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HAWAIIAN PROGRAMME

The Annexation to Date from the Glorious Fourth of 1898.

CONGRESS TO DEFER ACTION Secretary Sherman Thinks Prompt Action Necessary.

After a Report from the Committee on Foreign Relations the Treaty Will Be Left to the Next Session for Ratification--Hawaii's Treaties with Other Nations--Japan's Pretensions Make Hawaii a Special Case.

Washington, June 18.--The Fourth of July 1898, will be celebrated not only as Independence day in the United States but as an Annexation day in Hawaii. The statement is made today on the highest authority. Realizing that the treaty cannot be put into the form of law at this session of congress the administration will make no effort to press consideration of the measure, but will have a report made from the committee on foreign relations, and then allow public sentiment to manifest itself.

The plan now is to have the treaty ratified as early in the next session as possible, thus giving to Hawaii ample time to give notice that she will be an abrogation of all existing treaties with other countries. They will remove the necessity of the United States assuming any function which might be called in question by foreign powers with regard to their treaty rights.

The delay will bring Hawaii to this country free of all alliances by the middle of next year, and President McKinley, in order to give Independence day a double meaning to the islanders hereafter, will make formal occupation of the islands by this government date from July 4, 1898.

There is a growing sentiment that the Republicans will be able to rally enough Democrats and Populists to defeat the bill. There will be no bolters in the Republican ranks. Owing to the interest in the Hawaiian annexation question Mr. Davis (Minn.), secured an agreement in the senate today for the printing of 5,000 copies of the treaty and other documents.

Washington, June 18.--In view of the fact that false and misleading statements have been sent out from Washington as to Secretary Sherman's position on the question of the annexation of Hawaii, the secretary today said to the Associated Press that as a rule he opposed to the United States acquiring outlying territory, but he regarded the condition of the Hawaiian Islands as exceptional on account of the claim of Japan to these islands. He therefore approved of the treaty making Hawaii a possession of the United States, but not entitled to admission as a state.

The belief that action by the administration was precipitated by the attitude of Japan toward the islands is confirmed from a very high source in the state department. This official has been heard to say that the administration found it absolutely unsafe to wait longer. If the ultimate annexation of Hawaii was to be decided by this country, President McKinley greatly would have preferred to defer action until the tariff bill had been passed, and the condition of the country had reached its normal degree of prosperity. Almost to the last he was reluctant to act, but at the final moment he became satisfied that believing as he did in ultimate annexation, he could not wait longer. The Japanese government, he was forced to believe, had formulated a definite policy which was to literally absorb Hawaii into its kingdom by establishing an overwhelming superiority of numbers of Japanese there. The recent Hawaiian protest against the landing of certain immigrants was a ripple which showed the course of the stream.

The state department official who is authority for the above statement, believes that the administration's plans will not suffer by the expected delay in ratification, but that the delay is, on the whole, desirable.

EDWARDS NOT GUILTY. Court Decides That He Had Never Been Legally Summoned.

Washington, June 18.--The jury under orders from the court this afternoon brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of E. J. Edwards, New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Press on trial for contempt of the senate sugar trust investigating committee. The ground was that Edwards never had been legally summoned.

District Attorney Davis gave notice that he would call on the cases of Brokers Macartney and Seymour, the last of the recalcitrant witnesses on Monday next.

SOCIETY GOSSIP MAY BE AIRED. Boston, June 18.--George Blake, 72 years old, who was here today was both to talk on the subject of the Middlesex superior court at East Cambridge yesterday afternoon, charged with stealing three hens in Stowman. He pleaded guilty and begged for mercy. Judge Bond sentenced him to two years in the house of correction.

Barnato's Inquest. Southampton, June 18.--On the arrival of the British steamship Scot today with the body of the late Barney Barnato, the coroner's officers went aboard and held an inquest. The inquest was held and the jury returned a verdict of death from drowning while temporarily insane.

who had them in his possession, but could not obtain the copies. There was a great deal of spying done to find out the source of the scandalous reports circulated about town, but they could never be traced.

