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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 9, 1899.

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EVIDENCE IN BRIBERY CASE

Representative Irvin V. Johnston the First Witness.

MEET EX-SENATOR COYLE

Was Asked to Sign a Paper Agreeing to Vote for Jenks Alone. Johnston and Miller Offered an Amount of Money to Support the McCarrell Bill Before Postponement—Coyle Said That People Often Own Brick Houses After Retiring from the Legislature—Mr. Heil Was Offered \$50 to Sign the Paper.

Harrisburg, March 8.—The bribery investigating committee resumed its sitting this evening in the house judiciary general committee room. A great crowd was present in anticipation of sensational developments in connection with the consideration in the house of the McCarrell jury bill. The examination of the witnesses was conducted by Representative John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, chairman of the committee. Representative Irvin V. Johnston, of Northampton, the first witness called, testified that before the passage of the bill he had a conversation in a room at the Lochiel hotel with ex-Senator John J. Coyle. He went to the room with his colleague, Representative B. Frank Miller, at the latter's suggestion, and found Representative Spatz, of Berks, and Rosenberry, of Montgomery, and possibly some others present. Mr. Johnston was introduced to Coyle and he and Miller were left alone with him. Coyle had a type-written paper, the substance of which was that the Democrats would vote for nobody else than George A. Jenks for United States senator. Coyle asked Johnston to sign the paper and told him he would leave the witness "in" on some other bill that would come up. Johnston said he refused to sign the paper because he and Miller were for Jenks any way. Coyle suggested to Johnston that he would have him appointed on the committee on rules and he refused. Coyle then promised to have the witness pointed on the appropriations committee. "What was the amount of money offered?" asked Mr. Fow. Messrs. Voorhes and Krebs objected to the question. Mr. Fow then asked if there was money mentioned at the meeting and the witness replied "There was." Coyle told Johnston, who is a physician, that he was not feeling well and that if he would write him a prescription he (Coyle) would pay him a fee of either \$50 or \$100 to sign the paper, the witness could not recollect the exact amount. Coyle urged Johnston to sign the paper and he refused. Nothing was said about voting for anything or mentioned about the legislation, except that the witness should keep on voting for Jenks. Coyle told Johnston that there would be bills up later in the session which there "would be money in" and that Coyle would "let him in on them." The witness thought the McCarrell bill was mentioned, but Johnston could not recollect. Johnston and Miller saw Coyle subsequently at the Lochiel hotel and the ex-senator offered an amount of money, as near as the witness could recollect, in the "hundreds" to support the McCarrell bill before the postponement.

Possible Suggestions.

Johnston said that in his conversation with Coyle it may have been suggested that Coyle would like to vote for Senator Quay. Mr. Miller corroborated the testimony of his colleague relative to their visits to Coyle's room, and stated that in their first visit they went to see Coyle in company with Representatives Hoch, Heil and Hersch. They went to Mr. Spatz's room first and from there were conducted by Spatz to Coyle's room and introduced. Miller told of the paper that Johnston was asked to sign and could not recollect that anything was said about bills that were to "come up" in the legislature. Miller told Coyle that he would consider before he signed the paper. When Miller saw Coyle the second time the ex-senator took him into a private room. The witness could not recollect what was said. Miller advised him not to sign the paper, because there was money in it. Miller was called out of Coyle's room and he and Johnston were offered \$50 apiece by Representative Spatz to sign the paper. Spatz afterward called Miller aside and offered him \$100. After the offer was made Miller and Johnston left the hotel. The next time Miller saw Coyle the ex-senator asked him "what it would cost to help him out on the McCarrell bill." Miller said that Coyle spoke about "coming in with the boys" and that people often build brick houses when they go home from the legislature. "In order to get in the ring and get a divvy on certain bills," Coyle told us we would have to sign the paper," Miller added. The witness said Coyle met him later in company with his colleague and remarked that he would be very glad to have them help him out. The witness said he was told by Coyle that he could not name a cause that the signers were to stand together for certain legislation in addition to voting for Jenks. Miller was never made any offer by Coyle of any money else to vote for Senator Quay. The witness used a memorandum book to fix the time of his various visits to Coyle's room.

Mr. Heil's Testimony.

