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WORK OF A DAY IN CONGRESS

Mr. Burrows' Discussion on the Quay Case a Senate Feature.

CAREFUL HEARING GIVEN

The House, after spirited debate, adopts the resolution reported from the Insular Affairs Committee to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to designate depositaries in Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines for the deposit of government funds.

Washington, April 12.—An effort was made in the senate today by Mr. Morgan to displace the present unfinished business—the Spooner Philippine bill—by the substitution in its stead of the Nicaragua canal bill.

Senators on both sides of the chamber gave him most careful hearing, and at the conclusion of his speech warmly congratulated him.

Senator Burrows' argument. Senator Burrows, speaking on the Quay case, said that as a member of the committee on privileges and elections, called upon two years ago to consider the case of Henry W. Corbett, appointed a senator by the governor of Oregon, he was forced to the conclusion that the power of appointment in that case was not lodged with the executive, and a majority of the committee so reported.

He added: Since that report was made it came to my mind to review my judgment further and confirm it. The material facts in the case are the same as they were in that of Corbett.

Mr. Burrows carefully reviewed the Quay case from its inception, and asserted: It is a question of supreme moment to all the people of the states that the great confederated states shall have within its membership those, and only those, who bear credentials of unquestioned authority.

Indians to be United States Citizens and Receive Land. Vinita, Tex., April 12.—The Cherokee delegation in Washington has made and signed a new treaty with the Dawes commission.

NEW PHILIPPINE COMMISSION. Party of Forty-three Persons to Sail from San Francisco. San Francisco, April 12.—All the members of the Philippine commission are here except Henry C. Ide, of Vermont, who is expected today.

Money Orders for Cape Nome. Washington, April 12.—The postoffice department has made arrangements for providing a first class money order system for Cape Nome, Alaska.

Philippine Commissioners Honored. San Francisco, April 12.—A banquet was tendered the Philippine commissioners tonight by the merchants of this city.

Increased Coal Shipments. Pittsburg, April 12.—Increased demand has been the cause of increasing coal shipments from the east of about 2,000,000 bushels for the past year.

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CIVIL GOVERNMENT FOR PUERTO RICO

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS BEEN CHOSEN.

Charles H. Allen Has Accepted the Post Tendered by President McKinley—He Will Go Alone to San Juan at the Earliest Possible Moment—Observations on the Island Will No Doubt Materially Assist in the Selection of a Cabinet—Mr. Allen's Intentions.

Washington, April 12.—Charles H. Allen, at present assistant secretary of the navy, was summoned to the white house by the president late this afternoon and formally tendered the position of civil governor of Puerto Rico, provided for in the Puerto Rican bill, which became a law today.

Mr. Allen returned a practical acceptance. Then the president and the governor of Puerto Rico spent an hour in close conference respecting the matters to be arranged in the immediate future.

His Intentions. As to his intentions respecting the administration of the island's affairs, Mr. Allen stated during a short interview this afternoon, in the course of which he said: "It is true the president has asked me to go to Puerto Rico as the civil governor, in regard to which I have a great deal to say."

MURDERED BY FILIPINOS. Nineteenth Infantryman Captured and Killed by Insurgents. Hazleton, Pa., April 12.—In a letter written under date of February 19, and received last night by Patrick Boyle, of MeAdoo, Pa., John Boyle, a member of Company D, Nineteenth United States infantry, on duty in the Philippines, says that Henry Griffiths, a Hazleton boy, was recently captured by Filipinos and murdered.

The Army Contention. Washington, April 12.—Relative to a published statement ascribed to Bishop Hurst to the effect that the president had made a substantial arrangement in the army canton, it is learned that the war department has no change whatever been made in that institution, and, according to Secretary Root, no change is contemplated in existing methods.

Canadian Whist Congress. Toronto, Ont., April 12.—The congress of the Canadian Whist League opened here today, and will continue until the 16th. The contests include championship pool, pairs and mixed pairs as well as compass games, and women are eligible for all matches.

Kansas Will Retain Convention. Kansas City, April 12.—The subcommittee of the national Democratic committee today decided to let Kansas City retain the national convention in July, the local committee having made satisfactory promises of a hall.