Sugden was discharged after matters had quieted down for reasons which were considered just and sufficient by Wilson. He tried to obtain a position as valet with several men, but Mr. Wilson would give him no recommendation.

Answer to the suit was made today. Everything in connection with the detective work was denied. The case was placed on the calendar of the supreme court for trial. Should it ever reach a hearing much society gossip might receive a public airing.

JOHN M. FRANCIS DEAD. He Was Editor of the Troy Times and Ex-Minister to Austria, Greece and Portugal.

Troy, N. Y., June 18.--John M. Francis, senior proprietor and editor-in-chief of the Troy Times and ex-minister of the United States to Austria, Greece and Portugal, died at his home in this city at 11:05 o'clock this morning.

John M. Francis was born at Prattsburgh, N. Y., March 1832. He was next to the youngest of his father's thirteen children, and early started out to make his own way in the world. The advantages of education accessible to him were very limited, but he found his training in the "college of journalism," the printing office, to which his tastes strongly inclined him. He served an apprenticeship on the Ontario Messenger at Canandaigua, N. Y., to which place he had gone in 1853 without pecuniary means, and, reinforced by the dauntless will which was to carry him to success, he soon won recognition as a forcible writer, and in 1854 was engaged for editorial work on the Palmyra Sentinel. Subsequently he was associated for a period with the late Hiram Bumphey in the editorship of the Rochester Daily Advertiser. In 1846 he came to Troy and became the chief editor of The Northern Budget, then one of the leading Democratic journals of the state, of which he was the sole proprietor. He was associated with the late Hiram Bumphey in the editorship of the Rochester Daily Advertiser. In 1846 he came to Troy and became the chief editor of The Northern Budget, then one of the leading Democratic journals of the state, of which he was the sole proprietor.

On the 25th of June, 1851, was founded the Troy Daily Times, which has become the proudest monument to his enterprise. In May, 1871, President Grant appointed him United States minister to Greece, and he accepted the trust and discharged its responsibilities with marked capacity and to the great satisfaction of his government for three years. After tendering his resignation he made a tour of the world, accompanied by H. Francis, President Grant had chosen Mr. Francis for the mission to Belgium, but the pistol of Galtou prevented the carrying out of that plan. President Arthur, however, appointed him minister to Portugal, and in 1884 he was appointed to that post, and for some time before going he will be busy in posting himself on the issues of the negotiations which will be carried on through him between the governments of this country and of Spain.

QUIET CABINET MEETING. No Matters of Great Interest Discussed Yesterday.

Washington, June 18.--The cabinet meeting today without feature. The Hawaiian matter was scarcely mentioned and only some incidental and relatively unimportant phases of the Cuban question were discussed. The president does not know yet just who General Woodford, the new minister to Madrid, will go to his post, but for some time before going he will be busy in posting himself on the issues of the negotiations which will be carried on through him between the governments of this country and of Spain.

ATE A GOLF BALL AND DIED. Mr. Kenney's Cow a Victim of Her Proximity to a Country Club.

Orange, N. J., June 18.--A cow belonging to School Commissioner Kenney died yesterday. It was thought she had been poisoned from eating a poster from a billboard, but a post mortem examination today showed that she had swallowed a golf ball.

MURDERER UNDER BONDS. Mild Proceedings in the Case of an Atrocious Assault.

Athos, Mass., June 18.--Gilbert Peters, a teamster at South Royalton, yesterday assaulted Belle Rollins, 7 years old. While he was being tried at the state today word came that the child was dead.

Peters was placed under \$5,000 bonds and the hearing adjourned until next week.

Warrants for the Hacketts. Philadelphia, June 18.--Warrants of removal were today granted by Judge Butler in the United States district court to Hackett, his wife, Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, and Mrs. Elizabeth Hackett to Pittsburgh, where they are wanted to answer the charge of conspiracy to defraud and using the mails in effecting it.

