

MR. FORAKER ON EXPANSION

Clear Explanation of Purposes of the Administration.

REMARKS OF MR. ALLEN

Somewhat Mixed on the Philippine Situation - Senator Foraker Asserts That No One Desires to Occupy Permanently the Philippine Islands - Has Faith in the Administration.

Washington, Jan. 11.-A climax was reached today in the debate on the question of expansion which is in progress in the senate. Heretofore all of the speeches with the notable exception of that of Mr. Platt (Conn.) have been in opposition to what is presumed to be the policy of the administration with respect to the acquisition of the Philippines. Today Mr. Foraker (O.) addressed the senate in opposition to the declaration of the Vest resolution that the United States has no constitutional power to acquire foreign territory to be maintained as colonies. While much of his speech was devoted to a constitutional argument, he generally addressed the senate in opposition to the declaration of the Vest resolution that the United States has no constitutional power to acquire foreign territory to be maintained as colonies. While much of his speech was devoted to a constitutional argument, he generally addressed the senate in opposition to the declaration of the Vest resolution that the United States has no constitutional power to acquire foreign territory to be maintained as colonies.

DEBATE PROVOKED BY ALLEN.

Prior to the speech by Mr. Foraker, a sharp debate was precipitated by Mr. Allen (Neb.) by some remarks he made upon the resolution he had introduced. "That any aggressive action by army or navy on the part of the United States against the Philippines would be an act of war unwarranted on the part of the president and the exercise of constitutional powers vested exclusively in congress. In submitting this resolution, Mr. President," said Mr. Allen, "I desire to make some observations, but will not enter upon a discussion of the mooted question of an imperialistic policy, reserving that until a later date when I hope to present my views quite fully. I am led to introduce this resolution because the press dispatches indicate that our troops are moving upon the people of Iloilo. I introduce it as a protest against the warring of war by the president and the army and navy without authority of congress. I think it is a fact indisputable that war cannot be legally waged without the authority of congress through a formal declaration. In my opinion there can be no doubt that whatever of possessory rights we have in the Philippine islands we acquired from Spain."

GERMANY'S NAVAL PLANS.

Government Has No Intention of Introducing a New Programme. Berlin, Jan. 11.-Vice-Admiral Tirpitz, the secretary of the navy, informed the budget committee of the reichstag at today's meeting that there is no intention in any quarter of introducing a new naval programme. On the contrary, he added, the authorities have agreed that the existing naval scheme should be carried out within the prescribed limits.

CENSURED THE VICEROY.

He Recommended Modern Military Methods and Drill. Peking, Jan. 11.-The viceroy of Nanking, Liou-kou-yi, has memorialized the throne, recommending the proper training of military officials and the discarding of ancient weapons and drill in favor of modern methods. As a result, an edict has been issued, severely traversing the memorial and censuring the presumption of the viceroy.

Fatal Coasting Accident.

Pittsburg, Jan. 11.-Hugh Clokey, aged 14, was instantly killed and E. J. McCrory, aged 15, and John Hall, about the same age, were perhaps fatally injured in a coasting accident this afternoon. The three were coming down Fortieth street at a terrific speed when the sled struck a telegraph pole. Young Clokey received the full force of the collision.

Another Sentence for Zola.

Paris, Jan. 11.-M. Emile Zola, the author, has been sentenced to pay a fine of 100 francs and 50 francs damages for accusing M. Juret, a writer of the Petit Journal, of using forged documents in attacking M. Zola's father. M. Juret claimed 5000 francs.

TECHNICALLY STILL AT WAR.

After pointing out the reasons why this was true, in his opinion, Mr. Gray said that, technically, we were still at war with Spain. It was true that we were living under a truce, but in pursuing the war the president was simply exercising the powers that had been conferred upon him by the war-making power. He pointed out that the only question that could arise

LAWYERS FOR ALASKA.

