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THE CRUSADE AGAINST VICE

Bishop Potter Sends an Open Letter to Mayor Van Wyck, of New York City.

HE SCORES THE POLICE

The Bishop States That His Clergymen Have Been Grossly Insulted by East Side Officers of the Law. Allegations That Vice Rather Than Virtue Receives Protection from the New York Police—A Plea in the Interest of Decency.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—Bishop Henry C. Potter, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, today sent a letter to Mayor Van Wyck, in reference to vice in this city and especially on the east side.

This letter is the one promised some weeks ago, when the bishop publicly announced that one of his rectors had been grossly insulted by the commanding officials of a certain police station, and that he proposed to take up the matter in a manner which the heads of the police force should feel. The public has been awaiting with interest the bishop's first move, and in connection with Tammany hall's announcement that it proposed to look into vice and stop it, the bishop's letter received today by the mayor is bound to form the principal subject of discussion in public places, as well as in private homes, for some time to come.

At the present writing there are three movements directed against vice as it is displayed on the great east side. These are a quietly conducted investigation by District Attorney Gardner in connection with Anthony Comstock's society, suppression of vice; Tammany hall's appointment of a committee to investigate present conditions, and Bishop Potter's crusade.

Bishop Potter, in his letter to Mayor Van Wyck, first calls attention to the work that is being done at the procathedral, 130 Stanton street, in endeavoring to improve the condition of the poor of the east side tenement district, in which it is located, and says it has been recognized as an important factor in promoting the virtue and good order of the community in which it ministers. He continues:

Claim for Consideration.

In view of these facts it would seem that it has a valid claim upon the sympathy, co-operation, and at least courteous consideration of those who officially represent our city government and the guardianship of decency and good morals. I urge here no other claim for it and I beg to say that I am not now addressing you because there has been others. I desire to bring to your notice a vulgar and brutal absence of these in connection with one who happens to have been my own representative. The personal element, so far as he or I am concerned, is of the very smallest consequence. But the thing that is of consequence, sir, is that when a minister of religion and a resident in a particular neighborhood, whose calling and character, experience and truthfulness are all alike widely and abundantly recognized, goes to the headquarters of the police in his district to appeal to them for the protection of the young, and defenceless against leprous harpies who are hired as runners and touters for the lowest and most infamous dens of vice, he is met not only with contempt and derision, but with the coarsest contumely and obloquy.

Does Not Ask the Impossible.

Bishop Potter then goes on to tell how when two clergymen called at the police station of the precinct to complain of the notorious condition of affairs one of them was told by the police captin that he lied; and that when, disheartened by such an experience, the clergyman carried his complaint to a higher authority in the police, he was met with insolent derision. The bishop goes on to say:

I am not, I beg to say, unmindful of the fact that the existence of vice in a great city is an inevitable condition of the life of such a community. I am not demanding that vice shall be "stamped out" by the police or any other civil authority. This is a task which would demand for its achievement a race of angels and not of men. But I approach you, sir, to protest with all my power against a condition of things in which vice is not only tolerated but shielded and encouraged by those whose sworn duty it is to repress and discourage it, and, in the name of unsullied youth and innocence, of young girls and their mothers who, though living under conditions of privation and the hard struggle for a livelihood, have in them every instinct of virtue and purity that are the ornaments of any so-called gentlewoman in the land and before God, and in the face of the citizens of New York I protest, as my people have charged me to do against the habitual insult, the persistent menace, the unutterably defiling contact, to which day by day, because of the base complicity of the police of New York with the lowest forms of vice and crime, they are subject.

And, in the name of these little, these weak and defenceless ones, Christian and Hebrew alike, of many races and tongues, but of homes in which God is feared, and His law reverenced, and virtue and decency honored and exemplified, I call upon you, sir, to save these people who are in a very real way committed to your charge from a living hell, defiling, deadly damning, to which the criminal supineness of the constituted authorities, set for the defence of decency and good order threatens to doom them.

Bishop Potter, in conclusion, says he has no methods to suggest for the bettering of the conditions; these are in the hands of the mayor. He says his letter is in accordance with instructions laid on him by the convention of the Episcopal church of this diocese, and he leaves the matter in the mayor's hands.

