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CONGRESS ADJOURNS

A Patriotic Outburst of Song in the House.

THE PICTURESQUE SCENES

Men, Women and Children Join in Singing the "Star Spangled Banner"—A Crank in the Gallery Is Aroused to Action by the Wave of Enthusiasm—House Reverses Action on the Naval Bill—Mr. Lentz, of Ohio, Makes a Feature of Himself by Blocking Unanimous Consent Legislation—The Sessions of the Senate Are Closed Without Excitement.

Washington, June 7.—In marked contrast with the exciting incidents attending the bitter struggles of the closing hours of the session, Speaker Henderson laid down his gavel at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the conclusion of the most picturesque scene which has ever occurred in the hall of representatives. Party passion and personal rancor, which have brought the house to the brink of actual riot several times during the last forty-eight hours, gave way in the closing half-hour to good-fellowship, which found vent in a patriotic outburst that stirred the crowded galleries to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. During the brief recess taken within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the final adjournment, to give the president an opportunity to affix his signatures to the bills that were being rushed to him for approval, a group of members, led by Mr. Mercer, of Nebraska; Mr. Ball, of Texas; Mr. Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, congregated in the area to the left of the speaker's rostrum and began singing patriotic airs. The galleries were banked to the doors. "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," "Auld Lang Syne," the "Red, White and Blue," successively rang out. As the singing proceeded, members joined the group until, without regard to age or party, the entire membership of the house joined in the choruses. The spectators in the galleries applauded each song, until the strains of "Dixie" filled the hall. Then their unbounded enthusiasm broke out in wild cheers. But the enthusiasm "Dixie" evoked was not to be compared with the remarkable demonstration which followed when, in a clear, ringing tenor, Mr. Fitzgerald, of Massachusetts, started the national anthem with the inspiring words, "Through the dawn's early light." In an instant all the men, women and children in the galleries were on their feet, joining in the singing. The mighty chorus from thousands of throats reverberated through the hall, making the pulses leap and the blood tingle. It was a magnificent and soul-inspiring spectacle. The ladies kept time to the rhythm of the music with their handkerchiefs, and the men beat the measure with their hands. The speaker, pausing as he entered the hall, raised his voice also.

The excitement produced by the scene overcame a white-haired old man in one of the public galleries and when the song ceased he jumped upon his feet and shouted, "That is the song of the angels in heaven." He was plainly a crank, but, as he showed a disposition to harrangue the house, he was quickly ejected. After Speaker Henderson had made a graceful farewell speech thanking the members for their courtesies and had declared the house adjourned the members testified to his popularity by singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the newspaper correspondents in the press gallery celebrated their emancipation from the burdens of congress by singing the "Doxology."

Action on Naval Bill Reversed.

The principal feature of the closing day in the house was the reversal of its action of last night in turning down the conferees on the naval bill for yielding on the item relating to ocean surveys. Over night the sentiment of the house underwent a complete change and today the members voted by a large majority to accept outright the senate amendment, which goes much farther than the compromise with the conferees offered last night. The new conferees, led by Mr. Cannon, who had brought in a compromise which they considered most satisfactory, were ignominously pushed aside. It was a distinct victory for the old conferees, Messrs. Foss, of Illinois; Dayton, of West Virginia, and Cummings, of New York. The other feature of the closing day was the course of Mr. Lentz, of Ohio, in blocking unanimous consent legislation. For three days he has objected to bills because the majority would not allow the testimony in the Coeur d'Alene investigation to be printed, and he maintained his position to the end. He only relented when bills behind which lurked possible votes in the coming campaign were brought up. On such occasions he gracefully side-stepped and allowed them to go through.

In the Senate.

Congress adjourned sine die at 5 o'clock this afternoon. For the senate it was a day of waiting. The naval appropriation bill, the stumbling block to final adjournment, could not be agreed to by the conferees of the two houses and the disagreement was reported to the senate early in the day. The report was accepted, but the senate refused to request another conference, although Mr. Hale expressed the belief that an agreement might be reached. There was an evident disposition on the part of the senate to make trouble if the conferees should recede from the senate amendment as to ocean surveys and it was deemed the wiser policy to afford the house an opportunity again to pass upon the question. At 3 o'clock, after several recesses had been taken, it became known to the senate that the house had concurred in the senate amendments, remaining in controversy, and soon afterward the house resolution providing for final adjournment was passed, with an amendment fixing the hour at 5 o'clock, June 7.

