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SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1900.

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SOLDIERS AT CROTON DAM

The Italians Meet Them with Mandolins and Guitars.

NO EFFORTS MADE TO WORK

Fourth and Eleventh Separate Companies in Camp at Croton Valley and a Cavalry Troop from New York City is at Ardsley—Bicycle Messengers Inform the Strikers of the Approach of Troops, and the Soldiers are Greeted with Music. The Seventh Regiment Ordered Out—First Bloodshed.

Croton Landing, N. Y., April 16.—Troops arrived at the Croton dam today. There was no disturbance and tonight there is no indication of any outbreak by the strikers. At present the Fourth and Eleventh separate companies are in camp in the Croton valley and a cavalry troop from New York City is at Ardsley.

Early this morning the strikers held a meeting and finding that no effort was going to be made to work on the dam, dispersed. From the New York newspapers they learned that troops were on the way. Before the hour for their arrival the Boers were filled by Italians, who stood in groups and listened to the talk of the leaders. About 11 a. m. a telegram was received by one of the leaders from Consul Blumhagen advising them to be quiet and informing them of the fact that the militia was on its way to the dam. It was afternoon when the special train from Yonkers, carrying the troops arrived here. Their arrival was noted by an Italian on a bicycle, who remained long enough about the station to count them and then started for the dam. About a half mile from the dam he was met by another strike messenger on a wheel, who carried the news about a mile, where a third messenger rode with all haste to the Bowery. Before the deputy sheriffs about the work knew of the arrival of troops in Croton valley the strikers were aware of it. There was a blowing of horns, and while the troops were resting at the station, waiting for the word to move forty armed Italians carrying an American flag and two Italian flags, crossed the Little Italy hill to the Bowery. They were cheered by the men in the Bowery and watched with interest by the deputy sheriffs. When the troops had been loaded the march to the dam was begun. When they were approaching the Bowery three nervous militiamen accidentally discharged their rifles, but no one was hurt. As the troops swung into the narrow lane called the Bowery a strange sight met their eyes.

Mandelins and Guitars.

About 200 men were on the board sidewalks. Women were hanging from the windows and crowded on the stoops. About twenty Italians with mandolins and guitars were seated on the walk playing a lively tune. Today is Easter Monday, a holiday in Italy.

The militiamen pitched their camp inside the ground where construction work on the dam is temporarily suspended, and the patrols were thrown out. Everything is quiet and the company says it will make no attempt to begin work until General Roe says so. It is thought the attempt will be made on Wednesday. The strikers' leader, Angelo Rotella, said tonight that there would be no trouble. He said: "We do not propose to fight soldiers. We are behaving and we gave the soldiers a fine welcome with our mandolins and guitars."

New York, April 16.—Late this afternoon Maj. General Roe ordered the Seventh regt. sent to assemble at its armory, Fort Hancock, and the 11th left the armory for Croton dam.

First Bloodshed.

Croton Landing, April 16.—The first bloodshed as the outcome of the strike at the Croton dam was the life of Sergeant Robert Douglas, of the Eleventh separate company of Mount Vernon, who was shot dead by an unknown assassin while he was relieving guard at ten minutes to nine tonight. The wildest excitement prevailed throughout the camp as soon as the news of the assassination spread to the different tents, and the soldiers are frantic over the crime. The point where the sergeant fell is known as Post Ten, which was in charge of Corporal Ten, which was in charge of the camp. The sergeant fell on top of the hill near Little Italy, where armed strikers were seen drilling or marching about early this morning brandishing rifles and shotguns. Douglas was talking to Corporal McDowell and the other members of the guard when he suddenly clapped his hands to his stomach and said: "I am shot" and then fell to the ground. It was pitch dark at the time, but McDowell and others fired a volley into a clump of bushes nearby without hitting anyone. No one saw the flash or heard the sound of the shot which killed Douglas, and it was a most mysterious affair. Meanwhile the men picked up the fallen sergeant and carried him down the hill on a stretcher, but as soon as they reached Douglas' tent he died without saying a word. Lieutenant Glover, with a squad of men, went up to the hilltop where they made a thorough search, but failed to find any person up there. Then the guards were called in and concentrated in the valley, with the exception of the cavalry at the cable station, where the shooting took place.

