

MESTREZAT NOMINATED

Fayette County Man Is Named for Justice of Supreme Bench.

GUFFEY TAKES A HAND

The Democratic State Chairman Is Obligated to Indicate Preference in Order to Break the Deadlock—Hon. Stephen Leslie Mestrezat Selected in the Twenty-Eighth Ballot. Judge P. P. Smith Next to the Winner—Incidents of the Convention.

Special from a Staff Correspondent. Harrisburg, June 15.—I have heretofore referred to this as a record-breaking convention, and such indeed it was. It came to an end at 6.10, after nominating the following candidates: Justice of the Supreme Court, Hon. Stephen Leslie Mestrezat, of Fayette county; judge of the Superior Court, C. J. Reilly, of Lycoming county; state treasurer, William P. Creasy, of Columbia county.

It required the quite unparalleled number of twenty-eight ballots to decide the supreme nomination, and there is no saying how many more would have been necessary if Colonel Guffey had not given orders for Mestrezat. He declared early in the week that he would not interfere with reference to the supreme court nomination, and was as good as his word until today. After the twenty-second ballot he saw the convention would not be able for hours to make a choice and thereupon proceeded to save further trouble by naming the candidate himself. His choice was Mestrezat, and in half an hour after he gave orders the nomination was made. Next to the winner, Hon. P. P. Smith, of Lackawanna, received the highest vote cast for any candidate. He was given 107 on the twenty-second ballot. It was intolerably warm at the morning session of the convention, and a light rain early in the afternoon came as a great and needed relief.

Convention in Detail. It was 10.55 o'clock when the convention assembled in the morning. Without any preliminaries the twelfth ballot was proceeded with. The vote was watched with the greatest interest. Everybody was anxious to learn if any of the delegations had swung from their first favorites during the night. It was soon evident that nothing had been done in the way of making combinations. The vote was almost identical with that of the eleventh ballot, taken at midnight Wednesday.

C. La Rue Munson, of Williamsport, was the only candidate who made a substantial gain. Wednesday night on the last ballot he had only one vote. This morning he received eighteen on the first ballot. Smith had 26 votes on the twelfth, the first ballot taken today. Lynch had 20. On the thirteenth Smith had 25 and Lynch 18. Fourteenth, Smith, 29; Lynch, 18. Fifteenth, Smith, 40; Lynch, 21. Sixteenth, Smith, 41; Lynch, 18. Seventeenth, Smith, 42; Lynch, 19. Eighteenth, Smith, 40; Lynch, 20. It was 12.45 o'clock when the convention took a recess until 3 p. m. Up to the noon adjournment Yerkes had the most consistent growth in strength of any of the candidates. From 43 on the first he went up to 81 on the eighteenth. Kennedy started with 54 and on the eighteenth had 41. Krebs went from 45 to 60. Allen from 35 to 31. Mestrezat from 29 to 47. Emmentroust from 41 to 61. Smith from 27 to 40, and Lynch had twenty votes on the first and eighteenth ballots.

Munson showed much strength on the first two morning ballots, but dropped out on the fourth, but his friends said he would be heard from later in the day. When Munson dropped the Lycoming men who voted for Smith last night did not return to that candidate. The Philadelphia delegation raised contribution to the Smith vote from 16 to 20 during the morning hours, giving him a raise of one on each ballot. On the fifteenth Cumberland gave five to ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison.