It was not until 4.40, twenty minutes before the hour fixed for adjournment, that the president pro tem of the senate, Mr. Frye, announced his signature to the naval bill. With some other measures it was hurried to the president, who was waiting in his room in the capital, and was signed by him a few minutes later.

The concluding hour of the session was purely a social session. No business beyond the adoption of the customary resolution of thanks to the chair (Mr. Frye) was accomplished. In acknowledgment of the compliment Mr. Frye delivered a brief and graceful speech, which was received with cordial applause throughout the chamber.

The conclusion of the work of the senate was quiet and perfunctory, attended by no exciting scenes such as are often incident to the close of a session, and when the gavel fell finally expressions of relief and gladness were heard from all senators.

Washington, June 7.—The president was at the capitol for about an hour and a half today, taking his departure immediately after the final adjournment at 3 o'clock. He was again accompanied by his cabinet, but there were comparatively few bills requiring attention and neither the president nor his advisers found their time wholly occupied. The naval appropriation bill was the only measure of general importance signed during the day.

BIG BATTLESHIPS SAIL.

The Indiana and Massachusetts Leave League Island Nany Yard for a Cruise and Practice Drill.

Philadelphia, June 7.—The battleships Indiana and Massachusetts sailed from the League Island navy yard at 5.30 this evening for Hampton Roads, where they will join the North Atlantic squadron, under Admiral Farquhar, for a cruise and practice drill. In less than 48 hours, under emergency orders, the two warships were made ready for service. This is the first time in the history of the American navy that mobilization drill has been attempted.

The complement of the battleships' crews, 450 men, was effected today with the arrival of details of marines and sailors from Washington, Brooklyn and Boston.

Admiral Crowinshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, came here from Washington today and inspected the battleships prior to their departure.

After the mobilization is completed, the squadron, consisting of the New York, Kearsarge, Indiana, Massachusetts and Texas, will engage in squadron manoeuvres and other exercises for the next six weeks. It was stated at the League Island yards that the Indiana and Massachusetts would again be placed in ordinary at the yards when the exercises are over.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Preparations for the Event Being Made in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, June 7.—The work of preparing the National Export Exposition auditorium for the Republican National convention, the date of which is but twelve days away, is practically completed and the formal transfer of the hall to Sergeant-at-Arms Wiswell is scheduled for next Wednesday. The citizens committee, which has charge of the local arrangements, wants to transfer the auditorium at once, but the sergeant-at-arms does not want the responsibility of protecting the hall from fire and other accidents until the national committee formally takes possessionof the building. The announcement of the hundreds of assistants to Sergeant-at-Arms Wiswell, which was to have been made today, has delayed because the national committee has not finally decided on many of the appointments.

Members of the national committee are expected to begin to arrive on Saturday. Senator Hanna is expected to be here on that day to attend a reception to be given to National Committeeman Kerens, of Missouri, by the Young Republican club of this city. On Monday the national sub-executive committee, of which Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, is chairman, will meet here, and on Wednesday following, Senator Hanna will call the entire national committee together. The preparations for the monster night street parade, on the eve of the opening, goes on apace. In this connection the secretary of the Allied Republican clubs has issued a circular to out of town clubs who are going to take part to communicate with the secretary, so they can be assigned their place in line and entertainment provided. The Allied Republican clubs have arranged a programme for the entertainment of visiting clubs that covers every day and night of the convention week.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEST.

Trial in Dauphin County Court Before Judge Simonton.

Harrisburg, June 7.—The Somerset county legislative contest was called for trial in the Dauphin county court today before Judge Simonton. The question at issue is whether Fred Rowe and William H. Sanner or William H. Koontz and Samuel Kendall were nominated for the assembly at the primaries on April 21.

Both sets of candidates have filed a certificate of nomination in the state department and is contesting the certificate of the other. County Chairman Burkey was on the stand all day and testified to the character of the return judges who made up the convention which declared Messrs. Koontz and Kendall the nominees.

Another Challenge from Sir Thomas.

Queenstown, June 7.—At a meeting of the Royal Cork Yacht club today, Sir Thomas Lipton was elected a member. He has expressed his intention of challenging for the America's cup under the auspices of this club.

KRUGER IS DEFIANT

He Grants a London Correspondent an Interview.

