

EVE OF THE FIGHT

Legislators and Politicians Gathering in Force.

SENATOR QUAY IS SAFE

Survey of the Situation as It Presents Itself the Night Before the House Caucus—All Will Depend on the Attendance Tonight—Farr Boom Safe and Quay Prospect Rosy—Congressman Connell on Mr. Quay's Candidacy—Wanamaker's Abuse Has Helped Him.

Special to The Tribune. Harrisburg, Jan. 1.—Senator Quay's friends tonight are absolutely confident of his re-election. They laugh at the boasts of the opposition that enough Republican legislators will stay out of Tuesday's caucus to prevent a nomination. Senator Martin and Magee will go into the conference and take their adherents with them. Some ultra anti-Quay men may stay away but not enough to do any harm.

All of the Quay leaders from Chairman Fitts down intimate that Senators Martin and Magee will "play fair." The Quay leaders predict that Representative Farr will be the caucus nominee for speaker. They claim he is Martin's choice and that Quay and Magee are "going along." Farr is much in evidence at the Quay headquarters. Ward R. Bliss thinks it's the field against Farr and that in his opinion the leaders will not be able to force him upon the caucus.

MR. BLISS'S OPINION. "Everything is in excellent shape," said Mr. Bliss. "Senator Quay will be the caucus nominee and he will be elected. There is no fight apparently, and I don't think there will be any. Senator Quay will have about 113 votes in the senatorial caucus, or in other words only fifteen votes of what will be necessary to elect him on joint ballot. He will get this number regardless of the votes controlled by Senators Martin and Magee who will both go into the caucus.

The organization of the house is in the hands of Senator Quay's friends and the senatorial caucus will be handled in the same manner. The Republican leaders have agreed that there shall be no trouble. Daltzell's candidacy is not being seriously considered.

W. A. Van Valkenburg and ex-Judge Gordon, together with several members of the Business Men's League, are here confessing the situation, not beyond saying that Quay can't win, they are very indefinite. John Wanamaker will be here in the morning to help along the anti-Quay cause.

Congressman Connell is here helping Senator Quay. "I have never at any time doubted Senator Quay's re-election," Mr. Connell said. "So far as the opposition of those gentlemen in Philadelphia, headed by Mr. Wanamaker, is concerned, I think it has made friends for Mr. Quay throughout the state rather than enemies. The public is generally fair and measures matters fairly and it did not take the people a great while to realize the fact that all the row kicked up over Senator Quay's connection with the Philadelphia banking institution was purely a political matter, the object of which was to prevent his re-election.

LOYAL TO PENNSYLVANIA. "I have been associated with Senator Quay at Washington and realize the great assistance he has been able to render the industries of our state in the enactment of tariff legislation and in other matters pertaining to Pennsylvania. I think the members of the legislature have decided wisely in holding the caucus at the usual time in order that the matter may be disposed of and out of the way of the business of the state."

THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Will Assemble in the New Capitol Building Tomorrow.

By Associated Press. Harrisburg, Jan. 1.—The general assembly will open its biennial session at 12 o'clock Tuesday noon in the new capitol building. After the senate and house have organized, Governor Haines will send in his inaugural message. A recess will probably be taken after the organization for several days to allow the president pro tem and speaker to prepare the lists of standing committees. Neither of these lists will be ready to announce before the inauguration of Governor-elect Stone, on Jan. 7, so that the legislature will not get down to work in earnest before February.

There is a strong sentiment among the legislators in favor of a short session and a resolution may be introduced on Tuesday fixing the date of final adjournment. The last legislature closed July 1, and the incoming body will hardly complete its labors before the middle of May at the earliest. Both Democrats and Republicans will con-

cur tomorrow morning for the organization of the new houses. The Republicans have a majority of 74 on joint ballot. They naturally expect to control both houses. There are 71 Republicans and 13 Democrats in the senate, and 127 Republicans, 71 Democrats and 6 fusionists in the house.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

There are many Democrats anxious to fuse on the speaker with the independent Republicans and this matter will be discussed at their caucus. Charles B. Spitz, of Berks, is the only avowed candidate on the ground for the Democratic nomination for speaker. General W. H. Koomz, of Somerset, an Independent Republican, is the choice of the fusionists for speaker. To be elected on this issue, he would have to poll the votes of the 71 Democrats, 6 fusionists and 27 Independent Republicans. John E. Fetter, of Schuylkill, is the most formidable aspirant for the Republican nomination for speaker. He has been endorsed by the Philadelphia delegation, or a large part of it, and claims to have a large following in other counties. George M. Hoesack, of Pitsburg, is the choice of a majority of the Allegheny members. Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware, is the most aggressive candidate and claims to have the pledges of fifty members, nearly all of whom came from country districts.

