

SMITH BILL ON THE RUSH

Measure Prohibiting Religious Garbs in School Passes First Reading.

QUAY COUNTY BILL ALL RIGHT

A Bill to Encourage Military Instruction in Public Schools Is Introduced. Board of Inquiry in Machold and Boyer Cases.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, Pa., March 1.—The Smith bill to prohibit the wearing of any religious garb by any teacher in the public schools is being pushed through the house. It was read the first time today, and Mr. Smith, of Philadelphia, has secured a special order for it for second reading on Wednesday, March 6, and third reading and final passage on Tuesday, March 12.

Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, opposed the special order and demanded a ye and nay vote on the resolution for it. "Unless the gentleman presents some cogent reason why a measure of this kind should have precedence over all other important legislation, I think this special order should not be made," said the member from Philadelphia. "I know of no reason why this should take precedence. It is not a matter affecting the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to a great extent. It affects the schools in this commonwealth, and why should all the business on the calendar, business of importance connected with autonomy of the state, take a back seat for business of this character?"

"I have never asked you for a special order," said the member from Philadelphia. "I believe in special orders unless they are for the purpose of forwarding the passage of some measure necessary to remedy some evil that exists in the state government. This act has not been introduced for that purpose. This legislation is not a measure of great importance. It is not legislation affecting the public generally, and I want to say to my friend on my right (Mr. Smith) that he is not striking at but one class of persons by this bill; but that it also affects the Mennonites and Dunkards, who, as well as other people, wear their peculiar garb while teaching school."

The members who voted in the negative: Cressy, Dambly, Dixon, Ely, Fallweller, Fow, Grulliths, King, Kip, Waple, Martin, Jacob H. Marshall, John H. Moore, Daniel F. Phillips, Rutledge, Sayfert, Smiley, Sively and Zulloke. The members who voted in the affirmative: The bill comes from the Democrats.

Step Towards Adjoindment. The first step towards the final adjournment of the legislature was taken this morning by the introduction of a concurrent resolution by Mr. Niles, of Tioga, fixing as the time 12 o'clock noon on April 25. Under the rules the resolution lies over until Monday evening. Should the resolution be adopted one-fourth of the bills on the calendar will never be reached. Mr. Fow, in speaking against it, said there are now in the appropriation committee 236 bills which alone will keep the house busy until that time if they were even on the calendar and that there is no prospect of their being on the calendar until the latter end of March.

Mr. Fow offered a resolution, which was defeated, that the rule that no bill shall be negatively by committee before the parties interested are given a hearing, be rescinded. A resolution was also offered by the Philadelphia members that the bill to require voters who desire assistance in the preparation of their ballot to disclose their disability under oath, which was negatively by the general judiciary committee, be placed on the calendar. The resolution lies over until Monday evening.

A resolution was adopted that the board of public buildings and grounds take immediate steps to improve the miserable acoustic properties of the house. The board has ordered heavy lambrequins for the windows as an experiment, but they have not been placed in position. Invisible wires have been strung in the house in the hope that they would correct the defect, but the experiment has been a failure.

To Furnish Light. Speaker Walton announced that he had appointed Messrs. Fow, Kunkel and Merrick a committee to confer with the board of public buildings and grounds as to the cost and advisability of the state constructing a plant of its own to supply light and heat to the public buildings.

Chairman Kifer, of the house ways and means committee, announced that the committee would give hearings next Wednesday and Thursday to representatives of the local building and loan associations in the state on the new revenue bill framed by the state tax conference. These concerns are kicking on the one mill tax levied by the bill on the capital stock.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Fow for the prevention of accidents to children on railroads, omnibuses and railways and other vehicles. It is a draft of the New York act, which provides that the parents or guardians of any child who permits them to go on street cars, wagons, etc., shall be fined not less than \$5, nor more than \$10. Constables and policemen may arrest children violating the act and upon conviction they shall be fined, not exceeding \$5 for each offense.

Mr. Page, of Dauphin, presented a bill to encourage military instruction in the public schools. It provides that the principals of the schools shall enroll the pupils as members of the "American Guards of Pennsylvania," and that the schools shall be organized into companies and battalions with officers similar to the National Guard.