Democrats Getting Together. New York, June 18.--Ex-Senator Hill, who was here today was both to talk on politics. He said, however, that the Democrats were getting together again in Albany, but that he did not believe that the outlook was gloomy, but on the contrary, thought that everything was auspicious and bright.

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HALT OF TARIFF BILL IN SENATE

Less Than a Page of Flax Schedule Disposed of.

THE DEBATE DRIFTS TO POLITICS

Senator Tillman Becomes Excited as Usual and Creates a Sensation with His Sarcastic--If There Is to Be Sealing, Tillman Wants a Share for South Carolina.

Washington, June 18.--The tariff bill came to a halt today, less than one page of the flax schedule being disposed of. The debate drifted into political channels. Senators Bacon, Vest, Jones, Arkansas and Tillman, taking part in an exposition of Democratic doctrine on the tariff. It led to several lively exchanges during which the cleansing of political "dirty linen" was frequently referred to. Mr. Tillman's remarks were made with his characteristic vehemence, and at one point he frankly stated concerning the tariff that if there was to be stealing he wanted his share for South Carolina. Late in the day Mr. Morgan proposed a sweeping amendment to place a ten per cent ad valorem duty on all articles now on the free list, with a few stated exceptions. In supporting the amendment Mr. Morgan called attention to the singular fact that the income tax feature of the Wilson bill is not repealed and will be enforced by a change in the personnel of the supreme court of the United States.

In the discussion today Mr. Bacon, Democrat, Georgia, criticised the position of some of his associates in not favoring a duty on raw silk. This aroused Vest, Democrat, Missouri, who said he had remained thus far from exposing Democratic discords, but since the senator from Georgia had gone into "his laundry for washing Democratic dirty linen," and he asked Bacon if he believed in taxation limited to the needs of the government economically administered. Bacon answered that he did, and if he had his way there would be no tariff bill, but if he were to pass it, it passed it ought to be equalized in its benefits.

TILLMAN TAKES THE FLOOR. Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, here came in to call the attention of the "Democratic brethren" to the rates they had given to the Wilson bill to certain raw materials. If this was a fraud, then the present contest over taxing raw material was merely as to the amount of the fraud. Then Mr. Tillman added: "And I say plainly, if we are to have this stealing, I want my share for South Carolina."

There was a momentary sensation over the vehemence of Mr. Tillman's remarks. "I don't agree with that," said Mr. Bacon. "But the people of Georgia agree to it," persisted Mr. Tillman. Mr. Berry, Arkansas, deplored the divisions on the Democratic side and said he had hoped that whatever the divisions might be he would never see a southern Democrat supporting a protective law.

Mr. Hawley, Connecticut, called the attention to past Democratic platforms and Mr. Chandler, New Hampshire, in a series of questions sought to develop the disagreements of the platforms. This brought Mr. Tillman to his feet for another vehement utterance. "This washing of dirty Democratic linen is nothing new to me," declared he. "I've been doing it for many years, and have been trying to get the senate to do some of it." The senator reviewed the Democratic policy on the tariff. In speaking of the tariff contest in Democratic conventions, Mr. Tillman referred to the "spurious bastard" of tariff doctrine brought there by "Mr. Cleveland's tools." Turning to his associates he exclaimed that they had set the example by giving to the country in 1894 a disreputable protective tariff bill.

The discussion soon after quieted and the senate settled down to a consideration of the bill.

AMERICAN MECHANICS. Business of the National Council at Pittsburgh Yesterday--Appropriation for Operating Expenses.

Pittsburgh, June 18.--Today's session of the national council of the American Order of American Mechanics, was the busiest of the week. A great deal of work still remained undone and the delegates were anxious to clear the decks for final adjournment tonight. The report of the board of officers of Pennsylvania and the legislative committee protesting against any cut of the state appropriation for public school purposes was adopted, unanimously. The board of the trustees of the orphans' home at Tiffin, O., was approved and an appropriation of \$7,500 for operating expenses of the institution for the ensuing year was made. A long discussion followed on a resolution to change the national council's representative to be finally decided to make no change.