OTHER OFFICERS.

William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, so far has no opposition for chairman of the house. The caucus of this body is a most important position as the chairman joins with the chairman of the Republican caucus in fixing the date of the caucus for the nomination of a candidate for United States senator to succeed Senator M. S. Quay. The house chairman will nominate the committee which makes up the list of officers and employees of that body.

Senator John C. Grady, of Philadelphia, will probably be chairman of the senate Republican caucus, by which a candidate for president pro tem will be chosen. The officers and employees of the senate will be chosen by a slate committee appointed at the close of the 37 session. Senator William P. Snyder, of Chester, is the only Republican aspirant for president pro tem, and his nomination is a foregone conclusion. William T. Cressy, of Columbia, expects to be chairman of the house Democratic caucus and Senator J. Henry Cochran, of Williamsport, will probably preside over the senate Democratic caucus.

THE SENATORSHIP.

Senator Quay's friends have fled Tuesday evening for the senatorial caucus and the only question now is whether 128 Republicans will go into the meeting. If they do, every body admits Quay will control a majority and that he will be nominated. His opponents are making an effort to keep enough members out of the conference to prevent a nomination. If they can do this they expect to defeat the senator's re-election. Congressman John Daltzell, of Pitsburg, and Charles C. Tully, of Lehigh, are the other avowed aspirants for the senatorial nomination.

Daltzell is considered weak in that he lacks home endorsement and Tully went into the contest solely to prevent Quay's friends from instructing the caucus to elect Daltzell. Tully is a hard nut, but he is making no effort to secure votes. Quay and Daltzell are on hand in the morning. Quay's friends have established headquarters at the Lehigh hotel, in charge of Chairman Daltzell, while the Daltzell contingent has taken up quarters at the Colonial hotel. They have appointed committees on reception to meet the legislators on their arrival and tomorrow evening they will hold a street demonstration in the senator's honor.

WANAMAKERITES.

The light against Quay is being directed by E. A. Van Valkenburg, the leading spirit of the Business Men's League. His headquarters are at the Commercial hotel, where he also holds forth. Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, and other active anti-Quay leaders will come here tomorrow to aid Mr. Van Valkenburg. Senator-elect David Martin, of Philadelphia, who will retire as secretary of the senate, will also hold forth. Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, and other active anti-Quay leaders will come here tomorrow to aid Mr. Van Valkenburg. Senator-elect David Martin, of Philadelphia, who will retire as secretary of the senate, will also hold forth.

THE NEW CAPITOL.

The new capitol, although unfinished, presents a very creditable appearance inside and the legislators will be comfortably housed. The senate and house chambers are large and well ventilated and appointed for the use of the legislature. The floors are covered with new carpets of modest designs and the furniture has been utilized that was used at Grace church by the last legislature. Thirty large committee rooms have been furnished for the use of the assembly and there are rooms for newspaper correspondents, telegraph and telephone offices, postoffice and lavatories.

There is an abundance of room for the legislature in the completed part of the building. The structure does not present a very fine appearance on the outside, but it is substantial and well built. The exterior walls are of ordinary red brick and are so constructed that they may be faced at any time with marble or granite. A temporary stairway has been built leading to the senate and house chambers and the spectators' galleries. The stairways and rotundas will eventually be completed with marble.

Hit by an Engine.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 1.—E. J. Vouler, aged 26, a Pennsylvania railroad fireman, was hit by an engine at Galatin this afternoon and died an hour later. His home was Pittsburg, Pa.

Death of John Blair Linn.

Bellefonte, Pa., Jan. 1.—Ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth John Blair Linn, one of the oldest lawyers of the Centre county, died at his residence in this city.

FORMIDABLE CENSUS OF A YEAR'S MISHAPS

LOSS OF LIFE FROM DISASTERS DURING YEAR.

In Railroad Accidents 3,500 Persons Were Killed—5,920 Committed Suicide—Murders Numbered 7,840 and Lynchings 127—Other Shadows on the Dead Year's Record.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—According to statistics compiled by the Tribune, the loss of life from various disasters in this country between Jan. 1 and the morning of Dec. 31, 1898, was 7,945. Casualties were as follows: Fires, 1,579; drownings, 3,310; explosions, 629; mines, 530; falling buildings, etc., 599; cyclones and storms, 502; lightning, 255. The loss of life by railroad accidents of various kinds was 3,500 in 1898, as compared with 2,754 in 1897. The number of seriously injured was 2,610, as compared with 2,425 in 1897.