Governor Hastings will give a hearing next Monday afternoon on the Marshall bill repealing the act prohibiting the consolidation of competing pipe line companies. A delegation of independent oil producers and refiners from western Pennsylvania, under the leadership of ex-Senator James W. Lee, of Pittsburgh, will be here to speak against the measure. Their contention is that it would force out of business all the small pipe line companies if it becomes a law.

Quay County Bill. The bill creating the county of Quay out of portions of Luzerne and Schuylkill counties is still before the house committee on counties and townships. The committee will resume consideration of the measure next Tuesday. As

COLLAPSE OF A BUILDING

A Number of Bricklayers and Laborers Buried in the Ruins.

WORK OF RESCUE WAS SLOW

Jimmy Rose, an Italian Laborer, Still Missing—Joseph Barbara Buried for Two Hours in Brick and Mortar. List of Injured.

By the United Press. New York, March 1.—Another building disaster occurred about 4 o'clock this afternoon which proved nearly as fatal in its results as did the Tenth avenue malt house accident. The interior of four tenements in course of construction on Orchard street, near Livingston street, was struck by an enormous wall, and a number of bricklayers and laborers who were working on it were carried into the cellar with the falling walls. The dust that arose had hardly settled before rescuers were at work trying to extricate the unfortunates, and in a few minutes several of the unfortunate workmen were dug out of the ruins.

The dismantled beams and debris of brick and mortar formed such an intricate mass to disentangle that the work was slow. Those buried beneath it were rendered necessarily slow. Their cries could be plainly heard, however, and served to locate the various points where they were to be unearthed.

The hardest task encountered was in the rescue of Joseph Barbara, one of the Italians who was working in the cellar when the collapse occurred. There was several feet of debris bearing upon him, but he was still conscious when reached. It was two hours after the building collapsed before the imprisoned man was finally released from his terrible position. He was the last one rescued.

One man, an Italian laborer, is missing, and it is believed he is dead in the ruins. He was known to his fellow workmen by the name of Jimmy Rose.

List of the Injured. The list of injured with the extent of their wounds is as follows: WILLIAM WILKINSON, 21 years old; back broken; will probably die. PATRICK MULLOY, aged 48; badly injured.

PETER MALLOY, 46 years old; skull fractured; injuries serious. FRANK THORNTON, 18 years old; injuries to the head and body. His injuries will likely prove fatal. JOHN THORNTON, 21 years old; head cut and contusion of the body. GEORGE CAMPBELL, 22 years old; general contusions of the body, and both legs broken.

PATRICK FLAHERTY, 22 years old; head and back injured. EDWARD LAWLER, aged 19; head cut and shoulder injured. JOSEPH BARBARA, 20 years old; internal injuries.

The wrecked buildings have been in course of construction for ten weeks. Work had progressed as far as the fifth floor when the crash came. The owner of the building is William F. Lennon.

The contractors were Peter Comes and John G. Gleave. Both of the contractors, as well as the owner, were present when the accident occurred. They were placed under arrest. The charge made against them was criminal negligence.

It is expected that the responsibility for the disaster will be placed upon the prisoners. The materials used in the construction of the buildings, it is alleged, were faulty.

The loss of life in the wreck on the Inter-Oceanic railway was made known late this evening. Sixty-five persons were killed and forty injured. The death list is likely to be increased, as several passengers who were brought back in the wrecking train are expected to die within twenty-four hours.

Up to 11 o'clock tonight no bodies had been recovered from the ruins, although thirty men were at work removing the debris as the general impression is that the man Ross, another man named Seumann, and two hod carriers are somewhere buried beneath the ruins.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

The Industries Make Very Slow Gains Where They Make Any—So Essential Change in the Money Market.

By the United Press. New York, March 1.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: No gold goes out, though sterling exchange has risen close to the exporting point, and it does not appear that the syndicate has yet made any effort to control the exchange market. London has sold about 20,000 shares of stock during the week, and the market is distinctly lower for railroad shares, though a shade stronger for trusts.

The stock market walls abjectly for London, and foreigners show no far more disposition to sell than to buy. Withdrawals of gold by redemption of legal tenders have not ceased, but since the closing of the syndicate contract have averaged about \$120,000 per day. There is no essential change in the money market, though rates are somewhat higher. Agriculture products are a shade higher, but without any reason which looks to future operations.