In regard to the election of the candidates of the subordinate councils, a sweeping change was authorized. Hereafter four black balls rejected a candidate, but those who cast the objection ballots could be called upon for their reasons for doing so. This was changed to make three black balls reject a candidate, and no reasons can be required. The ballots shall be cast in secret, and no one need know who opposes the candidate. This is aimed to secure a higher standard of membership. The rejection of a candidate by three or more black balls can not be reconsidered.

The convention adjourned sine die this evening. The session is considered generally as satisfactory, but the increasing of the per capita tax will find many opponents throughout the order. The Daughters of America sought recognition as an auxiliary but were fought hard by the Daughters of Liberty, who claimed a prior right to such recognition. The council decided to grant the privilege to neither, but equal courtesy will be extended to both in the way of advice, etc.

Three Years for Murder. Canandaigua, N. Y., June 18.--George Wilson, a half-breed, was today convicted of manslaughter in having killed George Greenblat, a Seneca Indian on the Canandaigua reservation last December. Wilson was sentenced to imprisonment for three years and to pay a fine of \$5.

SOLD WIFE AND CHILDREN. Zellar Was Not Prosperous, Accepted \$100 and Cleared Out.

Canton, O., June 18.--The transfer of a wife and six children for a monetary consideration occurred on Sunday last when the "damned" man, Jacob Zellar, near Beloit, a small village a short distance east of here, Jacob Zellar and Brecht Yenna, two natives of Switzerland, a year or so ago rented a farm near the village, worked it, and shared the profits. On April 1 they dissolved partnership. Zellar, who had a wife and six children, was not otherwise blessed by fortune, and tired of the burdens he was obliged to carry. Yenna is about 40 years old, thrifty and well to do. So on Sunday the "damned" man made his exit, and Zellar leaves for parts unknown, taking with him \$100 of Yenna's money, and the latter becomes the head of the family. The compact was arranged in the presence of witnesses.

GAIN IN BUSINESS. Gradual Increase in Every Important Branch of Trade--Produce Hinders Speculation.

New York, June 18.--R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-morrow will say: The retarding influence of cold and unseasonable weather has passed. The gain in business in the spite of it was seen a week ago had become clearer to all. There is evidence of gradually enlarging business in every important department, more establishments have been set at work, and more hands employed, and while produce still hinders speculative excesses the progress toward better things is unchecked. Reports from the various cities this week show a very general progress and a continuing large distribution of goods.

The profit is clearer, as it should be, in the industrial trading field. Contracts providing for consumption of seven million tons of iron ore have already been made, two million within the next fortnight. It is believed, though last year's contracts only terminated about two months ago. Bessemer ore is selling lower by 20 to 30 cents than at the outset. Blawieck at 2.25 against 2.55, but the heavy demand for additional mines at work. The speculative purchase of 100,000 tons southern pig at \$5.75 clears the deck for a larger business at better figures and sales at Chicago--150,000 tons--have been the largest for eighteen months. Reciprocity after the sudden situation through the purchase of Bessemer at Pittsburgh leaves the price \$9.50 per ton but the heavy orders for bars there and for 50,000 at Chicago, mainly from implement makers, with orders for many new buildings at the west, one of magnitude at Philadelphia and several at New York, the larger demand for plates and sheets, the order for 22 miles of pipe and the purchases of steel rails which have started the new Jolet works with good orders are far more important than the speculation in materials.

Coke production has increased 2,500 tons, without change in price. The demand for print cloths has exceeded the week's production and the price has risen a shade, while stronger and other grades of cotton goods are in slightly better demand. There is a more widely distributed business in woollens than was expected. In produce markets the year draws toward a close with slightly stronger prices for corn, owing to heavy foreign buying, and in cotton owing to a better foreign demand, notwithstanding more encouraging crop reports. Wheat was holding nearly two cents, but fell under a shade, and prices from winter wheat regions west of Ohio had much influence.