Assassins Trial.

Denver, Col., April 16.—The trial of W. W. Anderson for the shooting of Editors Bonnia and Jensen, of the Post, began today before Judge Jule.

COLUMBIA CONVENTION.

Republican Gathering Under Control of the Regular Leaders. Bloomsburg, Pa., April 16.—The Columbia county Republican convention was held today and was under the complete control of the Quay faction. Charles E. Geyer, of Catawissa, presided. County Chairman Harvey A. McKelvy, was re-elected, and the following order of business was in the field: Legislature, W. E. Kresber, of Catawissa, and W. S. Laubach, of Raven Creek; coroner, S. J. Hartman, of Fishing Creek; sheriff, Thomas Mensa, of Montour; jury commissioner, E. D. Hagenbuch, of Scott; delegates to state convention, Joseph H. Catterall, of Berwick, and J. W. Goldsworthy, of Centralia.

Resolutions endorsing W. H. Woodin for congress to succeed Congressman Polk; endorsing the national and state legislatures, and commending Senator Pennington for his efforts in the senate in behalf of Senator Quay were adopted.

OLEOMARGARINE TRAFFIC.

It Will Be Investigated by Dairy Commissioner Wells. Harrisburg, April 16.—Governor Stone today directed Levi Wells, dairy and food commissioner, to suspend Ambrose Little, a special agent of the department of agriculture and make a thorough investigation of the charges contained in the Philadelphia North American that oleomargarine is being sold in this state in violation of the laws which prohibit the sale of adulterated oleomargarine. The commissioner is instructed to obtain any information they can furnish to sustain their charges.

WHAT WOULD JEFFERSON DO?

According to Mr. Altgeld, the Ideal Democrat Would Now Be Bustling for Billy Bryan. Albany, April 16.—Former Governor John R. Altgeld, of Illinois, was the orator of the day at the banquet given at the Stanwick hotel by the Bimetallic league of Albany county in honor of the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson. He responded to the toast "What Would Jefferson Do?" The attendance was large. A hearty cheering of the toast "What Would Jefferson Do?" followed.

Well, what would he do as a citizen in the year 1900 if he were here? That question has already been answered. He would be a man of his own mind, of his own character, his own courage, his own will, his own strength and his own resources. He would do as he thought right and would not be swayed by the passions of the moment. He would be a man of his own mind, of his own character, his own courage, his own will, his own strength and his own resources. He would do as he thought right and would not be swayed by the passions of the moment.

CLARK'S SUCCESSOR.

The Choice of Atlantic City Conference Settled on James Murray. Atlantic City, N. J., April 16.—If the statements of a Montana political leader are to be believed, the conference held in this city on Sunday, relative to the appointment of a successor to Senator Clark, in event the United States senate declares his seat vacant. The choice of the conference, it is said, settled upon James Murray.

Florist Wins Tennessee Derby.

Memphis, Tenn., April 16.—Florist today won the rich Tennessee derby at a mile and an eight, in a gallop, from F. W. Bode, which beat the Conqueror by a length. The race, worth \$7,000 to the winner, was run in two minutes flat. More than 10,000 persons saw the derby and five other well filled races contested.

Anti-Lynch Law Constitutional.

Columbus, O., April 16.—The supreme court today declared the anti-lynching law constitutional. The law provides that the life of any person convicted of the crime of lynching shall be forfeited to the state.

Franklin Syndicate Miller Guilty.

New York, April 16.—William F. Miller, of Franklin syndicate fame, was found guilty by a jury in the county court in Brooklyn tonight of grand larceny in the first degree for taking from Mrs. Kathryn Mosser \$1,000, which she invested in his 329 per cent. scheme "to get rich quick." The prisoner was remanded for sentence on Friday.

Siam's Representative Arrives.

Washington, April 16.—Glad in silks of gorgeous blue and brilliant with gold trimmings, Phis Pradipon, ambassador of Siam at St. Louis today laid his credentials before President McKinley at the white house. The new minister was accompanied by secretary Hay who performed the introduction.

Crowds Still Cheer the Queen.

Dublin, April 16.—The queen, accompanied by the princess, drove out in an open landau today in the presence of immense holiday crowds. The route was past the Bilibrian school to Clendalkin, returning to the vice regal lodge by way of Long avenue, which was lined with equipages and cheering crowds.