MAYOR VAN WYCK'S REPLY.

A Searching Investigation Into the Conduct of Police Officers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—Mayor Van Wyck at once replied to the bishop by letter, in which he said he had passed the bishop's communication to the district attorney, and the said:

I wish here to assure you that I will exert every power which the law has given to right the wrongs and to do away with the conditions of which you complain and to secure a hearty and efficient co-operation by the police department with all who are working to do away with public violations of law and decency.

I stand ready at all times to assist and co-operate with you in this matter.

Mayor Van Wyck's letter to the district attorney requests him to co-operate with Bishop Potter and the police department in the movement. In a letter to the board of police commissioners the mayor encloses a copy of the bishop's letter and directs the commissioners to at once conduct a searching investigation into the conduct of the two police officials, whom the bishop says insulted the clergyman. He also directs them to at once do away with the conditions complained of on the East Side. The mayor's closing paragraph is:

I wish it distinctly understood that to this end I shall use to the utmost limit all the power vested in me, and that I shall hold to personal responsibility those who fail to exert themselves in like manner.

CROKER'S CRUSADE AGAINST VICE

A Wave of Morality of Startling Proportions Sweeps Over Tammany.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—The committee of five appointed by Richard Croker to supress vice held its first meeting in Tammany Hall this afternoon. John Kellar, one of the committee, invited every citizen of New York to lay before them any evidence that will help suppress the dives or prove public officials guilty of connivance with criminal vice. "Spare no one," was Croker's order to the committee. Chief of Police Devery has men out to close the dives. He declares the town will be closed tonight.

Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell, who was appointed as one of the members of the committee, declined to act, for the reason that his duties as fire commissioner are so numerous and pressing as to preclude his service on the committee, which, he said, requires the time of the best men.

President York, of the police board, today, in speaking of Tammany Hall's crusade against vice, said he would go to any length in co-operating with the Tammany committee or any other committee to better conditions now existing. He knew of the charges that the police profited by winking at vice and placed the whole responsibility on the captains of some of the precincts, and added that while a person might be morally sure that such profit was going to the police, it was hard to prove it in court. In this line he said: "Every man, except one, who was dismissed from his command after the Lexow investigation for that kind of thing is now back on the force. And Captain Dougherty, who was convicted in the two courts of the same thing has been pardoned and Governor Roosevelt has signed a bill to give him a new trial."

PRESIDENT TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA

Will Attend the Celebration of Founders' Day at the Union League.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—Following the recent announcement that President McKinley will attend the celebration of Founders' day at the Union league, Philadelphia's famous Republican club, an additional announcement was made today that Vice-President-elect Roosevelt will also attend along with Secretary of War Root, Secretary of State Hay, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of Interior Hitchcock, Attorney General Griggs and Postmaster General Smith. Prominent guests from all parts of the country will be present at the celebration, which will be held on November 24.

The president will leave Washington at 11 a. m. on the date of the banquet and is expected to arrive in this city at 2.30 p. m. His special train will be met at Wilmington, Del., by President Joseph G. Darlington, of the Union league. The vice-president-elect and members of the cabinet will follow and reach here a few minutes after the president. At Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad the president will be met and escorted by the First City Troop, which organization has escorted nearly every president from George Washington down to McKinley. The president will be driven over a short route in the central part of the city. He will be the guest of Edward T. Stokesbury at his home until evening.

OLDEST LETTER CARRIER DEAD.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—Charles A. Tyler, the oldest letter carrier in the world, is dead. Mr. Tyler, who was about 80 years old, had been in the employ of the postoffice department for 53 years. He died of heart disease last night in Brooklyn. He was appointed by President Polk, Aug. 1, 1845, and has been since then until yesterday in continuous service.