High License and Local Option to Control Alaskan Business. Washington, Jan. 11.-The house completed and passed the bill for the codification of the criminal laws of Alaska upon which it has been working intensely for a week. An amendment was adopted providing a high license system in the territory with a species of local option. Liquor dealers by its provisions are to pay a license of \$1,000 per year and the consent of a majority of the white citizens residing within two miles of a liquor dealer's establishment must be obtained before a license can issue. An attempt to recommit the bill for the purpose of securing the adoption of a provision excluding convicted felons from service on juries was defeated.

HOAR'S REQUEST REFUSED.

Instructions to Peace Commissioners Will Not Be Published. Washington, Jan. 11.-The president has decided it to be incompatible with the public interest to comply with the request contained in the Hoar resolution to supply the senate with the instructions given the American peace commissioners. If any reasons are given for the declaration, the leading one will be the fact that as the treaty is subject to action in Spain even after ratification by the senate, its consummation might be jeopardized by the publication at this stage of the confidential instructions.

DE BEAUREPAIRE BECOMES RABID.

The Ex-Member of the Court of Cassation Publishes an Inflammatory Proclamation. Paris, Jan. 11.-M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire, whose resignation of the presidency of the civil section of the court of cassation is regarded by impartial observers as the most dangerous development of the Dreyfus affair thus far, today furnished to the newspapers the most inflammatory pronouncement he has yet made. In the nature of a proclamation and is entitled "An Appeal to the Deputies," whom he calls upon vehemently to remove the Dreyfus case from the hands of the criminal chamber of the court. The proclamation concludes as follows: "Order a real and solemn inquiry which shall penetrate right into the viscera of this tortuous examination. If there are any reasons for the conviction of the criminal chamber, authorize the executive power to remove them, so that our magistracy may regain its ancient prestige. Remove the case from the criminal chamber tomorrow. Order an immediate judicial inquiry. You can assuredly take other measures as you have to accept advice from no one and your decisions are always well received with the confidence of those who safeguard the French cause. I hope to play the modest role of those sentries who in olden days stammered from battlements the approach of the enemy and after sounding an alarm left it for the chiefs of cities to arm themselves in behalf of the commonwealth. City fathers, forgive the abruptness of my appeal. It is due to the emotion which agitates me. If you do not cut the gordian knot at once I tremble for my country. My grief is great to see the magistracy to which I have so long belonged compromised, but I console myself with the thought that it will emerge purified from the crisis. My grief is great at seeing the honor of the nation in the hands of a man whose traditions as to declare themselves the adversaries of the army. Of course the Dreyfusites maintained that they are not attacking the army while they attack its chiefs. These madmen think when they tell the soldiers every day that their chiefs are unworthy to command them, that the spirit of discipline training of military officials and the greatest source of military strength is not being undermined. You will reply that what they call the 'enemy' is the sword of France-the poor officers who are in the path of the sacrifice, who work devotedly for the loftiest aim which exists, preparing to die; who tomorrow, if the cannon roar, will shed their blood for their slender. I salute them with admiration. I say to the soldiers that the national army is worthy of respect from the highest to the lowest rank and if I have been able to avenge the insult to which it has been subjected I shall not regret having paid so dearly for my independence. (Signed) Quesnay de Beaurepaire."

PREPARING FOR THE STRUGGLE.

DEMOCRATS AT HARRISBURG ARE UNEASY. Have Not Agreed Upon a Candidate to Oppose the Republican Nominee. George Jenks and Chauncey Black Are Among the Most Prominent. Quay Republicans Control Both Committees-Wanamaker on the Ground. Harrisburg, Jan. 11.-The selection of a successor to Matthew Stanley Quay in the United States senate has created almost as much contention among the Democrats in the legislature as it has in the Republican ranks. With the Democracy the question is whether George A. Jenks, of Brookville, or Chauncey F. Black, of York, shall be the nominee of tomorrow's caucus in the supreme court chamber. With the Republicans it is the field against Senator Quay, with neither faction certain as to the outcome. The Republicans have a majority of 74 on joint ballot, and the only way the Democrats hope to win by a split among the Republicans. Senator Quay has a majority of votes to start with his own party, but so long as the anti-Quay legislators stand together he cannot be re-elected. While the Democrats are divided on the selection of a candidate to be voted for against Quay, they agree that the senator will not poll any Democratic votes. The senate and house will vote separately next Tuesday and jointly the following day. Many of the legislators are predicting that there will be a deadlock and that the senator will not be elected until after the trial of the Quay-Haywood conspiracy case in the Philadelphia courts.