LIVING IN RAILROAD CAR

He Smokes a Long Pipe and Looks Worried—Is Determined, However, and Proposes to Fight Until the Last—He States That the Capital of the Republic Is the Car in Which He Travels—His Country Invaded but Not Conquered—Reasons for Leaving Pretoria—Will Not Tell What Has Been Done with His Gold.

London, June 8 (3 a. m.).—The executive officers of the Transvaal government are in a railway car which is shunted on a switch at Machadorp station. President Kruger caused the interior of the coach to be reconstructed some time ago with a view to contingencies that have now arrived. A correspondent of the Daily Express, who went from Lourenzo Marques to see President Kruger, was received yesterday. The president sat smoking a long pipe. He looked worried, but his bearing was quiet and determined. He did not make the least objection to be interviewed. The correspondent was equipped for the interview by cables from London.

"Yes," said President Kruger, "it is quite true that the British have occupied Pretoria. This, however, does not end the war. The burghers are fully determined to fight to the last. They will never surrender so long as five hundred armed men remain in the country. I feel deeply encouraged by the fine work Steyn and DeWet are doing in the Free State."

The correspondent suggested that the war was over inasmuch as the capital had been taken.

"The capital!" exclaimed Mr. Kruger with energy. "What is a capital? It does not consist of any particular collection of bricks and mortar. The capitol of the republic, the seat of government, is here in this car. There is no magic about any special site. Our country is invaded, it is true, but it is not conquered. The government is still effective."

Reasons for Flight.

Referring to the reasons why he left Pretoria, Mr. Kruger said:

"I was not foolish enough to be taken prisoner. I provided this means of locomotion for the same reason as our burghers supply themselves with horses when they take the field.

"It is necessary that I should be able to move quickly from place to place. That is all. By and by this car will take me back to Pretoria. For the present it enables me to keep away from Pretoria where I could be of no service and where I should only play into the hands of the enemy."

"They say," remarked the correspondent, "that you have brought with you gold to the value of 2,000,000 pounds."

"It is not true," replied the president. "Whatever monetary resources I may have with me are simply those which we require for state purposes. At the same time I am not going to tell you where our treasure is. Let Lord Roberts find it if he can."

"They also say in England, Mr. Kruger, that you contemplate taking refuge on a Dutch man-of-war at Lorenzo Marques."

"That again is a lie," retorted the president with spirit. "I know of no Dutch war vessel. I am not contemplating taking refuge anywhere. I shall not leave my country. There will be no need for me to do anything of the kind."

The correspondent: "Then, sir, there is much surprise at your having left Mrs. Kruger behind."

President Kruger: "But why? Mrs. Kruger is quite safe in Pretoria. She would only be put to personal inconvenience here. All communication between us is stopped, of course, but she will await my return with calmness and courage. She is a brave woman. I am here awaiting further information. We are surrounded by faithful burghers and are quite safe."

The War Not Over.

State Secretary Reitz remarked:

"You may depend upon it that the war is not yet over. Guerilla warfare will continue over an enormous area. We intend to fight to the bitter end, and shall probably retire upon Lydenburg, where we can hold out for many months."

"Yes," observed Mr. Kruger, "it is only now that the real struggle has begun. I fear that there will be much bloodshed, but the fault is that of the British government."

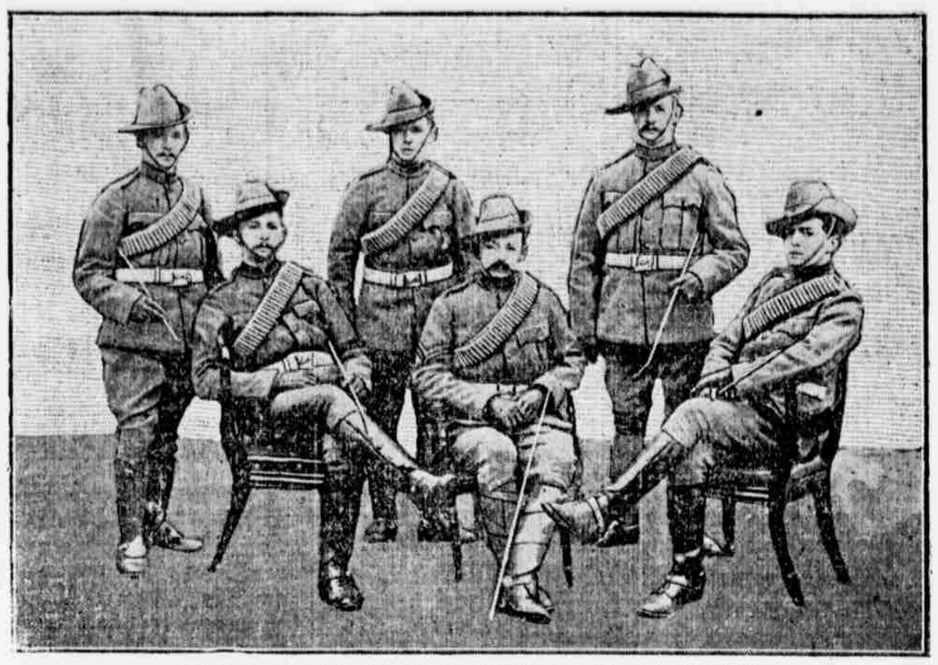
Then raising his voice to an almost passionate height, Mr. Kruger exclaimed:

"The time has passed for us to talk. We have done plenty of that, but it has done us no good. There is nothing left for us to do but to keep on fighting, to keep on fighting."

The correspondent who secured the interview telegraphed it direct from Machadorp station yesterday, when the wires were working as usual to Lourenzo Marques.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, June 7.—Sailed: La Bretagne, Havre; Kaiser Friederich Hamburg via Plymouth nad Cherbourg; Bovic, Liverpool. Plymouth—Arrived: Fuerst Bismarck, from New mouth and Cherbourg; Bovic, Liverpool. Ply- Arrived: Amsterdam, New ork via Boulagne. Arrived: Amsterdam, New York via Boulogne. Queenstown—Sailed: Teutonic (from Liverpool), for New York. Lizard—Passed: La Touraine, New York for Havre. Bremerhaven—Arrived: Aller, New York via Cherbourg and Southampton. Liverpool—Arrived: Germanic, New York via Queenstown.



CORPORAL AND FIVE TROOPERS FROM ONE FAMILY.

The six Westley brothers are the pride of their regiment now in South Africa. The brothers have been with Gen. Roberts' troops in his operations in the Boer war and all have escaped injury.

PEENSYLVANIA G. A. R.

Annual Encampment at Gettysburg Adjourns.

Gettysburg, Pa., June 7.—The forty-third annual encampment of the department of Pennsylvania Grand Army of the Republic adjourned at noon today. The following council of administration was elected: William J. Wray, Harvey Miller, George J. Swartz, Joseph Schwartz, all of Philadelphia, and H. H. Bengough, of Pittsburg.

The following were elected delegates to the national encampment: Edward S. Rice, William S. Bensilver, James Hutton, Isaac C. Booth, W. A. Stewart, Harry G. Davis and John Watson, of Philadelphia; James Hine, of Du Bois; J. Banks, of Leechburg; W. N. Jones, of Philadelphia; L. L. Shattuc, of Titusville; J. M. Stoover, of Chester; F. B. Speaksman, Coatesville; Harry Watson, of Greenville; H. F. Beardsley, of Montrose; L. Y. Diller, of Gettysburg; Walter L. Graham, of Butler; Jacob Hoover, of Lewisburg; W. C. Knox, of Ligonier; James Sweger, of Lancaster; L. Deane, of Wellsboro; J. H. Druckemiller, of Lehighton; Milton Gherst, of Lebanon; W. A. Stone, of Allegheny; George F. Bailey, of Morristown; G. John Gould, of Mt. Carmel; Philip Heist, of Etna; John E. Manship, of Germantown; J. I. Shoemaker, of Wyoming; John Breckinridge, of Steelton; Thomas G. Charles, of Altoona; L. S. Eisenhower, of Carlisle; R. H. Holgate, of Waverly; A. C. Koder, of Mechanicsburg; John F. Peters, of Allegheny; A. B. Stevens, of Scranton; T. N. Boyle, D. A. Jones, F. J. Totten and James B. Ross, all of Pittsburg.

The veterans this afternoon witnessed an exhibition drill and calisthenic exercise by the orphans from the Soldiers' Orphans' school, at Scotland, Pa. The children were again and again applauded by the veterans and by the ladies who are attending their convention here. The entire school, numbering 275, were here in charge of M. Thounhurst, the superintendent.

AGRICULTURALISTS MEET.

Major Wells Thinks the Governor Knows What He Is Doing.