More people are idle in the great industries than were idle last week, but not for reasons which distinctly affect the future. The money market is very slow gains where they make any. Little is said of the stoppage of the Edgar Thomson steel works, though many thousands hands depend on its operations because the Carnegie company has purchased 50,000 tons Bessemer pig at \$9.95 to \$10.05 at Pittsburg, a price indicating that the biggest concern in western Pennsylvania does not want to make iron for less.

The failures for the week have been 259 in the United States against 261 last year, and in Canada 58 against 42 last year.

Prison Doors Opened. Harrisburg, Pa., March 1.—Parsons were issued today for William Orr, the New Bloomfield attorney, and Mamie Alexander, Philadelphia, whose parsons were recommended by the board of pardons.

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By the United Press. New Fair set of officers of Lackawanna Township will be sworn in Monday. According to law which provides that new officers of townships shall take

DEFICIENCY BILL PASSED

But One Important Amendment Attached to the Measure.

BEHRING SEA NOT IN THE DEAL

Senate Bill to Suppress Traffic in Lottery Tickets Approved by the House—Measures That Were Defeated—Account Against Old Virginia.

By the United Press. Washington, March 1.—The general deficiency bill—the last but one of the thirteen great appropriations bills which congress has to pass every session—occupied the attention of the senate today and was passed this evening. There was but one important amendment reported to it from the committee on appropriations, and that was one appropriating \$1,969,530 to pay a judgment in favor of the Southern Pacific Railroad company for government transportation. This item provoked very strong opposition, and would probably have experienced the fate which has overtaken it every session for many years back had it not been accidentally fortified by an amendment to the other side to pay the amount as to the payment of about one-half the judgments of the court of claims under the French spoliation act, and under what is known as the Bowman act. This proposition covering about \$900,000 had been carried and attached to the other side to pay the amount as thus amended was carried by the vote of 22 to 21.

The question of the Behring sea indemnity fund came up in the shape of an amendment offered by Mr. Cockrell to the deficiency bill appropriating \$50,000 for the expenses of arbitration as to the indemnity. That was antagonized by Mr. Sherman, Ohio, as an unwelcome proposition, which would result in much larger cost to the government and in weakening the principle of international arbitration. He offered a substitute to pay the amount, which was agreed upon by the secretary of state, Mr. Morgan, Alabama, who had been a delegate to the original Behring sea conference at Paris, declared that such payment would be disgraceful to the administration and to the people of the United States. Mr. Cockrell, in order to avoid a long discussion, withdrew the amendment, and Mr. Sherman's substitute fell with it. And so the deficiency bill contains no item on the subject of the Behring sea indemnity. The deficiency bill was passed at 7:30.

After the passage of the deficiency bill the remainder of the night's session was given to private pension bills and to the delivery of eulogies on the late Representatives Lisle, of Kentucky; Wright, of Pennsylvania; Post, of Illinois, and Hook, of Ohio.

House Proceedings. Senate Bill to Suppress Traffic in Lottery Tickets between the several states and with foreign countries. These bills were passed without a division of the house.

The house bill directing the secretary of the treasury to pay to the state of West Virginia the balance of the direct tax voted to it in 1891—about \$154,000—was passed. The money was withheld because the comptroller of the treasury decided that it was an offset for her proportion of the claim of the United States against Old Virginia on account of certain Indian trust bonds.

Joint resolution authorizing the publication of the dairy tests made at the World's Fair.

The senate bill with house amendments to amend the inter-state commerce act so as to abolish the penalty of imprisonment for its violation and substitute a fine of \$5,000 against the corporation. This was defeated because of a fear that if it were passed the conferees would add the pooling bill to it.

WITNESSED THE HANGING. Crowd of 3,000 Break Into a Jail Yard in Georgia.

By the United Press. Fairburn, Ga., March 1.—At noon today Joseph Dean, a negro, convicted of the murder of a white farmer, A. B. Leight, who resided here, was hanged. He was allowed to make a speech at the court house in which he reiterated his confession and warned the people of his race against wharped and crime. He told in detail the circumstances of the murder.

