

MARK HANNA ON SHIPPING

The Ohio Statesman Replies to Mr. Glau's Remarks Upon the Proposed Ship Subsidy.

BENEFITS OF THE LAW

Foreign Markets Must Be Found for Our Surplus Products or Our Agricultural Output and Manufactures Must Be Curtailed—The Question Involved in the Discussion Much Broader Than the Lines of Bill Indicate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—For nearly three hours today Mr. Hanna, of Ohio, addressed the senate upon the pending ship subsidy bill. While he has spoken heretofore on the floor of the senate, his effort today really was his first formal speech to the body since he became a member of it. Since coming to the senate Mr. Hanna has devoted much time and labor to the preparation of the ship subsidy bill and, as he is regarded by his colleagues as one of the best informed public men on the question, his speech was given unusually close attention. Senators in both sides of the chamber remained in their seats throughout the delivery of the address. He spoke without manuscript and his delivery at all times was forcible and intense. At the conclusion of the speech he received the cordial congratulations of many of his colleagues.

Mr. Hanna in the course of his speech said the pending measure was believed to be the most practical legislation that could be enacted upon the subject. He attacked the rise of the shipping industry on the lakes and maintained that this great shipping industry on the lakes had been fostered and protected by salutary and wise navigation laws. To the advantage of these laws was added the liberal appropriations made by congress for the improvement of the harbors of the great lakes.

Mr. Hanna maintained that in order to build up the American merchant marine it was necessary to have not only capital and experience, but it was necessary likewise to "carry our foreign carrying trade protection—some kind of inducement—by law."

"This marine industry," Mr. Hanna said, "is promotive of our national prosperity and at the same time is one of the bulwarks of our national defense. The foreign carrying trade of the United States is four times larger today than it was in 1869 and yet the proportion of the foreign carrying trade is now less than one-third what it was in 1869. This is a most humiliating decline in a great national industry."

Adverting to the amount of the subsidy which would be drawn by the vessels of the American International Navigation company, Mr. Hanna said he did not propose to evade any of the slanders or calumnious assertions of anybody in connection with this matter. He declared that the four ships of the American Line, which are carriers of mail, had not made a net dollar since they came under the American flag.

Mr. Clay Challenged. Mr. Clay directed the Ohio senator's attention to the testimony of Mr. Clyde, a steamship owner, before the committee on commerce, in the course of which he stated the American Line vessels would receive that amount of subsidy.

"I am not using Mr. Clyde's figures," replied Mr. Hanna, "but my own."

Thereupon Mr. Vest called attention to the fact that Mr. Chamberlain, the commissioner of navigation and one of the strongest advocates of the pending measure, also had said the American Line vessels could receive \$304,000 annually from the subsidy.

After asserting that his figures showed that the American Line vessels would receive less than \$200,000 a year each, Mr. Hanna declared that with the subsidy the vessels of that line would not earn as much as was earned by the vessels of the Cunard and White Star Lines under the mail subsidies received from Great Britain.

"There is no profit in that line," declared Mr. Hanna, "and there never will be a profit under present conditions."

Referring to what he termed the newspaper attacks upon the pending measure, Mr. Hanna declared that the men who took the responsibility of the bill before the people were entitled to as much courtesy and consideration as were the critics of the proposed legislation. "Where will you look for the accomplishment of the desire to re-establish the American merchant marine?" inquired Mr. Hanna, "but to the men who have given their lives to the consideration of the question?"

The enactment of the measure into law, he urged, would benefit materially the shipbuilding industry and increase the demand for labor in every department of business and commerce.

responsibility on questions that are defensible from every standpoint of reason and business, when we see this opportunity open to us to possess ourselves of our share of the foreign markets (more than our share, for when the American people start in any direction they generally get what they go for), why should we not avail ourselves of it?"

Broad in Effect. Mr. Hanna, as he brought his speech to a conclusion, maintained that the question involved in the discussion was much broader than the lines of the bill wrote it. The measure was not designed to benefit any particular class of industry, but to advance the interests of the whole country. The passage of the measure would enable the United States to avail itself of the trade advantages offered in the Orient, and he declared that if we did not seize those advantages other powers would. In the event of war among any of the great maritime powers which now were carrying 94 per cent. of our foreign commerce, Mr. Hanna asserted the interests of this country would be paralyzed and the situation would be deplorable and ruinous.

