

COL. PLUMER IS FORCED TO RETIRE

Making Relief Party Compelled to Fall Back.

NOW AT CROCODILE POOLS

Lord Roberts' Main Army Continues Waiting at Bloemfontein—Relief for the Besieged City Seems Further Away Than Ever—Lord Methuen Is Skirmishing Boers 167 Miles Away—French's Cavalry Posts Are Active—Buller Has Not Moved in Natal.

London, March 21.—15 a. m.—Lord Roberts' main army continues waiting at Bloemfontein. The sentimental interest in the fate of Maifzing has intensified with Colonel Plumer's forced retirement to Crocodile Pools, where he has been two months. Relief from the north now declines to improbability.

Lord Methuen is skirmishing with the Boers at Warrenton, 167 miles away. Although seemingly in force, sufficient to do pretty much as he likes, he has not advanced these five days. It is hoped that his military administration has a pleasant surprise in preparation for the Britishers by raising the siege with a strong column of cavalry and artillery, scouring to Maifzing, while Commandant Shyman is drawn off to engage Colonel Plumer.

General French's cavalry and mounted infantry, according to a rumor, are fighting somewhere east of Bloemfontein. This suggests more Boer bad news, as Commandant Olivier's command, with 2,000 wagons, is reported on the Basutoland frontier, toiling northward toward Kromstad, via Ladybrand. This enormous wagon train is supposed to be moving twenty-five miles a day.

General French's cavalry posts stretch from Bloemfontein eastward to the mountains. General Buller has not yet moved in Natal. The eighth division will go direct to Bloemfontein. Lord Roberts' effective disposable at the front ten days hence will be, it is estimated, 70,000 men, with the easy possibility of moving eastward, forcing the Boers to evacuate the Biggarsburg range and joining hands with General Buller before continuing the promenade to Pretoria. The Delagoa Bay railway arbitration award is editorially considered in the morning papers. The approaching declaration of the finding of the arbitrators is welcomed as coming at an appropriate moment and as bringing the acquisition of Delagoa Bay appreciably near.

VIRGINIA TROOPS ORDERED OUT

To Prevent Lynching of Negro Prisoner at Greensville.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—The negro, who with a white man killed Justice Saunders and Mr. Welton in Greensville county yesterday, has been captured at Stony Creek, in Sussex. A posse from Emporia has gone after him. Citizens of Greensville are gathering, and a lynching is imminent. The governor has ordered the militia to be ready to proceed to the scene to protect the prisoner and preserve order. Soon after the receipt of the first news here Governor Tyler received a telegram from the judge of the Greensville county court, saying that threats had been made against the judge's life in case soldiers were sent. The governor cannot send the troops except at the request of the civil authorities, and he has wired the judge to know if his telegram is a withdrawal of the request for troops. The governor is holding a train pending a reply.

MACRUM IN WASHINGTON.

His Case Will Have a Hearing Next Week.

Washington, March 23.—Former Consul Macrum was at the Capitol today, having come on from his home in response to a telegram from Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, bidding him to appear before the committee on foreign affairs.

An Advance of Ten Cents a Ton.

Indianapolis, March 23.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, sent word to headquarters from Washington today that the miners of Maryland, Pa., and the Georges Creek, Md., fields, known as District No. 16, have been notified by operators that on April 1 an advance of 10 cents a ton will be paid.

Withdraw from Funeral Benefits.

Wilmington, Del., March 23.—Winnona, widow of the late J. B. Gregory, president of the United Mine Workers, Mechanics, by a vote of 80 to 3, has decided to withdraw from the Funeral Benefits association of Pennsylvania and join the new Delaware association.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, March 23.—Pensions: Increase—Jeanette L. Gregory, Sylvan, Bradford, 27 to 32; Philemon Gillett, Hamilton, Wayne, 28 to 30.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

New Monetary Bill Has Given Satisfaction at the Treasury.

New York, March 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: In its first week of operation the new monetary bill has given satisfaction at the treasury and to banks. Applications for new 2 per cent. notes have increased and the new 10 per cent. notes in the bank circulation is already over \$10,000,000.

The reported settlement of the Carnegie-Frick controversy is of the greatest importance to the iron and steel industry. A fight between such forces would in the end have affected prices and values beyond calculation, while the combination of interests now said to be agreed upon may prove revolutionary in its influence.