Lock Haven, Pa., June 7.—The division institutes of the State Board of Agriculture convened today. Major Levi Wells, the recently retired state dairy and food commissioner, addressed the delegates on "Pure Food Laws and Their Enforcement." Referring to the opposition to himself, Mr. Wells stated that he believed Governor Stone knows what he is doing in the course he is pursuing. Mr. Wells gave a review of the efforts made by himself to enforce the laws and said he insisted upon pure food being made.

J. T. Rothrock, in forestry reservation talk, stated that one hundred thousand acres now owned by the state would be in future thrown open to the health institutions for sufferers from pulmonary and other complaints, and that towns in the vicinity of the reservations could have free use of the pure water flowing through them.

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of five to frame a bill to be presented to the next legislature for an increased appropriation to extend institute work. The committee consists of D. M. Pry, of Washington county; W. H. Brosius, of Lancaster; S. F. Barber, of Dauphin; M. N. Clark, of Westmoreland, and Dr. M. E. Conard, of Chester.

FARM FOR OOM PAUL.

Has Been Invited to Locate in Tioga County.

Elmira, N. Y., June 7.—It is reported by the Canton, Pa., Sentinel that President Kruger, if he succeeds in evading the British, will locate in or near Brownlee, Tioga county, Pa.

Henry Malles, a relative of Kruger, who lives in Brownlee, wrote Kruger at the breaking out of the war, inviting him to locate there in case eventualities made it necessary for him to leave the Transvaal. He recently received a letter from Oom Paul, accepting the invitation, and inquiries have been made of the price of farms in that vicinity, which has a large number of Dutch residents.

Gibbons Confers Degrees.

Washirgton, June 7.—Cardinal Gibbons today conferred degrees on a large number of students at the Catholic university in this city. A distinguished assemblage witnessed the ceremonies which were opened with an introductory address by Rev. Mr. Conafty, rector of the University. The presentation of degrees in technology, law, philosophy and theology followed. A closing address was delivered by the cardinal.

BREWERS CONVENTION.

Officers Elected at the 40th Annual Meeting at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, June 7.—The United States Brewers' association concluded their fortieth annual convention here today, after electing the following officers: President, Rudolph Brand, of Chicago; first vice-president, N. W. Kendall, of New Haven; second vice-president, Joseph Theurer; treasurer, William Hoffman; secretary, Gallus Thomann; financial secretary, Charles A. Schultz.

A letter was read in the convention from Miss Susan B. Anthony, who requested the privilege that a temperance orator, whom she could send, be given the privilege of addressing the brewers, but it was ruled out under the point of order that to grant the request would violate the constitutional rules forbidding politics in the convention.

The convention decided to have the members sounded in regard to their views as to the standard of malt brewings which should be established in the pure food law and have them put in shape for submission to the department of agriculture at Washington. The section is to be incorporated in the law to be passed by congress.

Mayor Franklin P. Stoy was the guest of the association tonight, who were banqueted at the Hotel Rudolf. There were 350 covers. The place of next meeting was left to the board of directors.

DOCTORS ELECT OFFICERS.

Proceedings of American Medical Association at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 7.—The American Medical association today elected officers as follows: President, Dr. Charles A. Reid, Ohio; first vice-president, Dr. A. W. Calhoun, Georgia; second vice-president, Colonel Woodhull, U. S. A.; third vice-president, Dr. Philip Marvel, New Jersey; fourth vice-president, E. E. Quine, Illinois; secretary, Dr. George W. Simmonds, Illinois; assistant secretary, Dr. A. M. Davis, Minnesota; treasurer, Dr. Henry P. Newman, Illinois; librarian, George Webster, Illinois; trustees, Miles F. Porter, Indiana; E. Fletcher Ingalls, Illinois; W. L. Rodman, Pennsylvania; Joseph M. Matthews, Kentucky; judicial council, James R. Gutrie, Iowa; G. B. Mills, Tennessee; R. C. Moore, Nebraska; Ida J. Herberger, District of Columbia; John D. Roberts, Pennsylvania; Charles L. Rodman, Connecticut; S. L. Jeprocl, West Virginia.

The session was occupied with the transaction of routine business, one address being delivered, an oration on medicine by Dr. John A. Witherspoon, of Nashville, Tennessee.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS MEET.

Officers Elected at Hazleton Yesterday—Address on Chemicals.