Failures for the week have been 158 in the United States against 276 last year, and 36 in Canada against 25 last year. INVOKED THE BLUE LAWS. Sile Tried to Get Out of Paying for Damage Sustained on Sunday.

Paterson, N. J., June 18.--Theodore Schaad and Henry P. Sile collided a few Sundays ago near Warren Point. Sile was driving a motor car and his wheel and the case was tried yesterday before Justice Hulsebush in this city. The defendant's counsel moved for a non-suit on the ground that the accident happened on Sunday the plaintiff could not recover, as under the blue laws of this state a motor car may not be driven on Sunday. The plaintiff's counsel said that his client was going to church at the time of the collision, and the motion was denied. Schaad got judgment for \$50.

Prominent Banker Dead. Harrisburg, June 18.--Jacob C. Bomberger, president of the Mechanics' bank and prominent as a banker since 1851, died here this evening. He had been confined to his bed since September with heart and kidney complaints and a stroke of paralysis which affected him today was the immediate cause of his death. He was born in Middleburg, Pa., in 1817, and was unmarried. He leaves an estate estimated at \$1,250,000.

Killed by Lightning After a Quarrel. Owosso, Mich., June 18.--Charles Moss, a German laborer, aged 25, living in West Owosso, was struck by lightning and killed last evening while eating his supper. Moss and his wife had quarrelled in the morning, and she had gone over to her mother's house, just across the street, and had taken her children with her, so Moss was alone in the house when it was struck.

American Meat Packing in Mexico. Monterey, Mex., June 18.--An American company has a representative here making preliminary arrangements for the establishment of a large meat packing and cold storage establishment in this city. Mexican cattle and American hogs will be used, and the packing products will be exported to England or sold in Mexico.

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PHILADELPHIA MURDER MYSTERY

The Body of Mrs. Mary Rogers Found Beneath Cellar Stairs.

HER HUSBAND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Police Do Not Charge Him with the Crime, But Are Anxious to Locate the Woman's Nephew, Who It Is Thought Can Throw Some Light on the Subject.

Philadelphia, June 18.--The body of Mrs. Mary Rogers, aged 45 years, was found by the police today beneath the cellar stairs in her home, 816 Capitol street, and covered by a lot of rubbish. The body was very badly decomposed and has evidently been in its position for some time. While the police do not state there are any marks of violence, they believe that the woman was murdered. Her husband, Alfred Rogers, a brick layer by trade, has been taken into custody pending an investigation. The police do not charge him with the crime, but are anxious to locate the woman's nephew, Charles Adams, who, it is thought, can throw some light on the mystery.

The husband in his statement to the police said that his wife disappeared about the 9th of this month. He reported her missing on the 14th. Nothing further was done until today, when he found a pair of her spectacles battered and covered with blood. He immediately notified the police and the search and discovery of the body followed. The belief is that the woman was the victim of a felonious assault or that the motive for the crime was robbery. The nephew is said to have served several years for felonious assault and is now only 21 years of age.

SESSIONS OF 20 MINUTES. The Calendar Cleared of First Reading Bills in the House of Representatives.

Harrisburg, June 18.--The house held a twenty minute session this morning, and then adjourned until 8.30 Monday evening. There was no quorum. Speaker Boyer and other members seemed anxious to avoid a call of the house. The calendar was cleared of first reading bills and the paper brokers bill was sent back to committee. Mr. McWhilney, of Allegheny, secured a special order for a bill requiring the weighing of bituminous coal before screening. The bill he read in the service of Tuesday morning, and taken up Wednesday at third reading and final passage.

