

THE DENIAL OF MR. JONES

To Questions of Bribery Committee He Answers No.

LAUBACH SIGNED PAPER

Pledged Himself, It is Alleged, Not to Vote for Quay if Nominated and Elected—Received a Small Salary as Clerk at John Wanamaker's, Laubach Also Makes Denials, Other Testimony.

Harrisburg, April 6.—The bribery committee met this afternoon to hear Frank B. Jones, of Philadelphia, who is alleged to have offered Representative Laubach, of Philadelphia, a position in the custom house or mint, guaranteed for five years, to vote for Senator Quay.

Mr. Jones said that Laubach told him he was going to vote for Mr. Quay and complained about the small salary he received as clerk in John Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia.

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HONORS OF WAR TO DEAD HEROES

INTERESTING CEREMONIES AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY.

The Nation is Represented by President McKinley and His Cabinet, Last Tender Tribute to 336 Officers and Men Who Gave Up Their Lives for Their Country.

Washington, April 6.—With full honors of war, upon the crest of the southern slope of Arlington cemetery, this afternoon, the nation, represented by President McKinley, his cabinet and other high dignitaries of the government, the commanding general of the army and other distinguished officers, all the regular and militia organizations of the District of Columbia and a vast concourse of 15,000 people, paid the last tender tribute of honor and respect to the bodies of 336 officers and men who gave their lives on distant battle fields for their country during the Spanish-American war.

To the right rise ramparts of old Fort McPherson, to the left the countless graves of heroes of the Civil war, sprinkled with inscriptions to distinguished generals, and to the rear the stately old Lee mansion and Fort Myer. In this burial lot, which covered two acres in extent, in parallel rows, the boxes containing the caskets were ranged, separated by great mounds of earth, over each box an American flag was draped. There was no particular order in the disposition of the remains, though an exception was made in the case of the officers.

The boxes containing the bodies of Captain Edgar Hubert, of the Eighth United States Infantry; Lieutenant L. I. Barnett, Ninth United States Infantry; Lieutenant William Wood, Twelfth United States Infantry; Lieutenant H. S. Turman, Sixth United States Infantry, and Lieutenant Francis S. Wright, United States Volunteer Signal Corps, were placed at the head of the line of graves, immediately under the eye of the presidential party. Of the others, seventy per cent. are wholly unknown, or known only by the regiment to which they belonged.

Stratman Murdered. Member of the Benedictine Order Killed for Money.

Greensburg, Pa., April 6.—The inquest on the body of Herman Stratman, who was found in the Loyalhanna river at New Alexandria, concluded today with the verdict that he came to his death by a blunt instrument in the hands of a party or parties unknown.

Stratman, who was 50 years old, was a native of Philadelphia and a member of the Benedictine Order at St. Vincent monastery. He disappeared several days ago, after having sold a car load of hides at Latrobe. He was probably murdered for the money known to be in his possession.

Two Negroes Lynched. They Confessed the Murder of T. H. Leland.

Brooksville, Miss., April 6.—Two negroes, Forest Jamison and Mose Anderson, were lynched today by a mob for the murder of T. H. Leland, a stock farmer, who was found murdered at his home.

Forest Jamison confessed that he choked Leland to death while Anderson held the victim's feet. At noon today a posse of 200 citizens captured the negroes and hanged them to a tree.

Wheat is Dead. Conditions in the Crop of 1899 Has Discouraged Many Farmers.

St. Louis, April 6.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Mason City, Ill., says:

Nearly all the wheat through Central Illinois from Danville to Havana, considered the best section of the state, is dead. There was a large acreage sown last fall. Farmers are discouraged.

Frank McBride Shot. New York, April 6.—Frank McBride, who says he is a laborer, but whom the police say is a crook, was fatally shot today by William F. Murray, a colored man. McBride, when shot, was trying to force his way into a tenement on Twenty-seventh street where Murray is janitor. Murray was arrested.

Killed His Sister-in-Law. New York, April 6.—Mrs. Elizabeth Schumaker was shot and killed today by her brother-in-law, Albert Schumaker, at his home near New Brunswick, N. J. Schumaker was arrested and has confessed that he killed the woman. He is said to be weak mentally.

Relief at Singapore. Washington, April 6.—Surgeon General Sternberg today received a cablegram from Major Bradley, in charge of the hospital relief, announcing the arrival of the vessel at Singapore with all on board well. The relief will reach Manila April 11.

Steamship Arrivals. Queensboro, April 6.—Sailed: Trenton, from Liverpool, New York. Passed: Kaiser Wilhelm II, New York for Naples and Genoa. Glasgow—Arrived: Anchoita, New York. Rotterdam—Arrived: Steamship, New York. Sailed: Maasdam, New York.