AN INTERESTING PHASE.

A new and interesting phase is placed on the election of a senator by the general agreement among the leaders that the man receiving the majority of the votes cast in the joint session of the legislature will be the next senator. On joint ballot there are 254 votes. A majority of these would be 128, therefore only 65 votes are necessary to a choice, assuming that only 128 or a bare majority are present. Of the 109 Republicans who voted in the normal last week, 98 named Senator Quay as their choice. At that time it was agreed that the action of the caucus was binding upon all those present, and that Senator Quay still lacked 19 of the 128 necessary to elect. Under the condition as it really exists, if a number of members are absent from sickness or other cause when the joint ballot is cast it is possible that a much smaller number than 128 will decide the senatorship. The thirteen Democratic senators and seventy-one members will meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to nominate their candidate. Colonel James M. Guffy, of Pittsburg, members of the national Democratic committee; ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia; Chairman John M. Garman, of the state committee, and other party leaders from over the state are here to take interest. Ex-Congressman Gordon, of Philadelphia; ex-Congressman Howard Muttler, of Easton, and Jere S. Black, Jr., of York, are directing Mr. Black's canvass. Mr. Jenks' friends claim he is entitled to the honor for having borne the brunt of the fight in the normal biennial campaign. He was the Democratic nominee and was beaten by over 100,000 plurality by Governor-elect Stone. The Jenks people say it is the party custom to accord this honor to the defeated candidate for governor. Mr. Black's friends, however, claim that the nomination at this time on the ground that Jenks promised him his support during the campaign. Both declare they will stay in the fight to the finish and gracefully yield to the decision of the caucus.

SECRET CONFERENCE.

It is stated that a secret conference has been held between the leaders of the Quay faction and certain Democratic leaders with a view to preventing the re-election of Senator Quay by the Democrats and the anti-Quay Republicans. The Democrats who took part in the conference will, it is stated, endeavor to hold the 84 Democratic members of the legislature in line for a straight-out Democrat thus defeating the selection of an anti-Quay Republican. Senator Quay reached Harrisburg at midnight from Washington to take personal direction of his campaign. Senator Penrose came with him and during their stay they will be guests at the residence of Senator Charles W. Weiss. Senator William Flinn, of Allegheny, chairman of the 53 Republican senators and members who refused to take part in any senatorial caucus until Senator Quay has been acquitted of the conspiracy charges, and Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin, of Philadelphia, are directing the movements of the opposition. The anti-caucus legislators will have a secret conference tomorrow morning to outline their plan of campaign for next Tuesday. Ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker and a committee from the Business Men's League are also on the ground fighting Senator Quay. They reached the city this morning from Philadelphia and were joined during the day by Congressman John Dattoli, of Pittsburg; Congressman W. Stone, of York, and other prominent anti-Quay leaders. Both branches of the general assembly will convene tomorrow morning and the hotels are crowded tonight with legislators and politicians. Many of the visitors will stay over until next Tuesday, when Governor-elect Stone will be inaugurated. The legislature organized some days ago, but neither body will settle down to business until the senatorial fight is ended. The standing committees have not yet been appointed, and until they are no new legislation will be presented. The Republican state committee of the senate and house have completed the list of officers and employees of these bodies and they will be announced tomorrow. Mr. Quay's

senator's followers will be given the cream of the appointments.

JOHN'S ROLL OF HONOR.

The Merchant Prince Claims That It Is Swelling. Harrisburg, Jan. 11.-Mr. Wanamaker said tonight. The headquarters of the Business Men's League tonight have been thronged by the members who did not attend the Quay Republican caucus, and without exception they report that their constituents are commending them for standing against the re-election of M. E. Quay to the senate under existing circumstances. Thus far not one of the roll of honor men is known to any of our committee as having deserted the ranks, but it is definitely known that accessions have been made to the number who will not vote for Quay. There is certainly every reason to believe that it will be more difficult now than ever to get the necessary votes to elect Quay. There are hundreds of eyes and ears open upon the procedures of the professional politicians at work here at present."

