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COMPETITOR MEN FREE

They Are Surrendered to Consul-General Lee by Spain.

TO BE SENT TO NEW YORK

The Prisoners Pardoned by the Queen Regent.

The State Department Notified by Minister Woodford--The Men for Four Days in the Custody of General Lee Their Release from Prison Having Been Kept a Secret--The Thanks of the United States Are Conveyed to the Spanish Government by General Woodford.

Washington, D. C. Nov. 18.—Minister Woodford has telegraphed the state department that the Spanish cabinet has notified him that the Queen Regent has pardoned the Competitor prisoners.

The state department announces that the Competitor prisoners were turned over to Consul General Lee last Monday, and will be sent by him direct to New York today.

It is not doubted here that the prisoners are liberated on some such conditions as were imposed in the case of former prisoners, that is, that they shall not return to Cuba. After their bitter experience in the Cuban jails it is not believed here that the men will be disposed to violate any understanding of this kind.

It is strange that the men should have been for four days in the custody of Consul General Lee without the fact having become generally known, but it is supposed that secrecy was observed in order to ensure their departure from Havana without exciting trouble from the extreme conservative Spanish faction.

There were four prisoners, namely: Alfredo Laborde, the captain of the Competitor, a native of New Orleans; William Gildea, the mate, a naturalized citizen; Ona Melton, who claims Kansas as his native state, and who was on the Competitor in the capacity of a newspaper correspondent, and Charles Barnett, of British birth, but who claimed the protection of the United States government by virtue of his sailing on an American vessel.

The Competitor was captured, on April 25, 1896, off the Cuban coast, while engaged in landing arms for the insurgents. The defence of the men was that they were forced into the expedition against their will by the insurgent party aboard the boat. They were tried by a naval court-martial, before which they were at a disadvantage, principally because of their ignorance of the Spanish language, in which the proceedings were conducted, so that their conviction and the imposition of the death sentence were not a matter of surprise. At that point, however, the case assumed diplomatic importance.

ANOTHER TROUBLESOME FACTOR.

Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, had a long conference with Assistant Secretary Day this morning, and it is believed that the Spanish government is voluntarily about to remove another troublesome factor from the field of negotiations in revoking the decree made by Weyler, prohibiting the exportation of tobacco from Cuba. This prohibition has worked great hardship upon large American cigar making interests, and up to this time all efforts of the state department to secure an amelioration of the conditions of the decree have been unavailing. The reason set up by General Weyler for the order was the keeping in Havana of the supply of tobacco necessary to run the domestic cigar factories, and thus, by giving employment to workmen, keep them from drifting away into the insurgent ranks. It was a matter of common report, however, that another potent reason was a desire to cripple the Cuban cigar makers in the United States, from whom the insurgents drew funds.

It now seems probable that the decree soon will be vacated. Reports that come to Washington are to the effect that the new crop of tobacco that will be reaped in February next is of excellent quality and amount to four-fifths of an average crop. Buyers for foreign consumers are already in the field looking over the plantations, and it is expected that to facilitate sales the revocation of the decree of prohibition will be made.

GOOD IMPRESSION.

Madrid, Nov. 18.—At the meeting of the cabinet today a letter from the United States minister, General Stewart L. Woodford, was read, expressing the satisfaction and gratitude of the United States government relative to the settlement of the Competitor case and other current questions.

The communication created a good impression in political circles.

FAMINE'S VICTIMS.

Twenty or Thirty Reconcentrados Starving Daily in Juruco.

Havana, Nov. 18.—According to reports from Juruco, twenty-five to thirty reconcentrados die there daily from famine. The whole garrison is sick at Manzanillo. Colonel Escario, who escorted provision wagons to Guamo, found the garrison there suffering severly from fever and lack of food. One officer and twenty soldiers have died of starvation.

The only persons who have gone to the American Consulate to contribute to the fund for the relief of the reconcentrados are Senores Millia Perez and Viuda de Funes, who contributed $9 in paper currency and $23.50 in silver. All others apply to the Consulate for money.