The Afternoon Session. The afternoon session opened at 3.05 o'clock. For half an hour before the delegates re-assembled, reports of a big movement of delegates toward Smith during the afternoon were in circulation. He was to receive a large share of the Allegheny, Schuylkill, Lycoming, Northampton and Luzerne votes. The report was widely credited, but the first ballot did nothing to substantiate it. Smith gained 3 votes and Lynch lost 1. There was no evidence of the expected big movement toward Smith. Yerkes, who reached 81 votes, high water mark, on the eighteenth ballot before adjournment, dropped to 75 on the nineteenth, and Emmentroust went up from 61 to 70. Allen, of Erie, jumped from 31 to 35.

mer received 20 and the latter 45. On this ballot Smith had 45 and Yerkes 80 votes, the largest number either of them had received up to that time. On the twenty-first ballot, Smith stood had a short-lived boom, when the seven Lycoming delegates voted for the Lackawanna candidate. A moment later, the Smith men experienced a chill when Chairman Donnelly, of the Philadelphia delegation, cast their 65 votes for Yerkes. This took twenty away from Smith with one sweep. When the result was announced, Smith had but 25 and Yerkes had climbed up to 101. Yerkes was the first candidate to get three figures.

The twenty-second ballot created more excitement than any up to this time. Philadelphia cast 45 votes for Smith and Schuylkill gave him its entire 15. Delaware gave him 4 instead of 1, and Somerset and Tioga also went with the Smith men, contributing their 5 votes. Peter O'Boyle cast the 18 votes of the Lycoming delegation for Smith, but a moment later he announced that he meant to cast them for Lynch, not Smith. This announcement was a great relief to the Emmentroust men. Smith obtained 107 votes on this ballot and Yerkes dropped to 23.

Beginning of the End. On the twenty-third ballot Philadelphia pulled nearly all of its votes away from Smith and transferred them to Guffey, who was occupying his seat in the rear of the press gallery, began to send out messengers and receive reports from various lieutenants. On the twenty-fourth ballot, 129 on the twenty-fifth, 132 on the twenty-sixth and 144 on the twenty-seventh. On the twenty-eighth ballot he made further gains, and after the poll of the delegates, Congressman Day Emmentroust, of Berks, withdrew his brother's name and cast the nineteen votes of that county for Mestrezat. Then the excitement began. Everybody was on their feet. Chairman Donnelly, of Philadelphia, recalled the 19 votes he had cast for Smith and 19 for Yerkes, and cast Philadelphia's 65 votes for the Fayette county man. Centre and other counties followed suit. By this time the convention was stampeded for Mestrezat, and his nomination was made by acclamation.

C. J. Reilly, the permanent chairman of the convention, was nominated for judge of the Superior court, much to his surprise, and William P. Creasy, of Columbia county, otherwise known as "Farmer Creasy," was named for state treasurer. J. F. Mitchell.

BOOMERS PLAYED OUT. They Deserted the State Capitol in Great Number Early in the Day. Special from a Staff Correspondent. Harrisburg, Pa., June 15.—Nearly all of the Lackawanna boomers deserted the state capital today. A large party of them went out on the 3 a. m. train for the night, and the rest of the train that left the state capital for the north during the day. The oppressive heat, the long drawn out contest and the constant shouting, to say nothing of the frequent haranguing of the candidates by their favorite, quite exhausted the Lackawanna men.

They were not the only boomers who deserted the field. One by one the bands disappeared and with them went many of the delegations that accompanied the booms of favorite sons to this city. When the convention opened yesterday the opera house was thronged. This morning there was plenty of room and the conditions in the building were more tolerable. This is not saying a great deal, for it was still warm enough to cause the delegates and spectators to remove coats, vests and collar and ties. Colonel Guffey was seated in the rear of the press gallery all during the morning session and though frequently urged by the friends of the leading candidates to end the agony, he steadfastly refused to do so. When Judge Smith was nominated by Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons yesterday, an incident occurred that took the attention of the delegates off of the serious work of the convention for a few minutes. Henry J. Collins, of Scranton, after much effort, secured a dove and around its neck fastened a ribbon containing the name of Hon. P. P. Smith. When Colonel Fitzsimmons placed that gentleman in nomination, Mr. Collins liberated his dove, expecting the bird to circle around through the convention hall. He made the mistake of liberating the dove in the gallery instead of the pit. It naturally flew upward and then perched on a window near the roof, and the expected effect was not obtained. It furnished a laugh for the convention, though.