Mr. Wilson, of Lycoming offered a resolution recalling from the senate the Simon electric light bill which passed the house Wednesday. The resolution was ruled out on an objection from Mr. Keyser, of Philadelphia. A bill was introduced by Mr. Mansfield, of Beaver, granting a pension of \$90 a year to Charles J. Taylor, private Company B, 10th regiment, for disability incurred while in the service of the state at the Homestead riots in 1851. A resolution was offered by Mr. Seyfert, of Lancaster and ruled out on an objection that the superintendent of public instruction be requested to furnish to the house the number and names of the different school districts in which a less sum of money is raised and appropriated by local taxation for school purposes than they received by the state last year and also the amount so appropriated in each case.

YOUNG REYNOLDS DIES. Third Victim of the Dredge Boat Catastrophe on the Susquehanna.

Pittsburg, June 18.--Morris Reynolds died here tonight. This makes the third victim to the dredge boat fire on the Susquehanna river a few nights ago. Reynolds was arrested on Tuesday, with his father and one other man, were asleep in the cabin of the boat when awakened by the smoke. Young Reynolds made his escape but the other two perished in the flames. In reaching the water deck, however, Reynolds was badly burned. He was taken to the Pittsburg hospital, where death occurred at 8.30 o'clock. Reynolds' wife and family of three children are in destitute circumstances at their home in Ashley, Mrs. Reynolds has seen her husband but once since he was taken to the hospital. The Spring Brook Water company, which employed the men, will bury the remains of this last victim.

REAL ESTATE AGENT ABSENT. James D. Lehr Has Disappeared. \$2,200 Also Missing.

Allentown, June 18.--James D. Lehr, a real estate agent, left home Tuesday and is still missing. He was the intermediary for the sale of a hotel property at Emmaus by the estate of William G. Hinkle, of Philadelphia, to Eugene E. Kemmerer, and has failed to hand over \$2,200 that Kemmerer had paid on account. A domestic attachment was this afternoon entered by the Hinkle estate on all Lehr's effects.

COUNTRESS TO LEAVE TOWN. The Offer Made to an Actress of Noble Birth.

New York, June 18.--The beautiful young Countess Olga Regina von Hatzfeldt, first cousin to Prince von Hatzfeldt, son-in-law of Collis P. Huntington, whose poverty and rich connections have recently come to light, has been offered \$5,000 and \$1,200 a year to leave the city by a man who she believes is an agent of Mr. Huntington.

When in need of money Mr. Huntington gave her \$10. She has been on the stage.

EARTHQUAKE IN KENTUCKY. Buildings Shaken in Several Places in the State.

Louisville, Ky., June 18.--A slight earthquake shock was felt in several places in the state between midnight and this morning. In Lexington nearly every building was shaken to its foundations. Mrs. Lucy Anderson, residing on the Georgetown pike, this county, was awakened by the shock and died instantly of heart disease. She was 45 years old. A very distinct shock was felt at Owingsville at 12 o'clock last night. Its arrival was announced by a loud report, followed by a rumbling sound and the shaking of household. Several chimneys were toppled over. Similar disturbances were reported from Mount Sterling and Morehead. At the latter place the shock was severe.

DAMAGE BY THE STORMS

Much Valuable Property Is Destroyed in Western Localities.

FOUR BOYS ARE KILLED

Small Cyclone Passes Over Portions of Iowa.

Buildings Connected with the State Institution for the Feeble-Minded Are Destroyed at Lincoln, Ill. Telephone and Telegraph Wires Are Down and Property Is Greatly Damaged Along the Lines--News of the Storm in Other Localities.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 18.--Returns received from both the north and western portion of the state indicate that last night's storm, which did not cease until morning, did much damage. A telegram from Greencastle says that large quantities of valuable timber were destroyed, large trees being twisted off at their roots. Fencing and stocks suffered severely and two large barns, valued at \$1,000 each, were destroyed by lightning. One at Hambricks station containing some valuable live stock, was destroyed. At Rochester, Brownsburg and Wabash, the damage was heavy to farm property. At Valparaiso, a heavy hail storm accompanied by a high wind, did a great deal of damage.

