

DAY WITH THE LAWMAKERS

Work Before the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

MANY MEASURES CONSIDERED

Act Relating to Reading of Bibles in Public Schools Reported Favorably. Bill to Raise Penalty for Sunday Law Violations.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 26.—The house met at 10 o'clock this morning. The act relating to the reading of the scriptures in the public schools was reported favorably. It provides that each teacher shall devote not less than five nor more than fifteen minutes to the reading of the Bible every day before the session.

Mr. French, of Washington, introduced a bill increasing the penalty for violating the Sunday act of 1794 from \$4 to \$25.

Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill fixing a penalty of \$50 for the placing of dynamite or other explosives in a stream to catch fish. This is to meet the declaration of Judge Stewart, of Franklin, that the present law relating to this offense is unconstitutional.

When the order of original resolutions was reached, half a dozen members were on the feet in an instant with propositions for special orders for the consideration of favorite bills. Among those who was successful was Mr. Burrell, for the act creating the office of deputy auditor general.

Mr. Rice, of Montgomery, offered a resolution that the house should not adjourn until every bill on the calendar today had been considered. This created a stormy scene, but its opponents were not in the fight and the resolution went through.

A joint resolution was received from the senate providing for the creation of a commission to represent the state at the Atlanta cotton exposition. After being amended so as to include the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of the house on the commission, the resolution passed.

SENATE BILLS CONSIDERED

The house then took up the calendar of senate bills on second reading, passing the following among others: To authorize the printing and distributing of mining inspectors reports; to prevent the pollution of streams supplying centers of population by the use of land for burial purposes within prescribed limits; for the incorporation of ship canal companies; regulating the leasing of corporate franchises and property; giving bidders associations the right to make temporary loans; authorizing traction or motor power companies to contract for the sale, lease and operation of their properties and franchises.

The bill to prohibit a change of text in the constitution, which was introduced on Wednesday by not receiving a constitutional majority, again came up on a motion to reconsider the vote by which it was defeated. It was carried and the bill was again on final passage. It was postponed for the present.

There was considerable bitterness shown over this matter before the vote was announced. Mr. Herzog, charging that Mr. Ritchie had been marked as voting "aye," and Mr. Smith that Mr. Rhoads had been marked as voting "aye," when neither was present.

Mr. Focht returned the intimation that the charging was all on one side, by showing that Mr. Harrison had been voted when absent.

The house defeated the free kindergarten bill, and then adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

OSCAR LOOKS CAREWORN

It is Also Announced That His Hair Has Been Cut.

London, April 26.—The trial of Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor was begun in the central criminal court, Old Bailey, today. Charles Parker, and the other witnesses who testified at the preliminary hearings were called to the stand and repeated the stories they had previously told. Wilde looked careworn and anxious, and was much thinner than usual.

The fact that he had his hair cut short added to his attenuated appearance. Taylor maintained his air of unconcern. Both prisoners pleaded not guilty.

TWO MINERS ENTOMBED

Imprisoned by a Fall of Rock in a Cranberry Colliery.

Hazleton, Pa., April 26.—A horrible accident occurred at Cranberry colliery this evening, two men being imprisoned by a fall of coal. One of them, William Dugan, was taken out two hours later and died before being removed to his home.

George Weaver, the other man, is still inside the colliery. It is not known whether he is dead or not. Everything possible is being done to get him out alive.

ONE BODY FOUND

A Miner Entombed Last October Recovered by Rescuers.

Shamokin, Pa., April 26.—The remains of William Barcnavige, one of the four workmen who were entombed in the Luke Fidler mines on October 8, last, was recovered this morning. The remains were in good condition and showed that death ensued from suffocation.

It is expected that the bodies of the other three miners will be reached soon.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED

On May 1 Trouble Will Begin in Ohio Coal Fields.

Belleaire, Ohio, April 26.—The first district, containing the counties of Jefferson, Harrison, Guernsey and Tuscarawas within its borders, has the finest coal fields in Ohio.

It is conceded now by prominent coal operators that on May 1 another big strike will be ordered which will end in turmoil and riot.

AMPLE SATISFACTION

Local Unions Admissions That End the Alliance Affair.

Scranton, April 26.—A dispatch to the Central News from Madrid says that United States Minister Taylor refuses to talk on the subject, but information obtained in other quarters confirms the statement that the Alliance affair has been settled.

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REFORM SCHOOL REVOLT

Thirty-seven Inmates Make Things Lively at Westboro.