The insurgents have burned a large portion of the canefield on the Portugalete Plantation, this province, the property of Senor Manuel Calvo. Gen. Bernal having left Colona with a large force, a squad of thirty men belonging to the San Quintin Battalion, who struck off from the main body to explore the line of march, was fallen upon and macheted by the insurgents.

WEYLER'S ADMIRERS.

They Are Prepared to Give a Warm Welcome on His Return to Spain.

Corunna, Spain, Nov. 18.—The Spanish steamer Montserrat, which left Havana on Sunday, Oct. 31, with General Weyler, the former captain general of Cuba, on board, and which subsequently touched at Gibara and at Porto Rico, arrived here unexpectedly today. She was not due to arrive here, according to the announcements, until Friday evening. As soon as possible after the Montserrat was signalled, crowds of people flocked to the harbor from all parts of the city, and a fleet of boats filled with admirers of General Weyler started to meet the steamer and escort her to her quay. Every craft of every description that the port offered was charted to convey individuals, societies and clubs to the Montserrat. A number of deputations went on board the vessel. The commandant of Corunna had a brief interview with General Weyler, simply conveying to him the desire of the queen regent and the government to receive him as speedily as possible at Madrid. General Weyler did not go on shore. He has decided to remain on the Montserrat until she reaches Barcelona, for which port she will sail direct at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning. Thus far there has been no disturbance of any kind whatever.

The excitement and activity of the Weylerians and anti-Weylerians was on the increase as the hour for the arrival of General Weyler drew near. The son of the retiring captain general of Cuba, who was serenaded upon his arrival here yesterday, was again serenaded last evening, after which the crowd adjourned to the office of the anti-Weyler paper and shouted "Down with the Liberals," etc. There were also some cheers for Marshal Blanco.

TRAIN LEAPS OVER AN EMBANKMENT

One Passenger Fatally Injured and Thirty Are Seriously Hurt--Miraculous Escape of Train Crew.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 18.—Train No. 2 on the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, which left Birmingham last evening for Kansas City, was derailed just west of Williford, Ark., this morning. The combination coach, chair car, and sleeper went over the bank, the combination car going into Spring river. The chair car and sleeper were both consumed by fire. One passenger was fatally and thirty more or less seriously injured.

The passengers in the burning cars were rescued before the fire had reached its height, and but few in those cars were injured. Screams and cries for help were heard on all sides, and because of the darkness rescue was difficult. As the flames from the two burning cars became brighter, the rescuers were enabled to work to better advantage. Luckily, not a person was drowned, and it was not long before all had been accounted for, and were being cared for as well as possible. The injured were taken to Thayer, Mo., and placed in a hospital.

The train crew escaped injury. The wreck is the first one of a serious nature in the history of the Memphis road, and if Mr. Hoover dies, he will, according to the statement of the general passenger agents be the first passenger ever killed while riding on a train on that road.

AT THE HORSE SHOW.

An Immense Audience Again Fills Madison Square Garden.

New York, Nov. 18.—The horse show attracted another immense throng of people to Madison Square garden tonight. At the evening exhibition the grand entrance looked from a distance like a mighty, seething torrent, so rapidly were the people coming in to augment the thousands already gathered in the garden.

Mrs. Beach, mounted on Miss Martha Cameron's Wasp, was the center of attraction in the opening class of saddle ponies which were summoned into the ring by the blast of a bugle. The evolutions of a squad of mounted police also greatly interested the spectators.

ARMED MEN HUNT A SECRET MINE.

To Dare a Tribe of Hostile Alaska Indians for Gold.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 18.—A party of sturdy New Englanders are here outfitting for a most hazardous trip over the glacial fields of Alaska. They are captained by F. Herbert Haines, a newspaper man. They are bound for the new Upper Copper River country, from which a man returned a few weeks ago with $20,000 in gold dust.

The new mines are very rich and are a secret, guarded by hostile Indians, so the explorers will go well armed, for there will surely be fighting.