An Advance of Twenty-Five Cents. Lancaster, Pa., April 6.—Notice has been posted in the Pennsylvania iron works of this city of an advance of 25 cents for pigging and a corresponding increase for all skilled laborers.

MRS. GEORGE'S TRIAL

Much Difficulty Is Experienced in Selecting a Jury.

Case of Mrs. George, charged with the murder of George Saxton, was filled several times today, but because of crowded conditions, no case or preliminary challenge, no jury was obtained and court adjourned for the day with twelve men in the jury box, but the defense still have nine peremptory challenges, and if all are exercised much more time will be required to complete the jury. It is not believed, however, that many more challenges will be preferred and at least ten of the men already selected will be acceptable to the defense.

Sixty men have so far been examined as to qualifications for the jury. Mrs. Althaus and young Hogan, the witnesses wanted by both sides, were not turned up and their present whereabouts are unknown. Mrs. Althaus has left a Pennsylvania town to which she had been traced. The defense has failed to locate Mrs. Elizabeth Farley, former cashier in a New York hotel, who was reported as having been engaged to marry Saxton at the time of the tragedy and whose deposition is wanted by the defense.

Bandits at Santiago. Twenty-Two Are Confined in Military Prisons.

Santiago de Cuba, April 6.—There are now twenty-two bandits in the Santiago military prison. Major General Wood, the military governor, is actively suppressing disturbances from this source. Yesterday four bandits from San Luis and three from Guanabacoa were hanged. There is not a little excitement over the operations of the outlaws, and rumors are in circulation regarding trouble in the district of Holguin, but the present efforts of the military authorities will soon assure safety in all parts of the province.

There is no foundation for the report that the Cuban general, Jose Miro, has been in any way involved in the disturbances. On the contrary, he has assured General Wood of his active co-operation in putting down brigandage.

Stabbed to Death. Fate of a Flighty Butcher at Macon, Georgia.

Macon, Ga., April 6.—Gus Tidwell, a butcher was stabbed to death here today by Charles Burge, a plumber, because of Tidwell's attention to the slayer's sister. The crime was committed at the entrance to the city hall in full view of twenty policemen and a half dozen women and number of children. The victim and his slayer had been summoned to the police court for fighting last night about the murderer's sister.

Tidwell had been paying attention to Burge's sister, a pretty girl about 18 years of age, and a day or two ago a letter written by him to the girl fell into the hands of Mrs. Tidwell. The latter told Miss Burge that Tidwell had been paying attention to her husband kept up his attentions.

MR. HOBART'S ILLNESS. He is Improving but is Still in Bed.

Washington, April 6.—Vice President Hobart was a trifle better tonight, though he has not rallied from his relapse of several days ago sufficiently to indicate when he will be about again. He is still kept in bed. Aggravated indigestion, an annoying cough and general weakness have made the vice-president's case a rather serious one.

Representative Baird, of Louisiana, is lying in a critical condition at his hotel apartments here and is barely holding his own tonight. No material change in his condition is reported.

EXPRESS DRIVER ARRESTED. Accused of Theft of Package of Money.

Wilkes-Barre, April 6.—Henry Levy, aged 25, driver of a delivery wagon for the Wilkes-Barre Express company of New York, was arrested here today, charged with forgery and theft. On the 18th of March last Levy was given a package containing \$100 to be delivered to J. Gaylor, of Brooklyn, and it is alleged he stole the money and signed Gaylor's name to the delivery receipt. A detective traced Levy to this city. He is now in jail awaiting requisition papers from New York.

First Glass Strike. Millville, N. J., April 6.—The first glass strike occurred here today. Manager Barrett, of the Elmer glass works, refused to recognize the committee which called on him to present the demand for the 25-cent increase in wages that they down their pipes and marched to a hall where addresses were made by Vice President Donaghy and Millville, of the Glass Workers' union. A public meeting was held at Glassboro tonight over Whitney & Co., granting the workers' demands.

Death at the Kodak. Philadelphia, Pa., April 6.—Samuel M. Graham, known throughout Central Pennsylvania in base ball and foot ball circles, having been manager of several clubs, was instantly killed here this place today while attempting to get a kodak picture of a large stump which was about to be blown from the ground with dynamite, a splinter striking him on the neck and nearly cutting his head from the body.

Lamp Chimney Combine. Pittsburg, April 6.—The Post tomorrow will say: "A 25-cent advance of lamp chimney manufacturers of the United States is in the process of formation with every indication that the promoters of the enterprise will carry the deal to a successful termination. The factories concerned in the combine comprise every manufacturer of lamp chimneys in the United States."