"But," said he, in conclusion, "in my appeal to the American people for the re-establishment of the great shipping industry, I want to put it on higher grounds than mere dollars and cents."

"It is away and beyond that point in patriotism and pride in our national life. As to the popularity or unpopularity of this measure, I stand here to the interest of the American people. Upon that basis I make my appeal for its passage, and leave the question in your hands."

The senate then went into executive session.

VOTE IS TAKEN ON TREATY AMENDMENT

senators Are Against the Alteration of the Hay-Pauncefote Arrangement.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—In accordance with previous agreement the senate in executive session took a vote at 3 o'clock today on the amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty authorizing the United States to defend its interests in the canal. The vote was taken by yeas and nays, 65 yeas being cast in favor of the amendment and 17 against it. The negatives votes were as follows: Baird, Beveridge, Frye, Hansbrough, Lindsay, Mason, McCumber, McHenry, McBride, Morgan, Money, Stewart, Tillman, Wellington, Wolcott and Gallinger.

After the amendment offered by the committee was passed upon various other amendments received the attention of the senate for a brief time, but none of them were acted upon.

The committee amendment which was adopted is a provision to be inserted after section five of article two of the treaty, and is as follows: "The committee on the subject of the immediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections numbered one, two, three, four and five of this article shall apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own force the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public order."

The committee amendment no sooner had been adopted than various senators took the floor to suggest further amendments. The amendment which probably attracted most attention was offered by Senator Elkins, and is as follows:

"Nothing in this treaty shall be construed to prevent the United States from acquiring sufficient security and sovereignty, or to prevent it from building, operating, maintaining, controlling and defending the said canal (referring to the proposed Nicaragua canal), or for any other purpose that the United States may deem for its interest."

Other amendments were suggested by Senators Tillman, Allen, Money and Thurston. Senator Thurston's suggestion provides that the United States may defend the canal, and Senator Tillman's makes the committee amendment adopted by today's vote apply to all the provisions of article two. This would have the effect, it is believed, of nullifying the provision of section seven of the article, providing against the fortification of the canal. Other amendments were offered striking out sections three and seven of article two. Senator T-ler said that if Senator Elkins' amendment should be adopted he would not press his amendment for the modification of section seven so as to omit provision against the fortification of the canal.

Senator Lodge in charge of the bill, was not slow to recognize the futility of trying to secure further consideration for the treaty as amended during today's session, and as soon as the amendments were all submitted he moved an adjournment until tomorrow, which motion prevailed.

GRANGERS ELECT OFFICERS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lock Haven, Pa., Dec. 13.—This was election day for the Pennsylvania state grange, and Worthy Master W. F. Hill of Westport, was unanimously re-elected. Several candidates were nominated against him, but his nearest competitor only received 27 votes.

The other officers elected were: Steward, H. H. Goodenough; Patton, assistant steward; H. H. Pratt; O'Connell; Chapman, Rev. W. H. Chapman, Philadelphia; treasurer, S. E. Nixson; auditing secretary, J. J. Kilman; of Thompson's; collector, W. Charles; Fairbank; coroner, Mrs. L. A. Thayer, Crooked Creek; penman, Mrs. L. A. Thayer, Atlantic; floor, Miss Florence; Rhone, Centre Hall; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Mary E. Bloom, Lock Haven; executive committee, G. W. Oster, Osterburg; finance committee, J. T. Patton, of Warriors Mark.

Boxing at Erie.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Erie, Pa., Dec. 13.—George Gibbs, of Cleveland, won in the twelfth round of a 20-round boxing bout before the Lake City Athletic club tonight, from Steve Morrissey, of Syracuse.

Mr. Hitt a Candidate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—Representative Hitt, of Illinois, today made formal announcement of his candidacy for the United States senate.

NEWS AWAITED FROM PEKIN

The Government Officials at Washington Expect an Early Delivery of the Chinese Note.

CONGR'S LATE ADVICES

England Willing to Accept Preliminary Agreement Drafted by Foreign Ministers—Germany Willing to Make Concessions—No Obstacle in the Way of Negotiations for Peace—German Minister at Peking Living Up to the Promise of the Home Government.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—Officials here are prepared to hear at almost any moment that the plenipotentiaries at Peking have signed the agreement, and that the latter has been laid before Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang.

