

QUEERED BY DAVE MARTIN

There Will Be No Lexow Investigation in Philadelphia.

SENATOR QUAY IS AGAINST IT

The Petition of the Quaker City Municipal League Lies in State Upon the Table--Democrat Too Weak to Materialize the Ghost.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 31.--There will be no legislative investigation into the abuses in the municipal affairs of Philadelphia for which Senator Porter and Dave Martin are charged by their opponents with being in part responsible.

Senator Quay is opposed to anything of the kind. He does not believe in fighting his enemies with this kind of ammunition. His plan is to battle straight from the shoulder, and that is what his supporters say he proposes to do in his conflict with the two Philadelphians.

The talk of Quay's friends offering a legislative committee with powers similar to those conferred upon the famous Lexow committee is as follows: The municipal departments of the Quaker City is heard no more, if such a resolution were offered in either body those in control would oppose it and muster enough votes to kill it.

Petitioning for an Inquiry. The petition of the municipal league of Philadelphia asking for an investigation was introduced in the legislature today in the senate by President Protem, Thomas, and in the house by Representative Ritter.

In presenting the petition Mr. Ritter explained that it had been published and that he had no doubt but that it had been read by the members. He asked that it be read to the house, which was done. It was referred to the municipal corporations committee, where it will probably remain through the session.

After the petition had been read in the senate it was laid upon the table of Lieutenant Governor Lyon, and will be there unless called up by resolution. The Republican leaders of the senate take no stock in the petition. One of them today said:

"It is rather weak and too insipid to consider seriously. There is no popular sentiment in Philadelphia for such an investigation, and for that reason I do not believe one will be made."

The action of the league is regarded as a covert attempt to weaken the Republican ticket in the Quaker City, and nothing more will be heard of the petition unless the Democrats take it up, and they are too weak to secure action upon it.

ROUTINE WORK.

Various Measures Introduced and Read in Place.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 31.--The house met at 11:15 this morning. The Gobin banking bill was the special order of third reading. Mr. Cochran, of Armstrong, said he was pledged to his people in a general way to vote against extravagant expenditures of money, and he was especially pledged to vote against an increase of salaries. He felt that anything he might say would have no effect on the bill before the house, so he asked leave to file his remarks for publication in the Legislative Record.

The vote on the bill was then taken and resulted--aye 150, nays 22. The bill was sent to the senate for concurrence in amendments.

Bills were read in place as follows: By Mr. Clarence, of Philadelphia--A bill amending the act creating a banking department, relieving building and loan associations of the necessity of making semi-annual reports to the department.

By Mr. Reese, of Luzerne--Repealing an act for the preservation of records of mine inspectors and contracts regions.

By Mr. Mitchell, of Philadelphia--Providing for an increase of pay of members of the legislature from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per session.

By Mr. Crothers, of Philadelphia--To prevent the adulteration of foods and liquors.

Argument on the Forestry. Consideration of the forestry commission bill was resumed. Mr. Porter, of Westmoreland, moved to indefinitely postpone, whereupon Mr. Lytle, of Huntington, took the floor and dwelt upon the tremendous destruction of timber by forest fires, and said he was surprised and amazed to find the bill antagonized. He also dwelt at length upon the great destruction of property by floods as the result of forest fires. After some further debate Mr. Porter withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone, and moved to recommittal of the bill to the agricultural committee.

The motion to recommittal was lost. When the clause of the eleventh section, directing that one-half of the fines collected under the act be paid to the informer, was reached, Mr. Pow offered to amend by striking that clause from the bill. Mr. Pow's amendment was adopted.

The section was then adopted--aye, 114; nays, 18. The bill passed second reading as amended and was ordered transcribed for third reading.

The house then at 2 o'clock adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Senate Proceedings. The senate met at 11 o'clock. Senator Thomas presented a petition from the Municipal League, Philadelphia, praying for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges of corruption against Philadelphia city councils. It was laid on the table.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Woods--Preventing electric cable or horse car lines from crossing the tracks of steam roads at grade and vice versa.