Fifty-One Men for Manila. Greenville, S. C., April 6.—Fifty-one men from the Second division hospital corps left Camp Wetherill today under orders to proceed to Manila to do general hospital work in the Philippines. At New Orleans they will be joined by fifty men from the First division hospital corps and the whole party will proceed to San Francisco to embark for Manila.

INHERITANCE TAX BILL AMENDED

Laid Aside for Printing and Final Passage.

Personal Registration Bill is Deferred—Bribery Investigating Committee Given Until April 14 to File Their Report—The School Appropriations—Suggestions as to Payment—Other Business Considered by Senate.

Harrisburg, April 6.—The Baldwin direct inheritance tax bill was taken up in the house today and amended, after which it was laid aside for printing and final passage. The bill levies a tax of two per cent. on direct inheritances consisting of personal property only and is similar to the bill passed by the last legislature with the exception of the retroactive and exemption clauses.

The personal registration act was taken up and its provisions were explained at length by Mr. Fox, of Philadelphia. He argued that if the bill became a law it would prevent dishonest elections and would require every voter to register personally. Mr. Harris, of Clearfield, said that the proposed law would be a burden to the country districts and would require many of the voters to travel a long distance to register. Mr. Dixon, of Erie, said that he did not think the bill would add to the cost in the country districts and he did not care if it did as long as it would purify the ballot in the cities. Mr. Adams, of Philadelphia, was against the bill because the people in the cities do not want it. The bill was defeated by a vote of 85 to 17, less than a constitutional majority of 100 voting in the affirmative.

At the afternoon session, Chairman Fox, of the bribery investigating committee, offered a resolution that the committee be given until April 14 to file their report and that the original resolution be amended by fixing the amount to be expended at \$1,750 or so much thereof as may be necessary, instead of \$1,000, and that the testimony be printed and read in the assembly to the Legislative Record and that a copy of it be laid on each member's desk preparatory to acting upon the report. He explained that the committee expected to complete the taking of testimony tonight, but it was necessary to read in the assembly the testimony and prepare its report. Mr. Krebs, of Franklin, moved to amend by striking out the clause relating to the printing of the testimony.

Chairman Fox replied that in all the investigations in the house the testimony was printed so that each member could examine it. Mr. Krebs withdrew his amendment after the chairman had amended the resolution so as to provide that the testimony be printed in pamphlet form and it was adopted in this form.

Appropriation Bill. The general appropriation bill was called up by Mr. Marshall of Allegheny, and passed second reading. Mr. Moore, of Butler, moved to strike out the clause in the section appropriating \$11,000,000 to the public schools providing "that no school district shall be entitled to receive in any one year as its proportion from the state a greater amount of the appropriation than the school district raises for the maintenance of its schools by local taxation." This provoked a long discussion, the country members advocating the amending, the city opposing the motion to strike out the clause. The amendment was adopted by a large vote.

Mr. Hoch, of Berks, moved to amend the clause relating to the school appropriation of \$5,200,000 annually so as to provide for the payment of one-half on each year. Mr. Skinner, of Fulton, offered an amendment to the amendment providing that beginning in the year 1900 the first half shall be paid on Sept. 1, 1900, and the second April 1, 1901. The Skinner amendment was adopted by a vote of 85 to 17. The amendment was amended by Mr. Skinner, who was overwhelmingly defeated. This left the section unchanged. An amendment was offered by Mr. Hanson, of Venango, and defeated requiring the appropriation to be paid on Oct. 1, Dec. 1, Feb. 1 and April 1, of each year, beginning in 1899.

A bill authorizing courts of common pleas and orphans' courts to make and enter an order or decree granting to charitable institutions, asylums or colleges within this commonwealth the right and power to bind out and indenture minor children, who have been maintained and cared for by such institution, asylum or corporation for a period of one year or over at the expense of the whole or in part of such institutions, asylum or corporation and prescribing the manner in which such courts shall take jurisdiction of such cases and the effect of such indenturing made under and pursuant to such order or decree passed finally.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock. Evening Session. Local and special bills a third reading and final passage occupied the attention of the house this evening. Final and favorable action were taken on these bills:

Submitting to the voters of Coudersport, Potter county, the question whether they desire the repeal of the law prohibiting the issuing of liquor licenses in that borough; also extending to the voters of Potter county, exclusive of Coudersport, the same privilege.

