

FATE OF THE SMITH BILL

The Religious Garb Measure Has Hard Lines Ahead. HESITATION IN THE SENATE

Members Fear the Result of Passage or Defeat--The ex-Governor Cannot Find a Good Beth--Gordon Impeachment Case.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, April 21.--Little effort has been made to bring the Smith religious garb bill out of the senate education committee.

This bill passed the house finally over a month ago, and since then has been in the senate education committee.

The impression was given out at first that the measure was to be pushed through with possibly some amendments.

Representatives of patriotic orders were given a hearing and they were satisfied to accept the amendments.

The principal one was suggested by Senator Flinn, of Allegheny. It placed the penalty for violation of the proposed act upon the boards employing teachers wearing religious garb.

After this charge was agreed to it was thought the bill was to be put on the senate calendar and acted upon at once.

Since that time the measure has been asleep in committee, and it is beginning to look as though it would never be awakened.

Senator Becker, secretary of the committee, is making a strong fight against it. He claims the people of his district, which is a portion of the Third congressional district, Philadelphia, do not want the bill to become a law.

ANOTHER JACK THE RIPPER

New York Startled by the Discovery of a Fiendish Crime.

A WOMAN HORRIBLY MUTILATED

Alice Walsh Discovered on the Stairway of a Thompson Street Tenement House Dying from the Effects of Stab Wounds.

New York, April 21.--A murder which has not been surpassed for atrocity since "Old Shakespeare" was found butchered in the East River hotel three years ago, was committed in Thompson street, or its immediate vicinity, early this morning.

The victim of the crime was a woman, known as Alice Walsh, a frequenter of the region around Thompson and Sullivan streets, who was found in a pool of blood in the hallway of No. 143 Thompson street, shortly before six o'clock.

Mrs. Carmela Ruggiero left her room on the third floor at a few minutes after five o'clock to go to mass. The stairs were still dark, but in the faint light which came through the open street door, she saw the form of a person sitting on the second step of the staircase, which leads from the entrance hall.

The body was in such a position as to completely block Mrs. Ruggiero's path. It was seated on the floor and she shouldered her way to place it to the right, and the left hand grasped the railing of the banisters.

Mrs. Ruggiero had by this time grown accustomed to the dim light and saw the body was that of a woman. She took the outstretched hand which was a trail pool of blood on the floor and a trail of blood leading toward the street door.

A woman's opinion. Ruggiero did not stop to investigate further. A policeman was notified. He summoned an ambulance and when it arrived the surgeon in charge decided from a brief examination that the woman was intoxicated and that she was suffering from a female ailment.

The woman was taken to Bellevue hospital, where Dr. Finch made a thorough examination and discovered that the woman had been stabbed in the pelvic region and that there were many bruises on her body.

The woman remained in an unconscious condition until her death, which occurred at 11:45 a. m. The body was taken to the morgue, where an autopsy was performed.

The result of the doctor's investigation showed that a man, known as "Jack the Ripper" had been committed. The dead woman was evidently a woman of the town and was about 25 years old.

SOVEREIGNS ARE JEALOUS

German Princes Are Wrangling for Place in Kiel Procession.

BAVARIA WANTS POST OF HONOR

Madame Modjeska Objects to Being Expelled from Russia and Appeals to Ambassador Runyon--She Desires the Return of Her Koubles.

OIL MARKETS OF EUROPE.

The Combination of the Standard Company with the Russian Oil Producers Has Caused Great Excitement--Austrian Market Quiet.

Berlin, April 21.--Trustworthy dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the Standard Oil Company and the Russian oil producers have perfected their agreement, which awaits now the finance minister's sanction before becoming operative.

The public share largely the excitement of speculators in oil. Every scrap of news regarding the Russo-American negotiations has been snapped up eagerly and spread conspicuously on the front page of newspapers throughout the empire.

The Austro-Russian market has not been affected much by the flurry in America. Austria refines all the oil that she requires and the bulk of her refined oil comes from Galicia, although she gets some of the raw product from Russia.

Reports have multiplied in the Russian petroleum market since the flurry which was occasioned by the Russo-American oil deal.

Mme. Modjeska, the Polish actress who was expelled from Russia recently, is in Berlin. She has appealed to Ambassador Runyon to intervene in her behalf.

She supposes that she was expelled on account of a speech, in favor of the Poles, which she made in Chicago. She entered Russia with her husband, and they had secured a contract to play in Warsaw, Moscow and Odessa.