By Mr. Landis--Establishing and maintaining free scholarship in the Pennsylvania State college.

The senate concurred in the resolution as amended by the house providing for an investigation of the Norristown and Wernersville hospitals.

At 1 o'clock the senate adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Dangerous Hulks Afloat. By the United Press. Washington, Jan. 31.--The North Atlantic Pilot chart for February issued today shows at least eighteen dangerous derelicts, six of which are near the transatlantic steamer routes.

GOV. HASTINGS' STAFF.

Officers Selected by Commander-in-Chief of the National Guard.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 31.--The following appointments on the staff of Governor Hastings in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the National Guard of Pennsylvania are announced by the adjutant general:

First lieutenant, William Pike Reeder, Fifth regiment, to be assistant adjutant general; Colonel Edward Morrell, Third regiment, to be inspector general; Major Albert J. Logan, quartermaster Second brigade, to be quartermaster general; Henry H. Kuhn, Johnstown; Henry Hall, Pittsburgh; Charles H. Howell, Philadelphia; James Elverson, Jr., Philadelphia, and Millard Hunsicker, Pittsburg, to be aides-de-camp with rank of lieutenant colonel.

BRADFORD CATCHES ON.

James H. Coddling Nominated to Succeed the Late M. B. Wright--Wyoming Secures the Short Term Congressional Plan.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Poughkeepsie, Jan. 31.--The congressional conference for the Fifteenth district met at the Packer House in this place yesterday afternoon. Hon. F. L. Kinnier, of Bradford, was chosen to be president, and Fred Mitten, also of Bradford, was elected secretary.

The list of conferees is as follows: Bradford, Hon. F. L. Kinnier, D. J. Sweet, George Gilbert, Fred Mitten, J. K. Innes, Linton Bliss; Susquehanna, Captain W. B. D. Alney, S. S. Wright, B. F. Fride, L. W. Moore; Wayne, Hon. J. C. Birdsell, W. C. Norton, E. C. Mumford, C. J. Schlager; Wyoming, Major H. W. Bantwell, C. A. Sisk.

Mr. Sisk offered a resolution that a candidate for both the short and long terms be nominated and balloted for at one and the same time, which was carried.

Nominations then being in order, Mr. Bliss arose, and after urging Bradford county's claim to the honor, presented the name of James H. Coddling, and asked the unanimous support of the conference for him.

Captain Alney, of Adams, followed with a feeling tribute to the memory of the late Hon. M. B. Wright, and then presented as a candidate for the position his brother, C. Fred Wright, taking the ground that inasmuch as it was the judgment of the district that the fall that Stoughton county should be the standard bearer, the same proposition ought to prevail now.

Judge Birdsell, of Wayne, announced their candidate, "the honored and respected poet and writer, Homer B. Greene, a man without an enemy." He was seconded by E. C. Mumford, who designated Mr. Greene as the leading lawyer of Wayne, and asserted that if he was nominated he would receive almost a unanimous vote in Wayne.

Wyoming's choice, E. J. Jordan, was presented in a few well-chosen words by Major Bardwell, and the nomination was seconded by C. A. Sisk.

As there were sixteen conferees, nine votes were necessary to elect. The first ballot stood: Coddling, 6; Wright, 4; Jordan, 2.

Five ballots in succession were taken, resulting the same each time, and a recess was taken.

Sarah Ulrich Kelley, the Wayne bard, is here and presenting her claims to the position on the ground that she has made a special study of political economy and is better fitted to represent the district than any man. She also desires to get into position where she can press her claim of \$100,000 against the government for supplies furnished Union troops by her late husband.

This evening the Republican conferees nominated E. J. Jordan, of Poughkeepsie, for the short congressional term, unexpired at the death of Congressman Wright, and James H. Coddling, of Towanda, for the long term. The Democrats nominated R. M. Stalker, of Wayne county, for both terms.

