

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1899.

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CURRENCY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE

Extended from Morning Till the Evening Session.

THE HOLIDAY RECESS

Will Last Until Jan. 3—Mr. Lacey, of Iowa, Among the Leaders—Remarks of Mr. Pierce on Grover Cleveland.

for the Chicago platform, which, he said, was the best platform ever adopted by the Democratic party (Democratic applause). The bill, Mr. Sulzer said, would create a national bank trust.

CAUCUS OF SENATORS.

Republicans Will Meet to Receive Report of Their Committee.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Republican senators will hold a caucus at 11 o'clock tomorrow to receive the report of their committee appointed at the last caucus to make a committee to the literature for the occasion. Much of it, however, seems to be for home consumption. There has been very little cross-talking thus far and no exciting or dramatic incidents. So far as known, twelve Democrats, eight from New York, two from Pennsylvania and one each from Maryland and Massachusetts, will vote for the bill. The senators before the recess today were Messrs. Fowler, of New Jersey; Lacey, of Iowa; Cushman, of Washington; Hamilton, of Michigan; and Burton, of Ohio, Republicans; for the bill, and Messrs. Brandagee, of Arkansas; Wheeler, of Kentucky; Benton, of Missouri; Fox, of Mississippi; Pierce, of Tennessee; Sulzer, of New York; Cowherd, of Missouri; Otey, of Virginia; Gaines, of Texas, Democrats; and Mr. Bell, of Colorado, Populist, against it.

The house adopted a resolution for a holiday recess from Wednesday, Dec. 20, to Wednesday, Jan. 3. Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, asked that the house adjourn over tomorrow to give the members an opportunity to participate in the Washington memorial exercises, but Mr. Payne, the majority leader, objected. He said if George Washington were alive he thought he would be in favor of the house proceeding with the transaction of its business.

WASHINGTON TO CELEBRATE.

Elaborate Preparations for Observance of Washington Day.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Elaborate preparations have been made for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the death of George Washington. Many visitors from a distance, especially among the military and naval forces, are in the city to participate in the ceremonies. Four separate and distinct events have been planned for this locality. The Masons and the Red Men will conduct solemn exercises separately at Mt. Vernon. The Masonic services at Mt. Vernon will be held at noon at the mansion where Mr. McKinley is expected to arrive. An address will be given by the president of the Red Men at the home of John Washington in England. The Red Men's exercise will take place in the afternoon. At night the latter organization will give a grand ball at the convention hall, where a large number of addresses are to be made and an oration will be delivered by Senator Dewey.

BASE BALL BUSINESS.

Affairs of the League Are Discussed.

New York, Dec. 13.—The meeting of the National League of Professional Base Ball Players was held today, and the league representatives will probably be in session until Saturday. Innumerable perplexing questions have come up for solution, and the meeting closed at six o'clock, when it was officially announced that nothing had been done. The Wrigley matter, however, came up before the board of directors. Messrs. Brush, Hart, Knickerbocker, Knickerbocker, Wagner and Young, and it was learned from what seemed to be an authoritative source that it is the intention of the board to take action on the Wrigley matter today. In the course of the investigation today the Wrigley matter President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern league; Fred Knickerbocker, representing the New York club; John M. Ward, counsel for the Syracuse club; and Charles Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn club, were summoned before the board.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Among nominations sent to the senate today from the president were these Pennsylvania postmasters: Robert S. Bowman, Berwick; Samuel G. Wilson, Bridgeport; William H. Logan, Clifton Heights; George D. Leonard, Newburg; Lottia J. Kintner, Wyalusing.

Shaw Sentenced for Life.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Irving Shaw, 18 years old, of Providence, Saratoga county, was today convicted of murdering his playmate, Jesse Bianchi, at Providence, last October. Justice Stover sentenced young Shaw to life imprisonment at Dannemora prison.

AGUINALDO'S EXPERIENCE

REBEL CHIEF A FUGITIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Without a Command—His Bodyguard Destroyed—Gen. Del Pilar Killed and Gen. Conception a Prisoner. Gen. Tino Wounded and Fleeing Before Lieut. Col. Howze—American Prisoners Rescued.