PARKER KNOCKED OUT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Denver, Col., Nov. 16.—Before 5,000 people Joe Gans, of Baltimore, knocked out Kid Parker, of Denver, in the fourth round of what was to have been a ten-round go before the Colorado Athletic club tonight.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—Rev. Alfred Pinney, 90 years of age, died today at the home of his son, near Sing Sing. Mr. Pinney entered the Baptist ministry and had charge at Syracuse, Auburn and New York, at Cleveland and Zanesville, O. During the abolition agitation he was prominent as an associate of Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Frederick W. Royce, widely known as an inventor, electrician and telegraph operator, dropped dead from apoplexy here today. He was 61 years of age and a native of Delaware. Mr. Royce was among the first to send a message on the old printing telegraph instruments and became one of the most expert telegraphers in the country. In sending press telegrams he often attained a speed of sixty words a minute. He leaves a wife, who is seriously ill, and two sons and a daughter.

MURDERER'S AWFUL FATE

John Porter, a Negro Who Confessed of Having Killed Louise Frost, Burned to a Stake.

FATHER APPLIES TORCH

On the Exact Spot Where the Eleven-Year-Old Girl Was Killed Her Slayer Is Chained to a Railroad Rail, Set Firmly in the Ground and Roasted Alive—A Crowd of Three Hundred Witness the Torture.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Limon, Colo., Nov. 16.—Chained to a railroad rail set firmly in the ground on the exact spot where his fiendish crime was committed, Preston Porter, jr., or, as he was familiarly known, John Porter, who confessed that he had murdered 11-year-old Louisa Frost, this evening paid a terrible penalty for his deed. It was 6.23 o'clock when the father of the murdered girl touched the match to the fuel which had been piled around the negro, and twenty minutes later a last convulsive shudder told that life was extinct. What agony the doomed boy suffered while the flames shriveled up his flesh could only be guessed from the terrible contortions of his face and the cries he gave from time to time. The executioners, who numbered about three hundred citizens of Lincoln county, had not the least semblance of the ordinary mob. Their every act was deliberate and during all the preparations as well as throughout the sufferings of the negro hardly an unnecessary word was spoken. Grimly they stood in a circle about the fire until the body was entirely consumed and then quietly they took their way back to Limon, from whence they departed for their homes shortly afterward.

Preston Porter did not seem to realize the awful punishment he was destined to undergo. As he had exhibited indifference to the enormity of the crime, so he seemed to lack all understanding of its terrible consequences. For more than an hour, while preparations for his execution were in progress he stood mute and sullen among the avengers. When everything was ready he walked to the stake with a firm step, pausing as he reached the circles of broken boards to kneel in prayer. He was allowed to take his time. He arose and placed his back to the iron stake and a half dozen men wound chains about his body and limbs. Kerosene oil was applied to the wood and after a brief pause, Richard W. Frost, the father of little Louise Frost, whose cruelly mutilated body was found one week ago on that very spot, applied a match. For a moment but a little flickering flame arose. Then the oil blazed up, sparks flew into the air and the wood began to crackle. Almost instantly the negro's trousers caught fire. Even though the flesh must have been scorched he did not utter a sound. The flames crept slowly upward on his clothing, the sparks flew up in a cloud of pale smoke. Porter turned his head and a frightful expression changed his face. With a sudden convulsive tugging he stretched his head as far from the rapidly increasing flames as possible and uttered a cry of pain. "Oh, my God! let me go, men. I've got something more to tell you. Please let me go. Oh, my God! My God!

Begged to Be Shot.

In terrible screeches these words, the first he had uttered aloud, came from the negro. A terrible tugging at the chains, a succession of awful groans and screams, the negro's agony was at last breaking down his sullen composure. Not an oath escaped him, but he begged and pleaded to be shot. Suddenly the rope holding his hands burned. Then the chains slipped from the arms, head and shoulders. For an instant the body stood erect, the arms were raised in supplication, while burning pieces of clothing dropped from them. The body then fell away from the fire, the head lower than the feet, still fastened to the rail. This was not expected, and for a few minutes those stolid men were disconcerted; they feared that the only remaining chain would give way. If this had occurred, the partly burned human being would have dashed among them in his blazing garments. And not many would have cared to capture him again.

But the chain held fast. The body was then in such a position that only the legs were in the fire. The cries of the wretch were redoubled, and he again begged to be shot. Some wanted to throw him over into the fire, others tried to dash oil upon him. The boards were carried and a large pile made over the prostrate body. They soon were ignited, and the terrible heat and lack of air quickly rendered the victim unconscious, bringing death a few moments later. This terrible ceremony, wrought upon the rolling prairies, concluded the second tragedy upon that spot, the terrible avenging of the first.