Representative Heil, of Northampton, testified that he was offered \$50 by Spatz to sign the paper to stand by

SENATOR PENROSE ON THE DEADLOCK

HE DISCUSSES THE SITUATION AT HARRISBURG. Stirring Address Made to the Straight Republicans at a Meeting Held in the Supreme Court Room Last Evening—The Supporters of Mr. Quay Are Congratulated for Their Gallant Stand for the Caucus Nominee.

OPPOSED TO DAILY WORSHIP.

Lively Row in the Texas Legislature Yesterday.

Austin, Tex., March 8.—The senate of the Texas legislature today had the liveliest kind of a row over the consideration of the house resolution endorsing Congressman Bailey in his action in fighting against the seating of Joe Wheeler in congress. An attempt to kill the resolution by referring it to a committee was defeated by a close vote—13 to 14. An amendment was then adopted providing that adoption of the resolution should not be construed as a reflection on Congressman Joe Wheeler. An amendment setting forth that the adoption of the resolution should not be considered as allying the Texas senate to Bailey's support for United States senator two years hence was voted down by the close vote of 13 to 14. After much speechmaking, during which senators expressed themselves as being opposed to "Bailey worship" in any such marked manner the friends of the resolution managed to have it adopted by a hurried viva voce vote.

LESSONS OF THE WAR WITH SPAIN

Interesting Lecture by Vice Admiral Philip Howard Colomb—American Strategy Hazardous.

London, March 8.—Vice Admiral Philip Howard Colomb, retired, lectured this afternoon on the lessons of the Spanish-American war before the members of the united service institution. After dealing with the impossibility of secrecy of warfare hereafter, owing to the vigilance of the press and the necessity for protecting the military force to the coast of Spain to balance the forces known to have been in Spanish ports and to send a squadron to the Cape Verde islands the moment it was known a Spanish fleet was assembling there. If he added, the island of Mexico had been seized on the other side of the Atlantic would have been attempted by Spain. The lesson to be deduced was, according to the lecturer, that the American strategy was hazardous. As far as the operations of the United States navy were concerned, Admiral Cervera's ships were lost sight of, causing anxiety on the American coast and obliging Americans to keep considerable squadrons wholly in a defensive attitude. Instead of maintaining command of the sea, it was clear, he added, that if there had been coal supplies at Santiago de Cuba and if Admiral Cervera's squadron had been reasonably efficient instead of "a miserable abortion" all it could have purposed to do would have been to effect a landing on the coast of the United States. From the actions between the Spanish fleet and the American ships the lecturer deduced the idea that very inefficient boats were able to keep ships at a distance. Regarding the purely tactical questions involved, the admiral said it was plain that Admiral Dewey took full advantage of the superiority of his guns and gunners and placed himself in so distant a position that neither the Spanish ships or the Spanish batteries were able to adequately reply to his fire. The whole thing, continued the lecturer, was "terribly business-like on the American side, with a pathetic parade of ostentatious gallantry on the other."

W. Ramsey Potts Dead.

Pottsville, Pa., March 8.—W. Ramsey Potts, ex-member of the legislature from the Fourth district and a prominent member of the Schuylkill County Bar association, died last evening from the effects of a paralytic stroke received three weeks ago. He was 61 years of age. In 1876 he was elected to the Pennsylvania legislature and served in 1877 and 1878. In 1888 he was again elected and served in 1889 and 1890. Mr. Potts was a member of the First Deacons.

Representative of the L. A. W.

Pittsburg, March 8.—The appointment of Charles H. Cleveland, of Cleveland, representative of the League of American Wheelmen to the International Cyclists' union was made public by President Keadon. The appointment has an especial significance this year in view of the fact that the annual meeting of the International Cyclists' union will be held in Pittsburgh. The president has an international championship will be decided at the great race meet there.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 8.—Sailed: Southwark, Antwerp; Majestic, Liverpool; Southampton-Sailed: Lahn from Bremen. New York. Gibraltar—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II, New York for Genoa. Naples—Sailed: Aler, New York.

Jim Hall Defeats Charlie Lawler.

Memphis, Tenn., March 8.—Jim Hall, of Chattanooga, defeated Charlie Lawler, of Chattanooga, in a fight for the title of champion of the world. The fight was a close one, but Hall won by a decision in the eighth round.

FRENCH PREPARE FOR WAR.