Washington, April 25.—Pandemonium reigns at the Girls' Reform School near this city. At 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon the inmates, thirty-seven in all, rose in revolt against the school authorities, and although they are locked up in their rooms today they are keeping up the revolt by yelling, stamping and making things disagreeable in other ways.

MURDER AT EASTON

Mrs. Ray Blackwell Found with a Bullet Hole in Her Temple.

Easton, Pa., April 25.—The dead body of Mrs. Ray Blackwell was found in bed at her home in Phillipsburg, N.J., at 10:30 o'clock last night. A bullet wound in the right temple and a pistol beside her hand in the bed gave rise to the belief that she had committed suicide. Today Samuel Carpenter, a resident of Easton, was taken into custody by Easton officers on evidence furnished by the Phillipsburg authorities, who believe that he is implicated in her death.

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Iron production, stimulated because ore, coke and oil were to be dearer, is retarded by shrinking demand for products, for on the whole new business is less than in the last week of February or March. The structural demand for buildings throughout the country was never larger. The frenzy in oil has started a large demand for pipe, and sheets slightly advanced. Rails are stagnant, though a shade better at Chicago; wire for fencing, for rails and wire rods are so dull as to be scarcely quoted, and bar, though lifted a shade, meets no increased demand.

London bought about \$6,000,000 worth of stocks and bonds here this week. But the coal roads again failed to agree and the lowest prices of the year prevail for that product. The aggregate of all roads reporting in April is but 1 1/2 per cent. better than last year, and 13 1/2 per cent. less than in 1893.

Failures for the week have been 230 in the United States against 179 last year, and 37 in Canada against 26 last year.

MEDICAL JACK THE RIPPER

Whitechapel Murderer Said to Be a Leading Physician Now Maniac.

San Francisco, April 26.—A London physician, Dr. Howard, who was recently a guest of the Bohemian club, told his host, William Greer Harrison, that the Whitechapel murderer was a well-known surgeon whose curious actions first alarmed his wife. She then noticed that the horrid murders coincided in time with her husband's disappearances and that traces of blood were on him when he returned.

Professional friends were called in and one of them stated to the supposed murderer the facts in his own case and persuaded him that he was the guilty person. He could not deny his guilt, for he was aware that certain periods in his life were blank. He was locked up in an insane asylum at his own request and soon became a raving maniac.

An Allison Room Started.

Des Moines, Ia., April 26.—The state convention of the Iowa League of Republican clubs was held here today and Iowa Republican sentiment in favor of Allison for president was crystallized. Plans were made to send a big delegation to carry the Allison boom to the National league convention at Cleveland.

THIRTEEN MEN KILLED

Edinburgh, April 25.—An explosion of fire damp took place in a colliery at Denny, near Stirling, this afternoon, while 117 men were working in the pit. Thirteen of the number were killed and several were hurt.

Marines Have Not Landed.

Corinto, Nicaragua, April 26.—All is quiet here this morning. No English marines have yet been landed.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARRS

The official majority of the Republicans in the last state election in Michigan was 90,457.

Wearry of life, John McCabe, aged 60, ex-chief of the New York fire department, shot himself.

Extensive frauds in sugar valuations are said to have been unearthed in the "Price" custom house.

On the ground of abandonment, Mrs. Cuthbert Bullitt, of Louisville, began suit for divorce from her venerable husband.

In his suit for slander against Richard R. Fox, at New York, Christopher Clarke, his former business manager, got a \$2,000 verdict.

NEWS FROM THE CUBAN WAR

Additional Information Concerning Landing of General Gomez.

EMBARKED ON THE NOSTRAND

General and Party Land in a Fourteen Foot Keel Boat Carrying \$50,000 in American Gold with Them.

British Schooner Sunk.

Boston, April 26.—Additional information in regard to the landing of General Gomez and his party on the coast of Cuba has been brought to this city by Captain Lamont, of the steamship Inagua, from Central American waters. From authorities at the island of Inagua the captain learned that General Gomez and three other insurgent leaders reached Cuba from this country in a roundabout course, by way of Inagua, Jamaica and Hayti.

At Inagua they purchased a 14-foot, four-oared keel boat and embarked on the German steamer, Nostrand, slung their boat from the Nostrand's davits. Just at daybreak, on April 19, when the steamer was two miles off Cape Maysi, General Gomez and the others of his party dropped their boat into the water and quietly landed on the Cuban coast. Thence they made their way through the bush to the interior, where they are supposed to have reached the main body of insurgents. It was known at Inagua that General Gomez had with him fully \$50,000 in American gold.