FOR SOFTENING ARMOR.

Electrical Machines to Be Used on Harveized Plates.

By the United Press. Washington, Jan. 31.--The new electrical machines for softening Harveized armor, which were built for the navy at a cost of \$30,000, have been tried at Cramp's, in Philadelphia, and officially pronounced successful.

It has heretofore been found impossible to drill the necessary holes in Harveized plates in order that they might be fastened to the framework of ships, and for the past three months the work of attaching plates to the battle ships now building at Cramp's has been practically suspended. The work with the new machines will now be rapidly pushed.

Their Pay Increased. By the United Press. Easton, Pa., Jan. 31.--The pay of passenger engineers and firemen on the Lehigh Valley railroad, running between this city and Wilkes-Barre, has been increased. The former will now receive \$6.50 instead of \$6, and the latter \$4.30 instead of \$4 per trip.

CONDENSED STATE NEWS.

The Mercer Coal company, which controls many mines in Mercer county, has been reorganized under the name of the Mercer Mining company.

The Pittsburg and Lake Erie Ship canal guarantee fund is above the \$7,000 mark and work will be started in earnest on the project in the spring.

Antonio Rizzullo, of Pottsville, who was committed to hang and was reprieved until Feb. 8, has again been reprieved until April 18, to await evidence from Italy to prove his insanity.

Mayor McKenna, of Pittsburg, has appointed a committee of nine prominent citizens who are to investigate that city's need of improvements, for which it is proposed to issue nearly \$5,000,000 worth of additional bonds.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

A bill to stop prize fighting was introduced in the North Carolina legislature. The jury in the Gung murder trial at Minneapolis was completed and the case was opened.

In a battle between miners at Ocatlan, Mex., fifteen were killed and thirty-five badly wounded.

Farmers near Springfield, O., have formed a vigilance committee to drive out thieves and murderers.

Disappearing from Concord, Mass., Tax Collector G. W. Sanford leaves a \$15,000 shortage, which is covered by his bond.

STILL ACITATING FINANCE

All Questions in Congress Lean Toward the Vexed Problem.

BANKING BILL'S PROSPECTS

Democratic Members Hope by Republican Support to Pass the Measure--Mr. Cox of Tennessee, Has a Financial Scheme Cooked and Paired.

By the United Press. Washington, Jan. 31.--Everything of interest that took place in the senate today revolved around the financial situation. During the morning hour there was a discussion over a resolution offered some days ago by Mr. Allen (Pop. Neb.) as to the reasons why the United States notes were not paid in silver coin, as an secretary of the treasury has discretionary power under the law to pay them. The resolution went to all tomorrow without action. Then the District of Columbia appropriation bill was brought up by Mr. Gorman (Dem., Md.) with the purpose of securing the passage of shutting off the financial topic; but the purpose failed, because the bill led to a discussion late in the afternoon in which very important statements were made by Mr. Allison (Rep. Ia.) and Mr. Gorman, the latter declaring his belief that financial relief was provided in no other way, the senate would, before midnight on March 3, pass an appropriation bill, a provision that would save the country from impending disaster, as earnestly recommended by the committee on the subject.

Resolved, That the essential provisions in a sound, stable and efficient monetary system should include the relief of the country from the retention and cancellation of the legal tender notes under safe and proper conditions as to time and method and also provision for the revision and extension of the national banking system under conditions which will maintain our monetary standard and secure to the country a safe and ample currency.

Resolved, That in the event of failure to agree upon such legislation by the present congress, the committee on the subject of the national banking system be authorized to report to the next congress a bill to be passed by the next congress, which shall be non-partisan in character, selected with reference to conditions, its ability, knowledge and experience in monetary affairs, and as far as practicable representing all parts of the country, to formulate a recommendation to the succeeding congress legislation appropriate to the solution of the difficulties and removal of the evils now existing.