Through the entire affair but little was said. As they had calmly prepared for the avenging, so the people of the eastern part of the state carried out their plan coolly and deliberately. There was not a hitch in the entire proceeding. Not a weapon was drawn; there was no angry discussion. After the fire had burned low, they told each other good-night, and they went home. They did not stop to discuss the affair.

The train bearing the negro, in custody of Sheriff Freeman and his deputies, arrived in Limon at 3.45 p. m.

Train Held Up.

The cars were crowded with newspaper representatives and people who were curious to see the negro executed. R.W. Frost, the murdered girl's father, was one of the passengers. When the train stopped, sixteen men, who had been selected by the vigilance committee, entered the train and demanded the prisoner from the sheriff. Their every action was marked by calmness and determination. The officer protested in the name of the law, and asked the men to allow him to take his prisoner to the county jail at Hugo, but his protests were disregarded. One man carried a rope, of which had been formed a hangman's noose. This was slipped over the negro's neck. It was at first announced that the negro was to be executed by hanging. Many, including the father of the negro's victim, protested that such a death would be too easy, and it was finally decided to leave the method of death to the outraged father. He decided upon burning at the stake. The train was then allowed to proceed and at Lake Station, about three miles from Limon and near the scene of the negro's crime, the party left the train and began preparations for the deed of vengeance. Suggestions of mutilation before burning were made, but Mr. Frost declared against it. Wagons were dispatched for wood, and upon their return a score of men assisted in preparing it for the fire. When at last preparations were completed, a further delay was made because it was known many were on their way from Hugo and other parts of the county to take part in the affair. It had been announced that 5.30 o'clock should be the hour for starting the fire, but it was nearly an hour later when the word was finally given.

PURCHASES OF THE ONTARIO AND WESTERN

Property to the Amount of $8,200,000 Has Been Acquired Along the Lines of the Road.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—President Fowler, of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad company, says:

"The friends of the Ontario and Western railroad who are largely interested in the management of the property, have purchased the coal properties of all the individual operators along its line and tributary to it. This eliminates the question of rates in the future and secures to the Ontario and Western railroad absolutely the territory it has always carried, with some additions. There is no truth whatever in the statement that a readjustment of the stock is now being considered nor is there any likelihood of a dividend being declared in the near future. The policy of the officers and directors has the endorsement of holders and a large majority of the common stockholders."

The cost of coal properties purchased by friends of the New York, Ontario and Western for the benefit of that company has been about $8,200,000. The railroad company has authorized the issue of five per cent. sinking fund notes to the amount of $3,500,000, maturing serially and semi-annually, beginning December, 1901, and ending 1915. The time of payment and a continuation of that by which the properties of the New York and Scranton Coal company were obtained. The notes are a first lien on the property of the New York and Scranton Coal company, the Johnstown Coal company, the Elk Hill Coal company, the Raymond Coal company and the Mt. Pleasant Coal company. In case any mortgage is placed on the Ontario and Western during the life of these notes they shall have the same security as the mortgage.

ANNUAL REPORT OF GENERAL MILES

A Chapter Dealing with the Need for Reorganization of the Military Service.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The feature of the annual report of Lieutenant General Miles, commanding the army, is a chapter dealing with the need for a general reorganization of the military service. In regard to this question he says:

"The events of the past two years and a half have resulted in a condition that the nation must prepare to meet. The need of an efficient and well-organized land force for an indefinite period in the future is most obvious, and the organization of such a force cannot be wisely avoided. There are weighty reasons why such a service as is now demanded of the army cannot be performed by temporary organization."

General Miles points out that the practical limitation of service of the volunteers to one year in the Philippines makes this a most expensive practice, necessitating double transfer of troops and adding enormously to the cost of the organization. He also points out the need of a reserve force for the relief of the soldiers who serve in the tropics, declaring that the regiments that have so far served more than two years at unhealthy stations should be relieved. General Miles renews his recommendation that the permanent force of the army should be one man for each thousand of population of the United States.

