



TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1900.

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BAD MEN CAPTURED.

Thought to Have Been Connected with the Robbery of Healey's Restaurant—Notorious Crooks.

New York, April 1.—Henry Russell and Sid Yennie, alias Henry Ferguson, who claim to be speculator and salesman, respectively, have been arrested on suspicion of connection with the robbery of Healey's restaurant, at Columbus avenue and Sixth street, on Monday last. On that day a number of well-dressed men in couples went to Healey's restaurant to dine. After the meal one of the men attracted the attention of the cashier while another crawled into where the safe stood and stole \$700. All the men had disappeared before the robbery was discovered. Today the waiters in Healey's restaurant identified Russell as one of the men.

Although it may not be possible for the police to identify the robbers on either of the prisoners, the arrests were of importance, for the two men caught are well-known criminals, and Russell is wanted as being a fugitive from justice, being one of those who escaped from Ludlow street jail on the memorable night of July 4, 1883, after his escape from the jail. Russell and Joe Kiloran and Charles Allen companions in his flight from Ludlow street, went to Europe together. There the party split up, Kiloran and Allen joining hands, while Russell united his fortunes with those of George Williams and Amelia Kill, two continental criminals. Not long afterward Russell was arrested in Belgium for robbing a post office and was sent to prison for five years. He was liberated about three months ago and came to New York.

Sid Yennie is scarcely a less important crook than his fellow-prisoner. He has just been released from the state prison at Columbus, O., after serving a five years' sentence for a robbery committed by him in company with George Carson, a noted burglar and snook thief.

Russell, who is a son-in-law of Bill Voeburg, is wanted by the United States authorities for postoffice robberies, and a reward of \$12,000 was long ago offered for his apprehension. In case the police fail to connect Russell with the Healey robbery, he will be turned over to the United States authorities.

ENDEAVORS TO LOCATE GOEBEL ASSASSINS

Final Legal Proceedings Will Be Commenced Against the Alleged Murderers Today.

Frankfort, Ky., April 2.—The convening of the April term of the Franklin circuit court tomorrow, with Judge Cantrill sitting, marks the beginning of the final legal proceedings against the alleged assassins of the late Governor Goebel and on this account makes it the most important in the history of criminal trials in this state in many years. The session of the court will be taken up mainly tomorrow with preliminaries. The names of the grand jurors will not be made public until tomorrow. Judge Cantrill has been referred forward to with more than ordinary interest.

The grand jury will probably get into working order by Tuesday and the assassination case will be the first matter taken up. It is understood that Commonwealth Attorney Franklin, who will conduct the prosecution on the part of the state, has had subpoenas issued for many important witnesses and others will be issued as soon as the court gets down to work.

The names of the suspects who have already been arrested and whose cases have been referred to the grand jury for investigation are: Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, Judge W. L. Hazlett, Lakeland; Henry Youtsey, Frankfort; J. L. Sutton, Williamsburg; Harland Whitaker, Butler county; James Jones, Whitesburg; and John Davis, Frankfort. Warrants are also out for ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, Captain John T. Powers, of Knox county, and "Tallow Dick" Coomb, colored, all of whom, except the last named, have not yet been arrested. It is not probable any indictments will be returned before the latter part of the week at the earliest and if the prosecution makes good its claims, the investigation will involve a large number of others against whom indictments will be returned. The general impression prevails that none of the trials will come up at the present term, and it is understood that the defense will probably, in every case, move for a change of venue to some other county, on account of the heated state of public feeling here. Republican Attorney General Fisher is, however, so far as known, the only one of the Republican contestants who is in the city tonight.

ANTHRACITE COAL TRADE.

The Ledger's Article Upon the State of Business.

Philadelphia, April 1.—The Ledger, in its coal article tomorrow, will say: "The anthracite coal trade is dull, and this aspect is not expected to change at present, as the companies are between seasons. The winter is ending and the spring beginning, and the usual outlook at this time of the year is so uncertain that the coal dealers always prefer to do next to nothing in ordering. Hence the coal producing companies find that their only policy is to radically restrict the output to the market requirements and prevent unsold stocks from accumulating. This they are doing, and besides they are making concessions in the domestic sizes to secure sales. They had a very good and paying season, however, and have been making money and, as they advanced the winter circular prices to quite high figures, they can afford to reduce somewhat the spring trade and still get ample profit."

Disturbances at Rome.

Rome, April 1.—Disturbances are reported today from Bologna, Turin, Naples and Forli, between students and socialists growing out of the recent action of the social members of the chamber of deputies, who are now attending for a convocation of the constituent assembly with a view to reforming the constitution.