Manila, Dec. 13.—General Young reports the rescue of Bruce, of the Nevada regiment, and Edwards, of the gunboat Yorktown, who had been held prisoners by the Filipino General Tino, who is carrying other American prisoners north, is being pursued hotly. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains, his bodyguard having been destroyed and Gregorio del Pilar killed. General Conception has surrendered. The Lepanto province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy operated with the army on the west coast. Two thousand eight hundred released Spanish prisoners are coming to Manila.

WIFE'S NAME DRAGGED IN.

Proceedings in the Molinoux Trial Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 13.—In the trial of Roland B. Molinoux, charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams, the direct examination of handwriting expert, William J. Kinsley, was completed. The witnesses were cross-examined by the appearance of a witness named Robert Stephen Holt, a flour merchant. It was during the examination of this witness that the name of the wife of Molinoux was dragged into the trial for the first time. Mr. Holt testified that the late Henry C. Barnett, who died at the Knickerbocker Athletic club about a year ago, was also connected with the firm of Holt & Co. and had identified certain letters as being in the handwriting of the deceased, and upon cross-examination by Mr. Weeks, had testified that a lady from out of town had called upon him at his Lexington avenue residence some time in November. The object of this particular line of cross-examination evidently puzzled Assistant District Attorney Osborn, for he immediately seized the opportunity to examine the witness about Mrs. Molinoux. Mr. Holt said that he had known her when she was Blanche Chesbrough; that he had met her several times at the Knickerbocker Athletic club. In reply to Mr. Osborn's questions the witness testified that on one occasion he had seen Mrs. Barnett's name on a card when Miss Chesbrough was there. The witness, Barnett, Miss Chesbrough and another woman had been attending an entertainment at the club and had visited Barnett's rooms. Barnett and Miss Chesbrough remained in the rooms all night, and the witness remembered that there was part of a bottle of champagne on the table when he was there.

DEATH OF MAJOR LOGAN.

Report That He Was Killed by His Own Men Unfounded.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Colonel Long, the quartermaster in charge of army transportation at San Francisco, who was instructed recently by Quartermaster General Ludington to investigate the report published in certain newspapers that Major John A. Logan, U. S. V., had been killed by his own soldiers as an act of revenge, says that Koppitz, the freight clerk who was alleged to have been responsible for the allegations, denies officially and positively that he made any such charge to him. Logan, representative of the ship, adds Colonel Long, "who made such remarks, and is satisfied that, if made, they were by some irresponsible party."

ELLEN TERRY IN A FIRE.

Vice-President Morton and Wife also in the Burned Hotel.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—A slight fire started early today at the Hotel Walton, where a number of guests were aroused from their beds and almost a panic ensued. Among the distinguished guests in the hotel at the time were Ellen Terry and former Vice-President Morton and wife. The blaze was caused by a defective electric light wire in the kitchen. The smoke ascending to the upper floors, awakened most of the sleeping guests and half-clad men and women ran wildly about calling for assistance. All were soon on the ground floor, and in a short time the flames were extinguished. The loss is trifling.

SUIT AGAINST THE ERIE.

Mrs. Anna Leippe Seeks to Recover \$20,000 Damages.

Honesdale, Dec. 13.—A jury was empaneled on Saturday and held over for court this week before which to try the case of Mrs. Anna Leippe vs. the Erie Railroad company. Mrs. Leippe brought suit to recover damages for the death of her husband, who met his death while in the discharge of his duties as brakeman on an Erie freight train. While at Lodi-ville some disarrangement for a car brake caused him to fall between the cars and he was killed.

Bishop of Maine.

Portland, Me., Dec. 13.—Robert Crossman, Jr., pastor of St. John's church, Boston, was chosen bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Maine at a convention of the clergy and laity here today, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely.

STARTED THE FIRE WITH OIL.

Tragedy in the Clarke Household, Near DuBois.

DuBois, Pa., Dec. 13.—As a result of using kerosene to start a fire, Mrs. A. J. Clarke, of Walton, is dead, her husband is lying at the point of death at the Adrian hospital, and a little daughter is seriously burned and if she does recover will be scarred for life. The home of the ill-fated family took fire as Mrs. Clarke entered the kitchen about 2 o'clock this afternoon, having been engaged in housework in another part of the house. The fire in the stove seemed to be out. She got the oil can and commenced to pour oil on some wood she had put in the stove. There was an explosion, which scattered the burning oil over the apartment, setting fire to the room in many different places.