Today's session of the house was signalled by the re-appearance of Speaker Crisp in the presiding officer's chair. Mr. Crisp was greeted by applause from the score of members present when he called the house to order at 11 o'clock. Before proceeding with the discussion of the national banking bill a house bill was passed establishing a code of regulations governing the navigation of the great lakes and connecting waters; also senate bill fixing the times for holding courts in North Dakota, and providing that the court officials shall receive the same fees as are paid for like services to the court officials in the District of Oregon.

Prospects for the Banking Bill. The Democratic members of the house this morning concede that if the Republicans, as a whole, give their support to the administration banking bill, as it has been amended in committee, it will pass.

An imperfect poll of the house this morning would indicate that the bill, as it will be reported from the committee tomorrow, is likely to pass.

Mr. Reed, of Maine, but not decided yet what his course will be in the measure will be, and has so informed such of the Republicans as have spoken with him upon the subject. It is a fair presumption, however, that the Republicans generally will support the measure and that it will receive also a fair share of Democratic votes as well.

And Still They Come. Mr. Cox, of Tennessee, will present to the house tomorrow a banking bill as a substitute for the administration bill, which will be reported from the banking and currency committee. Mr. Cox says that this bill reflects the views of the conservative members and that it will receive a very considerable Democratic vote. He believes that the majority of Republicans will also support the bill.

TOM JOHNSON'S OFFER.

He Would Pay Brooklyn a License Fee for Trolley Cars and Pay Employees Handsomely.

By the United Press. Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 31.--Cars were started on all the trolley lines this morning, and are running today on schedule time for the first time in seven days. Only one wire was cut during the strike, and that was quickly repaired this morning. The normal operation of the roads is now restored. The cessation of rioting, wire cutting, assaults upon motormen, bombardment of cars and other lawlessness which have prevailed is said to be due to advice of counsel and that was quickly acted upon by the attorney general. They made plain to the strike leaders that redress through courts of law cannot be obtained if it is shown that the petitioners are themselves law breakers.

The United States courts have been involved by the strikers against the Atlantic Avenue Railroad company and warrants were issued for President Norton and Superintendent Quinn this afternoon.

Complaint was made to United States District Attorney Bennett this morning that the sign "United States Mail" is used on cars of the line which are not used in transporting the mails. The action is brought under the section of the revised statutes, which forbids the display of the sign "United States Mail" on any conveyance which is not engaged in carrying United States mail. The penalty is not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for each offence. It is said that some action will be begun against Presidents Wicker and Lewis of the other companies, whose men are on strike. Counsel for the strikers say the Atlantic Avenue company has used the sign on 500 cars and violated the law 499 times, as it was only legally entitled to use it on one car.

It was decided today to send all troops home except two companies of that regiment. The power houses and car barns are still protected by small detachments of troops and police.

In an interview tonight Master Workman Connelly, of District assembly No. 75, Knights of Labor, said that Eugene V. Debs, president of the American Railway union, would arrive here in a day or two. An agreement had been reached with the American Railway union whereby all the railroads of the country on which the American Railway union and Knights of Labor men are employed could be closed, should District assembly No. 75 so decide.

Mr. Connelly said he had received a telegram tonight from Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, O., in which he offered, if he

WARD M'ALLISTER DEAD.

The Leader of New York's 400 Succumbs to the Grip.

By the United Press. New York, Jan. 31.--Ward McAllister, the well-known society leader, died in this city tonight at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. McAllister was taken ill a week ago with the grip. There were no alarming symptoms surrounding his illness until 7 o'clock this morning. From 10:30 o'clock until 2:30 the patient rallied and was much better. At that time he began to sink slowly and died at 9:30 o'clock.

At his death he was surrounded by most of the members of his family, his wife, daughter, son, and brother, Rev. Dr. McAllister, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Mr. McAllister was born in Savannah, Ga., sixty years ago. His father was treasury for several years as mayor of Savannah. His grandfather was a prominent business man in Savannah.