Dates of Hanging. Harrisburg, April 12.—Governor Stone today fixed June 5 for the execution of Wm. Hummel and son, Harry, who were seriously injured in a gas explosion here, the latter being, it is thought, fatally injured.

Nominated on Forty-First Ballot. Marysville, O., April 12.—Judge William R. Warnock was nominated on the forty-first ballot today by the Republican congressional convention of the eighth district.

BASE BALL. At Carlisle—Indiana, 7; Syracuse University, 2. At Washington—Georgetown, 7; Yale, 4.

SHIPPING SUBSIDY BILL. Intention of Republican Senators to Pass It This Session.

Washington, April 12.—The definite intention of the Republican senators to seek to have the shipping subsidy bill passed at the present session was announced in the senate committee on commerce today.

Messrs. Hanna and Frye stood out stoutly for the bill, Mr. Hanna declaring that to postpone consideration until after the election, merely because of its possible effect in the campaign, would be cowardice.

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COLLAPSE OF A BRICK BUILDING

Number of People Buried—Three Are Dead—In Addition to the Fatalities Several Persons Are Badly Injured—Building Inspector Will Begin an Investigation.

Pittsburg, April 12.—Without warning, and with a rush and a roar, the four-story brick building at the corner of Second avenue and Wood street collapsed today, burying in its ruins a number of people, three of whom were taken out dead, six were badly hurt, and several others slightly injured.

The building was occupied by the Armstrong-McKeeley Lead and Oil Company. It was being remodelled by James J. McKeely, who had been converting the lower floors of the store and that next door into one large room, which was to have been occupied by the lead company.

When the accident happened business was being transacted on the first floor as usual. Mrs. Jones was there for a patient and had evidently just completed her purchase, for when her body and that of the salesman, Bernhard, who was on her, were found, the man had a \$5 bill in his hand and the woman clutched her pocketbook, demonstrating the fact that the collapse came so suddenly that neither of them had time to move.

Within a few minutes after the accident hundreds of men and women gathered, all anxious to help in the rescue of the many supposed to be buried. Firemen and policemen, however, soon had the place roped off and the work of rescue was carried on systematically and notwithstanding the great danger from the toppling walls, the rescuers worked until all the buried were extricated.

Building Inspector J. A. A. Brown will begin an investigation tomorrow to learn the cause of the accident.

Serious Gasoline Explosion. Greenvood, Pa., April 12.—Henry Brodzgans and son, Harry, were seriously injured in a gas explosion here, the latter being, it is thought, fatally injured.

Another Lady Lawyer. Philadelphia, April 12.—Miss Mary I. Trever, of Wilkes-Barre, was today admitted to practice in the supreme court. Miss Trever is the third woman who has been granted permission to plead before the court.

Steamship Arrivals. New York, April 12.—New York—Arrived, Lahn from Bremen and Southampton; Kaiser Friedrich, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Aller, for Genoa, Queenstown-Sailed, Teutonic, from Liverpool, New York, Liverpool-Sailed, Teutonic, New York.

Telegraph Operators Strike. Chattanooga, April 12.—The strike of telegraph operators on the Alabama Gulf Southern and Memphis divisions of the Southern railway is complete tonight. No response could be obtained to calls for any station along the line.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, April 12.—Persons: Lawrence K. Greuter, Canton, Bradford, \$6 to \$8; Jacob Reiter, Wilkes-Barre, \$6 to \$8; William Beach, Alderson, Luzerne, \$10 to \$12.

Burlington Extension. Chicago, April 12.—The Burlington railway will begin a 200-mile extension to Billings this fall.

BRITISH SCOUTS SCENT A BOER TRAP



An incident near Bloemfontein. A party of scouts recently passed out into the broken country beyond the waterworks. They had dismounted and were engaged in a tour of observation when one of their number became suspicious that all was not well.

LITTLE NEWS FROM WAR IN AFRICA

Lord Roberts Said to Be Employing His Army Effectively.

BOER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Fischer Has Asked Italy to Intervene—The Minister's Reply—It Is Calculated That Lord Roberts Now Has 214,000 Effective Troops, with 12,000 More Afloat or Under Orders—Hilgard Steyn's View of the Situation.