PRESS CLUB CONVENTION.

Arrangements Are Being Made for a Meeting at Baltimore. Baltimore, Jan. 11.-The executive committee of the International League of Professional Journalists and Newspaper Workers' club to arrange for the annual convention to be held in Baltimore. It was decided to hold the convention early in April. Representatives will attend the convention from all the large cities of the country, and a number of the best of the newspaper workers will be taken up. It was announced at the meeting today that the New York Press club which withdrew from the international league, has reconsidered its action and will remain in the league. Mr. F. D. Madeira, president of the Journalists' club, named the following committee of arrangements for the convention: P. D. Madeira, chairman; Mrs. Marjorie L. O'Donoghue, of Washington; James S. McCartney, of Philadelphia; A. B. de Preece, of New York; John J. Keenan, of the Pittsburg Press club; Mrs. Marjorie L. O'Donoghue, of the Women's Press club, of Washington; A. B. de Preece, of the New York Press club; Joseph Wheeler, of the Reading Press club; and F. D. Madeira, of the Journalists' club of Baltimore.

SKELETONS IN A WELL.

Evidence of a Terrible Crime Committed at Manguito. Havana, Jan. 11.-La Discusion describes the finding of human skeletons in a well on a plantation near Manguito. The writer of the story asserts that these people were undoubtedly thrown in while alive. He says that in some cases the fingers bones are severed and the supposition is that this was due to the efforts of the victims to raise themselves out of the pit. The body of Senor Pedro Alayon, a prominent Cuban, who disappeared mysteriously during the insurrection, has been identified. La Discusion accuses the American consul, Antonio Jones, Sergeant Juan Perez and Vilmos Zalay, a schoolmaster, of being the authors of the terrible crime. All are said to be in Havana. La Discusion prints also a story from Matanzas of the finding there of the remains of from 200 to 300 persons in a well near the headquarters of the civil guard.

LIQUOR HOUSE FIRE.

The Chief Compounder of Cordials Is Cremated. New York, Jan. 11.-Fire destroyed the three upper floors of a seven-story brick building at 144-150 Franklin street tonight. The place is occupied by the Cook & Berthelmer company, dealers in and manufacturers of whiskey, cordials, liquors, etc. It is estimated that the loss to the building and its contents will amount to \$100,000. Emile Vincenet, a Frenchman, the chief compounder of cordials in the establishment, was on the sixth floor at the time the fire broke out, became excited and made his way toward a roof and was burned to death.

MAINE ICEMEN JOYFUL.

Harvesting on the Kennebec to Be Begun Monday. Gardiner, Me., Jan. 11.-The present cold snap is what the Kennebec ice men have been waiting for. It is their intention to start work at all the ice houses on the western channel from Swan Island up and from South Gardner to Augusta next Monday and twenty-five elevators are to be put in operation. The ice on the lower Kennebec is now about eight inches thick. The joy of the ice men here has been increased by the news that the ice on the Hudson river is of a poor quality and has not formed well.

Express Company Favored.

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.-The Arnold in the common pleas court today a suit brought to determine whether a shipper or the Adams Express company should pay for the war revenue stamp to be attached to bills of lading for express packages. The court decided in favor of the express company, and that the shipper must pay for the stamp.

An Honor Declined.

St. Albans, Vt., Jan. 11.-Hon. B. F. Field, of Montpelier, today notified Governor Smith that on account of family reasons he was compelled to decline the appointment as United States senator to succeed the late Senator Morrill. The appointment was at once offered to Hon. Jonathan Ross, of St. Johnsbury, chief justice of the Supreme court of Vermont.