CHANGED OUTLOOK AT THE HAGUE

CONFERENCE MAY ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS.

Arbitration Commission Is Making Satisfactory Progress—A Fresh Proposal Attributed to Sir Julian Pauncefote—Emperor Nicholas, It Is Reported, Is Disappointed.

The Hague, June 15.—The Red Cross sub-committee of the peace conference met today, Prof. Asser, of the Dutch delegation, presiding. Prof. Louis Renault, of the French delegation, explained that certain modifications had been made in the report, meeting the wishes expressed by his colleagues at the last session. Captain Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N., declared his readiness to support proposals submitted in a spirit of conciliation, though he considered they represented a retrograde step in regard to the position of the shipwrecked men, picked up by vessels, finding themselves accidentally on the scene of a naval engagement.

Dr. Moneto Itehiro, of the Japanese delegation, announced that he proposed to submit a motion modifying Article 6 of the Geneva convention, regarding the disposition of sick and wounded prisoners on the lines of the sub-committee's report, which leaves such disposition for the victors to decide. The report being adopted, the president pointed out the advantages which would be gained if during the conference a convention could be signed embodying the important humanitarian articles comprised in the sub-committee's scheme.

On the motion of Baron de Blifit, the delegate of Norway, it was decided that the president should present to the conference such a convention, with a final article providing for the signature of protocols of adhesion thereto. The committee will also recommend to the conference the election of Sir John Fisher, representative of Great Britain, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, "whose efficient work made possible the application of the Geneva articles to naval war, the first practical result of the conference." The chief of the British delegation, Sir Julian Pauncefote, the head of the American delegation, Andrew M. White, and others attended a brilliant reception given by Baron D'Estournelles de Constant, of the French delegation, today.

Changed Outlook. London, June 15.—The correspondent of the Times at The Hague remarking upon the "changed outlook" says: "It now seems possible that the conference may achieve some substantial practical results and conclude its labors earlier than was expected. The arbitration commission is making satisfactory progress. Today (Thursday) there is a fresh proposal in the air which may safely be attributed to Sir Julian Pauncefote."

"This consists in making The Hague the seat of a permanent bureau composed of the representatives of foreign states with the Dutch foreign minister as president. It would have the advantage of dispensing with salaried officials, and I venture the prediction that the plan will be favorably received on all sides and contribute to the success of arbitration."

Emperor Nicholas, it is reported here, is much disappointed at the prospect of the outcome of the peace conference. The opinion of his advisers no further to be engaged in the war, sufficient success will be attained to warrant the re-assembling of the conference. It is understood that neither Germany nor Austria would accept a second invitation.

BLOODY RIOTS AT CLEVELAND

Non-Union Men Working on the Street Cars Are Assaulted—Several Are Badly Beaten and Sent to the Hospital.

Cleveland, June 15.—While the sixth day of the street railway men's strike passed peacefully, tonight the mob started peacefully on their night fall and three non-union men were taken to hospitals in consequence. The trouble began shortly after noon near the lake view car barns on Euclid avenue. A crowd gathered and attacked a car on which several non-union men were riding without police protection. A volley of stones and bricks was hurled at the car and the conductor, James Murphy, who came from St. Louis, was hauled from the platform. Murphy drew a revolver and fired into the air and then took to his heels. The mob then assaulted some of the other non-union men on the car, injuring them quite severely, but the rioters had disappeared when the police arrived. Soon afterward another car was attacked apparently by the same mob which had collected in another place. Bricks and stones were hurled through the windows. The conductor, Anthony Wuerst, who came from Milwaukee, was struck in the head with a stone and rendered unconscious. The motorcar, J. H. Fox, also of Milwaukee, was injured by the mob. Both men were subsequently sent to a hospital. In this case, as in the other the mob had dispersed when the police arrived.