The total number of persons who have committed suicide in the United States during 1898, as reported by mail and telegraph to the Tribune, is 5,920, as compared with 4,600 in 1897, of the number 4,384 were males and 1,534 females. Among professional men physicians lead the list, forty-four having taken their own lives, as compared with forty-one in 1897. During the year also thirteen persons engaged in the banking business, eight physicians, seven journalists, six attorneys, two actors and two artists have committed suicide.

WILL VOTE FOR QUAY.

General Gobin Returns from Camp for This Purpose

Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 1.—Brigadier General J. P. S. Gobin returned to his home today on a thirty days' leave of absence from his command in Augusta, Ga., in order to be inaugurated lieutenant governor to which office he was elected last November. He has not yet resigned as state senator from this county, which constitutes the 17th district, and will until Senator Quay's successor is determined upon.

ZERO WEATHER AND NO FUEL

Shutting Off of Natural Gas Leaves Hundreds of Ohioans to Shiver in the Embrace of Jack Frost.

Lima, O., Jan. 1.—There is great suffering here and in the other towns supplied with natural gas from the Red Key Indiana pump station, which has just been destroyed by an explosion. Wapakoneta, St. Mary's College, Cold Water, Fort Recovery, Hume and a number of other towns are on the line and are probably worse off than this city, as their stores of reserve fuel is not as great as here. The mercury is hovering near zero.

Few consumers had made preparations for a sudden shut off. Hundreds of families had not had a warm meal since breakfast, and there is no likelihood of being able to get fuel before Monday evening. The demand for plumbers is so great that those who have succeeded in getting fuel cannot get the benefit of it, as they are unable to get their burners arranged. The plumbers are doing more than they can do and what wood and coal that is being used up gives poor results on top of the gas burners.

THE CONFEDERATE DEAD.

Government Begins the Collection of Significant Information.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—George Mooreman, adjutant general, has issued a circular to United Confederate veteran division commanders in each southern state in which he says: "Official request has been made by an officer of the government asking our headquarters to furnish at once a list of all confederate where Confederate soldiers are buried and as far as possible number of interments. Will you please send names of cemeteries, location and number interred, as far as you are able, and at once take pains to ascertain and report at your very earliest convenience all in your division."

GUNNING FOR LAWBREAKERS.

Louisville Grand Jury Strikes Vigorously for Law Enforcement.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—The December grand jury which created such a sensation last summer by ordering a raid of the pool rooms of the city at the first time they had been disturbed during the twenty years of their existence, yesterday returned a scorching report in which Mayor Charles P. Weaver was taken severely to task for his inactivity in the matter of gambling at Louisville.

Trying to Save Mrs. Botkin

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The next move in the Botkin case, probably by means of an appeal to the Supreme court. The real fight for Mrs. Botkin's liberty, however, will be made upon the question of jurisdiction. The prosecution was conducted under the provisions of section 27 of the code providing for the punishment of crimes committed in whole or in part in this state. The defense contends that as the outcome of the crime really took place in Delaware Mrs. Botkin was only liable to the law of that state.

Very Cold at Wilkes-Barre.

The Susquehanna river is ice-bound again today and the thermometer registered three degrees below zero. Yesterday six inches of snow fell on the level and there is excellent sleighing.

Dropped Dead at Station.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 1.—William M. Irish, manager for the Standard Oil company, at Green, N. Y., dropped dead at a railway station here today, while waiting to take a train. He was 39 years old.

Receiver's Authority Extended.

Baltimore, Jan. 1.—Judge Morris, in the United States circuit court, has signed an order extending indefinitely the authority of Receiver Cowen and Murray, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, to manage the property of the company.

Volunteer Fireman's Fate.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 1.—The remains of Henry Nel, found yesterday in the ruins caused by the recent fire. He was a young draughtsman who was riding the firemen when one of the walls fell.

AN AMBASSADOR'S FUNERAL

Impressive Services Over the Remains of Senor Romero.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Public funeral services over the remains of the late Don Matias Romero, the ambassador from Mexico to the United States, who died Friday morning, were held at St. Matthew's church today. Distinguished honor to the memory of the deceased was manifested in the presence at the ceremonies of President McKinley, Vice-President Hobart, nearly all the members of the cabinet, representatives of the army and navy and private citizens. At the conclusion of the service the body was taken to Mount Olivet cemetery and placed temporarily in a vault, pending its removal to Mexico.

Before the body was taken to the church there were brief services at the house, attended mainly by the official staff of the legation and the relatives and immediate friends of the family. Those present included the mother and brother of the late Mrs. Romero and members of the brother's family. At the church the service was presided over by the president and cabinet, the honorary pall-bearers and other distinguished persons, was borne to the body of the church in front of the altar rail and placed on a catafalque. The president was one of the first to pay honor to the Mexican ambassador, and escorted to a seat reserved for him. Representatives from the state and navy departments and from the diplomatic corps acted as ushers.