General Miles calls attention to the fact that under the law the volunteers in the Philippines must be withdrawn and discharged before July 1 next, when, he says, it will be necessary to begin their return home almost immediately.

STRIKE AT SHAMOKIN.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Shamokin, Nov. 16.—The 300 men and boys employed at the Colbert colliery who went on strike on Monday because several of the mine workers were discharged for attending a funeral, today returned to work. The company reinstated the discharged employes.

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Wilbur, aged 83 years, perished in the flames which destroyed her home, three miles west of this city, early today. She lived alone.

HAWAII SENDS A ROYALIST

Robert W. Wilcox Has Been Elected a Delegate to Congress Over Mr. Parker.

WHITES ARE DEPRESSED

Wilcox Was Opposed by Republicans and Democrats Alike—His Campaign Was an Anti-White Canvass with Promises on Part of Some of His Friends That ex-Queen Liliokalani Should Be Restored to the Throne if He Was Elected.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Honolulu, Nov. 9, via San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Robert W. Wilcox, the independent royalist candidate, has been elected Hawaiian delegate to congress, by a small majority over Samuel Parker, Republican. Much depression has resulted among all whites, as Wilcox was strongly opposed by Republicans and Democrats alike. His campaign was an anti-white canvass, with promises on the part of some of his campaign workers that if he were elected, Queen Liliookalani should be restored to the throne. The result of the vote shows the native bitterness over annexation to be still alive.

Republicans carried Honolulu and the Island of Oahu for Parker by 219 plurality. The Democratic candidate, Prince David Kawananakoa, received only about one-third as many votes as Parker. It is reported that ex-Queen Liliookalani secretly threw her influence to Wilcox. There is much bitterness against her among the Democrats who hoped that even if they did not elect their ticket they would at least so divide the native vote that Wilcox would be behind Parker.

The independent native party carried the house of representatives by a large majority. They will have fourteen members of the house with nine Republicans and six independents and Democrats. In the senate there will be seven Republicans, eight independents and one Democrat. With the independents in control a lively session is expected as they are against the ruling regime.

It is likely as a result of the election that congress will be asked to establish some limitations upon the voting privilege. Many of the whites want a property qualification for votes. It is argued that in voting upon a simple color line many of the natives have shown themselves unfit for universal suffrage.

ALVORD'S ATTORNEY ASKS DISCHARGE.

Prosecution, It Is Claimed, Has Failed to Make Out a Case.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16.—The case of Cornelius L. Alvord, formerly note teller of the First National bank, was called in the United States district court today.

Jacob F. Miller, Alvord's attorney, made a motion to dismiss the case on the ground that the prosecution had failed to prove that any funds had been taken from the bank and hence he asked that the prisoner be discharged. The judge asked him if he did not intend making any defense and he replied that he did not; that the prosecution had proved no larceny and hence there was no crime. The judge then gave the attorneys until next Friday to file briefs of the case and reserved his decision until that time. He said, however, that he was inclined to deny the motion.

ESCAPES FROM LYNCHERS.

A Negro Taken from a North Carolina Jail, Gets Away from Mob.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Albemarle, N. C., Nov. 16.—A negro accused of poisoning Dr. Love, who died here under suspicious circumstances several months ago, turned the tables on a mob which attempted to lynch him during the night. He not only escaped the mob, but obtained his freedom and has not been recaptured.

On being refused entrance to the jail the mob battered a whole in the wall. They forced the door of the negro's cell, dragged him out and pushed him through the whole where they had entered. When the negro touched the ground he broke away from those guarding the exit and amid a shower of bullets disappeared in the darkness.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 16—Cleared: Lucania, Liverpool; Maasdam, Rotterdam; Furst Bismarck, Naples, Genoa, etc.; Pennsylvania, Hamburg via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Sailed: Cufic, Liverpool, Hamburg—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, from New York. Moville—Sailed: Astoria (from Glasgow), New York. Queenstown—Arrived: Etruria, New York for Liverpool (and proceeded). Lizard—Passed: La Touraine, New York for Havre. Prawle Point—Passed: Statendam, Rotterdam for New York.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Nov. 16.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: Pennsylvania Fire Brick company, Beech Creek; capital, $180,000. The Pittsburg Hot Air Dryer and Construction company, Pittsburg; capital, $1,000. Oden Stove Manufacturing company, Erie; capital, $30,000. Trout Creek Water Supply company, Stroudsburg; capital, $1,000. Pocono Lake Pure Water Ice company, Stroudsburg; capital, $10,000.