Insurgents at Batoc.

Manila, Tuesday, April 17.—General Young reports that 200 insurgent riflemen and bolomen attacked the American garrison at Batoc, province of North Cotabato yesterday but were repulsed, losing one hundred and six men. The Americans had no casualties.

All Well at Making.

Lorenzo Marques, of 16—Lieutenant Smith-Funan, a Rhodian sea cat who entered Making harbor from the Boer lines has returned to Colonel Plummer's company with dispatches from Making, saying that all was well there April 4.

Big Racing Meet.

Long Island City, L. I., April 16.—The Queens County Jockey Club's spring meeting will open here this afternoon and will continue until May 4.

PUERTO RICO'S NEW GOVERNOR

CHARLES H. ALLEN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, IS NAMED.

Extensive Preparations for His Inauguration, Which Will Be Attended by Ceremonies Calculated to Make a Lasting Impression on Minds of the Inhabitants—The North Atlantic Squadron Will Take Part.

Washington, April 16.—The president today nominated Charles H. Allen, of Massachusetts, to be governor of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Allen is arranging to leave Washington for San Juan toward the end of the present week. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Allen and their daughter. The trip will be made on the United States ship Dolphin, Captain Southard, which is now lying at the Washington navy yard.

It is Governor Allen's intention to make this a flying visit. He will set up the new civil government and inside of three weeks will return to the United States to arrange his private affairs. The president and Secretary Long have determined that the inauguration of the civil government in Puerto Rico shall be marked with an event of great magnitude. Therefore the United States will see to it that there is at San Juan on the occasion of the inauguration of the first American governor a dignified and impressive ceremony, that will fix the event in the minds of the people.

The United States ship Dolphin, which will carry Mr. Allen to San Juan, will enter the harbor there escorted by the entire North Atlantic squadron, under the command of Rear Admiral Farquhar, on his flagship New York. The squadron is now at Bermuda and will time its movements so as to arrive off the north coast of Puerto Rico about the time the Dolphin is sighted.

Governor Allen will be inaugurated at San Juan on May 1, and General Davis, the military governor, will turn out all of the United States troops under his command in honor of the occasion. The ships of the squadron will fly salutes, which will be answered by the shore batteries. There will be some speeches and at night the fleet will use their electric lights and there will be general illumination.

ACTION AGAINST TRUSTS.

Sub-Committee of the House Agrees Upon Remedy—A Constitutional Amendment Suggested.

Washington, April 16.—Two measures directed against trusts were determined today by the special sub-committee on trusts of the house judiciary committee. The special sub-committee has spent many days examining the various remedies proposed, and the conferences were not concluded until a late hour today. As agreed upon the remedy is two-fold, namely, a constitutional amendment giving congress full power to deal with trusts, and a new anti-trust law making the following extensions to the Sherman act:

First—Requiring the branding or marking of trust made goods shipped out of a state so as to be easily identified as the product of a trust.

Second—Prohibiting the interstate traffic of goods, goods not so branded and making them subject to seizure and condemnation.

Third—Requiring corporations having a capital over \$1,000,000 or doing an annual business of \$1,000,000 to file a report of their affairs with the secretary of state.

Fourth—Providing the process of injunction against combinations sending trust made goods from state to state or to foreign countries.

Fifth—Prohibiting the use of the mails to concerns and their officials proven to be trusts.

TELEGRAPHERS STRIKE.

President Powell Claims That the Situation is Encouraging. Atlanta, Ga., April 16.—The Southern railway telegraphers' strike situation in this vicinity today seemed to be satisfactory to both sides.

President Powell claimed that the situation was encouraging and that the railroad officials say they are suffering no inconvenience or appreciable delays in the operations of trains.

FIRST OFFICIAL FETE.

President Loubet Entertains 260 Guests at Dinner. Paris, April 16.—The first of the series of official fetes to be given in connection with the expedition took place tonight at the Elysee palace. President Loubet entertained 260 guests at dinner, the largest number ever seated at an Elysee banquet.

Among those present were the diplomatic corps and the commissioners general of the various nations represented at the exposition.

Receiver for Insurance Company.