Plague Runs Its Course.

Honolulu, April 2, via San Francisco, April 1.—The plague has run its course. Cases have developed for over a week, but the members of the board have decided to lift the quarantine, and the shipment of merchandise from Honolulu except merchandise from Asiatic ports, is resumed.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York.—Arrived: Rotterdam, Rotterdam; La Bretagne, Havre; Queenston, St. Etienne; from Liverpool, New York.

REPUBLICANS WILL CONTROL.

WILL HAVE A MAJORITY IN NEXT LEGISLATURE.

Attorney-General Elkin Points Out Where They Have Made Eighteen Gains—The Majority Rule is the Issue and Friends of Senator Quay Maintaining That Principle Have Triumphed Over the Insurgents in Every Section of the State.

Harrisburg, April 1.—Attorney General Elkin yesterday said: "I have no doubt that the next legislature, in both branches, will be organized by friends of the regular organization. From present appearances there can be no doubt about the re-election of Senator Quay. Up to this time twenty counties have nominated candidates for the senate and members of the house. The stalwart Republicans have made a gain of eighteen members in the nominations thus far made. We have made a gain of one in the city of Erie; a gain of three in the county of Crawford, two in Delaware, two in Mercer, two in Butler, two in Cambria, two in Blair, one in Juniata, one in Union, and three in Fayette; that is to say, in each of the counties there have been nominated by the stalwart Republicans the number just indicated in addition to the regular members nominated and elected in those districts in 1898.

In 1898 the city of Erie was represented by a Democrat elected by the insurgents and Democrats. Crawford county was represented by three Democrats; Mercer by three Republicans, two of whom voted against Senator Quay during the entire session; Butler county, in 1898, was represented by two of the most active insurgents of that term. This year two stalwart Republicans have been nominated and will be elected. Juniata was represented by a Democrat. This year a stalwart Republican has already been nominated and he will be elected. The same is true of Union county. In 1898 Fayette county was represented by three Democrats. This year three stalwart Republicans will be elected. In the senatorial contests, so far held, the stalwarts have nominated their friends in every instance. In Delaware county one member and a senator voted with the insurgents. This year political differences have been adjusted and the members and the senator will support the regular organization. This makes a gain of two votes in Delaware county.

Majority Rule the Issue.

"The campaigns throughout the state have been made on the direct issue of majority rule, abiding by the decision of the caucus and in support of party organization. Large amounts of money have been expended by the insurgents to nominate their friends in almost every county where primaries have been held. It is evident that a great majority of Republicans favor the contention made by the friends of Senator Quay during the last legislative session. The result of the election among the Republicans of the state is in favor of majority rule and the re-election of Senator Quay. It is not true, as has been stated in the papers, that the members nominated in Franklin county are opposed to Senator Quay. Neither is it true that the friends of Speaker Farr in his district is in favor of the Quay issue. That was a purely local fight.

"The only other instance where the insurgents have made any gain up to this time is in Armstrong county, where one insurgent was nominated. In that county the anti-Quay people won one member because five friends of Senator Quay insisted on running, and thus the vote was divided, so that the insurgents, concentrating their efforts in behalf of one candidate, succeeded in electing him on nomination. Whatever strength the insurgent forces have in Allegheny county, but in that county Senator Quay had only three votes in 1898 that remained with him to the end of the struggle. This year he will have not less than three, and in all probability four or five.

Regulars Will Control.

"The regular Republicans have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the result of the primaries up to this time. In the places where the regulars will not only nominate their friends at the primaries, but will elect a sufficient number to control the organization or both the senate and house and re-elect Senator Quay at the next session. There is no doubt that the loyal Republicans are determined that a great state like ours is entitled to full representation in the United States senate. It is also apparent that the regular Republicans will not be satisfied with anything but the election of a stalwart to a seat in the upper branch of the national congress. Those who rely on the election of a Democrat to represent us at Washington will be sorely disappointed when the legislature meets."

Coal Famine Continues.

Berlin, April 1.—The coal famine is not relieved, despite the arrival of cargoes from England. Twenty-five ship loads of English coal arrived at Hamburg last Wednesday. The iron consumers complain that they are unable to place orders for pig iron in the United States.

Heavy Floods in Uruguay.

Montevideo, April 1.—The heavy floods in Uruguay have caused great destruction of cattle and sheep. Two bridges on the Central railway have been swept away with a reported loss to the company of \$50,000.

Workmen's Wages Advanced.