The latest advice from Peking, from official sources, is that England has signified a willingness to sign the agreement reached by the foreign ministers with a slight amendment which, it is said, is in the nature of a mere change in form rather than of amendment of the scope of the agreement at any material point. It was the understanding that England was the only power that was holding back, and, according to the advice received here, the slight changes made or proposed to be made by England do not conflict with any of the principles held by the United States government, the state department believes there is no substantial obstacle to the immediate closure of the negotiations concerning the preliminary agreement.

Mr. Conger's latest advice to the state department indicated clearly that the German minister at Peking, Munin von Schwarzenstein, was living up to the spirit of the promise of the German government to abstain its demand for the imposition of the death penalty upon Princes Tuan and Chuang, Duke Ian and other boxer ringleaders. It was on that point that the United States made the issue with Germany and England, and was said to have prevailed, so that if any demand is made by Germany in the line indicated it is contrary to Mr. Conger's reports, and would astonish the state department.

MAIL TRAIN LOOTED.

Clerk John M. Dennis Is Rendered Unconscious by Beating Administered by Robbers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Texarkana, Ark., Dec. 13.—The mail car on the north-bound cotton belt passenger train was looted between Bassett, Texas, and this city today. Several registered mail pouches were cut open and the contents carried away. It is understood that the pouches contained several valuable packages en route from Waco to Memphis.

Mail Clerk John M. Dennis was found unconscious from a blow on the head when his train reached Texarkana. He had an ugly wound on the top of his head. Two hours after he was taken to the hospital he revived sufficiently to tell that two men suddenly appeared in his car and beat him into a senseless condition. He knew nothing more until he was revived here. Two men have been arrested on suspicion at Naples, Ark., but no trace of the plunder was found on them.

BURGLAR REARRESTED.

Woodruff, Alias Sarvis, Is Caught Coming from the Penitentiary.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburg, Dec. 13.—Thomas Woodruff, alias Homer L. Sarvis, was released from the Western penitentiary today, after serving four years for burglary, and was immediately arrested on a charge of killing Frank L. Henderson, a jeweler, of Newburgh, N. Y. The murder was committed in 1894, during an attempted robbery. Woodruff left for Newburgh at once in charge of three officers. It was reported that an attempt at release would be made and special precautions were taken to prevent it.

AMNESTY BILL PASSED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 13.—In the chamber of deputies today the first paragraph of the amnesty bill, which deals with cases arising out of the Dreyfus affair, was adopted by a vote of 320 against 214. An amendment excluding cases of espionage and treason from the amnesty was adopted by a vote of 290 against 218.

The voting was preceded by a lively debate growing out of a sort of indictment pronounced by M. Ernest Joseph Dreyfus, socialist, deputy for Dieppe, against Esterhazy, Henry and Dupuy De Clam, who he said, were the real traitors.

Odell Guest of Honor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—Governor-elect Benjamin Odell, of New York, was the guest of honor at a dinner tonight given by Representative L. N. Littauer, the Twenty-second New York congressional district. A number of New York and other representatives in congress were present, together with some of the governor's personal friends from New York city and state. Among those who made informal addresses were Senators Depew, Representatives Cannon, of Illinois; Sherman, of New York, and Mr. Littauer.

Negro Convict Hanged.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Dec. 13.—In the state penitentiary today William Woodson, a negro convict, was hanged for the murder of another negro convict. The execution was very quiet and there was nothing unusual about it. The other prisoners were locked in their cells while it was being conducted.

AGAINST THE TRUSTS.

Resolution Offered by the Federation of Labor at Louisville, Ky.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Louisville, Dec. 13.—At today's session of the Federation of Labor, a resolution against trusts, offered by Max Hayes, of Cleveland, was amended by the committee and reported to the convention as follows: "Resolved, That this convention reaffirms its position upon the trust question by urging the unorganized workers to organize in their respective trades as the best means of resisting the encroachments of trusts and monopolies. We also renew the recommendation that trade unions annually study the development of trusts and monopolies."

Mr. Hayes, in protesting against the change in his resolution, made a bitter attack on trusts in general. John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, presented a statement by Hayes to the effect that if the mine workers would strike again they could secure a still greater increase of their wages. He said: "During the past twenty years, we (the miners) have increased our wages forty per cent., and this has been done through the efforts of trade unions. Every important strike of the mine workers has been opposed by the Socialist-Labor party of Pennsylvania."