The Baptist Congress.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—This was the last day of the Baptist congress. The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to a discussion of two subjects—"The Psycology of Convention" and "The Power of the Cross in the Life of the Believer." Six of the leading members of the church were appointed to speak on the questions. "The Psychology of Conversion" was discussed by Professor Noah Davis, of the University of Virginia; Nathaniel Butler, president of Colby university, Waterville, Me.; President W. S. Ryland, of Bethel college, Russellville, Ky., and Professor J. H. Harris, of Lewisburg, Pa.

Gold Standard Endorsed.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 18.—The State Bankers' association today adopted resolutions endorsing the gold standard, and elected P. L. Cannon, president; C. S. Capelle, vice president, and J. H. Dauby secretary and treasurer. They favor the abolition of days of grace by the legislature.

FOOT BALL GIANTS IN ACTIVE PRACTICE

Players Are in Constant Training for the Coming Games.

COACH WOODRUFF AT WATER GAP

University of Pennsylvania Bracing Up on Ozone at Water Gap--Yale Team Rehearses Tricks and Signals. The Tigers Preparing to Growl.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—This was quite a day for Pennsylvania's football team at the Delaware Water Gap. Coach Woodruff had his men up early and after a hearty breakfast they were taken for a long walk up hill and down dale. The air was frosty and clear and the team was greatly invigorated. Short signal practice of an hour was then held. In the afternoon another spell of light work was done. Outside of this, the men did as they pleased. The bracing pine laden mountain air has had a splendid effect upon the team and when they leave at 5.45 tomorrow afternoon they will be in a condition to make the crimson sons of Harvard tremble when they appear on Franklin field.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 18.—There was a comparatively small crowd on hand to cheer the members of the Harvard football team as they left the square this afternoon. This was less due to lack of enthusiasm than to the fact that the team was on board a special car of the street railway company which was not allowed to draw up at the customary place for cheering but started promptly for Boston as soon as the men were on board. Nevertheless a knot of 700 men remained in the square and cheered lustily for Captain Cabot and each member of the team, ending up with the Harvard yell.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 18.—Captain Rodgers and his Yale football team finished their practice for the season of 1897 tonight and the eleven and substitutes are resting from their labors preparatory to the great struggle with Princeton on Saturday. The team went to the field this afternoon at the usual hour, but no scrimmage practice was had. The men were handled with great care, and when they left the field for the gymnasium Trainer Fitzpatrick had the pleasure of knowing that his men had been brought to the climax of the season in perfect shape. The doings on the field consisted merely in a rehearsal of the signals and tricks, and practice in the handling of the ball.

The city is already beginning to show signs of the coming event and tomorrow's trains will bring hundreds of people into town. Speculation as to Yale's chance is at fever point. Few can be found who predict a Yale victory, but one of the coachers has inspired hope by the statement that Yale on Saturday will prove to be fifty per cent. stronger than she was against Harvard.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 18.—The Tigers went through their last practice of the season before Saturday's annual contest with Yale next Saturday on the 'varsity gridiron this afternoon. The undergraduate body turned out to cheer the team on their good work and to rehearse the songs that will be sung during the battle. The practice was sharp and snappy. Every man made himself a factor in every play, and the signals involving the various plays were gone through with success. The only defect appeared to be the slowness of the ends in starting with the interference. The coaches, of whom there was a small army, had the men on the jump from start to finish and corrected whatever faults were shown in the practice. The team and substitutes leave tomorrow afternoon for New Haven.

SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

William Moody Shoots Himself in the Back of the Head.

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 18.—A most sensational suicide occurred here this morning. William Moody shot himself through the back of the head while lying in bed in his room at his boarding house. Moody was one of the best known men in town, and the most popular. He was head clerk at Levy's book emporium. When he failed to show up for work this morning, William Levy went to his boarding house to ascertain the cause. On entering the room he found Moody lying on the bed, his head in a pool of his own blood. Moody died in an hour after the shooting. The bullet entered the back of his head and came out on the other side.

About two months ago Moody married Miss Maggie Lucyear, a popular and beautiful young woman of this city. Yesterday the two quarrelled, and the wife went to her parent's house to spend the night. When Moody awoke this morning he ended his existence.