It is felt that the steel market is not clear. As yet the tendency toward reaction of prices continues, though in the Pittsburgh region bessemer and basic pig are strong. But eastern bessemer and gray forge and southern pig are sold there at prices below those governing in larger transactions, and it is only the demand of the steel making firms which appear to exceed the supply.

Exports at 8 1/2 cents for spot, with heavy export demand, though futures are weaker. The advances in wheat which followed statements of the quantity in farmers' hands has not been maintained, and the decline the past week has been 1 1/2 cents; corn also yielding about 1/2 cent. Atlantic exports were 1,753,928 bushels for the week and for three weeks only 4,782,482, against 5,752,777 last year. Receipts at western points in three weeks have been 13,977,231 bushels against 10,180,957 last year. Meanwhile Pacific exports are heavy and in three weeks have been 3,153,523 bushels, against 1,656,277 last year. The foreign demand for corn still lessens, though in the week ending March 21 183,489 against 160,365 last year.

THE COEUR D'ALENE INVESTIGATION

Governor Steuermann Gives Testimony Regarding the Making of Arrests on "Blanket Authority."

Washington, March 23.—At the afternoon session of the Coeur d'Alene investigation Governor Steuermann was questioned on his extension of the proclamation on the permit system, so as to include the ground and lands used by the underground men. When asked if he gave "blanket authority" to make arrests, he said the authority went to the extent of making arrests of all persons disturbing peace and order and violating military law. He did not know that Dr. France, the coroner, had made arrests because the permit system had not been observed. "But whatever Dr. France did," the governor said, "I stand by it." He stated that he would include the ground and lands used by the underground men. The extension of writs of habeas corpus would have been a great hindrance to the military authority. When asked if he wanted the writ to issue, a lengthy controversy occurred and the committee finally ruled out the question.

DEWEY AT MACON.

Reviews Thousands of School Children on the Streets.

Macon, Ga., March 23.—Despite a drizzling rain, Admiral Dewey and party today reviewed thousands of school children who gathered in a long line on the principal street of this city. The admiral, given the admiral at the Cherokee club, where Admiral and Mrs. Dewey met the representatives of the city's social life. During the morning an exhibition drill was given by the militia.

SPRING INSPECTIONS.

General Orders on the Subject Issued to the National Guard.

Harrisburg, March 23.—General orders were issued today by the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania directing brigade inspectors to conclude the spring inspections not later than June 20.

Colored Boy Hanged.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—Reuben Griggs (colored), aged 16 years, was hanged at Cumberland court house at noon today for criminal assault upon a girl of his own race, aged 7 years. At the last moment his nerve gave way and he had to be supported by five men while the noose was being adjusted.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 23.—Cleared: Patricia, for Hamburg; Werendam, for Rotterdam via Bonaire, Curacao, and Arica; from New York for Havre. Plymouth: Arrived: Hamburg, Rotterdam—Sailed: Rotterdam, for New York.

Regarding the Army Canteen.

Wilmington, Del., March 23.—At today's session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal conference a resolution was presented to the lay conference criticizing the administration for permitting the use of the army canteen. It will be acted upon tomorrow.

Machinists' Strike.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—At the striking machinists' headquarters this afternoon it was stated that the machinists in thirteen additional shops, with a total of 42 men, had joined the strike movement today, making the exact number of men now out 1,502.

Emperor William Launched Cruiser.

Kiel, Germany, March 23.—Emperor William today launched a first-class cruiser here.

Arbor Day in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., March 23.—Arbor Day is being observed throughout the state today.

REORGANIZATION OF CARNEGIE COMPANY

LITIGANTS ARE AGAIN UNITED AND STANDING TOGETHER.

Pittsburg Claims the Glory of Organizing the Greatest Corporation That the United States Has Ever Known—One Hundred and Sixty Millions in Stock Subscribed.

Pittsburg, March 23.—The Associated Press tabbed tonight to present to the public the following absolutely true status of the Carnegie-Frick controversy at this time: All the parties interested in the great Carnegie-Frick controversy were in attendance in the board room of the Carnegie Steel company from 11 o'clock this morning until nearly 5 o'clock tonight, and as a result it is stated authoritatively that not only have all matters of difference been settled and adjusted, but that the several distinct amounts which each party is to receive from the great combined capital has been agreed upon. The charter of the Carnegie company has been signed by all the parties in interest, some thirty-six in all, and the three first names in the certificate are Andrew Carnegie, followed by Henry Phipps, Jr., and H. Clay Frick, this indicating to the world that the old friends and recent litigants are again united and standing together, heading the list of those interested in the combined industries to be represented by the Carnegie company with its capital of \$100,000,000 and its securities amounting to perhaps as much more.