AN ANARCHIST BAGGED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Stockholm, Nov. 16.—An anarchist named Bagards, from New York, has been arrested here.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today.
FAIR; WARMER

1 General—Confessed Murderer Burned at the Stake.
Crusade Against Vice in New York.
Royalist from Hawaii Elected to Congress.
Prince Tuan to Be Degraded.
2 General—Carbondale and Lackawanna County News.
3 General—Whitney's Weekly Budget of Varieties.
Gossip of the Sporting World.
4 Editorial.
Letter on Municipal Government.
5 Local—Social and Personal.
One Woman's Views.
6 Local—Compensation of Newly Elected County Officials.
Day's Work of the Local Courts.
7 Local—Four Councilmen Arrested for Bribery.
A Tribune Reporter and a "Fortune Teller."
8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania News.
10 Story—"The Conversion of Don Enrique."
11 Local—Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow.
Religious News of the Week.
12 Local—An Improved Air-brake.
Live News of Our Industries.

AT ATTEMPT TO KILL EMPEROR WILLIAM

An Insane Woman Throws an Axe at His Majesty—A Narrow Escape from Death or Injury.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Breslau, Nov. 16.—A woman made an attempt on the life of Emperor William here today. She hurled a small axe, commonly known as a hand chopper, at the kaiser as he rode by. The weapon missed him, but struck his carriage. The woman, whose name is Selma Schnapke, was immediately arrested.

The emperor, accompanied by the hereditary Prince of Saxe-Meiningen, was driving in an open carriage to the Cuirassiers' barracks. The woman was standing in the front rank of the spectators that lined the thoroughfare, on the side furthest from the emperor's carriage. As the kaiser passed she threw the axe with such accuracy of aim that it struck the imperial equipage.

The crowd that witnessed the outrage attacked the woman, but the prompt intervention of the police saved her from injury.

The assailant is a tradeswoman of Breslau. A provisional medical examination of the pisoner has been made and she has been pronounced insane.

While Emperor William was returning from the barracks to the railroad station he was cheered by immense crowds of people who were gathered along the route.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GRIGGS RESIGNS

First Member of the McKinley Cabinet to Relinquish His Portfolio. Meeting Held Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 16.—At the cabinet meeting today, Attorney General Griggs informed the president and his colleagues that after mature deliberation he had concluded that it would be impossible for him to remain a member of the cabinet for the next four years.

This was the first definite response from any of the members to the president's wish expressed at the last cabinet meeting that all of the portfolios should remain in the same hands during the coming administration. The resignation of the attorney general will not take effect until March 4 next, and it is thought at present that all the other members, with the possible exception of the secretary of war, will retain their present positions.

The Chinese question was the main topic of discussion. Secretary Hay brought with him several communications bearing upon the subject that had come to the state department.

Secretary Gage announced that his estimates complete would show an excess of receipts over expenditures for the present fiscal year of $80,000,000, and an excess of receipts for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1901, of $30,000,000. This estimate for the next fiscal year, however, is based upon the theory that the present revenue laws will remain in force.

PROTECTION FROM STRIKERS ASKED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 16.—Mayor Herman Myers, of this city, president of the Cuban Cigar company, of Tampa, Florida, where labor troubles occurred yesterday, has written General Manager Guerra to invoke the aid of the national government in protecting those men who wish to go to work. Mr. Myers says the situation is grave enough to demand such action. He has 500 men idle.

BOERS BREAK A RAILROAD.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Nov. 17.—The Boers, according to the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, have broken the railway in twenty places between Bloemfontein and the Orange River, and the line was cut yesterday between Kimberley and Belmont.

SENATOR DAVIS RESTLESS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 16.—At 11 o'clock tonight Dr. A. J. Stone issued this bulletin: "Senator Davis is in a rather restless condition but suffers no pain. His temperature is normal, pulse 104 and respiration 32."