MRS. CAREW LEAVES JAPAN.

She Will Serve Her Sentence for Murder in an English Prison.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 18.—The steamship Empress of China brings the news that Mrs. Carew, who was convicted about a year ago of the murder of her husband in Yokohama and whose sentence of death was commuted to imprisonment for life, has been sent to England on the steamer Sumatra. She will be confined in Woking prison.

Ryan's Ankle Sprained.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Tommy Ryan, while sparring with Jack Hamilton, his trainer, at Messina Springs near this city, yesterday, slipped to the floor and his ankle was badly sprained. He has declared his proposed meetings with Jim Ryan, at Elmira Nov. 25, and with Billy Stifft, at Chicago Nov. 29, off. His meeting with Charlie Johnson, of Philadelpaia, Dec. 13, has not been cancelled, as Ryan expects to be in shape by that time.

Must Pay Their Debts.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular to employes to the effect that clerks receiving a stated salary who neglect to pay their debts contracted for the necessary support of themselves and their families, without presenting satisfactory reasons therefor, will not be retained in office.

RIOTING AT BOGOTA.

Forty Men Killed in the Streets of the Capital of Columbian Republic.

New York, Nov. 18.—The crew of the steamship Holstein, which has arrived here from Santa Martha, United States of Columbia and Port of Hayti, reports having heard at Santa Martha a rumor that forty men had been killed at Bogota, the capital of the Columbian republic. They were mainly policemen, the rumor ran, and the election riot in which they fell occurred on November 1. No particulars were ascertainable.

A presidential election is to take place on December 5. The contest has engendered much bitterness. The present government has been expecting a revolution, and 4,000 Columbian troops have been held in readiness for a possible outbreak.

SALVE WAS EXPLOSIVE.

W. H. Huminston in Jail for Causing the Death of a Child.

Saratoga, N. Y., Nov. 18.—W. H. Huminston, a peddler of a salve, was today locked up in the Saratoga county jail. Last evening he sold some of his salve to the family of John Brown, who lives near Jonesville. Huministon asked permission of Brown to manufacture some of his salve on Brown's kitchen stove. Brown consented and the peddler had no sooner put the mixture over the fire than an explosion took place.

One of Brown's children was burned to death, and three other members of the family were so badly burned that fatal results are feared.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Mr. Bliss Submits Estimates Aggregating $156,532,419 for Appropriations by Congress.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary of the Interior Bliss in his annual report made public tonight submits estimates aggregating $156,532,419 for appropriations by congress for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899. Discussing pensions, he says:

Two hundred thousand pension claims are awaiting adjudication, and it is estimated that 40 or 50 per cent. of these will be finally admitted. If they are rapidly adjudicated they will swell the pension roll from $5,000,000 to $7,000,000. When, however, these claims are adjudicated and first payments made thereon, the amount of the pension roll will decrease very rapidly, possibly to $124,000,000 or $130,000,000 the first year. The total Indian population of the United States, exclusive of the New York Indians and five civilized tribes, approximates 177,178, located on 177 reservations, which contain approximately 33,404,837 acres. Of these, 4,555 have accepted allotments of land which aggregate about 644,147 acres. Secretary Bliss says while the opening of the Wichita reservation in Oklahoma, to white settlement, would greatly promote the development of that country, yet in view of the unsettled condition of the questions affecting their rights until there is further legislation he does not see how it can be done without causing great injury and distress. To guard against this recommendation is made that the Dawes commission be authorized to investigate questions for speedy and just settlement.

Such agreements as have been concluded vary so in their provisions that in view of the fact that eventually a uniform system of government must be provided for the Indian territory, it is questionable, the report says, whether any of the agreements should be definitely ratified by congress until the desired and necessary uniformity can be secured. The secretary says the five tribes have undoubtedly violated in many ways the spirit of their agreements with the United States under which the territory is now held and governed, and while he does not recommend any harsh government action, the secretary calls the attention of the president and congress to the chaotic condition of affairs of the territory growing out of the several tribes' methods of administration. Leading Indians have absorbed great tracts to the exclusion of the common people and government by an Indian aristocracy has been practically established to the detriment of the people.