Pittsburg therefore has the credit of organizing the greatest corporation that the United States has ever known, if not the world, in that it starts out with more than \$100,000,000 of stock subscribed for, over the signatures of thirty-six men who are fully able to respond to their subscriptions for this vast sum.

Carnegie's Contribution.

Of this amount, Mr. Carnegie subscribed over \$50,000,000, Henry Phipps about \$35,000,000, H. C. Frick about \$10,000,000, Charles M. Schwab about \$10,000,000, and Francis T. P. Lovjoy about \$8,000,000.

The rest are in scattering amounts, although the list is said to contain and certainly represent in the neighborhood of twenty millionaires. It is stated, too, authoritatively, that on no one paper has there ever been signatures representing a greater amount of actual worth in the mercantile world.

The result of the conference was also an agreement on all major points of detail and the execution of a power of attorney signed by all of the incorporators giving a general power of attorney to James B. Dill, of New York, a corporation lawyer, who brought about the organization, and in whom all parties seem to have so much confidence that he probably is the representative under a power of attorney in an amount exceeding any sum heretofore known to be so represented.

The charter in the case is likely to be filed on Monday of next week and it is proposed on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to close all the preliminaries, to hold the directors' meeting here at Pittsburg, and to elect the officers of the company and arrange every other matter of detail, all of which at present are fixed by agreements in writing, but which are not accessible to the public.

HOWARD SMITH ARRESTED.

Charged with Embezzlement of a Large Amount of Money.

Chester, Pa., March 23.—Howard Smith, of Philadelphia, who is charged with embezzlement of a large amount of money from the American Lithograph company, of New York, was arrested this evening. Smith was cashier of the company. He had been in the employ of the company for several years, and had the entire confidence of his employers. He worked until 8 o'clock on the evening of March 13, but as he did not return the next morning, the suspicions of the officers of the company were excited and an investigation of Smith's accounts led to the discovery that he was an embezzler to a large amount. The figures are not known here, but will run into the thousands. He was traced to Chester by a detective and arrested on the 23rd. Smith is 31 years of age, is a married man with a wife living in New York, but has no children. He had \$250 on his person, but has lost considerable in speculating on stocks.

INTERSTATE LEAGUE MAGNATES MEET.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—The owners of the Interstate Baseball clubs arranged a schedule for the coming season today. The following clubs were represented: Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Fort Wayne, Mansfield, Youngstown, New Castle and Wheeling. The prospects for a successful season are bright.

Ex-Consul Williams Lectures.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—Ex-United States Consul O. F. Williams will deliver his lecture, "On the Bridge with Dewey," at Carnegie hall tonight for the benefit of the Thirteenth United Presbyterian church. The advance sale of seats has been very large.

He Knocked Patsy Out.

Baltimore, March 23.—Tommy West, of New York, and Patsy Corrigan, of Chicago, were booked to go twenty rounds before the Eutaw club here tonight, but West cut the fight short in the third by knocking Patsy out.

Cruiser New York at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., March 23.—The cruiser New York is due today from Guantanamo, Cuba, and is expected to be here tomorrow. Admiral Farquhar will transfer his flag from the New York to the battleship Kearsarge.

Wrestling Tournament.

New York, March 23.—The seventh annual wrestling tournament of the New York Athletic club begins tonight and continues tomorrow. Gold and silver medals will be awarded to the winners in the various classes.

Teachers Meet.

Champaign, Ill., March 23.—The annual meeting of the Central Illinois Teachers' association and Masonic school of instruction was held here today.

Peace in New Jersey.

Trenton, March 23.—The legislature adjourned sine die at midnight tonight.

LIVELY COUNCIL MEETING.

Pittsburg Statesmen Indulge in Personalities and Heated Debate.

Pittsburg, March 23.—Last night's session of the common council of Pittsburg was a breezy one. Attorney M. N. Donnelly, recently elected councilman, objected to the passage of several "shady" ordinances, and in his remarks pointed out suspicious features in the measures. Resolutions were cast on Edward Healey, a contractor, in regard to a sewer contract, an ordinance being before the council allowing Mr. Healey several hundred dollars for extra work, and, as he is credited with saying, "for extra expenses."

Mr. Healey was present and called Mr. Donnelly a liar and other vile names, also threatening to do him bodily harm. The affair created quite a disturbance in the meeting and a fight was narrowly averted.