McKeesport, Pa., April 1.—Four thousand employes of the National Tube company will receive an increase of 10 per cent. in wages beginning tomorrow.

Fresh Cases of the Plague.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 1.—Eleven fresh cases of bubonic plague were officially reported today. Two additional deaths have occurred.

THOMAS TYLER STABBED.

William Robinson Accused of Wounding a Richmond Man.

Thomas Tyler, who was stabbed by William Robinson early Saturday morning, now lies at the Lackawanna with several wounds, the most serious of which is a cut in the knee. Robinson started under a \$300 bail for his appearance at court. He had not given bail yesterday and will go to the county jail today.

Tyler and William McGowan arrived in the city Friday from Richmond, Va. They were acquaintances of Robinson and went to the Dickson works to meet him, after which they went to his home with him for supper. After supper they went out and enjoyed themselves generally and when they were going up West Lackawanna avenue early in the morning Robinson and Tyler started quarreling. Blows were struck and a short while later Patrolman Boland found Tyler in the street with blood flowing from several wounds.

CUBAN COMMITTEE.

Report Regarding the Condition of the Inhabitants of the Island. Good Administration of General Wood.

Washington, April 1.—The sub-committee of the senate consisting of Senators Platt, of Connecticut, Aldrich and Teller, which went to Cuba for the purpose of personally investigating conditions on the island with a view to intelligent action of congress in respect to Cuba, has returned to Washington. Senator Platt, chairman, tonight authorized the following statement concerning the sub-committee's observations: "We inquired as carefully and completely as we could, with the limited time at our disposal into the condition of the people of the island, their needs and the prospect of the establishment of an independent, satisfactory and stable government by and for the people of Cuba. We were in Havana in all five days. We also visited the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Matanzas and Sagua, and were able to see as we very much wished. We saw and conversed with a great many prominent and leading men from all portions of the island, men who represented different interests from intense conservatism to the most active and radical. We saw and conversed with a great many prominent and leading men from all portions of the island, men who represented different interests from intense conservatism to the most active and radical. We saw and conversed with a great many prominent and leading men from all portions of the island, men who represented different interests from intense conservatism to the most active and radical.

Explanation from Mr. Hay.

"The time has come," said Mr. Hay, today, in explanation of his bill, "when it is necessary to consider carefully the question of the future military establishment of the United States. In the minds of many the maintenance of a large standing army seems a necessity, and it would seem that there is no other way out of the difficulty which now confronts us. A careful consideration of the question has led to the belief that the situation can be met without a resort to that worst enemy of a republic, a large and permanent military establishment. The secretary of war has well said: 'That the regular establishment in the United States will probably never be, by itself, the whole machine with which any war will be fought.' This being admitted, it will certainly not be contended that in time of peace the regular establishment will be 'the whole machine.' Conservative men will seek some means by which the regular establishment can be reduced to a minimum compatible with the requirements of the country in time of peace, and at the same time will offer some plan by means of which an efficient army can be placed in the field, should we unfortunately engage in war."

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TO BROADEN THE NATIONAL GUARD

REPRESENTATIVE HAY PREPARES A BILL ON SUBJECT.

Will Provide a Reserve Volunteer Army for Use in Time of War, to Supplement the Regular Army. The Bill Makes All Citizens Between the Ages of 18 and 45 Liable to Military Services—Arguments in Favor of the Bill.

Washington, April 1.—Representative Hay, of Virginia, one of the prominent members of the military committee of the house, has prepared with great care a reserve volunteer army bill. The bill will be introduced in time of war, to supplement the regular army. The bill contemplates a general broadening of the basis of the National guard, its equipment with the service rifle and its complete organization in time of war into regiments, brigades, divisions and corps, with three battalions formation as in the regular army, and is designed to obviate the necessity of a large standing army upon the expiration of the present law, July 1, 1901, increasing the standing army to 65,000 and authorizing the present volunteer army of 35,000. The bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow and receives additional importance from the fact that Mr. Hay is chairman of the Democratic caucus. The bill makes all citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five liable to military service in the volunteer army. It authorizes the use of \$500,000 annually for the maintenance and equipment of the National guard of the several states, this forming the nucleus of the volunteer army, and requires the secretary of war to keep in each state a supply of ordnance stores sufficient for ninety days' use of the National guard of the state in the event of war. It provides a system of mobilization of the guard by dividing the states into military divisions, and provides for a board of officers in each state who shall hold examinations for the position of regular soldiers in the National guard, such officers to be promoted for merit and efficiency.

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Weather Indications Today: INCREASING CLOUDINESS.