TO AVERT A CRISIS.

Resolutions Relating to the Financial Problem Adopted by the National Board of Trade.

By the United Press. Washington, Jan. 31.--The national board of trade continued its session at the Shoreham today.

The financial situation was again brought forward by the committee on finance through the submission of some resolutions declaring a plan for averting a crisis. The resolutions were adopted without objection, as follows:

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Dr. J. L. Forward, of Chester, Pa., was elected a vice president of the national board.

The income tax question again came to the front through statements that had been made that the board had not endorsed the law in its action of yesterday tabling the resolutions from the Baltimore board of trade and the New York board of trade and transportation condemning it. Mr. Stannard, of St. Louis, told the delegates that its action in tabling the resolutions was virtually an endorsement of the tax. He was sorry, however, that the matter had not been brought up and agreed to withdraw his motion to table if G. Waldo Smith, of New York, who presented the condemnatory resolutions, would withdraw them. Mr. Smith consented and the whole matter was ordered struck from the proceedings.

After a number of complimentary speeches and the passage of the usual resolutions of thanks the convention adjourned sine die. Washington was again chosen as the next place of meeting.

RESPONSIBILITY FIXED.

Result of Coroner's Investigation of Butte Powder Explosion.

By the United Press. Butte, Mont., Jan. 31.--The coroner's investigation into the powder explosion by which fifty-eight persons were killed was concluded this evening. The verdict fixes the responsibility on the Kenyon-Cox Hardware company and the Butte Hardware company, in whose warehouse the explosion occurred.

The members of the companies are charged with criminal negligence in storing large quantities of powder within the city limits contrary to law. The verdict and the testimony will now be submitted to the grand jury and a criminal proceeding will probably follow.

SUSAN PRESIDED.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention of Women's Suffrage Association.

By the United Press. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 31.--The twenty-seventh annual convention of the American Women's Suffrage association commenced its session this morning in De Glve's Opera house in this city, under the presidency of the venerable Susan B. Anthony.

The session today was devoted to organization and the hearing of committee reports. This evening a reception to welcome the delegates was held.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Speaker Crisp is expected to resume his duties today.

The Union Pacific railway bill is expected to pass the house on Saturday.

The senate has ratified the Japanese treaty modified so as to be terminable at one year's notice.

Gold withdrawals yesterday reduced the treasury gold reserve at the close of business to \$42,361,906.

The postmaster general says the order against letter carriers making extra time will have to stand.

Prominent labor men were before the house labor committee yesterday aiding in the shaping of proposed legislation.

The treasury receipts for the month of January aggregated \$28,000,000, being an increase of more than \$6,000,000 over December; the expenditures in January amounted to \$24,500,000, showing an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$3,500,000.

GRIM REAPER'S HEAVEN.

Henry B. Dietrich, aged 86, of Lebanon, Pa., a veteran of Company C, Fifth Pennsylvania cavalry.

At the Lehigh county poor house, William Bernell, aged 70, once a wealthy resident of Allentown, Pa.

Albert H. Cook, the oldest editor in Rhode Island, formerly editor of the Providence Press, aged 90.

William M. Brislin, aged 72, proprietor of the Lebanon (Pa.) Advertiser and recently United States gauger at the High Spruce distillery.

THE LOST STEAMER

Helpless Passengers Left to Their Fate by Crew of the Crathie.

STRANGE EXCUSES OFFERED

No Attempt Was Made at Rescue by Officers or Crew of the British Steamer--Of the Life Boat Passengers Nearly All Belonged to Elbe's Crew.