In connection with another ordinance Mr. Donnelly also accused City Clerk Flannery, one of the leaders of the city Democratic party, of having something to do with a little crooked work. Mr. Flannery objected and this incident caused another ripple on the water. Mr. Donnelly is a reform councilman, elected despite strong opposition.

LEGISLATIVE BRIBERY CASES TO BE CALLED

Will Be Heard in Dauphin County Courts Before Judge Simonten.

Harrisburg, March 23.—The legislative bribery cases will be called for trial in the Dauphin county courts tomorrow before Judge Simonten. The Coyle case will be called first and the others in the order in which they appear on the trial list. These cases were to have been called today, but the time of the court was taken up with the trial of Charles Washington for the murder of "Sheeny" Bell at a ball for colored people in this city last November. A large number of witnesses will be heard on both sides in some of the cases and it is likely that the trial will not be concluded before next Tuesday.

The defendants are ex-Senator John J. Coyle, of Philadelphia, who is alleged to have offered \$500 to Representative J. B. Evans, of Lancaster, to vote for the McCreery jury bill; ex-Representative John R. Byrne, of Exeter, who is charged with offering \$5,000 to Representative William D. Wilson, of Greensburg, to vote for "Colony" law; and Representative Thomas M. Moyer, of Wilkes-Barre, who is under indictment on a charge of having offered Representative Peter J. Criste, of Northampton, \$500 to vote for the McCreery jury bill, and Robert Evans, of Harrisburg, who is charged to have offered \$1,000 to Representative William J. Y. Morton, of Wayne county, to vote for the same bill.

The prosecution will be conducted by Charles H. Berger, of Harrisburg, who is charged with the honest prosecution; and Representative Thomas Robert Young, of Wellsboro, a member of the committee. The attorneys for the defense are ex-Deputy Attorney General Gilbert, ex-Representative George Kunkel and ex-District Attorney Detweiler, of Harrisburg.

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ERNE DEFEATS GANS.

The Negro's Eye Knocked Out in the Twelfth Round.

New York, March 23.—Frank Erne, of Buffalo, successfully defended his title of light weight champion of the world against Joe Gans, colored, of Baltimore, at the Broadway Athletic club tonight. Erne did most of the heavy fighting, displaying better judgment and more skill than his opponent. Gans received his punishment gamely until the twelfth round, when his left eye was started from its socket by a terrific right hand shot from the Buffalo boy. Gans was helpless and there was no alternative for the referee but to award the decision to Erne.

Big Offer of Bonds.

Washington, March 23.—Up to the hour of closing the proposed sale of United States bonds offered to the treasury for exchange into the new 2 per cent. bonds amounted to \$15,000,000, of which \$11,352,500 came from individuals or institutions other than national banks.

Mrs. McKinley Ill.

Washington, March 23.—Mrs. McKinley was taken ill today at a Washington day party by an attack of grippe and has been too indisposed to be here and has been too indisposed to be here and has been too indisposed to be here.

Verdict of Murder.

Harrisburg, March 23.—The jury in the case of Charles Washington, who shot and killed "Sheeny" Bell last November, late tonight brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

DELAWARE VALLEY RAILROAD CASE

DECISION MADE BEFORE THE NEW YORK COMMISSIONERS.

The Case Will Be Carried to Higher Courts No Matter What the Decision May Be at Present Hearing.

Erie Officials Still Contend That There Has Been No Lack of Facilities to Carry Coal to Tidewater.

New York, March 23.—Hearing on the application of the Delaware Valley Railway company for a permit to construct a railroad along the line of the old Delaware and Hudson canal was continued today before the state railroad commissioners. All the counsel agree that no matter how the state railway commissioners may decide the case is to be taken to the appellate division of the supreme court and later to the court of appeals.

E. B. Crandall, coal freight agent of the Erie railroad, the first witness called, gave a table showing the coal from the Pennsylvania anthracite coal regions carried by the different companies in three years. Mr. Crandall said that the Erie carried about two-fifths of all the anthracite coal reaching New York and New Jersey, in spite of its lack of facilities and nearly all the time had more cars than could be used.

Mr. Platt, in the absence of a witness he expected, called Samuel Corcoran, of the Pennsylvania company, to give some statistics on the output of the Rosendale and Rondout Valley cement districts. The total output in 1899 was about three and one-half million barrels, of which a little more than one-third went to tidewater by the canal.