The services at the church were very brief, consisting of a low mass, followed by a sermon by the Rev. Charles M. Bart, assistant pastor of St. Matthew's, was the celebrant. Many handsome floral tributes from personal friends and officials and diplomats were sent to the embassy, only a few of which could be placed on the casket. The president and Mrs. McKinley contributed a wreath of camellias and other white flowers; from the state department there came a wreath of white roses from the bureau of American republics an appropriate design. The honorary pall-bearers were the German ambassador, Secretary Hay, Secretary Gage, the ministers from Guatemala and Venezuela, Senator John T. Morgan, Representative Hitt, ex-Secretary John W. Foster and Mr. John W. Thompson. Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, had been announced as an honorary pall-bearer, but was unable to attend because of indisposition.

HAD TO ABANDON VESSEL.

Crew Was Rescued by the American Line Steamship Paris.

New York, Jan. 1.—The American line steamship Paris, which arrived today from Southampton after a tempestuous passage, reports that on Tuesday, Dec. 27, in latitude 49-28 north and longitude 21-29 west, at 8:30 in the morning she struck the British trawler steamer Vindobala, Captain Clarke, from Rouen, France, Dec. 15, for Philadelphia, in ballast. She showed the signal letters "N. D." meaning "must abandon vessel."

A life-boat was launched in charge of Chief Officer Bradshaw, Fourth Officer Webb and eight seamen. A dangerous sea was running at the time and it was impossible to get the boat alongside the Vindobala. The Vindobala's crew cast fastenings to lines thrown to the boat at, hauled on board.

The ship's carpenter, A. Oesterreich, aged 46, a native of Stettin, Germany, and residing at South Shields, England, was drowned.

REVOLT AGAINST AGUINALDO.

American Occupation of Philippines May Be Rendered Easier.

New York, Jan. 1.—A special cable dispatch to the Sun from Manila says: "Revolts against the insurgent government of the Zamboanga and Tarlac provinces, combined with dissatisfaction among the Filipino leaders at the policy even to their own leaders and advisers and consequently they are suspicious of him. Pedro Paterno, the president of the Filipino congress, recently joined the annexation party, which now contains nearly all the leading and influential members of the former member of Aguinaldo's cabinet. He said today that the insurgent army in the island of Luzon numbered only 10,000 men."

ROOSEVELT SWORN IN.

Governor-Elect and Other State Officers Take the Oath.

Albany, Jan. 1.—Governor-elect Theodore Roosevelt and the other elective state officers, with the exception of Lieutenant Governor Woodruff and State Engineer and Surveyor-elect E. H. Johnson, were sworn in at the capitol building yesterday afternoon. The public administration of the oath will take place at the assembly chamber tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Harvard Wins at Chess.

New York, Jan. 1.—Harvard won the championship in chess in a recent tournament. Columbia took the second prize. Final score: Harvard won six out of ten; Columbia won six; Princeton won two; Yale won one. It has been decided to challenge the chess clubs of Oxford and Cambridge universities to a team match to be played by cable on six boards. The Eastern victors will be sent to the other side.

Didn't Want an Audience.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Senator Aronson, the Philippine agent in this country, sent a letter to the president yesterday and the inference was generally drawn that he had made request for a meeting with the president at the attitude of the United States towards the Philippines. When Sen. Aronson declined that he had asked for a meeting with the president.

Alleged Forger Held.

New York, Jan. 1.—Frank A. Parker, the son of wealthy Chicago parents, was held in police court yesterday for examination next Tuesday on the charge of forgery. Parker is accused of being connected with the forgery of a check for \$31 in this city, and the police say he passed many bad checks in Chicago.

Duke Predicts Trouble.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.—Duke Cyril, a count of the czar of Russia, now visiting in this country, predicts trouble for the country with the Philippines. So far as Russia is concerned, he said there is no jealousy over the advent of the United States into the far east.

Prominent Church Burned.

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—The Third United Presbyterian church, on Diamond street, opposite the court house, was almost completely destroyed by fire last night.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer.

- 1 General—Old Glory Now Waves Over Cuba. Survey of the State Senatorial Situation. Census of a Year's Casualties. 2 General—Notable Activity Among Manufacturers. 3 General—Old Glory Waves Over Cuba (Concluded). Survey of State Senatorial Situation (Concluded). 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Story—"A Plain Woman." 6 Local—Spencer C. Dickson's Address in First Presbyterian Church. Sermon by Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin. 7 Local—Y. M. C. A. Services in the Lyceum. Operations of the New Bankrupt Law. 8 Local—West Senator and Suburban. 9 News Round About Scranton. 10 News of a Day in Dunmore Borough, Industrial Gleanings.

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