ALDERMAN KELLY ESCAPES. Senate Committee Thinks the Evidence Insufficient.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 6.—When the Baldwin mercantile tax bill came up on third reading in the senate this morning Chairman Grady, of the Finance committee, reversed himself and declared that the bill would not pass.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: RAIN; EASTERLY WINDS.

1 General—One of Uncle Sam's Peace-makers ordered to Bluefields. Work of the Federal Investigators, Inheritance Tax Bill Amended, Burial of Dead Heroes.

2 General—Inheritance Tax Bill Amended (Concluded).

3 Local—Annual Reports of City Officers.

4 Editorial—Difficulties Confronting Yankees in Cuba.

5 Story—"A Slight Mistake."

6 Local—Interesting Sessions of the Teachers' Institute.

7 Local—The City Solicitor's Report, Scranton's Veteran Policemen Rejoice.

8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

9 News Round About Scranton.

10 Local—Proceedings of Federal and State Legislatures, Programme of Next Week's Wyoming Conference.

PEACEMAKER ORDERED TO BLUEFIELDS

The Cruiser Detroit Will Sail from Veracruz.

The United States Government Will Not Longer Put up with Insults Upon American Citizens—Unless the Protests Sent Are Heeded There is Trouble Ahead for Bluefields.

Washington, April 6.—The cruiser Detroit, which is now lying off La Guayra, Venezuela, has been ordered post haste to Bluefields, Nicaragua, for the protection of American interests in that quarter. On the way she will touch at Port Limon, Costa Rica, where her commander will put himself in communication with the United States consul at that point and where he also may receive further instructions. She is also likely to make a brief stop at Greytown. Her despatch under hurry orders is at the urgent request of the state department, to which American residents both at Bluefields and in Costa Rica have appealed for protection of American interests. The arbitrary and extortionate policy adopted by General Torres, at Bluefields, who, on more than one occasion has made himself persona non grata to this government, and whose restoration to power at this time has been followed by acts which American residents resent and protest against, is the main cause of the vessel's dispatch.

The state department at the same time has cabled instructions to the United States diplomatic representatives at Bluefields to lodge an energetic protest with the Nicaraguan government against the action of General Torres and disregard of this protest will be followed up by a more positive step on the part of this government. In Costa Rica the American business interests and residents are in trouble as a result of an insurrectionary movement. It is understood that the insurgents are levying forced taxes on them, besides collecting exorbitant and double duties on imports.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE MEETING. Up to a Late Hour a Schedule Had Not Been Agreed Upon.

The Atlantic base ball league convened at Philadelphia yesterday for the purpose of adopting a playing schedule for the coming season. Up to a late hour last night, the delegates had not reached an agreement. The schedule submitted by the committee was not to the liking of all and an adjustment of the dates to suit the representatives of the several clubs proved to be slow work. President E. G. Barrow presided at the meeting.

The eight clubs of the league were all represented as follows: Scranton, Martin Swift and H. E. Long; Wilkes-Barre, George Stegmair and Daniel Shannon; Allentown, William Shargis and Earl B. Douglas; Reading, F. G. Patton and Frank Rinn; Lancaster, A. K. Spurrer; Newark, Charles Blomlock; Paterson, W. S. Wright; Philadelphia, M. M. McGuire and Jacob Wells. The Wilkes-Barre Times of last night contained the following about the club of that city:

"President George Stegmair is dissatisfied with the lukewarm spirit and lack of interest displayed by some of the local stockholders and directors of the Wilkes-Barre club and it is intimated that unless more interest is shown and certain differences adjusted Wilkes-Barre will not be represented by a base ball club this season. President Stegmair has called a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the club in the Laning building at 8.30 o'clock tomorrow evening, when the future of the club will be discussed."

END OF STRIKE AT HAND. So Claim the Journeymen Painters at Their Meeting Last Night.

"It is only a matter of a few hours. Only three more master painters to sign and the strike ends" was what the press members of the steering committee gave out last night in reference to the strike of the journeymen painters in the city. They also stated that one signature to the scale was secured late yesterday afternoon which practically ended the affair.

A regular meeting of Union No. 218 was held last night in A. O. U. W. hall. The steering committee's report, in substance as stated above, was given and the committee accorded a vote of appreciation.

Prize Fights Licensed. Denver, Colo., April 6.—Governor Thomas today signed the bill passed by the general assembly licensing prize fighting when attended by clubs.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, April 6.—Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania + rain, fair Friday with increasing + and high easterly winds; Saturday + fair.

Pennsylvania Postmasters. Washington, April 6.—The following Pennsylvania postmasters were appointed today: King, Bedford county, Wm. P. Burkert; Manville, Perry, Ezra D. Bupp.