They Realize Their Inferiority to Germans. Paris, March 8.—In the chamber of deputies today the debate on the army budget led to the usual references to the necessity for prompt action against Germany and to comparisons of the two armies. The members of the house, while complaining of the budget, which aggregates \$75,000,000 francs, admitted the impossibility of retrenching in the face of the necessity of meeting the increases by corresponding additions.

WILL MEET IN SCRANTON.

Decision of the State Veterinary Association.

Philadelphia, March 8.—The convention of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary association adjourned today in New York city, where it will meet next September in Scranton. Before adjourning a number of resolutions were adopted and several papers were read by members. Among the former was a proposed amendment to the constitution of the association. The bill is designed to create an inspection service throughout the state of all storage stations and warehouses for the reception of meat slaughtered outside the limits of the commonwealth. The association requested to amend the bill be requested to amend the bill so as to make its effects cover the slaughter and exposure for sale of all meats introduced for consumption by the people and all places where meats are slaughtered or stored, or offered for sale.

TROOPS TO LEAVE CUBA.

Government Believes That Military Forces Can Be Reduced.

Washington, March 8.—Orders were issued at the war department today for the Twelfth New York infantry, now at Matanzas, Cuba, to take passage on the transport Benito for New York city, where it will be mustered out. This is the beginning of a general movement for the muster out of all the volunteer troops stationed in Cuba and indicates that the administration believes that the time has come when it is necessary to reduce its military forces in Cuba. The fact that the rainy season is not far off is a potent reason for the early recall of the volunteer troops in Cuba. The home ward movement will have to be completed by the end of the month, as the limited transportation facilities now at the disposal of the war department, the various regiments will be brought home, however as rapidly as the available troops can make the trips between the island and various ports in the United States selected for their disembarkation.

MAJOR WILSON'S SENTENCE.

Condemned to One Year in Penitentiary at Hard Labor.

Santiago de Cuba, March 8.—Major Edward Wilson, of the Third Infantry regiment, who was recently tried by a military court on charges of forging falsifying records and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman has been convicted and sentenced to dismissal from the service, forfeiture of pay and allowance and confinement for one year at hard labor in the penitentiary.

MOYLES IN WILKES-BARRE.

Experience of the ex-Representative in the Book Business.

Wilkes-Barre, March 8.—Ex-Representative Thomas Moyles, who is alleged to have attempted to bribe members of the legislature into voting for the McCarrell bill, is a bookseller in this city. A year ago he sold a library to the school board of Miners Mills borough. Some of the taxpayers claimed that price paid was exorbitant and that there was collusion between the board and Moyles. The members of the school board and Moyles were arrested, charged with conspiracy. The case was hotly contested on both sides and ended in the jury falling to agree. A second trial is set down for April.

Madame Bianchini's Sentence.

Paris, March 8.—Madame Charles Bianchini, wife of the famous scenic artist of that name, and who trial on the charge of attempting to poison her husband, began on Monday last, was today sentenced to five years' penal servitude. As she was leaving the court room the prisoner made a futile attempt to commit suicide by stabbing herself with a needle.

McCarthy Convicted.

Pottsville, Pa., March 8.—Dennis McCarthy was convicted of voluntary manslaughter this afternoon after a two days' trial. He was not sentenced. The crime of which he was convicted was committed on Sunday, January 22 last. He had been on a spree and shot his mother.

Princess Kalanui Dying.

Honolulu, March 8.—Princess Kalanui is on her death bed and although she was still alive when the steamer Albatross left for San Francisco, she cannot survive another twenty-four hours. Rheumatism of the heart is the cause of her illness.

TWO MORE VOTES FOR MR. GROW

EX-SPEAKER ADDRESSES THE HOUSE AT HARRISBURG. Representative Martin, of Mercer, and Snyder, of Luzerne, Cast Their Ballots for the Susquehanna County Statesman—Senator Quay Sends Telegrams to His Friends Thanking Them for Their Loyalty—Representatives Bare and Spatz Become Jocos.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR; WARMER. 1 General—Affairs at Manila. Bribery Investigating Committee Hears Evidence. The Vote for Senator. Senator Penrose on the Senatorial Question. 2 General—One Day's Work of the Legislature. Financial and Commercial. 3 Local—Board of Health Hears Reports of Officers. 200,000 Ton Coal Suit. 4 Editorial. News and Comment. 5 Local—That Peckville Shooting. Combination of Coal Companies. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 Local—Board of Health Hears Reports of Officers (Continued).

