night says business lots have dropped 300 per cent since Friday and that the people are leaving by the hundreds. Water cannot be reached there under a depth of 100 feet and the soil is the poorest of sand.

Fatal Feud Between Farmers.

HENDERSON, MINN., Sept. 26.—In a quarrel this afternoon over the division line between two farms at Faxon, Sibley county, James O'Neill killed Michael Collins and fatally wounded his two grown sons. O'Neill had been forbidden the Collins' premises, but went there this afternoon to get water from a well. In a general fight O'Ne