Mrs. Clarke and her little daughter, who was playing around while her mother was busy at work, were both deluged with the burning fluid. Mrs. Clarke entered the kitchen about 2 o'clock this afternoon, having been engaged in housework in another part of the house and in his efforts to stamp out the flames that enveloped his wife and child, his clothing caught fire. By the use of water and blankets by the crowd of neighbors who had assembled, the flames were extinguished from the persons of the three unfortunate, but not until the woman was burned in a terrible manner. In some places the flesh was completely charred and burned from the bones. She died within two hours. Mr. Clarke and the child were rescued to the hospital, and although the condition of both is considered dangerous, the doctors have hopes of the recovery of the child.

WRECK ON THE JERSEY CENTRAL

FOUR OF THE TRAINMEN ARE KILLED.

Passenger Train No. 18 Runs Into the Rear End of an Extra Coal Train Near Allentown—Passengers Severely Shaken Up, but None Are Seriously Injured.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 13.—Passenger train No. 18 on the Jersey Central railroad, eastbound, due here at 8:57, this evening ran into the hind end of extra coal train No. 425, also eastbound, opposite Laury's, between Siegfried and Trechler's. Engineer Fred Yeomans, fireman William H. Smith and baggagemaster Thomas Heath, of the passenger train, and flagman George Hann, of the coal train, were buried under the wreck and killed. The bodies have not yet been recovered. The wreck caught fire and engine No. 571, smoker and baggage cars of the passenger train were burned. The day coach escaped the flames. The passengers were severely shaken up, but none were seriously injured. The coal train dropped flagman Hann at Trechler's. There he was picked up by the passenger engine on which he rode when killed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: FAIR; COLDER.

1 General—Methuen Receives a Setback at Modder. Currency Talk in the House. Aguinaldo a Fugitive in the Mountains. Four Trainmen Killed on the Jersey Central.

THE IRON TRADE.

All Lines Remain Strong Except Sheets.

Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—The American Manufacturer and Iron World will say tomorrow: The dull season that has the iron and steel branches of trade in this grass affords plenty of leisure for both sides of the business to do some thinking. All lines remain strong except sheets, which have been down for some weeks, but there is a spark of life remaining in the sheet men, for they now predict a resumption of demand at considerably higher prices next month. There are some grounds for their prediction, since the cost of sheet iron is not likely to fall below \$35 for the next year under the most favorable conditions, and the cost of spelter is moving along in the right way for the galvanizing division of the trade. Sheet bars for immediate delivery are difficult to get at \$35 and it may happen that \$35 will be the cost for much of the year. Billets for late delivery next year are quoted at \$35, which would bring the cost of sheet bars in the normal ratio to about \$37 as things go. Pig iron of all grades is firm, but little is moving, principally because there is so little iron left to be handled. The southern market has been dull so far as sales are concerned the past ten days.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

The Alleged Jury Bribers of Lancaster Must Stand Trial.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The federal grand jury today returned true bills of indictment in the case of Thomas O'Dea and Harry J. Fairbanks, charged with attempting to corruptly influence the jury before which ex-United States District Attorney Ellery P. Ingham and ex-Assistant United States District Attorney Harvey K. Newell were tried for conspiracy in attempting to bribe a general services operative in connection with the revenue stamp counterfeiting case.

ORDER IS HELD UP.

Mayor Moir Refuses to Approve of Thomas V. Lewis' Appointment.

Mayor James Moir yesterday refused to approve of an order for the payment of the salary of Thomas V. Lewis, lately appointed assistant sanitary officer of the board of health and who has been acting in that capacity for over a month past. The mayor has his stand on that portion of the act of assembly of 1887 which defines the powers of the board of health and which is construed to mean that in cases of the appointment of all extra sanitary agents appointments must be made with the consent of council to become valid. Mr. Lewis' appointment has not been confirmed by council, hence the position of the mayor.

WARRANTS ISSUED.

Lackawanna Trainmen Will Be Arrested.