- 1 General-English Walked Into an Ambush and Was Captured. State Legislature Will Be Republican. To Extend the Scope of the National Guard. Forecast of Week in Congress.
2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
3 Local-Sermon by Rev. W. J. Ford. Husband and Wife Shot.
4 Editorial. News and Comment.
5 Local-Sudden Death of Benjamin Hugdon. Indictments Brought by Grand Jury.
6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Round About the County.
8 Local-Indictments by the Grand Jury. Live Industrial News.

VICTORY FOR NEW ROAD.

Judge McPherson Discharges the Bill in Equity of the Erie Against the Erie and Wyoming.

In one of his clear cut, straight-forward opinions, Judge McPherson, in the United States circuit court, Saturday, dismissed the bill in equity brought by the Erie company against the Erie and Wyoming to prevent the construction of the proposed connecting link of the Delaware Valley and Kingston road between Lackawanna and Hawley.

The principal ground of the complaint was that the Erie and Wyoming had leased a line between these points to the Erie and was bound by a contract to ship a certain amount of coal over this leased line, a contract which will be broken by the Erie and Wyoming if the line is built. Judge McPherson says: "I do not think the ground is sufficient to support the order that the court is now asked to make. The injunction prayed for is directed not against a diversion of traffic, but against the construction of a railroad, the allegation being that the defendant may, or will put the road to an unlawful use. This, I think, would be an improper exercise of power."

If the road should be built and if the Wyoming company should attempt to use it in violation of the complainant's contract rights, the court will, no doubt, be able to find a proper remedy or that particular injury. At present no ground is shown for equitable interference with the construction of the road. The charter power of the Wyoming company to build the line in question is not raised by the bill and has not been considered."

The question of this charter power has been raised in another case, which is to be heard next week by Attorney General Elkins.

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WILL TALK ON PUERTO RICO

Numerous Speeches Will Be Made on the Subject.

Friends of the Bill Count Upon Its Passage by a Handsome Majority. Debate on the Question Will Probably Displace the Quay Resolution. Prolonged Debate Expected on the Philippines—Programme for the Week.

WILL NOT EXTEND TIME

Washington, April 1.—The senate will vote upon the Puerto Rican bill Tuesday at 4 o'clock, and previous to that time each senator of the senate, beginning at 11 o'clock Monday and Tuesday, will be devoted wholly to this bill. Speeches will be made by Senators Bate, Dewey, Spooner, Cullom, Mason, Clay and Culbertson, and probably by other senators. There will be a great rush of speakers towards the close, and the time allowed is considered too short to accommodate all who will desire to be heard. There is, however, no disposition to extend the time agreed upon for taking the vote. All but two of the committee amendments have been agreed to by the senate. These two relate to a delegate in congress and to citizenship and probably will be voted upon on Monday. The friends of the bill count upon its passage by a handsome majority, but it is now expected that seven republican votes will be cast against it, the seven comprising Senators Davis, Hoar, Mason, Nelson, Proctor, Simon and Wellington. Senator McEnery (Dem.) and some independent senators will vote for the measure, but until the exact number of such votes is known the majority for the bill cannot be predicted.

Will Displace Quay Case.

The taking of the vote on the Puerto Rican bill on Tuesday will displace the Quay resolution, which was set for that day, and Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee on elections, has given notice that he will postpone calling it up until Wednesday. The committee will adjourn the Clerk hearing in order to give its attention to the Quay resolution Wednesday, but it is not expected that the latter matter can be disposed of in one day, and it is probable that the possibility of going on with the Clark case after Wednesday will cause another postponement of the Quay resolution. There are several speeches to be made on the Quay case, and there is quite a noticeable disposition on the part of some senators still further to delay the vote on it. Senator Penrose, however, announces his purpose to press the consideration as rapidly as possible after it is once taken up.

The Philippine Resolution.

The Philippine resolution will be made the unfinished business after the vote is taken on Puerto Rico and it will give way to the Alaskan code measure. After that it will divide the time with appropriation bills and conference reports. No prolonged debate is expected on the Philippine resolution, owing to the fact that it is considered a temporary matter and for the further reason that the Philippine policy has received considerable attention in connection with Puerto Rico.

In the House.

The programme in the house this week is fully mapped out. Tomorrow is District of Columbia day. On Tuesday, under a special order adopted some time ago, the house will enter upon the consideration of the bill to provide a civil government for Hawaii. By the terms of the order the general debate upon the bill continues Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Thursday the bill will be read for amendment under the five-minute rule. The final vote will be taken at 4 o'clock on Thursday. Friday will be devoted to private pension legislation