From 200,000 to 250,000 whites by permission of the Indian government have settled in the territory, but are merely tenants by sufferance. No government for the Indian territory will be satisfactory until congress shall provide for the establishment of a single uniform system for the entire Indian territory that shall place all its inhabitants in possession of the rights of American citizens.

SHOT FOR REFUSING TO WALK.

Dying Deposition of a Young Woman in a Murder Trial.

Bengies, Md., Nov. 18.—The trial of Edward Flemister for the murder of Susie Hoffstetter, at Meeter's park, last June, was continued at Towson today. The dying deposition of the girl was admitted in evidence. In it she declares she was shot three times by Flemister, whom she knew only as "Jack," because she would not walk with him.

The evidence so far heard is very damaging to the accused. The latter is a railroad workman, 35 years old, and has a wife and child.

VERDI PROSTRATED.

So Affected by His Wife's Death as to Cause Alarm.

London, Nov. 18.—A special despatch from Rome says that Signor Giuseppe Verdi, the celebrated composer of music, who has been suffering greatly since the death of his wife, which was announced on Sunday last, is so prostrated that serious results are feared.

THE FIGHT IS OVER.

New York, Nov. 18.—Senator Hanna, of Ohio, was asked today as to the situation in Ohio. He replied: "Why, the fight is over in Ohio." Asked as to the attitude of Governor Bushnell and Senator Foraker in the recent contest, he answered: "Oh, I can't say anything about that. It would be very bad taste." Senator Hanna expects to return to Ohio next Sunday.

Confession of Cockeyed Louis.

New York, Nov. 18.—Louis Schmidt, alias "Cockeyed Louis," one of the prisoners at the police central office, has confessed that "Dutch Pete," whose name is given as Peter Geistel, was concerned with Fritz Meyer in the murder of Sexton Steig in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn and the killing of Policeman Schmidt in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, in this city. Schmidt stated that "Dutch Pete" had told him that he was a partner of Meyers in both crimes.

MYSTERY OF THE KETCHAM WEDDING

Statements Made by Tom Riley, the Milwaukee Hackman.

GROOM WAS A "SAWED-OFF" MAN

Description Given by Witnesses to the Wedding Fail to Fix the Identity of Groom--Attorney Purnell Expects to Prove That Ketcham Was of Unsound Mind at the Time of the Alleged Marriage.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Statements made by Tom Riley, the Milwaukee hackman who drove Mrs. Mabel Wallace Walkup to Rev. J. P. Roberts to be married on the morning of September 24 last, tend to strengthen the claim of John B. Ketcham's relatives that he was not the groom on that occasion. According to his story, which is corroborated by Miss Anna Miersch and Mrs. W. A. Hunsberger, the woman with the dark hair, married a man much shorter than she is. Riley today described the groom in the strange affair as "a little sawed-off fellow a foot shorter than the woman."

Miss Anna Miersch, who witnessed the ceremony, declared, too, that the man was much shorter than the woman, so much shorter that she exclaimed to herself: "What a little man to marry such a large fine looking woman."

John B. Ketcham was not "a little sawed-off man." He was fully five feet ten inches in height. Mabel Wallace is not more than five feet six inches. Accordingly, between the description of the groom of September 24 and the true Ketcham, there is a difference of over one foot in size. Mrs. Hunsberger describes the groom as a small man, certainly smaller than the woman.

It is almost certain, however, that Keller, the butler, was not substituted for John B. Ketcham. All agree that the principal in these secret nuptials was really a very sick man. His face was thin, drawn and haggard. He looked as though he had suffered for months. Keller looks, and as near as can be ascertained, has for months past looked well and healthy.

Further, from all available information, the butler stayed behind at the Plankinton house during the ceremony. It was not until all was over and the couple had been driven to the depot that he left the hotel. He settled the bill for "A. B. Young, wife and servant, Boston," as the trio appeared upon the register.

HE WAS HYPNOTIZED.