Lewiston, Me., April 16.—State Insurance Commissioner Carr, through counsel today filed a bill in equity in the supreme court for Androscoggin county, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Maine Benefit Life Association, which was organized in 1882. The Maine Benefit Life association is the last of the massed life insurance companies incorporated in this state and has been in existence since 1855.

Hoke No Longer a Publisher.

Atlanta, April 16.—Hon. Hoke Smith today sold his interest in the Atlanta Journal to H. M. Atkinson, Morris Brandon and J. H. Gray, of Atlanta, for \$150,000. The minority stockholders also disposed of their holdings. The amount involved in the entire transaction is \$250,000. George H. Bakewell, formerly of the New York Herald, will be the publisher under the new regime.

Flood at Jackson.

Jackson, Miss., April 16.—All railroad lines entering Jackson are indefinitely tied up as a result of the heavy rainfall, general throughout the state. The downpour, which started about 11 o'clock Saturday night, continues without any present visible prospect of cessation and even the country roads have become impassable. Railroad men say that the flood is the worst known in years.

Carnegie Did Not Come.

Pittsburg, April 16.—Andrew Carnegie did not come to Pittsburg today as was expected, but it is reported that he will be here later in the week. The papers in the big suits have not yet been withdrawn and the attorneys decline to discuss the matter. It is likely that the entire matter will be arranged when Mr. Carnegie comes to the city.

Corporations Chartered.

Harrisburg, April 16.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the Delaney Fire Brick company, Fatchauer's Fayette county, capital \$8,000, and the Hero Coal and Coke company, Uniontown, Fayette county, capital \$60,000.

Washington Against Quay.

Washington, Pa., April 16.—The Washington county Republican convention today nominated a complete slate of anti-Quay and denounced the ex-senator for his methods in politics in this state.

Annual Meeting of League.

New York, April 16.—The governing board of the International League of Press Clubs met today and decided to hold its annual meeting of the league in New York on July 17.

Frost for Toledo Exposition.

Columbus, O., April 16.—The Ohio legislature adjourned today. After other legislation killed by the adjournment was the million dollar appropriation for the Toledo exposition.

CHICAGO'S ERROR.

The Spanish Minister Invited to Rejoice Over the Battle of Manila.

Chicago, April 16.—Mayor Harrison today received from Duke D'Arco, the Spanish minister at Washington, the following reply to an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration in Chicago:

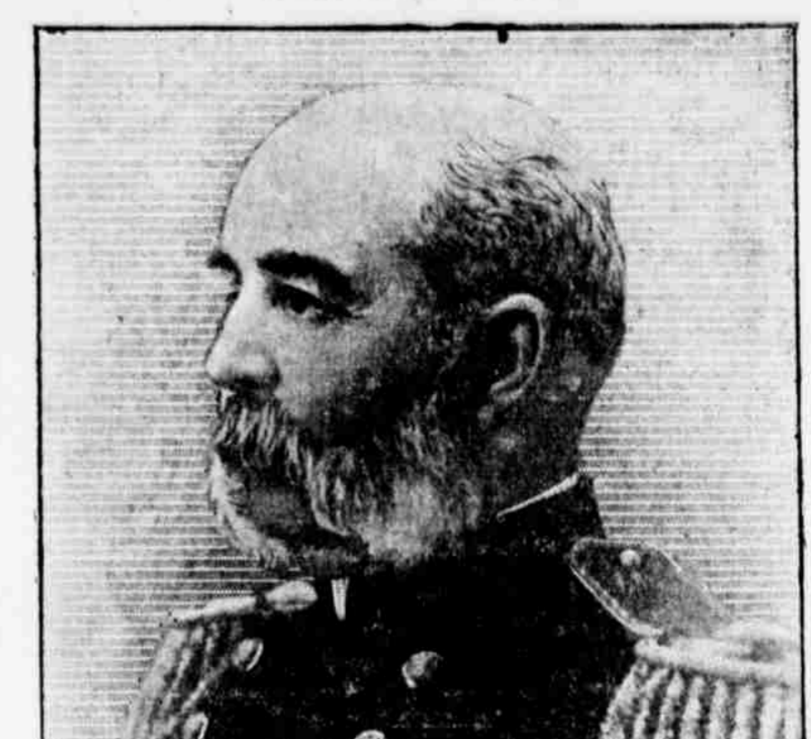
Washington, April 14, 1900.
Sir: I return to you the enclosed invitation from the city of Chicago for the occasion of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila, which I take for granted has been sent me by mistake, as it is the first discussion I have met with since I am in the United States. It is impossible for me to believe that you have advisedly asked me, the representative of Spain, to go to your city and rejoice over the death of so many brave sailors—my countrymen. That would have been simply an insult, and, as I do not deserve it, and as I cannot do so unintentionally, I am perfectly sure, as I say, that all this is the result of an error.