Blue Label Endorsed.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 11.-At today's meeting of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International union the Cigarettes' blue label was unanimously endorsed and the union voted to give its support to the Cigarettes' blue label. The delegates were tendered a banquet and ball

ADDRESS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS ASKED TO SUSTAIN THE CAUCUS. Chairman Connell, on Behalf of the State Committee, Urges Republican Members of House and Senate to Stand Firm Against the Elements That Are Seeking to Disrupt Party Organization. Harrisburg, Jan. 11.-At a meeting of the executive committee of the Republican state committee held this evening, the following address was adopted, calling upon the Republican members of the two houses to stand by the action of the senatorial caucus in naming Colonel Quay as the party's candidate for the United States senatorship: To the Republican Members of the General Assembly: As the official representatives of the Republican party of Pennsylvania, charged with the duty of furthering and maintaining the best interests of the state organization, we appeal to every Republican member of both branches of the legislature to stand by and support the action of the party caucus, held on the 11th inst. in unanimously electing Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay as a candidate for re-election to the United States senatorship. That caucus was called by the regular officers of the party, in the manner and at the time sanctioned by custom and precedent. The proceedings were in every way orderly and regular, and in accordance with Republican rules and regulations. Every Republican state senator and representative occupies his seat in the general assembly as the result of similar caucuses held in every district, county and county conventions and caucuses being parts and elements in the great organization which has made the Republican party paramount and omnipresent in Pennsylvania today. Any man who, coming here as a representative and offering any other section of this organization, ignores and sets himself in opposition to any other section or part of the same organization, puts a premium upon party disloyalty, aids in bringing about political anarchy instead of organized regularity, and invites a local revolution against himself in the course of his career. Senator Quay having been declared to be the regular Republican nominee for election to the senate, it is incumbent upon every Republican senator and representative in the general assembly to give him his support when the official ballot shall be taken. Senator Quay has not only represented the material interests of this commonwealth in the senate with brilliancy and extraordinary zeal, but he has also attained a high position in the councils of the party, state and national. His return to the august body of which he has been such a conspicuous member cannot fail to redound to the benefit and glory of the commonwealth and of the Republican party.

Wanamaker Work.

In this connection we cannot refrain from protesting against the course pursued by certain persons, who, though claiming to be Republicans, have devoted their best endeavors toward disrupting the unity and defeating its candidates. We refer particularly to John Wanamaker who, during the late campaign, not only refused to aid or contribute to the Republican state committee, but transferred state funds from the latter, seeking to defeat our gallant standard bearer, Colonel William A. Stone. Though unsuccessful in his endeavor, he has the assurance to invade the capital of the state, and seeks to control the action of the Republican legislature. We denounce his presumption, as well as that of his attorney, James G. Gay, who, having been repudiated by the Democratic party, as an aspirant for the governorship, now visits Harrisburg and, in conjunction with his chief, seeks to dictate the course of procedure of the two great parties. We call upon the Republican members of the two houses to repudiate this officious interference with their prerogatives, and urge them to stand by and sustain the action of their party's representative in caucus assembled in accordance with party laws and usages.

REVOLT IN THE CONGO.

Brussels, Jan. 11.-The Petit Bleu announces that the Belgian troops of the Congo Free state, who, as announced from here on Jan. 7, defeated a column of 200 of the state troops on Nov. 4, and captured Kalambari on Nov. 14, in addition to killing two officers, one sergeant and 200 native troops, captured fourteen Maxim guns, two machine guns and a quantity of baggage. In addition five whites were killed at Kalambari, which is the chief town of the district. It was garrisoned by 800 men, who deserted. Vice-Governor Vangermeire, who is at Stanley Falls, is raising a force of men to proceed against the Batelelas.

COMPLAINT AGAINST OTIS.

London, Jan. 12.-The Daily Mail publishes the following dispatch from Hong Kong: "The Americans who are arriving here from Manila complain bitterly of the inaction of Major General Otis, particularly in leaving the Manila water supply at the mercy of the rebels. They say a collision between the Americans and the insurgents is inevitable. Aguinaldo's dispatches to the Philippine junta here have been stopped."

Lord Will Oppose Hale.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 11.-A caucus of the twenty-four Democratic members of the legislature was held at the close of the session today and Samuel A. Lord, of Saco, was unanimously chosen as candidate for the United States senate. Senator Hale is the Republican nominee.

