

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Is Passed in the Senate by a Decisive Vote.

SENATOR SEWALLS SPEECH

He States That We Are Still at War with the Filipinos and May Yet Have Serious Troubles in Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 24.—After a session of nearly eight hours today, the senate this evening at 5:30 o'clock passed the river and harbor bill by the decisive vote of 50 to 3.

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Reference to Secretary. The secretary of war was in attendance, as when the bill was introduced, and upon the six or a few hours before, we try to get to meet with respectful attention...

ROWLAND SYSTEM TESTED. Three Messages Sent Over the Wire at One Time.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—A practical test of the Rowland multiplex printing telegraph, the invention of Professor Rowland, of Johns-Hopkins university, was made today over a Pennsylvania railroad wire between here and Jersey City.

MR. HAYWOOD'S FUNERAL. Large Number of State Officials Will Attend.

Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—A large number of state officials and other friends of ex-Governor Haywood will attend the funeral at Sharon.

The Empress Is Angry. Pekin, Feb. 24.—The dowager empress is greatly incensed at the action of the Russians at Tientsin.

The President's Speech. Referring to the president's speech, as said: This address discloses of its verities, considered apart from its platitudes and the ostentatious profession of virtue with which it was interlarded, was nothing more nor less than a carefully devised and studiously misstated account of the state of the chief executive and those of his own party who are opposed to his wretched policy in the Philippines.

WILL PROBE THE BRIBERY CHARGES

A RESOLUTION IS INTRODUCED BY MR. KOONTZ.

CALL FOR A COMMITTEE OF THREE

Call for a Committee of Three Republicans and Two Democrats to Investigate Newspaper Rumors. They Will Conduct the Inquiry at an Expense Not to Exceed \$1,000.

Harrisburg, Feb. 23.—A resolution calling for an investigation into the charges of bribery in connection with the McCarroll jury bill was introduced in the house this morning by Mr. Koontz, of Schuylkill.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

One Person Killed and Twelve Others Are Seriously Injured—Due to Open Switch.

Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—One person was killed and twelve others injured in a head-on collision between two Pennsylvania railroad trains near the Forty-fourth street bridge, West Philadelphia, Wesley Walton, foreman of the west-bound train, and George Paxson, conductor, of the east-bound train, were killed.

THE ICE GORGE.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 24.—The ice on the Susquehanna river has gorged at a number of points, notably at Safe Harbor and Turkey Hill.

GOMEZ AT HAVANA.

The Cubans Are Wild with Enthusiasm at His Appearance. Havana, Feb. 24.—General Maximo Gomez, the Cuban commander-in-chief, entered Havana this afternoon, escorted by General Ludlow and his staff.

INCREASED TRAFFIC.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company has placed an order with the Baldwin Locomotive works for twenty-five freight engines and has invited bids for twenty-two additional engines and about 3,000 miscellaneous items.

EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA.

Stockholm, Feb. 24.—An epidemic of influenza is raging here and at Christiania. Last week there were 2,925 cases here and 127 deaths. At Christiania there were 2,291 cases and 129 deaths.

THIRTY-THIRD BALLOT.

No Choice for Senator at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—The thirty-third joint ballot for United States senator was taken today and resulted in no choice.

COMMISSARY GENERAL EAGAN CONCLUDES HIS TESTIMONY.

He Is Followed by Major General S. B. M. Young and Other Officers Who Were in the Santiago Campaign—The Canned Beef Suffered While the Refrigerated Article Was Commended.

Washington, Feb. 24.—After a session of two hours the court of inquiry investigating the beef charges adjourned until Monday, pending the arrival of witnesses who have been summoned.

THE BULGARIA AGAIN IN PORT.

The steamer that was given up some days ago has a most thrilling experience as it is tossed rudderless upon the mad waves.

SCHLEY IS SATISFIED.

Will Let His Friends Take Charge of His Interests.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Admiral Schley was at the capitol for some time today and his friends were in conference with him and among themselves for some time.

ADAMS CASE INQUEST.

Nothing Tending to Throw Light on the Mystery Is Discovered.

New York, Feb. 24.—The inquest in the Adams case was continued today and proved of less interest than any of the previous hearings.

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WOUNDED A DRUMMER.

Hoboken, N.J., Feb. 24.—J. W. Imbrey, an engineer on the Illinois Central railroad, was shot and fatally wounded by H. Hayes, proprietor of the Hayes House, and seriously wounded Robert Creal, a drummer, in a sudden and without provocation.

SUICIDE WITH STRYCHNINE.

Moscow, Ill., Feb. 23.—Miss Grace Warner, daughter of a wealthy farmer, committed suicide by taking strychnine while sitting at the wedding feast of her half sister, whose marriage to John B. Orrie had just taken place.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: Fair; Light Southerly Winds. 1. Admiral Dewey's Significant Request. 2. General Whinery's Weekly News. 3. Local-Religious News of the Week. 4. Editorial: News and Comment. 5. Local-Social and Personal. 6. Local-Official Tabulation of Tuesday's City Vote. 7. Local-Two City Departments That Are Run Cheaply. 8. Local-West Scranton and Suburbs. 9. News Round About Scranton. 10. Interesting Career of John I. Blair. 11. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. 12. General-News of the Soldier Boys, Pittston Happenings.

DEWEY WANTS THE OREGON

The Big Battleship Needed for Political Reasons It Is Stated.

A SURPRISING REQUEST. Speculation as to the significance of the message—the battleship not supposed to be needed for active service against the Filipinos.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Admiral Dewey sent to the navy department this morning a dispatch whose significance is the subject of earnest debate here.

The importance of this dispatch, as viewed by the department, lies in the fact that the Oregon belongs to a class of naval vessels for which Admiral Dewey can be in no pressing need so far as operations against the Filipinos.

It is believed that in the big fires much property of foreign residents and business concerns was destroyed. That these fires were caused by the insurgents cannot be denied, and it may be that some of the foreign naval commanders in the east are disposed to seize upon the pretext that their interests demand protection, which we cannot afford them, to make a landing or do something obnoxious to the United States.

Administration Not Alarmed. Secretary Long took the Dewey despatch to the cabinet meeting this morning, and orders will doubtless be sent at once to the Oregon to proceed on her way.

Quiet at Manila. Manila, Feb. 23.—1915 a. m.—Despite the threats of the Filipinos to burn the business centre, the inhabitants of Manila were not disturbed last night.

Generalnatorial Appointments. Harrisburg, Feb. 24.—These gubernatorial appointments were received and confirmed by the senate: Charles H. Penrose, Philadelphia; Quincy A. Stearns, Wilkes-Barre; James H. Warden, Harrisburg; and E. H. Westfall, Williamsport.

Rev. Shanahan Will Decline. Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Rev. John W. Shanahan, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Snow, of this city, who was yesterday announced from the papal delegation at Washington, has been appointed bishop of Harrisburg, says he shall decline the proffered honor.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Feb. 24.—Forecast for Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania, light to fresh northerly winds.