A little later fifteen or twenty men boarded a car and a desperate fight ensued between them and E. W. Newkirk and C. W. King, the conductor and motorman, both of whom came from Buffalo. Both men were chased from the car and were beaten with clubs and kicked in a brutal manner. Newman was so badly injured that it was necessary to send him to a hospital.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. Sketch of the Nominees for Supreme Justice, Treasurer and Superior Court Judge.

Harrisburg, June 15.—Judge Stephen Mestrezat was born Feb. 19, 1848, in Mapleton, Green county, Pa. He was graduated from the law department of the Washington and Lee University in 1871 at the head of a class and the same year was admitted to the practice of law in the state of Virginia. He went to Uniontown and began the practice of the law.

In 1875 he formed a partnership with Charles E. Boyle, then the leader of the Fayette county bar. The firm continued until the death of Boyle. He was appointed Mr. Boyle's chief justice of the supreme court of Washington territory. In 1884, when Fayette and Greene counties comprised the Fourteenth judicial district, Mr. Mestrezat was elected judge and on Jan. 1, 1894, he was elected judge of the district. On Jan. 1, 1898, upon the retirement of Judge Ewing, Judge Mestrezat became president judge of the judicial district. Judge Mestrezat comes from a long line of Democratic ancestors. In 1877, he was elected district attorney in 1878, and served a full term of three years. In 1884 and '85 he was chairman of the Democratic central committee of Fayette county. He was a delegate to the convention that nominated Pattison for governor in 1882, a member of the convention that nominated Black for governor in 1886. He was also a delegate to the Democratic convention at Chicago in 1892 that nominated Cleveland for president.

William Trenton Creasy, Columbia county, was born in Catawissa township, on a farm, he now occupies. He was educated in the common schools, Catawissa academy, and graduated from the Bloomsburg state normal school. He taught school at the age of 16 and followed it for nine terms. He was engaged in farming, stock raising and auditing. He was mercantile agent in 1891 and is serving his fifth term as school director of his native township. He was a member of the house of representatives, session of 1886, and re-elected in 1887 and 1888. He was a member of the legislature. Mr. Creasy was the recognized leader of the Democrats and the nominee of his party for speaker.

Charles J. Reilly is a native of Philadelphia. He was born in the Twentieth ward of that city and remained a resident of the Quaker City until his eighteenth year, when he removed to Williamsport. In 1882 he entered the law office of Condon & Munson. He concluded his studies in the office of J. J. Metzger at present judge of Lycoming county. He was also a member of the Chautauque college, class of 1890. He entered upon the active practice of law upon his admission to the bar in 1884 and has devoted all of the time since that date to his profession. He was elected district attorney of Lycoming county in 1889 by the largest majority ever given a candidate up to that time.

Sons of Veterans. Officers Elected at Sessions at Hazleton Yesterday. Hazleton, Pa., June 15.—At the closing session today of the Pennsylvania Sons of the Republic and Sons of the American Revolution, Castle was decided upon as the place for next year's encampment. The following additional officers were elected: Senior vice commander, A. W. Mason, Hazleton; junior vice commander, Frank McKelvey, Pittsburg; division counsel, Fred Dunlap, of Wilkes-Barre; W. F. Pickett, of Allentown, and F. S. Hamsey, of Reading.

POINCARÉ WILL FORM A CABINET

DREYFUS AGITATION IS FAR FROM HAVING SUBSIDED.

Quarrels of Officers Have Led to Two Duels and Numerous Mayors Have Been Suspended—Madame Loubet Receives Anonymous Letters Threatening the Life of Her Husband.

Paris, June 15.—M. Poincaré conferred with President Loubet this evening regarding the acceptance by M. Gallien, of the colonial portfolio, M. Delomère, of the portfolio of finance, and M. Ribot, of the portfolio of public instruction. He will report more fully tomorrow. There is still some doubt whether M. Poincaré will succeed in forming a ministry. He wishes M. Ribot and Barthou to join him, but the Radicals object to their presence in the cabinet. It is understood that M. Delcassé will remain at the foreign office. Private conversation of M. Krantz, minister of war in the retiring cabinet, has been published here, with represents him as still believing that Dreyfus is guilty. If this be the case, he is not likely to appear in the new ministry.