But whoever was the groom, he was apparently completely and wholly in the power of the woman. The evidence of Riley as to Ketcham's actions if it were he, furnishes all the elements for a story of hypnotism. The man seemed dazed and oblivious to everything, and spoke only in the house when answering the necessary questions. In the hack, while waiting outside, he did not say a word although Riley tried several times to engage in conversation.

Friends of the dead chubman, however, have little hope of being able to prove that Butler Keller or any other man took the place of Mr. Ketcham in the marriage ceremony. According to Attorney Purnell, the main contention will be that Mr. Ketcham was of unsound mind.

"We do not care whether there was a legitimate marriage or a fake one by proxy," said Mr. Purnell today, "whether there is a marriage certificate or a will, we will prove that John B. Ketcham was of unsound mind and thoroughly incapable of being a party to any agreement or contract that would hold in law."

Attorney Purnell, nevertheless, has a representative in Milwaukee investigating the marriage.

DEVOTED WIFE'S COURAGE.

Started Afoot Over Many Miles to Reach Her Sick Husband.

Burlington, N. J., Nov. 18.—Footsore and hungry, Mrs. James Steward and her 10-year-old boy reached this city today, having walked the greater part of the way from Philadelphia, where their home is. The Stewards are very poor. The husband tried hard to secure work at his trade of painter, but met with no success. Then he heard of a possible chance of employment in Newark, N. J., and decided to go there. When he bought his railroad ticket he had just $1.50 left. This he gave his wife.

Last night Mrs. Steward received a telegram announcing that her husband was ill in Newark and told her to come at once. She had not a cent to her name, but she started to walk the long distance with her young son. On the way a kind-hearted farmer gave them a ride on part of the road. When she reached this city this afternoon and told her story a number of gentlemen made up a purse and sent her on her way.

LAWYER POISONS HIMSELF.

Short in His Accounts as an Officer of a Society.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 18.—E. P. Coffin, a lawyer of Skowhegan, Me., 45 years old, died at the City Hospital today. He registered at the Quincy house last night, and this morning was found in a bathtub filled with water. He was nearly drowned, but was revived. Then he stated that he had taken morphine or some other poison.

He became unconscious and died soon afterward. Coffin was secretary of the High Court of Maine, Independent Order of Foresters. It is said that he was $3,000 short in his accounts, and that he came to Boston hoping to raise money to make good the deficit.

Crank After Armour.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Two policemen have been detailed to guard the residence of P. D. Armour. The reason for the precaution is a rumor from Minneapolis that a speculator who lost money in wheat has gone insane and left Minneapolis with the avowed purpose of killing Armour.

Tobacco for Italians.

Clarksville, Tenn., Nov. 18.—Morrow Brothers, here, have secured the contract for tobacco for the Italian government. About fifteen million pounds of dark tobacco is required for next year.

BANK TO LIQUIDATE.

Rochester, N. H., Savings Institution Going Out of Business.

Rochester, N. H., Nov. 18.—The directors of the Rochester Savings bank have voted to place the institution in liquidation. The officials state that the bank's business has been gradually falling off until the deposits amount to less than $200,000.

This action has been under consideration for some time. The final decision in the matter was reached by the directors at a meeting last night. The announcement of the vote of the officials today was accompanied by a statement that the affairs of the bank are in good condition, as it holds a high class of securities which can readily be converted into cash, and depositors will be paid in full, together with interest.

There has been no run on the institution and the bank examiner has had nothing to do with the decision of the directors. The bank was incorporated July 3, 1872.

MONETARY COMMISSION.

Report May Be Made Public About Dec. 1.

Washington, Nov. 18.—It was announced today that the monetary commission hoped to have their report well advanced toward completion by the last of the present week. A number of members will have to be absent next week, and an effort is making to get the entire plan formulated and ready for approval by Saturday evening. Any changes in the phraseology which may be thought necessary will be made later, when the entire commission probably will come together for final revision and signature.

The report is not likely to be made public before December 1.