By the United Press. London, Jan. 31.--The absorbing topic of conversation and comment today is the loss of the North German Lloyd steamship Elbe with nearly 400 lives as the result of a collision in the North Sea yesterday morning with a steamer which, at the time, was unknown, but which it is now ascertained beyond the possibility of a doubt, was the British steamer Crathie, Captain Gordon, from Rotterdam for Aberdeen. Although the figures of the various statements of the loss of life differ, no two being exactly alike, the latest information as to the number of life lost places it at 374. A heavy northeast gale has prevailed on the North Sea all day and the weather at Lowestoft and thereabouts is very cold. The gale increased to almost a hurricane and has been accompanied by a blinding snow storm. Notwithstanding the discomforts involved, however, the coast guard and customs officers are exerting themselves to the utmost and are leaving no means untried in the search for possible survivors.

Thus far no article of woodwork or furniture belonging to the lost vessel has been washed ashore on the Suffolk coast, a fact in itself regarded by experts as proving the sudden completeness of the disaster and tending to diminish the probability of further salvage of life being reported. A life boat of the Elbe, it is true, washed ashore at Yarmouth last evening, and life buoys being found in it, but this is undoubtedly the boat from which the Wildflower rescued the survivors yesterday and which was left adrift after its occupants had been taken on shore.

A Tag Driven Ashore. The company early this morning sent out the ocean tug Despatch to cruise around in search of survivors of the Elbe, but the tremendous wind, heavy sea and blinding snow storm drove the Despatch back to Lowestoft at noon after she had proceeded only a short distance on her way. The tug, after the life-saving station at Ramsgate returned to that place this morning after having been out fifteen hours searching for possible survivors without having found any traces of either boat or wreckage. The Broadstairs life-boat also returned this morning. Upon leaving the station the boat was blown ashore by the violent gale and the crew were dashed into the surf. Several of them were injured.

It is learned that the following in addition to those named in the list of first class passengers already published, were drowned. Their names did not appear on the printed list because they did not take through passage, but intended to go only as far as Southampton.

Schirre Dorman, Anton Fischer and a family named Mislowitz, consisting of two adults and two children.

Mr. Laker and his wife, who were among the steerage passengers lost, were English people who went to Bremen to take steerage passage there for New York.

The survivors of the Elbe who were brought to Lowestoft by the steam trawler Wildflower have nearly all recovered from the effects of their shock and exposure. Miss Anna Bureker, the only woman who is known to have been saved, is the only one who is not able to be about. She is suffering from nervous prostration and will be obliged to remain in Lowestoft for several days.

Officers Very Reticent. The surviving officers of the Elbe are very reticent in regard to the disaster, reserving their statements pending an official inquiry into the circumstances, but it transpires that an officer of the Elbe saw a green light on the port bow belonging to an unknown vessel, which it is alleged was trying to cut across the Elbe's bows. This light evidently belonged to the Crathie, which it is now certainly known is the ship which struck the liner and sent her to the bottom.

Steerage Passenger Bothen says that after the strange vessel struck the Elbe she altered off and steered in a semi-circle around the Elbe, but did not come near her, though had she done so she could have rescued a large number of those on board the sinking ship. This seems to be the opinion of several others of the survivors. Jan Yerver, another of those saved, says that when he last saw the Elbe, as the boat in which he was pushed away from her, she was canted over to port, and her bows were high in the air.

A great deal of adverse comment is caused by the fact that of the twenty persons saved from the Elbe fifteen of them belong to the ship's crew, and that the boat in which they saved themselves contained only one woman and no children. Attempts have been made by some of the survivors to account for this, but in no case in a satisfactory way. Even the solitary woman who was saved was not originally taken into the boat, but was picked up in the water after the boat had pushed away from the sinking ship, greatly against the wishes of some of the occupants of the boat.

Excuses from Crathie's Captain. The owner, at Aberdeen, of the steamship Crathie, which ran into and sank the Elbe has received a brief telegram from the captain at Mansluis, stating that the Crathie was in a sinking condition when she reached Maasluis. The captain was below at the time of the collision and the mate was in charge

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