Very respectfully yours,
Attilio D'Arco.

In reply, Mayor Harrison has written the minister explaining that the invitation was sent through the carelessness or ignorance of a clerk, and extending sincere apologies for the unintentional discourtesy.

GENERAL OTIS.

When the transport Hancock sails from Manila in the early part of June she will carry among her passengers Major General Otis. It is partly on account of his health that General Otis is being relieved. Aside from this, the government considers that he has performed his share of the hard work in the Philippines. In administration circles great satisfaction is expressed over the manner in which General Otis has performed his duties.



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NEW VIADUCT PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION

BOARD OF TRADE HEARS AND CONSIDERS PROPOSITION. It Contemplates a Narrow Viaduct to Carry the Trolley Company's Cars Over the West Lackawanna Avenue Crossing—Luther Keller Vigorously Opposes It and It Is Recommended—Report Made on the Second Class City Matter—Will Join in Fight Against New Mercantile Tax.

Much of the hour and three quarters that the board of trade was in session last night was devoted to a discussion of the West Lackawanna avenue viaduct question. It was brought up by a report from the highways committee favoring the plan of allowing the trolley company to build a seven-foot wide viaduct. The full report was:

The condition of our paved streets is most deplorable by reason of filthiness and want of repairs. The system of cleaning the paved streets is wholly inadequate, once in a while a gang of sweepers are put on and the streets are partially scraped and swept away the dirt piled next the curb and after a time is taken away. In what the wind has not scattered through the houses and back again over the streets. The average condition of these streets is one of intolerable filth, which is a disgrace to our city. We are rapidly getting the reputation of being a very dirty city. Your committee is convinced that the only effective way of securing clean streets is to adopt the method of cleaning in vogue in all our large cities, known as the block system and flushing. Instead of sporadic efforts to clean by gangs of men, many of whom seem too weak to handle their separate or brown, one good man is kept on each block or two blocks, with bag and cart to gather manure and refuse, and the street is kept clean and no dirt or filth is allowed to accumulate. Under the system, or want of system, in vogue in our city, the street is allowed to become very filthy before an effort is made to clean them and then it is almost impossible to get them clean.

ASPHALT NEEDS REPAIR.

Your committee also called attention to the fact that the asphalt pavements are sadly in need of repair. They have been cut in many places during the winter for plumbing repairs, and bad patches left the surface of the pavement a menace to the public safety. There is no good reason why this should be allowed. The city ordinances provide that no person shall be permitted to cut the pavement, and then only on depositing sufficient funds to repair the same. If this ordinance were enforced we would not have seen one of our main thoroughfares cut in this manner and left open, unsafe and dangerous to the public. We earnestly recommend a rigid enforcement of the ordinance here referred to. We also recommend that councils be asked to see that the company which is charged under contract with the duty of repairing the asphalt pavements, perform their duties in this respect with the utmost care. The asphalt pavements suffer constant injury from the dropping of stones and gravel from dirt and truck carts. This adds not only to the filth, but grinds out the pavement. There is a city ordinance providing that refuse shall be removed only in close bottom carts. This is an excellent ordinance and should be rigidly enforced.