SOCIAL SCANDAL IN MARYLAND

A Woman Accused of Libel Slander. Mrs. Ella M. Peter and Her Daughters Want $60,000 Damages from Mrs. Sophia B. Gaither.

Hagerstown, Md., Nov. 18.—A sensational suit will come up for trial in the circuit court for Washington county in a few days. Mrs. Ella Mercer Peter and her daughters, Miss Mary Peter and Miss Emily M. Peter, have sued Mrs. Sophia B. Gaither for $60,000 damages for libel and slander. Mrs. Peter will endeavor to prove that Mrs. Gaither wrote several anonymous letters, which were intended to ruin the reputation of Mrs. Peter and her daughters.

The parties are all of high social standing and are residents of Howard county, in the circuit court of which the case was originally docketed. Mrs. Gaither is the wife of one of the wealthiest men in Howard county, and Mrs. Peter has a long chain of distinguished ancestors.

Mrs. Peter alleges in her declaration that the letters were written by Mrs. Gaither to show that Mrs. Peter was unchaste and not fit for the society of Mrs. Tyson and other respectable people, and intended to traduce her character and reputation as a woman of chastity.

Mrs. Peter sues for $30,000 for herself, while her daughters sue for $15,000 each, making $60,000 attogether.

Photographs of the anonymous letters have been taken. The expert chirographers, who, Mrs. Peter alleges, will testify that the letters were written by Mrs. Gaither, who denies being the author, are as follows: David N. Carvalho and Daniel T. Ames, who testified in the Senator Fair will case in California; Dr. Persifor Frazer, of Philadelphia, and Edward H. Ranch, of Mauch Chunk, Pa. These experts are the most noted in the country.

An array of eminent lawyers has been employed by both sides. Mrs. Peter's counsel are Messrs. Isador Rayner, John C. Rogers, Edward J. Farber, J. Clarence Lane and Alexander Neill. Mrs. Gaither's counsel are Harry M. Clabaugh, Attorney General of Maryland; George R. Gaither, jr., a relative of the defendant; Joseph D. McGuire, Alexander Armstrong and Norman B. Scott.

Sharkey Got the Decision.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—A crowd, small for such an event in the Gate city, saw the bout between Tom Sharkey and Joe Goddard at the Knickerbocker club tonight. Sharkey got the decision in the sixth round. Only about 3,000 persons were present. There was little betting even by the Valejo crowd, who were expected to show a confident leaning toward the sailor. Sharkey was a ten to seven favorite in the wagers that were made.

Oldest Bride and Groom.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 18.—John J. Overton, aged 100 years and one month, was married to Mrs. Mary Henderson, aged 77 years, in this city, today. This is believed to be the record for marriages of old people. Both bride and groom are in excellent health.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Nov. 18.—Arrived: Amsterdam, Amsterdam. Queenstown—Sailed: Adriatic, New York. Genoa — Sailed: Fulda, New York. Cherbourg—Sailed: Spree, from Bremen, New York. Antwerp—Arrived: Southwark, New York. Roterdam—Sailed: Veendam, New York.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Fair; Warmer; Northwesterly Winds.

1 General—Competitor Prisoners Pardoned and Released.
Sensational Views of National Topics.
Mystery of the Ketcham Wedding.
2 State—United States District Court Jury Disagrees.
3 Local—Jury Awards $7,750 for a Girl's Foot.
Both Councils in Session.
4 Editorial.
Comment of the Press.
5 From Scranton to Paris by Rail.
6 Local—Columbia Fire Company Has a Big Celebration.
Three Burglars Under Arrest.
7 Local—Boy's Fatal Fall Down a Mine Shaft.
8 Local—West Side and Suburban.
9 Lackawanna County News.
10 Neighboring County Happenings.
Musical Alliance in Session at Factoryville.
The Markets.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Senator Morgan Talks on the Hawaiian Annexation.

WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS

Opinion of an Expert Member of Foreign Committee.