Hazleton, June 7.—At today's session of the State Funeral Directors' association, W. J. Atwood, of Philadelphia, delivered an address; Max Hunkle, of New York, lectured on fluids and chemicals, and Joseph J. Early, of Philadelphia, talked of the profession in general.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. W. Naulty, of Philadelphia; vice-president, A. C. Hooke, of Philadelphia; second vice-president, E. E. Naginey, of Bellefonte; third vice-president, E. K. Bright, of Northumberland ;secretary, George Chandler Paul, of Philadelphia; treasurer, W. J. Atwood, of Philadelphia; executive committee, John Henderson, of Johnstown; Joseph Stevens, of Altoona; Albert Moore, of Philadelphia; delegates to national convention, R. W. Day, of Williamstown; C. W. Naulty, of Philadelphia; Albert Moore, of Philadelphia; Wesley Kehr,of Philadelphia, and Joseph J. Early, of Philadelphia. It was directed to hold the next convention at Johnstown.

Speculator Shoots Himself.

Chicago, June 7.—Thomas D. Cottrell, an old and well known speculator on the board of trade of this city, today shot himself in the head, producing a wound which will probably cause death. Ithis brother, Edward Cottrell, of New York, who years ago was one of the heaviest speculators on the board, is now in a retreat near New York. Despondency over this as well as financial reverses, is believed to have been responsible for the deed.

Drowned While Fishing.

Pittsburg, June 7.—Today while fishing from a boat in the Ohio river near Economy, William H. Breitenstein, aged 45, and his son, George, aged 11 years, were drowned. It is believed the son fell overboard and the father attempting to rescue him, became entangled in the fishing tackle, rendering his efforts futile.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:

SHOWERS.

1 General—Congress Adjourns.
Chinese Boxers Defeated.
President Kruger Is Defiant.
2 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania.
Financial and Commercial.
3 Local—Solicitor Vosburg Says Park Toll-Gate Must Go.
Criminal Court Proceedings.
4 Editorial.
News and Comment.
5 Local—Mayor Is Again Requested to Reinstate Police Officers.
Select Council and Nay Aug Park.
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
7 Base Ball News and Comment.
Round About the County.
8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

BOUND BY MASKED MEN.

Exciting Experience of Twelve-Year-Old Gwennie Williams, of Olyphant—Found in the Cellar.

Gwennie Williams, aged 12 years, had an exciting experience with two masked men on Tuesday night at Olyphant.

The girl resides alone with her father, Seth Williams, on Electric avenue, in this borough. About 10.30 she was awakened by a knock at the door and, upon opening, two men with masks over their faces entered and asked where the money and valuables were kept.

The little girl replied that her father, who was in town, had them with him. This displeased the robbers and they bound the girl's hand and feet with rope and carried her to the cellar. They then left the house securely locking the doors as they departed.

Mr. Williams arrived home about midnight and, finding the house locked, thought that his daughter had gone to one of the neighbors for the night. About 11 o'clock yesterday morning he was surprised to hear cries issuing from the cellar and upon investigation found the child bound as above told.

The police were notified of the affair, but up to this time have failed to get a clue.

SUNBURY IN DANGER.

Water Company Shuts Off the Supply from Fire Plugs.

Sunbury, Pa., June 7.—As a result of failure to reach a satisfactory agreement with the borough authorities for water, the Northumberland Water company today shut off all the fire plugs in town. The property holders, fearing disaster from fire, demand a speedy adjustment of the differences, but without avail.

The contract which has just expired called for $30 per plug per year. The company agreed to renew the contract for $22 per plug, but this was refused by the authorities, who want to pay only $20. This offer was rejected by the water company officials, who declare they will remain shut off until their terms are agreed to.

WILL ABIDE BY CAUCUS.

Instructions to be Given Senator from 25th District.

Coudersport, Pa., June 7.—The senatorial conference for the Twenty-fifth district met here last night. After fourteen ballots had been cast, in which each county voted for its own candidate, the conference adjourned, to meet at Wellsboro, August 8. Hon. Fred C. Leonard offered a resolution which was adopted unanimously, pledging the winning candidate to attend and abide by the action of the Republican caucus on the nomination of United States senator.

TAYLOR DECLINES.

Louisville, June 7.—W. S. Taylor today sent to the Evening Post from Indianapolis, a statement in which he declines to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for govenor. In his statement he says:

"After mature consideration of all interests involved in the contest for civil liberty and of my duty to myself and to my family for whom I must provide, I feel that I should ask at your hands relief from the exactions which a nomination would impose."