New York, Dec. 13.—Warrants were issued tonight by Coroner Yates, at Paterson, N. J., for the arrest of Goula W. Capwell, the conductor, and William Steedler, the rear and brakeman of Buffalo express, which was in collision with an accommodation train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road on Nov. 29. The warrants are based upon the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Jury in Reading Fire.

Reading, Dec. 13.—Coroner Rothermel and jury occupied all of today in investigating the Noble & Hurst fire in which Louise Clay lost her life and sixty others were injured. The jury tonight rendered a verdict that notwithstanding the fact of Noble & Hurst complied with the requirements of the law, such factories should have more efficient means of escape in case of fire, and where explosives are used such explosives and the machinery devoted to their operation should be kept in a separate building.

Two Men Hanged.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 13.—Jim Coddling and Wash Powell were hanged here today for the murder of a country storekeeper named Vickers about two months ago. The hanging was strictly private. Mr. Vickers was well known in the community. The negroes threw the body in a well and it was some days before it was discovered.

Ministerial Crisis Imminent.

Madrid, Dec. 13.—The chamber of deputies today by a vote of 119 against 109, rejected a motion demanding the abolition of the ministerial crisis in the navy and of other posts at the ministry of marine. Owing to the closeness of the vote a ministerial crisis is believed to be imminent.

Boers Shelling Ladysmith.

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 13.—The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrific.

METHUEN CHECKED

Great Battle Between Boers and British at Modder.

VERY SERIOUS SETBACK

Fighting Lasted Two Days—Burghers 12,000 Strong—Each Side Held Its Position—British the Aggressors—Suffered Heavy Loss in Effort to Dislodge the Enemy—Compelled to Entrench Themselves. Pretorius' Report of the Fight.

London, Dec. 13.—General Methuen reports from Modder river that he met with a serious check on Monday and suffered great loss. The general's despatch is dated Tuesday, Dec. 12. It is as follows: "Our artillery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from 4 until dusk Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attacked at daybreak Monday, the south end of the kopje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The Guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer battery, attacked the enemy on the left, and the Guards on the right, supported by field artillery and howitzer battery. They shelled the position, from daybreak and at 1:15 o'clock I sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles toward the Modder River. I today, am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 men. Our loss was great."

March of Highlanders.

North of Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Early yesterday evening the Guards and the Highland brigade moved from the Modder River camp, marching in the night, by a westerly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position. The Guards followed the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the riverbank. Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments, at the foot of the hill. Not suspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching in quarter column, in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the banks and were forced to retire very heavily. The troops returned under the shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later, the Gordons arrived and the troops gradually worked their way forward until they were within 200 yards of the Boer position. They displayed the greatest gallantry. In the morning a naval gun at the Modder River, the howitzer batteries and the Horse artillery opened a terrific fire, enfilading the trenches and searching every portion of the Boer position. The Boer guns were entirely silent. The Boers, on the open ground, were firing a moved with the object of making a flank attack. But that was frustrated by the guards and artillery.

Boer Report of the Fight.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 12.—An official report says: "A battle at Modder river was begun yesterday with cannon firing. Heavy fighting proceeded from 2:30 o'clock in the morning until 9:30 o'clock with cannon, maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock, and the fighting still continues. A balloon has just arisen above the British positions, where it remained ten minutes, and descended. There were heavy rains during the night."

More Reverses.

London, Dec. 13.—4:45 a. m.—Each important battle seems to bring a worse reverse for the British, and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Maserfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced. It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 12,000 men and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Dec. 13.—Arrived: South-west, from Antwerp; Sailed: Oceanic, to Liverpool; St. Louis, for Southampton; Frieland, for Antwerp; Cleland, La Gasconne, for Havre; Amsterdam-Arrived: Workendam, from New York; Southampton-Arrived: St. Paul, from New York; Cheshoure-Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, from Bremen and Southampton for New York.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, colder and generally fair Thursday; probably followed by rain or snow Thursday or Friday; fresh northerly winds.

Lost \$17,600.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 13.—S. W. Gardner, of Orlando, Fla., lost \$17,600 this morning because of a small match which he carried in a satchel. Mr. Gardner is wholly at a loss to account for the disappearance of the money, all of which was concealed in a small satchel which he carried at his side.