W. V. S. Thorne, president of the Delaware Valley and Kingston road and manager of the Pennsylvania Coal company, said surveys made for the new company show that there are about an acre and a half of open ground in the canal right of way. Questioned by Mr. Shearman, Mr. Thorne said his coal company will live up to the contract with the Erie road if the new road is built.

Mr. Thorne estimated that at the outside the Erie road can suffer only \$20,000 diminution of its yearly profits by the operation of the proposed new road.

"SAPHO" TRIAL ON APRIL 3.

Counsel for the Four Defendants Enter a Plea of Not Guilty.

New York, March 23.—Abraham Hummel, counsel for Julius G. Netherfield, Marcus R. Mayer, Theodore Moss and Hamilton Revelle, who were indicted on a charge of offending public decency by producing the play "Sapho," entered pleas of not guilty for the defendants in the criminal court today. The case was called before Justice Furman, in the criminal branch of the Supreme court. None of the indicted persons was present. After entering the pleas Mr. Hummel said, addressing the court: "I am anxious for a speedy trial in this case, and yesterday I told the prosecuting officer that I would be ready for trial on Monday next. This indictment, however, has been found against a woman of refinement, and she has been shocked by it. Her physician informs me that she cannot possibly attend a trial for at least a week. I have no desire to take advantage of any technicalities in the matter, and therefore ask for an adjournment of a week or more."

LACE WORKERS' TROUBLE.

Brooklyn Weavers Are Still at Work at Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, March 23.—The members of the Lace curtain workers' association, of Brooklyn, who came here to take the places of striking union weavers are still at work. One of their number was interviewed tonight and he said the Brooklyn men had not received official notice from the executive council of the Federation of Labor to quit work, but when the notice was received they would take action at once.

Death of Judge MacMath.

Cleveland, March 23.—Judge Jesse H. MacMath, who was consil general to Moreau during President Lincoln's administration, died today at his home in this city of heart disease, aged 67. General MacMath in 1865 was made United States commissioner to negotiate a treaty with eleven foreign nations which was most successfully accomplished. Deceased was widely known in legal circles throughout Ohio.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Philadelphia, March 23.—Mahlon H. Dickinson, widely known as the friend of the lame poor, died at his home here today, in his eighty-sixth year. Mr. Dickinson was instrumental in having created the state board of charities, of which he was a leading member. He was one of the twelve delegates from this city to the national convention in 1854 which nominated John G. Fremont for the presidency.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 23.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: East—era Pennsylvania, colder Saturday; day with rain; afternoon Sunday rainy; rain; fresh northerly winds.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather indications today: COLDER; RAIN.

- 1 General—Making Relief Army Forced to Retire. Senate Adopts Conference Report on Puerto Rico Relief Bill. Delaware Valley Hearing. True Status of the Carnegie-Frick Controversy.
2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
3 General—The World of Sport. Floyd Bishop Writes from the Philippines.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local—Social and Personal. One Woman's View.
6 Serious Charge Against an Attorney. Common Pleas Court Proceedings.
7 Local—Criminalman Accused of Refusing Money. Meeting of Atlantic Base Ball League.
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 General—About the County.
10 General—Across the Continent in Three Days.
11 Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. Religious News of the Week.
12 Local—Live Industrial News. A Night in Scranton's Theaters.

SITUATION AT PUERTO RICO

More Serious Than at Any Time Since the Hurricane—Bad Feeling Prevails in Some Sections.

Ponce, Puerto Rico, March 23.—The situation here is now more serious than it has been at any time before or since the terrible hurricane. In many places the poor are starving. The price of rice, beans and codfish have increased from fifty to one hundred per cent. Demonstrations against the delay of the United States government in settling open questions have recently been held not only at San Juan, but at Mayaguez, Yauco, Arceibo, Aguadilla, Fajardo, Juana Diaz, Guayama and many other towns. The people are unable to understand the delay, and they condemn all Americans indiscriminately. Bad feeling is arising which it will take years to overcome. Even riots are threatened, and trouble is almost inevitable unless the tension is relieved. Even wealthy land owners cannot command ready cash, and many Americans are penniless, being glad to work for their board.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

Committee of the Association Holds Conference at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 23.—A committee of the Eastern league, consisting of President P. T. Powers, George W. Sweeney, William Barnie, George A. O'Neill, C. L. Shean and Frank Selee held a long conference today with Colonel John I. Rogers, of the Philadelphia base ball club relative to the acquiring of grounds in Baltimore and Washington. The National league authorized Colonel Rogers to negotiate with the Eastern league for the lease of the ball parks in the cities named.