Your committee feels constrained to call the attention of the board to the fact that the asphalt pavements have been frequently being damaged for some time, viz: The exceedingly dangerous grade railroad crossings in our city, notably on West Lackawanna avenue. What would have been a terrible accident if that crossing was availed by the narrowest possible margin only a few days ago. If conditions are permitted to continue at this rate they are a disaster the like of which our city has never known is sure to happen sooner or later. In view of the facts, which are patent to everybody, it seems the height of criminal negligence to allow these conditions to continue. In the effort to find a remedy, your committee went over the ground and carefully examined the situation and then called on Mr. Stillman, of the traction company, and discussed the matter fully with him. Your committee believed and so stated to Mr. Stillman, that a temporary remedy could be had in abandoning the West Lackawanna avenue crossing and running all cars over Seventh or Eighth streets, and over the Linden street bridge, over the tracks. This bridge would need to be enlarged and strengthened, which can easily be done. This would involve a greater distance for the neighborhood cars than the present route, for they would go north on Eighth street, instead of Ninth street, as at present.

LORD ROBERTS SPREADS NET

Hopes to Bag the Adventurous Boer Commandos.

POWER OF BOERS WANING

A Daily News Correspondent Reports Them as Fleeing to the Southeast—Distrust, However, Exists as to Any Rapid Advance in the Direction of Pretoria—Boers Raise the Siege of Wepener—Diverse Reports from Natal.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- 1 General-General Roberts' Forces Chasing in on the Boers.
- 2 General-Northeastern Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial.
- 3 Local-School Tax Levy in Fourteen Mills. More Judges Than Cases.
- 4 Editorial.
- 5 Local-Alfred Hall's Opinion on the Status of the Public Library.
- 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- 7 Round About the County.
- 8 Advertisement.
- 9 General-Real Purpose of the Puerto Rican Bill.
- 10 Local-Opening Session of City Teachers' Institute.

READING ESTIDEDFOD.

Presented Under Cymrodorion auspices—Judge Edwards Conductor. Reading, Pa., April 16.—The first Reading estidedd was held here today under the auspices of the Cymrodorion of this city, of which Richmond L. Jones is president.

The morning session was begun at 10.30. Mr. Jones presented, in fitting words J. Howard Jacobs, the honorary president of the morning session. Mr. Jacobs delivered the address of welcome. At the conclusion of his remarks, the honorary president presented Judge H. M. Edwards, of Scranton, the estidedd conductor and literary adjudicator. The morning programme was then observed.

In the piano solo competition John S. Thompson, of Williamsport, was awarded first prize; Arthur Unger, of Reading, second; and May Hagerman, of Edwardsville, Luzerne county, received the prize of \$8 in the bass solo competition. The Athletic band received the \$200 prize in the band contest. In the male chorus contest between the Lotus Glee club, of Pottsville, and Gwent Glee society, of Edwardsville, Luzerne county, the Pottsville society won the prize of \$200.

QUARTERLY AND OTHER DIVIDENDS.

New York, April 16.—The Bell Telephone company paid a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The Electric Vehicle company paid a dividend of 2 per cent. today.

Boston, April 16.—The Rose Burton Mole Machine company paid a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The Metropolitan State Railway company paid a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The Western Union Telegraph company paid a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The Havana Commercial company paid a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The Produce Exchange bank paid a semi-annual dividend of \$2.48 per share today.

New York, April 16.—The National Biscuit company paid a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. today.

Haver, Conn., April 16.—The Iron and Steel company paid a dividend of 15 cents per share today.

New York, April 16.—The Mexican Telegraph company paid a quarterly dividend of 1/2 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway company paid a dividend of 1 per cent. today.

New York, April 16.—The New York Central Railway company paid a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. today.

Original Gold Miner Dead.

Middletown, N. Y., April 16.—James W. Phillips, one of the original California gold miners and a graduate of West Point Military Academy, died here today, aged 68 years.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, April 16.—Pensions: Increase George S. Brock, Scranton, \$1 to \$10; John Larson, Scranton, \$6 to \$8; Jacob Rosar, Scranton, \$6 to \$8.

To Repeal Stamp Tax.

Washington, April 16.—Representative Griffin, of Indiana, today introduced a bill repealing the stamp duty on checks, drafts, etc. and on proprietary medicines.

BASE BALL.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia, 9; Montreal, 5.
New York, April 16.—The Brooklyn National league team today beat the Columbia college team by a score of 20 to 1.
At Atlantic City—Boston, 13; Toronto, 8.
At Washington, Georgetown, 5; Princeton, 5.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 16.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Fair; Eastern Pennsylvania, showers Tuesday and probably Wednesday; in evening and probably high and cloudy Wednesday.

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