LIVELY SESSIONS AT MAZET HEARING

Testimony Concerning Blackmailing Schemes of Police—Chief of Police Devery Explains His Views on Boxing Contests.

New York, June 15.—The sittings of the Mazet investigating committee today proved interesting and in at least one instance exciting, but after a squabble with the minority members over the matter of adjournment, the sessions were adjourned until August 1. Chief of Police Devery was called upon by Mr. Mess to explain why he first threatened to stop the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries prize fight and then went to a knockout finish. Chief Devery admitted that he took an interest in prize fighting and upheld prize fighting and the Horton law. Devery said the recent fight complied with the law and was in all respects a "clean-cut contest."

NEW RICHMOND DISASTER.

The Official List of Dead Contains Ninety Names. St. Paul, June 15.—System has followed the state of paralysis that at first interfered with the rescue and relief work at New Richmond, and in a few days the loss of life at least will be known with reasonable accuracy. An official list of dead has been compiled by the central committee at New Richmond. There are over ninety names of known dead. There are about forty more names of those who are reported dead which are being investigated as rapidly as possible. The great needs were cash and labor, and both are coming in rapidly. Several hundred men will speedily overhaul all the wreckage and bring to light any more bodies of dead that may now be hidden in cellars or elsewhere. Provisions have been sent to New Richmond in sufficient quantities to feed all sufferers.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR AND COOLER. 1 General—Judge Mestrezat Nominated by the Democrats. Heavy Losses of the Filipinos. The New French Premier. Work of the Peace Conference. 2 Atlantic, National and Other League Base Ball Games. 3 Local—Commencement Exercises at School of Lackawanna. Condition of the Local Strike. 4 Editorial. Comment of the Press. 5 Local—Council Proceedings. Visitors' Day at the Oral School. 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 News Round About Scranton. 8 Court Proceedings.

ALLEGED CORCORAN MURDERERS CAUGHT

Important Arrests Made by Pittston Detectives—Four Birds Already in the Net. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Pittston, June 15.—It is now believed that the real Corcoran murders are in custody of officers of the law. Four arrests have been made, two in Canada and two more in this state, with another to be captured, which is only a question of time, and until this is done the names of those now under arrest will not be divulged. These arrests are in connection with the cruel murder of ex-Postmaster Corcoran in Dreyfus several months ago and this time it is thought the real murderers have been captured. This is owing to a partial confession of a prisoner in one of the jails in Ohio and the shrewd work of Detectives Reap and Kearnan, who were not slow in taking advantage of the clue. The detectives will not divulge the names of their prisoners, but this much can be said, that they were for some time in this locality before and at about the time the murder was committed. They are not those who were arrested before, but are known to be burglars who know all about the business in that line and treacherous enough to commit almost any crime to accomplish their nefarious work.

TURKISH OUTRAGES.

Albanians and Regulars Attack Servian Villages. Belgrade, June 15.—A number of Albanian bands, assisted by 2,000 Turkish regular troops, are reported to have attacked a number of Servian villages in the Javonitza district. It is added that during the fighting a large number of men were killed and wounded on both sides. The Turks, it is pointed out, being the superior force, overpowered the frontier guards and now blockade three villages. A force of Servian regular troops has been sent to the scene of the conflict with orders to expel the invaders.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT LANCASTER YESTERDAY MORNING.

Lancaster, June 15.—The supreme court officers elected at Lancaster this morning were the following: Supreme chaplain, Dr. G. W. Hamer, Johnstown, Pa.; supreme commander, Joseph Mitchell, Pittsburg; supreme vice-commander, F. W. Rose, Pottsville, Pa.; supreme secretary, F. H. Doone, Saltsburg, Pa.; recording and corresponding scribe, John G. Davis, Pittsburg; supreme treasurer, W. G. Brown, Pittsburg; inside guard, L. C. Gotthold, Philadelphia; outside guard, George W. Coffin, South Norwalk, Conn.; trustees, G. L. Peet, Frenchtown, N. J.; Solomon Seam, South Norwalk, Conn.; Benjamin Heriata, Millville, N. J.