There were fully 3,000 people in this little town to witness the execution. The hanging was to have been in private, but just after Dean had been let to the scaffold, the crowd broke down the inclosure. The first effort to hang the man was a failure, as the rope broke. He was carried to the scaffold and another drop was taken. This proved successful.

WILL TAKE THEIR OATHS. New Set of Officers of Lackawanna Township Will Be Sworn in Monday.

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ALMOST A MURDER

Watchman Hamilton, of the Pancoast Brecker at Throop, Is the Victim.

Four drunken Hungarians tried to cross private land of the Pancoast Coal company at Throop Tuesday. An Italian boy named Anthony Dodge, employed on the rock dump at the Pancoast breaker saw them and ordered them off. When they refused, he called for the watchmen, Thomas Hamilton and A. L. Bamfield.

They responded and the result was an attack upon the employes by the drunken Hungarians. One of the latter used a knife and slashed Watchman Hamilton on the face. The blade was drawn down across the left eye and the ball severed, almost. The gash extended down the cheek and cut a deep furrow. The man who used the knife escaped and his name is not known. Bamfield and Dodge escaped with trivial injuries. Hamilton has another wound on the left side of the head. His injuries are not seriously. But he will lose the sight of his left eye and his face will be awfully disfigured.

Three of the Hungarians, John Deisha, John Shabuck and George Combosky are in the county jail. They were arrested before Justice of the Peace Edwin Bamfield, of Throop, and committed to await the result of Hamilton's injuries. The man who did the cutting is believed to have made his escape from the country, as it was supposed that Hamilton would die from his wounds.

ANOTHER ARREST MADE.

Michael Coggins Charged with Being Implicated in Moon Stabbing Affray.

Another arrest has been made in a stabbing affray which occurred Tuesday night near the Jersey Central round house. L. P. Moon, a watchman, was assaulted by several men and cut with a knife. Early yesterday morning Michael Coggins, of Fifth street, the fourth man to be arrested, was brought to the central station on a warrant by Patrolmen Block and Walsh and in default of bail was committed to jail.

Patrick O'Brien, of Meridian street, the man accused of using the knife, had been arrested Wednesday and on the day following was released by Judge Edwards under bail, as the watchman is not seriously hurt. O'Brien, Hill and Martin, Lavelle, of Fourth street, were arrested Thursday night, and Lavelle was sent to jail.

Lewis Brown, the last one of the gang of toughs, was arrested at 10:45 last night by Patrolmen Walsh and Jolher.

RUNAWAY DOES DAMAGE.

Milkman Edward Conrad Injured in a Street Collision Yesterday.

A smashup occurred yesterday morning at the foot of the Penn avenue hill, where the avenue intersects Olive street. A team of horses attached to a heavy wagon, and owned by P. J. Reap, of the South Side, broke loose on Lackawanna avenue and turned down Penn. Under the bridge the flying team dashed into a milk wagon driven by Edward Conrad, who was thrown out and his shoulder severely injured.

His little 3-year-old son was in the wagon and narrowly escaped a blow from a broken neck yoke on Reap's wagon. The milk wagon was smashed and the contents scattered upon the street. Both of the runaway horses suffered ugly bruises.

SPARKS BY TELEGRAPH.

Hilola has established a quarantine against cattle from many southern and western states.

The American Protective association will hold its national convention at Saginaw, Mich., March 12.

St. Louis' smallpox epidemic is rapidly decreasing. 35,000 people have been vaccinated in two weeks.

To mail carrier on the route between Forest and Trenton, Miss., was murdered and the mail robbed on Tuesday.

After being hanged seven days, T. P. Prescott, a New York murderer, got relief from diluted nitro-hydrochloric acid.

Upon receiving a three years' sentence for defrauding a "Prison bank," Frank Truesdell made an affecting speech to the jury.

On the plea of financial adversity, Robert A. Mantell, the actor, asks the New York courts to reduce the alimony payable to his divorced wife.

Accusing his brother, William, of betraying his moonshining proclivities to the sheriff, Charles Jenkins, of Monroe county, Tenn., killed him with a stick.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, rain or snow; much colder with a cold wave.

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