

M'CARRELL BRIBERY INQUIRY Meeting of Committee to Investigate Charges.

Calling of Witnesses Will Be Made in Alphabetical Order. The Questions to Be Propounded in Each Case—Speaker Farr, Messrs. Dempsey, McWhinney, Manning and Others Called—Mr. Adams and Mr. Engler Hear of "Boodlers."

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.—The committee to investigate the charges of alleged bribery in connection with the passage of the McCarrell bill, members were called in the rooms of the house municipal corporations committee.

First—Have you been approached, offered or received, or consented to receive, directly or indirectly, for yourself or for another, from any person or corporation, any money, office, appointment, employment, testimonial, reward, thing of value, or enjoyment, or the personal advantage or promise thereof, for your official action, or for withholding the same, or with the understanding, express or implied, that your official action should be in any way influenced thereby, or your official action with reference to the present selection of a United States senator.

Second—Have you been approached, offered or received, directly or indirectly, for yourself or another, from any person or corporation, any money, office, appointment, employment, testimonial, reward, thing of value or enjoyment, or the personal advantage or promise thereof, for your vote either for or against the McCarrell bill, or for any candidate of the United States senate, with reference to any political party, meeting, agreement, or any party meeting, agreement, or any meeting or intending to affect your official action with reference to the United States senatorship.

Third—Have you been threatened, coerced or intimidated or attempted to be coerced or intimidated by or with the fear of the loss or the withholding of any money, office, appointment, employment, or preference, by any person or corporation, to influence your official action as referred to in the preceding question.

Fourth—Have you any personal knowledge, either by your admission or otherwise of any member of the house having approached, offered, or received, or any money or office, appointment, employment, or preference, as referred to in the first question.

VICTIMS OF WINDSOR FIRE.

The Unknown—Dead List Increased to Nine. New York, March 23.—Nineteen dead and thirty-four missing is the record so far of the Windsor hotel fire on Friday last. One more body was found today. This brings the list of unknown dead to nine. The fragments were dug up about 20 feet west of the annex on the forty-seventh street side in a part of the ruins where no other bodies or bones have been found.

The work of clearing away the debris proceeds slowly. The great mound of debris in Fifth avenue seems to grow larger each day, though it was said today that fifty cars were engaged in hauling it away.

Many persons called at the morgue and the east fifty-first street station today, the former in the hope of identifying some of the bodies and the latter, mostly women, to claim lost articles to preserve as keepsakes. The search continues to reveal small articles and personal property.

PRESIDENT'S TALLY-HO RIDE.

Pleasant Forms of Amusement Offered at Thomasville. Thomasville, Ga., March 23.—President McKinley spent pretty much the whole of today in open air, as did Vice-President Hobart. This outdoor life in a mild and dry climate is doing much to tone up the system of each and today each showed an improving state of health.

Moreover, the statement can be made that the president and his family, personal and political, exist in peace and harmony. The McKinley-Hanna and Hobart parties have had a definite understanding that if Mr. McKinley was renominated his running mate would be Garrett Hobart.

FIXING TRAFFIC RATES.

High Officials of Twer & Five Railroads at Was'ngton. Washington, March 23.—The presidents, general managers or other representatives of about twenty-five railroads, personal and political, exist in peace and harmony. The McKinley-Hanna and Hobart parties have had a definite understanding that if Mr. McKinley was renominated his running mate would be Garrett Hobart.

HORSE PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Barn Destroyed by Fire Early This Morning. At 1:15 this morning a barn owned by George McCarthy in the rear of 921 Capoue avenue, was destroyed by fire. A horse valued at \$150 was burned to death and harness, hay, etc., to the value of another \$100 was also destroyed.

MR. SHERMAN BETTER.

Physicians Regard His Condition as Improved. Santiago, March 23.—Mr. Sherman is feeling very much better this evening, and his physicians regard his condition as much improved. During a part of the afternoon he sat on the deck of the steamer Paris, viewing Santiago.

MORE REVENUES ARE DESIRED.

BILLS LOOKING TO INCREASE PASS THE HOUSE.

A Bond Measure Calculated to Increase the State's Income \$200,000 Annually—Tax on Beer, Ale and Porter—A Bonus of One-Third of One Per Cent. on Charters and Upon Increase of Corporation Stocks.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.—In the senate this morning several bills were read in three and properly referred. Among them was one by Mr. Mitchell, of Jefferson, authorizing the employment of male prisoners of the jails and workhouses on the public roads in the counties in which they are incarcerated.

The bill amending the present pool law was defeated on final passage by a vote of 25 to 16, not the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote. After the joint convention the senate re-convened and Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Wenz, moved that the vote by which the pool was defeated be re-considered. This was agreed to, and upon motion of Mr. Muehl-Bronner the bill was placed on the postponed calendar of bills on final passage.

By a vote of 14 to 26, the bill granting power to councils to re-adjust the number and salaries of officers, clerks and employees in the several municipal departments of Philadelphia was defeated. A delegation of Philadelphia councilmen came to Harrisburg and advocated the passage of the measure. The chief opponent was Mr. Martin, of Philadelphia.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH BALLOT.

Harrisburg, March 23.—The fifty-sixth ballot today resulted: Jenks 27, Dolz 17, Stewart 6, Half 4, Irvin 4, Widener 3, Hille 1, Smith 1, Tubbs 1, Markle 1.

SAMPSON COMPLIMENTED.

President McKinley Recognizes Merit. Washington, March 23.—Admiral Sampson has received from the president the most effective commendation, and offering the battle they had threatened, became panic stricken and began getting out of the community as quickly as possible.

THE QUAY TRIAL.

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BLOODY RACE WAR IN ARKANSAS.

LARGE NUMBER OF NEGROES HAVE BEEN KILLED.

Seven Blacks Known to Have Been Lynched and the Work Is Not Yet Done—Bodies of Mob Victims Dangle from Limbs of Trees. Gully and Innocent Suffer Alike. Two Are Whipped—Colored Families Fleeing for Their Lives.

Texarkana, Ark., March 23.—A race war is in progress in Little River county and during the last forty-eight hours a large number of negroes have met their death at the hands of the white population. Seven are known to have been lynched and the work is not yet done. The bodies of the victims of the mob's violence are hanging from the limbs of trees in various parts of the county.

A PLOT DISCOVERED.

One or two negroes have previously been severely dealt with when the people found it necessary to take the law into their own hands, but it was not until Tuesday that the trouble assumed a serious aspect. It then developed that carefully laid plans had been made by a number of negroes to precipitate a race war and that many white men had been marked for victims.

WATER ORDINANCE FAILS.

Philadelphia Will Be Obligated to Drink Mud for Some Time. Philadelphia, March 23.—The ordinance appropriating \$3,200,000 for the improvement and extension of the water supply of the city failed of final passage in senate today by three votes short of a necessary two-thirds vote.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today: FAIR; NORTHERLY WINDS. 1. General—The Jury Bill Sensation. Battle of Bollo. Work of the State Lawmakers. Many Negroes Killed in a Race War in Arkansas.

SECRETARY ALGER IS SUPREME.

All Questions of War Department Authority Are Settled by a Recent Order. Washington, March 23.—The following order has been issued at the war department: Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office.

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DESPERATE FIGHTING AT ILOILO.

General Miller Reports That Fifty Rebels Were Killed.

THE BATTLE ON MARCH 16. Riflemen from Pania, to the Number of 400, Were Engaged—100 of Them Wounded—American Loss, One Killed and Fifteen Wounded. Report of Casualties Made by General Otis—Narrow Escape of a Photographer.

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