Mr. Chandler's Views Regarding Coming Legislation--Bills Barring the Undesirable Foreign Element from Entry to This Couniry--The National Arbitration Congress.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Senator Morgan, of Alabama, member of the committee on foreign relations, has reached here on his return from Honolulu, where he went to post himself on the annexation question. He said:

My conclusions, based on observations, are only a full confirmation of what I had previously believed—that it is our national duty and will be in every way advantageous to all concerned to annex Hawaii to this country. I have studied the questions from the most authentic and reliable sources. The establishment of an outpost of the United States with the tropics, and 2,200 miles from our coast, challenges the inquiry whether such action is necessary to our national welfare. Our northwestern possessions on the Pacific along the Aleutian archipelago are over 1,000 miles west of Honolulu. This gives us control of practically the entire American coast of the North Pacific. The intervention of the British possessions from the straits of Fuca to the northern boundary of Alaska, creates a powerful reason for our occupation of Hawaii. Without imputing to Great Britain any other motive than to extend her national policy of commercial conquest, it seems very obvious that if she should acquire dominion of Hawaii and open and fortify Pearl harbor, her military fortress at Esquimault, on the island of Vancouver, co-operating, would cut our coast line in two and would leave us incumbered with a mass of territory in Alaska whose defense would be almost impossible and the enormous advantage of which would be lost to us. The Voncouver coal fields would give the British navy almost irresistible advantage in war and virtual dominion of comerce in time of peace.

SENATOR CHANDLER'S VIEWS.

Senator William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, in an interview today regarding legislation at the coming session of congress, said:

Senator Lodge proposes pushing the measure looking to the restriction of immigration and of demanding its passage without delay. Bills proposing to bar undesirable foreign element from entry into this country are now pending in both the house and the senate, and there is no doubt that the two houses will be able to agree upon a bill. The house measure lays restrictions on what are called "birds of passage," but the senate bill does not. The class referred to is that which lives along the northern and southern border lines of the country and embraces Mexicans and Canadians who work daily in the United Sttes but live in their native countries. This part of the bill, in my judgment, must eventually be omitted, and the senate bill, which applies to immigrants from European and Oriental countries passed. Some action, I believe, will be taken looking to the relief of the Cuban insurgents. Of course the Republican policy will largely depend on the president's message, but my opinion is he will leave the entire matter to the judgment of congress.

The prospects for the ratification of the Hawaiian treaty are excellent. The Republicans will stand by it to a unit and many Democrats will do likewise. I think the necessary two-thirds vote will be secured. As to financial legislation, especially as to a revision of the banking laws, I cannot see how any such legislation can be passed.

ARBITRATION CONGRESS.

A committee of the Mohonk international arbitration conference, consisting of ex-Senator Edmunds, president of the conference; Samuel B. Capen, chairman; Robert Treat Paine, Dr. B. F. Trueblood, of Boston, and Philip C. Garrett, of Philadelphia, called on President McKinley today by appointment. A desire for the reopening of the arbitration movement was urged by Senator Edmunds, Mr. Capen and others.

The president received the gentlemen with the utmost cordiality, and they left him impressed with the belief that he looked with favor upon the reopening of this important subject.

The committe also called upon the secretary of state, who expressed his great interest in the question which he has labored so long to bring to a successful consummation.

Although the committee were aware of the indisposition of Sir Julian Pauncefote, yet they called at the British embassy, desiring to express in that way their appreciation of the service he has rendered the arbitration movement.

Killed with Buckshot.

Chester, Vt., Nov. 18.—Word was received here today that Ada Pinney, aged 17 years, was shot last evening at her home in Andover and was so badly injured that she died today. It is alleged that a brother of the girl did the shooting, but whether accidentally or intentionally is not known. The authorities are investigating. A charge of buckshot entered the groin.

Shot His Father.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Nov. 18.—Henry Kammarer shot his father at their home this afternoon. The son then set fire to the house and killed himself. The father was rescued from the fire but died later. The tragedy resulted from a quarrel over money matters.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Nov. 19.—In the Middle States and New England today, fair to partly cloudy, slightly warmer weather will prevail, preceded by sharp frosts, with fresh and light variable winds, mostly southerly and southeasterly, followed by increasing cloudiness and local snow or rain in and near the lake regions.