HAIRLINE DECISION.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—"Kid" Carter, of Brooklyn, was given a hairline decision over Tim Murphy, of Australia, after six rounds of hard fighting at the Illinois Athletic club.

SENTENCE OF PRINCE TUAN

Boxers Leader to Be Deprived of His Rank and Imprisoned for Lifetime.

OTHERS ARE PUNISHED

Similar Penalty Imposed on Prince Chwang—Punishment of Other Officials—Imperial Edict Delivered in Washington by Mr. Su—Succession to the Chinese Throne Affected. Step Toward Peace—United States Government Displeased by Von Waldersee's Actions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Minister Wu has received from Director General Sheng the following cable message, which he communicated to Secretary Hay today:

"An imperial decree of Nov. 13 deprives Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang of their ranks and offices, and orders them to be imprisoned for life; Prince Yih and secondary Prince Ying to be imprisoned; secondary Prince Lien to be deprived of his rank; Duke Lan and Ying Nien to be degraded in rank; Kang Yi being dead, no penalty can be imposed on him; and Chao Shu Chiao to be degraded but retained in office, and Yu Hsien to be exiled to the farthest boundary."

The state department has not heard from Minister Conger for four days, but his last report on the progress of the negotiations at Pekin between the ministers, taken in connection with the department's ample instructions relative to this subject, warrants the officials here in confirming the Pekin view that the end of the consultations is in sight. Mr. Conger is working zealously, by direction of Secretary Hay, to hurry the negotiations to a finish. This has involved some sacrifice on the part of the United States government, yet in the interest of concert and harmony that has been deemed necessary. It cannot be concealed, however, that disapproval is entertained of the attitude of the German military commander in China and although the United States government has not protested against the punitive expeditions, which it regards as ingenously calculated to cause fresh outbreaks among the Chinese, it fears the results.

American Prestige.

There is no hesitation in energetically denying the European implication that the United States government is moved in its Chinese course by sentimental and unbusiness-like considerations. On the contrary, it is pointed out that while sentiment is one the side of our government in this matter, it is accompanied by the soundest business considerations, for the animating purpose of the state department now is to prevent the destruction of Chinese integrity; to maintain the open door for which our government has contended, and to obtain indemnity for the past and guarantees for the future. It is felt that these objects can be attained without breaking the implied truce entered into between the ministers and Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, but the conclusion of the ministers' councils at Pekin is awaited with some anxiety.

Advices other than those to the state department, and yet official, strongly deny the statements in the foreign press that American prestige in China has been seriously injured by the failure of the United States to join in the punitive expedition against Pao Ting.

London, Nov. 16.—It is said in a news agency dispatch from Shanghai, referring to the alleged imperial edict deprives the Princes Tuan and Chwang of all rank and offices and handing them over to the imperial clan court for close confinement pending further punishment, that the punishment of Prince Tuan means that his son, the heir apparent, can never be emperor.

WRECK ON THE LAKE SHORE.

Engineer Killed, Baggagemaster and Three Passengers Are Missing.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Franklin, Pa., Nov. 16.—The Lake Shore passenger train, which left this city for the west at 7 o'clock this evening, collided with a Pennsylvania freight on the Lake Shore railroad, between Polk and Raymilton, twelve miles west of Franklin. Details of the collision received up to midnight are very meagre, but it is known that the engineer of the freight train was killed; the engineer, fireman and Brakeman Paden, of the passenger train, were badly injured.

Baggagemaster Tom Sutton, of Oil City, and three passengers are missing. A relief train has been started from Stoneboro for the scene of the wreck.

ALLEGHENY VOTE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 16.—Nothing is the official count of Allegheny county for presidential electors: McKinley, 71,780; Bryan, 27,841; Woodley and Metcalf, 1,874; Malloy and Russell, 1,187; Barker and Donnelly, 1,404; Debs and Harriman, 424.

HAYES REPRIEVED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Nov. 16.—Governor Stone today respited Mark Thomas Hayes, of Uniontown, who was to have been hanged next Tuesday, until Jan. 22.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair Saturday and Sunday; warmer in northern portion Saturday; light to fresh northerly winds, becoming variable.