Particulars about the sinking of a British schooner off the coast of Cuba by the Spanish warship Conde De Venadito were also gathered by Captain Lamont from the Inagua authorities. It appears that twenty-five Cuban insurgent sympathizers, exiled in Central America, took passage on the Atlas steamer Adirondack for Long Key, on Fortune island. At Long Key they made negotiations without exciting suspicion, for the vessel was a small schooner, and they finally succeeded through the American consular agent, Mr. Farrington, in buying one for \$1,500. One of the conditions of the purchase was that Mr. Farrington should allow his crew and officers to remain on board, their wages to be the same as those paid by Mr. Farrington. Concluding this arrangement, the new owners cleared for the island of Inagua. What they had as baggage was not known.

Compelled to Steer for Cuba.

After the departure of the schooner the Cuban owners, instead of allowing the captain to proceed to Inagua, compelled him to steer for Cuba, and they succeeded in landing at a point on the Cuban coast near Baracoa. Then they told the captain to return to Inagua or wherever he cared to go. The schooner had not proceeded three miles from the Cuban coast when she was becalmed and it was while she was thus lying helpless that the Conde De Venadito hove in sight, and, without making any signals whatever, fired into the schooner, sinking her and killing her captain at the helm. Two of her crew were picked up by the Spanish vessel and thrown into prison at Santiago de Cuba.

As the crew of the schooner were British subjects the Spanish government then communicated with Great Britain and the British warship Mohawk was sent down from Nassau with orders to arrest Mr. Farrington. It was found, however, that as the schooner had cleared for a British possession, Inagua, Mr. Farrington had had no ground for suspecting any trick, nor had he any means of knowing about her since her departure from Long Key. Moreover the bill of sale was made out publicly, in due form and accordingly Mr. Farrington was not arrested. To make themselves doubly sure of Mr. Farrington's innocence, the Mohawk officers proceeded to Inagua to ascertain if the schooner had been accustomed to touch at that island. The regular agent there was found to be expecting her within a few days, having heard nothing of the trouble. The Mohawk went to Santiago de Cuba, where the two sailors rescued by the Conde De Venadito were taken on board. These two men are supposed to be on board the Mohawk at the present time.

Mrs. Parnell Improving.

Bordenstown, N. Y., April 26.—The condition of Mrs. Parnell was more favorable today than at any time since the assault.

SHOT HIS WIFE DOWN

Perkiple Makes a Bad Matter Worse by Committing Murder.

Sidney, O., April 26.—A startling tragedy occurred in the jail here this morning. John Perkiple is a hunted wife slayer, and the body of his victim lies in the morgue. The Perkiples were young people and enjoyed the best of reputations. The husband is a successful business man and the wife was a beautiful woman. It was supposed that they lived happily. Last Tuesday Perkiple left home on a business errand and last night he received a telegram announcing that his wife was in jail awaiting his assistance. He arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning and was crushed to learn the cause of his wife's arrest. Thursday night the police made a raid on a disreputable house and captured a number of men and women, among whom was Mrs. Perkiple. She had gone to the house in company with a lover. When told of his wife's infidelity Perkiple started for the jail. He asked for an interview with his erring wife and was conducted to her cell. As he approached it his wife caught sight of him and began to weep hysterically.

"Oh, John, I—" began the poor woman, as her husband came to a standstill before the grated cell door.

There was a flash and the report of a revolver cut short her exclamation. With a piercing scream the wretched woman fell dead on the stone floor. The jail officers were horror-stricken, and in the confusion Perkiple escaped. No one noticed in what direction he went. Immediately several posses were organized and began a hunt, but no trace of him has yet been secured. The bullet struck squarely in the center of his wife's heart, and she was dead before her body struck the floor.

BIG FIRE AT CARLISLE

The City Visited by a Thirty Thousand Dollar Blaze.

Carlisle, Pa., April 26.—During a terrific wind storm this evening, fire, which broke out in the stable belonging to Daniel Hartzler, located in the First ward, destroyed the stable and the building of the American Brewing company with all its contents, beer and machinery. The sparks from the burning building communicated to the dwelling of ex-Judge Henderson, destroying the house and contents.

The buildings of the agricultural society, Mrs. Huyet and others were on fire from the falling sparks, but the flames were extinguished. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000. The fire was of incendiary origin.