THE BRIBERY CASES.

Judge Simonton Specially Instructs the Grand Jury. Harrisburg, Pa., June 15.—The grand jury was specially instructed by Judge Simonton this afternoon in the legislative bribery cases. The court explained the law governing corrupt solicitation and then referred the bills of indictment to the jury. Should the defendants be indicted, the cases will be tried at the September term. The perjury charges against Representative Engler, of Lycoming; Johnson, of Northampton, and the defendants in the bribery cases will also be taken up in September.

FILIPINOS ARE MOWED DOWN

Their Loss in Recent Fighting Reported Very Heavy.

ESTIMATE MADE BY OTIS. More Than a Third of Their Force of 4,000 Either Captured, Wounded or Killed—Our Troops' Advent Acclaimed—Gen. Lawton to Follow Up His Victory—To Move on Imus, a Center of the Filipinos' Supplies. A Friendly Native Leader Assassinated—An American Force Sent, at the Request of the Natives, to Restore Order.

Washington, June 15.—General Otis cabled today the following: Adjutant General, Manila, June 15. Success Lawton's troops at Cavite province greater than reported yesterday. Enemy numbering over 4,000, lost in killed, wounded and captured more than one-third; remainder much scattered, have retreated south to Imus, their arsenal of five pieces of artillery, three captured. Navy aided greatly on shore bay, landing forces occasionally. Inhabitants in that country rejoice at deliverance and welcome with enthusiasm demonstrations arrival of our troops. The war department has made public the following: Manila, June 15. Adjutant General, Washington: Prominent Filipino, friendly to Americans, assassinated at Cebu. Inhabitants that locality urgently requested American protection in stronger force. Have sent battalion Tennessee and men from Ohio, which insure peace. Hughes now in charge of affairs in that section. (Signed) Otis.

EMIGRANTS DETAINED.

Suspicious That They Are Contract Laborers. Philadelphia, June 15.—Eight Cretan emigrants from Austria-Hungary who arrived here today on the steamer Norderland, have been detained by the Immigration Commissioner Rodgers, of this port, on suspicion of being contract laborers. The immigrants were en route for Chicago. Pending an investigation they are kept in an immigrant hotel and if the commissioner's suspicions prove true they will be immediately deported. Thirty-eight immigrants have been deported from this port during the past three weeks for violation of the alien contract labor law and all of them were bound for Chicago.

KILLED BY HIS WIFE.

Fred Schatz Seeks Reconciliation and Meets Death. Port Clinton, Pa., June 15.—Fred Schatz was killed by his wife at Rocky Ridge near here today. The couple were married two years ago but had lived apart since last December. Today Schatz went to call on his wife to visit a reconciliation. He entered the house and went upstairs where his wife was. As he entered the room she struck him with a club and he fell to the floor. Mrs. Schatz then dragged her husband down stairs. He died in fifteen minutes. The woman was brought here and jailed this afternoon.

NEW TELESCOPE INVENTED.

Pittsburg, Mo., June 15.—Professor Rehnold A. Fessenden, of the Western university of Pennsylvania, has invented a telescope that will lessen the effect of smokeless powder in warfare by locating the flash when the powder is discharged. The war department has taken the matter up and a test of the telescope will shortly be made before an examining board at Washington. Illinois Mine Strike. Springfield, Ill., June 15.—All the coal mines in the Chicago and Alton sub-district were idle today, the miners having struck owing to the operators having posted a notice saying they would pay but 25 cents per ton. The amount recently fixed by the state board of arbitration was 30 cents. One thousand miners are out.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 15.—Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair and cooler; fair Saturday; fresh, westerly to northwesterly winds.