London, April 13.—4.05 a. m.—In a round about way Lord Roberts has told Lord Roberts, when writing to the Prince of Wales at Copenhagen congratulations upon his escape from assassination, added two or three hopeful sentences portending an early advance with wide-reaching combinations.

Colonel Assurances were passed around among military men that Lord Roberts is employing his great army of effectively and that the adventurous Boer commandoes are likely to be crushed, scraps of news—a detail here and another there—have reached England tonight after comparatively idle cables, but they do not illuminate the situation.

The colonials at Wepener still hold off the Boers, Lord Methuen has worked eastward until he is within eighty miles of Kroonstad. Boer scouts have gone around Ladysmith and have appeared at Ewerdorp and other places on General Buller's flanks and rear.

Hart's Brigade. After General Hart's brigade leaves him, General Buller will still have close upon 25,000 men. It is generally assumed that this brigade is going to join Lord Roberts, but its destination is really unknown.

The Boer note to Portugal regarding the use by the British of the Beira route for the transportation of troops to Rhodesia, which the Boers act against Portugal, led Great Britain to land troops at Lorenzo Marques. This possibility has been seriously discussed and is referred to at length in the morning papers today.

Steyn's Opinion. Hilgard Steyn, brother of President Steyn, in the course of an interview at Bloemfontein, said: "The original war plan of the Boers was to over-run all Cape Colony, but on becoming involved in the sieges of Kimberley and Ladysmith the burghers have been obliged to retreat. To this I attribute the Boer failure to conquer the British. I expect the war to last until Christmas."

Atlantic League Meets. Schedule Committee at Work—Umpires Appointed. Reading, Pa., April 12.—The Atlantic Base Ball League opened a two days' session here today. President H. H. Foster presided, and George Zimmerman, of Allentown, was secretary.

Deaths of a Day. Salisbury, Pa., April 12.—George W. Ziegler, the oldest and most prominent lawyer in Northumberland county, died at his home here tonight. He was 81 years of age and had practiced law in Butler, Jefferson, Snyder and Northumberland counties. He served in the state legislature in 1854, 1855 and 1861, having been elected as a Democrat.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: FAIR, VARIABLE WINDS. 1. General—South African War Situation. 2. General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. 3. Local—Evidence in the Ludlow Murder Trial. 4. Editorial. 5. Local—Party of Scrantonians' Interesting Visit to Puerto Rico. 6. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7. Round About the County. 8. Local—Live Industrial News.

MORGAN'S AMENDMENT

Calculated to Improve the Spooner Philippine Bill. Washington, April 12.—Senator Morgan today offered the following amendment to the Spooner Philippine bill: "Provided, that in conducting government in the Philippine Islands the president shall execute in favor of the people there, the pledges of the Spanish government in the treaty of Biak-Nia-Bato, between Spain and the revolutionary party in Luzon, which treaty the government of the United States recognizes as having been obligatory on Spain at the time of the acquisition of the Philippine Islands from Spain, so far as the treaty is consistent with the change of sovereignty over the same."

ARMY SUPPLIES

Five Thousand Tons of Provision Leave New York. New York, April 12.—More than 5,000 tons of stuff for the English army in South Africa, and a large number of mules, started for Cape Town yesterday in the British steamer "Clan Robertson."

Smith Sentenced to Be Hanged. Baltimore, April 12.—Amos B. Smith, colored, was sentenced to be hanged by Judge Phelps to the criminal court today. He was found guilty on Tuesday of murdering Sadie James, with whom he had been living as his wife. The governor has not yet fixed the day of execution.

President Signs Tariff Bill

Washington, April 12.—The president at 7 o'clock this evening signed the Puerto Rican tariff bill and civil government bill. Only Secretary Root and Mr. Cortelyou, the assistant secretary to the president, were present when the bill became a law.

George Fred a Candidate

Boston, April 12.—George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, was formally named as a vice presidential possibility by the Bryan club of Massachusetts at a banquet in the Quincy Hotel tonight. His sponsor was George F. Washburn, member of the Populist national committee.

First and Last for McKinley

Cincinnati, April 12.—The Republican conventions of the First and Second districts today selected delegates to the national convention and instructed them "to vote first, last and all the time for McKinley."

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, April 12.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Fair, possibly showered by showers early; Friday: Saturday fair; variable winds.