He informed the committee that the National league was willing to sub-let the Baltimore and Washington grounds to the Eastern league for one year, with the free use of the fixtures, providing the latter were kept in repair by the minor organization. If at the end of the year there is no opposition to the National league the lease will be renewed, but should there be a rival organization, Washington and Baltimore will be retained for American association clubs, which will be established under the national agreement.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The house gave today to private pension bills, passing 142 of these measures. Late in the day Mr. Talbert (S. C.) raised a point of no quorum and, as the attendance was small, a quorum was secured only after a call of the house and some delay. The conference report of the Puerto Rican relief bill was presented and tomorrow afternoon was set as the time for voting on it.

MASSACHUSETTS INSURANCE COMPANY CAN DO NO MORE BUSINESS.

Lancaster, March 23.—Through the precedence of a Lancaster case, the Rhode Island Protective association of Worcester, Mass., which has done a very considerable business in this community and throughout the state, and which claims to pay sick, the aged and death benefits, has lost its authority to do business in Pennsylvania revoked by the insurance department. Jacob M. Humbright, after having died of an accident, suffered a second accident. It was duly reported to the company, which refused to pay, whereupon he brought suit for judgment, which the company refused to pay and from which it has never taken an appeal nor a certiorari. Upon the report of the insurance department the above order was made, and it is now without authority to do business in this state.

SLICK SWINDLER'S SCHEME.

As Alleged Representative of a Paper He Collects Subscriptions.

Lancaster, Pa., March 23.—A slick swindler giving his name as J. Hall, has duped a number of women in this city. He represented that he was canvassing for the Ladies Home Journal and wanted to get a certain number of subscribers. He said that the list had run down in this city and the publishers were very anxious to build it up. In order to do this they had made a very liberal offer, which was a set of dishes containing 112 pieces to every one who would pay the dollar and become a subscriber, and the dishes were to arrive in town by Wednesday. He was so convincing that he was able to arrive, and the canvasser had disappeared. The Curtis company, publishers of the magazine, were notified and offered a reward for his apprehension.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

Harrisburg, March 23.—The charters were granted at the state department today: Pittsburgh Bedstead and Spring company, Pittsburgh, capital \$5,000; Bradford Tool company, Bradford, capital \$2,000; the York City Land company, York, capital \$25,000; the Henry H. Roofing and Construction manufacturing company, Philadelphia, capital \$10,000.

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PUERTO RICO RELIEF BILL

Senate Adopts Conference Report by Vote of 35 to 15.

LIVELY TILTS ON FLOOR

Mr. Spooner Offers Sharp Criticism to the Course of Senator Tillman in Dragging the Measure Into Politics—No Great Progress Has Been Made on the Puerto Rican Differences—Responsibility on the Free Traders.

Washington, March 23.—The senate today adopted the conference report on the Puerto Rican relief bill by a vote of 35 to 15, practically a strict party expression. No Democrat voted for the report, but Mr. Stewart (Ill. Nev.), voted with the Republicans. The time of discussion was consumed principally by Mr. Tillman (Dem., S. C.), who made a fierce attack upon the measure as agreed upon in conference and accused the Republican senators and the Republican party of indiscretion, hypocrisy and "dirty work." His speech was quite characteristic and was listened to with interest by his colleagues on the floor and the people in the galleries.

Mr. Gallinger (Rep., N. H.) followed with a temperate statement of those who did not favor the report but the passage of a Puerto Rican tariff bill. Mr. Spooner (Rep., Wis.) closed the debate with a forceful statement in opposition to Mr. Tillman's speech, in the course of which he took occasion sharply to criticize the South Carolina senator for dragging the measure into politics. His colloquial tilt with Mr. Tillman were immensely enjoyed by the audience.

NO GREAT PROGRESS.

When the senate adjourned several of the members of the Republican caucus committee admitted that no great progress had been made on the Puerto Rican differences. They said there would be no withdrawal from the determination to press forward an early vote and to put the bill through without amendment. Other members, however, expressed the opinion that the bill might be amended and that to meet the objections of the free trade Republicans of the senate. They admitted that representatives of the house had told them there was great danger in altering the house measure in any respect. A member of the committee stated that it was the purpose of the committee to ask every day that a time be set for taking a vote, thus placing the responsibility for any delay that might occur upon the free traders.

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