As required, she deposited 2,000 roubles surety with the Warsaw authorities and posted her bills. She received notice to quit Russia within two weeks, on pain of being returned to her native Poland.

Hand Car Meets an Engine. Serious Collision on the Montrose Railroad Near Tunkhannock in Which Several Men Are Injured. Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Tunkhannock, April 21.--A serious, and perhaps fatal accident occurred on the Montrose railroad today. A special train, conveying General Passenger Agent A. P. Blakelee and another railway official to inspect the Meshopie creek bridge, near Avery station, left here about noon.

LEFT TO THEIR FATE.

Inhuman Conduct of the Captain of a German Steamship, Who Sails Away from a Sinking Schooner.

Philadelphia, April 21.--The steamship Southwark, which arrived here from Liverpool, brought Captain Edwin Moore and the crew of six men of the Nova Scotia schooner Glenola, from which they were taken on Friday last.

When abandoned the Glenola was in a waterlogged and sinking condition. The Glenola left Halifax for Demerara with a cargo of dried fish and potatoes on April 11.

Almost from the beginning of the voyage the crew were in a state of mutiny. On Tuesday last a gale struck the little schooner and battered her fearfully.

On Wednesday the gale moderated, but a nasty sea was still running and the crew were compelled to work hard to keep their vessel afloat.

Several steamships were seen on Wednesday, but none passed near enough to be signalled. On Wednesday evening a three-masted heavily laden German steamer, bound probably for either Philadelphia or New York, bore down to the Glenola in answer to her signals.

Conspired with the Hovas. Marseilles, April 21.--John L. Waller, United States consul at Tamatave, arrived yesterday from Madagascar about the steamer Djemah and was taken directly to Fort Saint Nicol, where he will be confined until transferred to the civil authorities.

Shot by Policeman. Patrolman Harvey Painter Kills Arthur Snyder. Anderson, Ind., April 21.--Patrolman Harvey Painter, of Anderson, and Arthur Snyder met on Canal street, in that city, last night and had a few words which resulted in Snyder's drawing a revolver.

Blackburn's Position. The Kentucky Senator Is Still on the Side of Silver. Louisville, Ky., April 21.--Senator Joseph C. Blackburn has thrown down the gauntlet to those who desire to contest his re-election to the United States senate, and boldly invites a canvass upon the currency issue.

Washington Waifs. Congressman Hitt, of Illinois, is seriously ill at Washington of grip. No more figures regarding the production of tin and terms plate will be collected by treasury officials.

Satolli at Pottsville. Pottsville, Pa., April 21.--The north side of Sharp mountain was filled with 10,000 people this afternoon when Monsignor Satolli, the papal legate, lay the corner stone of the proposed new parochial school for St. John the Baptist German Catholic church of this city.

Weather Report. For eastern Pennsylvania, showers; cooler in western portions; southwesterly winds.

ALL IN THE FAMILY.

Brother-in-Law of Seely Is Charged with Defrauding Shoe and Leather Bank.

New York, April 21.--Samuel C. Ayman, charged with defrauding the Shoe and Leather bank out of \$20,000, and who was arrested in Brooklyn last night, was today arraigned in the Tombs police court and committed to await further examination.

Mary Was a True Prophet. But She Is Liable to Be Arrested for Memphis, Tenn., April 21.--The death of Peter Macklin, which was investigated by a coroner's jury yesterday, promises to bring to light a big sensation, with the trial of his jilted sweetheart for murder as the climax.

Condensed State Topics. The fourteen breweries represented at Shenandoah are in a beer war. A boycott of Auburn postoffice costs Postmaster Dace \$100 a year.

Another Scheme for Torture. Columbus, Ind., April 21.--A device has been patented here by which the steam whistles are to be sounded by electricity. From any given point all the steam whistles in the United States can be sounded simultaneously.

Mrs. Parnell Unconscious. Bordentown, N. J., April 21.--Mrs. Parnell's condition showed no improvement during the night. She is still unconscious and her death seems probable.

Germany Could Not Corner Silver. Washington, April 21.--Alfred C. Johnson, United States consul at Stuttgart, Germany, reports to the state department that German sentiment appears to be opposed to any change in the existing gold standard.

Sparks by Telegraph. Highwaymen stopped a stage near Kenosha, Ore., but obtained little booty. A \$2,500 forgery sends to prison for six and one-half years S. S. Herzog, a New York forger.

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