An Eye on Manila Despatches.

New York, Jan. 11.-The Western Union Telegraph company's central office has been advised by the Eastern Extension company that all press messages from Manila are subject to censorship, which was imposed yesterday evening.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Jan. 11.-Sailed: New York, Southampton, Majestic; Liverpool, Southampton; Liverpool, Antwerp; Southampton-Sailed: Lahn, from Bremen.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Increasing Cloudiness; Warmer. 1 General-Senator Foraker Replies to the Antis. 2 General-Foraker Replies to Antis (Continued). 3 Story-"A Suburban Experience." 4 Editorial. 5 Local-Day's Doings in Superior and Common Pleas Courts. 6 Local-Anniversary of Scranton Council, Knights of Columbus. 7 Local-Evidence in the Monaghan Murder Case (Continued). 8 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 9 News Round About Scranton. 10 General-News of the Soldiers at Camp MacKenzie. 11 Pittston Pointers. 12 Industrial Jottings.

EASTERN BALL LEAGUE.

Wilkes-Barre Formally Withdraws. The Club Will Be Protected. New York, Jan. 11.-The Eastern Baseball league met again today and made preparations for an eight-club circuit. It will consist of these clubs already in the league: Montreal, Toronto, Syracuse, Springfield and Providence, the Hartford club, which was taken in from Atlantic league in exchange for Wilkes-Barre; a club which will be chosen from Worcester, and a club which a special committee appointed with powers shall consider the most desirable after investigation from the other clubs applying for admission from Albany, Rochester, Utica and Hamilton and London, Canada. Otto's resignation from the league left a place to be filled. It was known in advance that an agreement had been reached between the Eastern and the Atlantic leagues for a trade of Wilkes-Barre club for the Eastern National league club, at the opening of the meeting tendered the resignation of his club, saying that the Wilkes-Barre people would prefer to remain in the Eastern league, but that its geographical situation made it impracticable. In return for the action of the Eastern league pledged themselves to see that Mr. Stegmaler and his club were protected in their territorial rights, and their players reserved in the change of Wilkes-Barre to another league. President Powers was instructed to transfer Rochester, Utica and Hamilton club at once. Mr. Stegmaler was elected an honorary member of the Eastern league. A one hundred and twelve game schedule was decided on, beginning Saturday, April 23.

KID NOT SATISFIED.

Still Thinks He Can Defeat the Sailor. New York, Jan. 11.-The Evening World says: "Kid McCoy issued a signed statement today in which he intimates that his defeat by Sharkey was the result of several foul blows the sailor landed on him. He thinks he can beat Sharkey and wants to arrange another match. If the sailor would fight him again McCoy says he will make a match with Corbett."

ANOTHER FLEET FOR MANILA.

Will Leave San Francisco and Carry Three Regiments. San Francisco, Jan. 11.-By the end of the month another Manila fleet will sail out of the harbor. If the Senator and Ohio come in on time they can be prepared to go out at the same time as the Scandia and Morgan City. They can carry very nearly two regiments, so the three regiments which expect to start for Manila via San Francisco can begin their ocean journey together about the 25th of this month. Arrangements are being made for the Centennial to take army freight to the Philippines.

VICTIMS OF THE WRECK.

They Are Brought from Dunellen on a Special Train. Shamokin, Pa., Jan. 11.-A special train arrived here today bearing the remains of six of the victims of the Lehigh Valley wreck at Dunellen, N. J., on Monday last. At Mount Carmel the bodies of four more victims were taken from the train. Crowds of relations and friends were assembled at each station. Most of the victims will be buried tomorrow.

MR. DINGLEY'S CONDITION.

Washington, Jan. 11.-Greater encouragement for the recovery of Representative Dingley is felt by his physicians tonight than for some days. This is based on the wonderful manner in which he has kept up in his desperate illness and the remarkable vitality shown. The patient has been fairly comfortable today, has taken nourishment freely and is resting well tonight.