He proffers every assistance he can render to the nominee of the party.

Proposed Gaines Bill.

Washington, June 7.—Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, today introduced a bill prohibiting the employment of members of congress as attorneys for railroads or other corporations obtaining charters or other aid from the United States government.

THE BOXERS REPULSED

Details of the Fight at Tung-Hu on Tuesday Last.

PLOT TO KILL FOREIGNERS

Catholic Christians Captured Nine of the Marauders' Cannon—Refusal of a Chinese General to Face the Rebels—Destruction to Property of Foreigners Near Tien-Tsin. Dowager Empress Orders 3,000 Men to Protect the Railroad at Pekin—Great Britain Asserts Her Position.

London, June 7.—Telegraphing from Tien-Tsin, under date of June 6, a correspondent says:

"I left Tien-Tsin this morning en route for Pekin, accompanied by General Nieh, supposed to be one of the best of the Chinese generals, with sixty troops. We proceeded to Iofa, a distance of thirty-one miles. We found the plate-layers' cabins in flames and telegraph poles cut, and men engaged in destroying other property in villages near the railway, where flags were seen bearing the inscription, 'Kill all foreigners.'

"I saw smoke, evidently from burning houses, in the distance, but General Nieh refused to proceed further, being in mortal fear of the Boxers. The foreigners endeavored to persuade him to detrain his troops, who are firmly convinced that it is useless to fight the Boxers, as other Chinese say they have seen Boxers hit with bullet, rise and run away.

"There seems to be little prospect of a resumption of traffic to Pekin, unless the foreign powers assume control of the railway, until the Chinese government proves itself capable of managing communications with its capital."

Later details from Tien-Tsin say that during the engagement at Tung-Hu between the "Boxers" and Catholic Christians, Tuesday, the Christians captured nine cannon.

A special dispatch from Shanghai, dated 7.30 p. m. today, says the dowager empress has ordered General Neih-Si-Chong, with 3,000 men, to protect the railroad at Pekin. A severe fight, it is added, has occurred with the Boxers, whose ranks include many soldiers from other generals' commands. When the battle ended two hundred dead were left on the field. The dispatch goes on to say:

"One hundred and eighty British marines, with a machine gun, are about to force a passage from Tien Tsin to Pekin. Altogether about 900 British have been landed from the fleet, a greater number than have landed from the combined vessels of the other powers. This evidence of Great Britain's intention to assert her position strongly gives great satisfaction here."

Berlin, June 7.—The officer commanding the German squadron at Che Foo has been directed by cable to send a detachment of sailors and marines to Tien Tsin, and after conferring with the German minister at Pekin to arrange with the commanders of the other squadrons regarding further measures to be taken for the protection of Europeans.

Situation at Pekin.

London, June 8.—The situation in China, as measured by abundant unofficial telegrams, continues full of interesting possibilities, but apparently it has grown worse during the last twenty-four hours, although the favorite adjectives of London and continental commentators are "perilous," "grave" and "dangerous." The naval commanders in Chinese waters have received identical instructions as to procedure, the question of an emergency being left to their discretion. No fear is entertained for the safety of the legations at Pekin. European residents, however, are escaping from the capital to the coast. Pekin is still under control, according to a dispatch to the Morning Post, dated yesterday, but in a very excited state. A thousand foreign guards were garrisoning the legation houses.

A news agency dispatch from Tien Tsin, dated yesterday, says:

"The Boxers are still raiding and pillaging over a wide area. They have wrecked and burned the stations at Tong Fong and Langoo. It has been definitely ascertained that Mme. Astier and Messrs. Ossent and Cades have been murdered. General Nieh claims to have defeated the Boxers, killing 500."

INVITATION ACCEPTED.

National Fremont Association Will Attend Republican Convention.

Pittsburg, June 7.—The National Fremont association, composed of the members of the first Republican national convention, met here today and unanimously accepted the invitation of National Chairman Hanna to attend the Philadelphia convention.

A call was issued for the survivors of the old party to meet with them in Philadelphia on the 18th inst.

Honors for American Artists.

Paris, June 7.—Further awards in the fine arts exhibition at the exposition include a medal of honor to the American artist, James McNeill Whistler, for engraving and first class gold medals to Joseph Foxcroft Cole, of Maine, for wood engraving and to Joseph Pennell, the American painter, for engraving.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 7.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Eastern Pennsylvania, showers Friday; Saturday fair; fresh to brisk southerly winds.