WILL SUPPORT MRS. BELL

Methodists of Blackheath Will Look After Her if She Returns to America.

London, April 26.—The Methodists of Blackheath have decided to support the wife and six children of the Rev. Jonathan Bell. Mr. Hall, father of the girl whom Bell is said to have betrayed, is surprised because he has received no communication from America regarding his daughter.

He will take steps at once to learn the facts concerning her disappearance and death, and to bring to punishment the persons responsible for both.

MISS POLLARD WILL SAIL

New York, April 26.—On the French liner steamer La Champagne, which sails tomorrow for Havre, is Miss Madeline Pollard, who recently gained much notoriety at the expense of Colonel Breckinridge, of Kentucky.

NIAGARA IS STILL SILENT

Colon, April 26.—Advice received here from Nicaragua tonight are to the effect that at 9 o'clock this morning the Nicaraguan government has not handed its reply to the British admiral.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Ex-Postmaster General Bissell and family left Washington yesterday permanently.

Assistant Secretary McAdoo, of the navy, will return from the West Indies tomorrow.

Colonel William G. Rice, of Albany, N. Y., a Democrat, will, it is understood, succeed Theodore Roosevelt as civil service commissioner.

Colonel R. H. McLean, recently appointed by President Dole as commander-in-chief of the Hawaiian forces, left Washington yesterday for Hawaii.

WEATHER REPORT

For eastern Pennsylvania, showers; cooler; variable winds, mostly easterly.

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Elmer Wolfe was the first witness this morning. He repeated the story told at the inquest of his being present at Dr. Vogel's on the night of the murder. Durant arriving about 9:30, leaving the house with Durant and several young ladies, of accompanying Miss Low home, and about midnight seeing a man who resembled the accused near the church.

During Wolfe's cross-examination he was requested to take off his coat, but refused to do so. Counsel for the defense applied to the court and Wolfe finally removed the garment. He then admitted to counsel that it bore a resemblance to the one worn by Durant. On the night in question witness wore a dark coat and vest and light trousers, which were now at the ranch where he was employed and could be secured at any time.

George R. King, organist of the church was then called. He had no key to the side door of the church, but had one to the library. He put the new lock on the library door, being assisted by Durant, who was the only one other than himself present.

The lock (which was produced) caused a great deal of discussion among counsel. It was apparent that the defense would maintain that Durant, having a key, could have unlocked the door, and that, in his case, there was no need why he should break the lock. The prosecution, on the other hand, is of the opinion that as only he and King had keys to the room, he knew that to have unlocked the door would have been a violation of the law.

Chief of Police Crowley is of the opinion that there is not a single fact that points other than to Durant. "Mr. Gibson has a perfect alibi," he said today. "We have studied him very carefully, and have spared no pains to ascertain the truth or falsity of his statements."

Speaking of the Lamont case, Chief Crowley said the police department would present, if possible, a stronger chain of circumstantial evidence than in the case of Minnie Williams. "We shall follow Durant's movements up to the time when Miss Lamont met her death, and his relations with her, and all the circumstances of the tragedy will be clearly brought out."

Chief Crowley added that at this time it would not be prudent for him to make public all the evidence in the case, but he intimates that new witnesses would be produced to show that Blanche Lamont was last seen alive with Durant and in the immediate vicinity of Emanuel church. The case was continued until next Tuesday.

It is said the defense at that time will have Wolfe present, dressed as he was on the Friday night and see whether the witnesses can say the man near the church that night will swear it was not Wolfe.

COURTING IN COLLEGE

President Marsh Reprimands Several Couples.

Alliance, Ohio, April 26.—The faculty of Mount Union college is going to prevent courting among the scholars. Several of the young ladies and gentlemen were reprimanded this morning. President Marsh remarked: "It is said that matches are made in heaven, but I think a branch office has been opened at Mount Union college."

Mr. Marsh wants more study and less trifling with Cupid.

FORTUNE IN THE LUNCH

Dolan Quit After Twenty-six Years with Plenty of Cash.

New York, April 26.—Dolan's lunch room, on Park Row, where coffee and sinners, beef and—other things which go to make up the old-time quick lunch have been dispensed for many years, was closed for good today, and a number of persons went around there to bid it farewell.

It was opened twenty-six years ago by Patrick Dolan, with a capital of \$22, and he is said to be now worth \$800,000.

BISHOPS IN SESSION

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