DONALDSON'S FOOLISH DIVE

Drops a Distance of 85 Feet Into a Tank of Water Eight Feet Deep. Taken Out Unconscious. New York, March 8.—Thomas Donaldson, of East Beach, L. I., known the world over as a champion high diver, dove from the roof of Madison Square garden, a distance of eighty-five feet, this afternoon with probably fatal results.

Mr. Bare's Humor.

Mr. Bare, of Huntingdon, who has been voting for Senator Quay, rose in his place when his name was called and created some excitement when he said in a loud voice: "I believe it to be my duty to my constituents and to my party, to cast my vote today, as I have done during this long contest. But, sir, I protest that it is the duty of the leaders of all Republican factions to make an honest effort to stop the face that has been enacted here. The party to which I belong will not sacrifice some of our principles and friends now, than to sacrifice principles and friends and party in the future. Let us elect a Republican by Republican votes."

Did the Hold-Up Act on South Washington Ave. This Morning.

At 3 o'clock this morning the police were apprised of a bold "hold up" made on South Washington avenue near the pumping station. Patrolmen Jobler, McColligan, Karius and Walsh were sent out and succeeded in rounding up the gang. There were six fellows, two tramps and four local fellows. Two of the city's fellows names are Minnich and Brennan. They were brought to the police station. The gang had a lot of stolen booty in their possession, but it was not known where they got it.

MARGARET CODY'S TRIAL.

Mary Angell Denies All Evidence Attributed to Her.

Albany, N. Y., March 8.—The taking of evidence was concluded today in the trial of Mrs. Margaret Cody, charged with attempting to blackmail the heir of Jay Gould and counsel, will begin their closing arguments tomorrow. In rebuttal, the prosecution called Mrs. Mary Angell, the alleged wife of Jay Gould; that she never told Mrs. Cody that she was married to Jay Gould. Mrs. Cody had promised her five million dollars if she would testify against the Goulds was successful, she said. Mrs. Angell's husband testified in much the same terms a written apology. David N. Carvalho, a handwriting expert, identified as genuine a letter signed by Mrs. Cody and addressed to the son of the clergyman who was alleged to have married Jay Gould and Mrs. Angell. The latter offers \$20,000 for a copy of the marriage certificate.

China Will Apologize.

Rome, March 8.—The Tribune says it offers that the Chinese government has agreed to send to the Italian minister, Signor Martino, a written apology through Sir Claude MacDonell, British minister at Peking, for the terms in which the Tsung-Li-Yamen attacked China's refusal to grant the concession recently demanded by Italy of San Mun bay, province of the Kiang, to be used as an Italian naval base and coaling station.

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LULL IN THE FIGHTING AT MANILA

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MATCH FOR MAUSERS.

Washington, March 8.—A fact in connection with the regulars who are now reinforcing General Otis in the Philippines that gives satisfaction to the war department, is that they are all armed with the "calibre 39" rifle, commonly known as the Krag-Jorgensen. There has been more or less uneasiness over the fact that the volunteers on the divided island were at a decided disadvantage against the natives owing to the fact that the Filipino sharpshooters, armed with Mausers, could stay out of range of the Springfield, with which our volunteers were armed, and "pot" them to an extent that was limited only by the bad marksmanship of the natives. This was not only the source of a good many casualties among our troops, but had a bad moral effect on them since it was very trying to be continually under fire from an enemy who kept out of range.

Delaware River Floods.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—Reports from the upper Delaware river near Millford, Pike county, indicate serious state of affairs. Meadows and fields are overflowed to within a short distance of Millford. The Jersey flats across the river are also submerged and three bridges have been carried away by ice near Millford. At the Water Gap all the ice has passed off without causing any trouble.

His Skull Was Crushed.

Altoona, Pa., March 8.—While bringing main line express east this morning, Pittsburg Division Engineer F. S. Scott, of Pittsburg, put his head out of the cab window near South Fork to look ahead, when he was struck on the forehead by a mail train. His skull was crushed but he is still living at the Altoona hospital.

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