At Muncie, the Albany Lumber company's sheds were blown down, the Albany bottle works unroofed and chimneys and stacks blown down. Telephone and telegraph wires are all down. The Flint Glass works were damaged and the residence of Dr. Stout damaged by lightning.

Lincoln, Ill., June 18.--Four boys were killed and five persons were seriously injured by a tornado, which destroyed buildings connected with the state institution for feeble-minded this afternoon. Much damage was done to property in the city and surrounding country.

The boys killed had with others taken refuge in a barn which was demolished. They were pupils from Clay, their names were Sylvester Baker, James O'Brien, O'Neill Mackenzie, Leslie Latham. Ottumwa, Ia., June 18.--A small cyclone passed over Ross Hill, a village in Keokuk county, this afternoon, touching the ground in several places just outside the town. The damage done was confined to trees and out-buildings.

Paris, June 18.--A cyclone swept over the villages of Bezons and Colombes, near the city, this afternoon. Houses collapsed, trees were torn up, telegraph wires were broken, several people injured, and much general damage was done.

At Asnières everything was literally demolished. The roof of Colnet's fire works factory was blown off and a tall chimney was blown down and the boiler exploded, killing several persons and injuring fifteen.

It is reported that five persons were killed in a cafe. In every direction houses and other buildings were more or less seriously damaged.

It is estimated that throughout the storm in which the cyclone moved at least twenty persons were killed and nearly injured.

BRIGHT METEOR EXPLODES. Negroes and Others in South Carolina Frightened by Its Great Noise.

Columbia, S. C., June 18.--Residents of Troy, in Abbeville county, say that a brilliant meteor going southwest passed over that town at 9.15 last night. It exploded with a thundering noise. The negroes were terribly frightened and began praying.

Reports from Abbeville say the meteor passed over there when people were returning from a college commencement. The sparks seemed to fly from it and strike in the trees. The noise when the meteor exploded was like a blast in a quarry. The air was filled with thousands of sparks.

Floods in Spain. Madrid, June 18.--Violent hail and rain storms have swept the province of Sagovia in the old castle districts. Crops have been ruined, houses have been flooded and cattle and goods have been carried away by the floods. The people are panic stricken.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, June 18.--Steamer St. Louis from Southampton, Queenstown--Arrived; Steamer Euribia, from New York and proceeded to Liverpool, Hamburg--Arrived; Columbia, from New York.

Banker Spalding Not Guilty. Chicago, June 18.--The jury in the trial of ex-Bank President Charles W. Spalding for embezzlement, today acquitted this afternoon finding the defendant not guilty.

Lightning Kills Five Horses. Centerville, Md., June 18.--Six horses belonging to William Wessell sought refuge today from a storm under a tree. A bolt of lightning shattered the tree and killed five of the horses.

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, June 18.--In the middle of the storm, the weather will be generally fair with light to lower, followed by rising temperature and light variable winds, mostly from the southwest and south. On Sunday, in both of these sections, fair, warmer weather will prevail with light to fresh southerly winds, probably followed by local rain or thunder storms in the western districts of this section.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING. Weather Indications Today: Generally Fair.

1 General--Programme of Hawaiian Annexation. 2 Disastrous Storms in the West. 3 Local--Philadelphia. 4 Sports--Eastern, National and Atlantic League Base Ball Games. 5 States--Grievances of Coal Miners, Amateur Base Ball. 6 Editorial. 7 Comment of the Press. 8 Local--Philadelphia News of the Week, Social and Personal. 9 Local--Keystone Academy Commencement. 10 Court Doings of a Day. 11 Local--Graduation Exercises of the Scranton High School. 12 Banquet of the West Side Board of Trade. 13 Local--West Side and City Suburban. 14 Lackawanna County News. 15 Story--"Immoral Fame." 16 Welsh News from Home and Abroad. 17 Neighboring County News. 18 Financial and Commercial.