Senator Hawley Succeeds Himself.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 11.-At the joint caucus this afternoon of the Republican members of both branches of the Connecticut legislature to nominate a candidate for the seat in the United States senate now occupied by General Joseph H. Hawley, General Hawley was nominated to succeed himself.

Killed at a Crossing.

New York, Jan. 11.-Levi Lyons and his daughter, Ella, of Prompton, N. J., were killed by a train on the Greenwood lake division of the Erie railroad today as they were driving over the Riverdale crossing in a sleigh.

EVIDENCE IS VERY MEAGER

Seidman Went on the Stand and Repeated Alleged Confession. His Story at Times Bordered Close to the Ridiculous-Was Subject to a Very Vigorous Cross-Examination. Only Evidence from Which an Inference of Guilt of the Monaghans Could Be Adduced Was Furnished by Miss Annie Corcoran, Sister of the Murdered Man-Hearing Adjourned Until Tonight. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 11.-The mystery surrounding the death of Michael F. Corcoran at Duryea on the morning of Dec. 3 last is still unsolved. In fact, little if any progress has been made in that direction if the developments at the hearing of the Monaghans this afternoon gives a fair idea of the case the commonwealth has against the accused. On the strength of an alleged confession obtained by "Doc" Seidman, of Scranton, from "Dik" Williams, of Duryea, Miss Mary Monaghan and her brothers, John and Thomas, were arrested Saturday evening and committed to the county jail here, where they have been ever since. On Monday Thomas Clark was arrested at his home in Duryea and at the hearing today "Dik" Williams and John Langan, other young men for whom warrants were issued at the instance of Seidman, surrendered themselves. For some reason the commonwealth did not want Langan placed under arrest and when he came forward to surrender himself, it was asserted that the warrant for him was not at hand. Counsel for the defense insisted that he should be taken into custody today, and finally the warrant was produced. Then "Dik" Seidman was asked to identify Langan, and although Seidman swore out the warrant he could not say the Langan in court was the one wanted. "Maybe he isn't the man," snapped "Squire Donohue, in his most judicial tone. "There is more than one Langan in Luzerne county, you know."

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CONTINUANCE ASKED.

When Miss Corcoran left the stand last evening at 1:30 o'clock, and District Attorney T. R. Martin asked "Squire Donohue to continue the case until Saturday. This evoked a vigorous protest from the counsel for the defendants. They said their clients were in jail, and it was the duty of the commonwealth to make out a prima facie case or allow the accused to be discharged. District Attorney Martin remarked that he might ask for the commitment on the testimony already offered, but he said it in a very apologetic manner, as if it would not be a very just thing to do. He followed this up by his further statement that he wanted to be fair with the accused and the commonwealth and have the case carefully investigated before taking any decisive step. The matter was finally compromised by adjourning the hearing until 7 o'clock tomorrow night. The defendants were all taken back to jail.

THE HEARING WAS SET FOR TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

In "Squire Donohue's" little office in the Third ward, but to admit of more freedom it was decided to move the court to the arbitration room of the court house. It was soon evident that this was also too small, and

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 11.-Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness; light to fresh northwesterly wind.

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When Miss Corcoran left the stand last evening at 1:30 o'clock, and District Attorney T. R. Martin asked "Squire Donohue to continue the case until Saturday. This evoked a vigorous protest from the counsel for the defendants. They said their clients were in jail, and it was the duty of the commonwealth to make out a prima facie case or allow the accused to be discharged. District Attorney Martin remarked that he might ask for the commitment on the testimony already offered, but he said it in a very apologetic manner, as if it would not be a very just thing to do. He followed this up by his further statement that he wanted to be fair with the accused and the commonwealth and have the case carefully investigated before taking any decisive step. The matter was finally compromised by adjourning the hearing until 7 o'clock tomorrow night. The defendants were all taken back to jail.

THE HEARING WAS SET FOR TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

In "Squire Donohue's" little office in the Third ward, but to admit of more freedom it was decided to move the court to the arbitration room of the court house. It was soon evident that this was also too small, and

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 11.-Forecast for Thursday: For eastern Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness; light to fresh northwesterly wind.

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