Upon a roll call, the resolution, as amended by the committee, was adopted by a large majority.

The committee reported adversely on three resolutions favoring a cooperative commonwealth and public ownership and control of all the means of production and distribution, but submitted a substitute disclaiming all political intentions.

DEMANDS OF BALL PLAYERS REJECTED

The Magnates Refuse to Consider the Demands of the Players.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 13.—The demands made by the ball players' organization yesterday have been denied by the club owners of the National league. The players, however, were invited by the league to apply for another hearing, which was done.

The club owners were in session over two hours and most of the time was spent in discussing propositions submitted by Mr. Taylor yesterday. At the conclusion of the session President Young informed the newspaper men that the committee which the league appointed to hear the players had been discharged.

The committee proposed and presented a report, the result of which was that the league dismissed the claims made by Mr. Taylor. The players' second petition will be taken up as soon as it is ready. Section 16 of the constitution was amended, reducing the board of directors from six to four members. The new board includes Freedman, of New York; Solen, of Boston; Brush, of Cincinnati; and Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh.

DULL AND FEATURELESS.

The Debate Upon the War Revenue Bill in the House.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The debate upon the war revenue reduction bill continued in the house today. It was dull and featureless. Those who spoke were Messrs. Grosvenor, Ohio; Burdett, Missouri; Hill, Connecticut; Boutwell, Illinois; McChesney, New York; Newlands, Nevada; Levy, New York; Underwood, Alabama. Mr. Bartholdt criticized the action of the house and means committee in not making a cut in the tax on beer and cigarettes, and that he would offer an amendment to reduce it to \$150 per barrel. General debate upon the bill will close at 2 o'clock tomorrow and Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, expects the bill to pass before adjournment tomorrow.

STRIKE AT POTTSVILLE.

Five Hundred Employes of Oak Hill Colliery Refuse to Work.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pottsville, Dec. 13.—Five hundred employes of the Oak Hill colliery at Duncoott, operated by the Erie & Co., struck this morning and the colliery is idle. On Monday they presented several grievances to the managing partner, which were to be adjusted within three days, which ended last night.

No adjustment being made, the hands refused to work. The outside hands demand the sixteen per cent. increase given by other operators, and two pays before Christmas.

Foundry Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—The building foundry and machinery of the Lane & Babb works and John and Water streets were burned tonight, the total loss being from \$200,000 to \$250,000. They were large manufacturers of saw mill, traction engines and many other articles, and about 200 men will be thrown out of work. The building and machinery were partially insured.

Indicted for Fraud.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Montreal, Dec. 13.—Donald McMillan, one of three directors of the Montreal Cold Storage company, who were indicted for fraud, was sentenced today to three years in the penitentiary. Of the other directors, McMillan is out of jail, the jury having disagreed in his case, and Chisholm is in hiding somewhere in the United States.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bethlehem, Dec. 13.—Dr. William M. Jones, who was retired after thirty years' service as surgeon in the United States navy, died today of diabetes. Dr. Jones left a curio collection valued at \$20,000, and was a liberal contributor to the Smithsonian institute. He was 69 years of age. Philip Jones, Dec. 13.—George W. Stewart, president of the board of county commissioners, died here today of heart disease. He was 62 years of age and a Republican in politics.

M'GOVERN NOW THE CHAMPION

By Defeating Joe Gans He is Entitled to the Light Weight Belt of the World.

WON IN SECOND ROUND

The Battle Decided in Two Minutes and Five Seconds—Gans Puts Up a Very Poor Exhibition and is Not in the Game at Any Stage—Said to Have Suffered from Over Training. The Fight by Rounds.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Tattersall's, Chicago, Dec. 13.—Ferry McGovern is now the undisputed light-weight champion of the world. He knocked out Joe Gans, of Baltimore, after two minutes and five seconds of fighting, in the second round.

Gans put up a poor exhibition and was never in it at any stage of the game. McGovern started rushing him at the sound of the gong and never let up until Gans was counted out. He never delivered an effective blow during the fight and for a man of his reputation he made a fight which will gain him no friends among lovers of true sport in the ring. George Siler, the veteran referee, who presided in the ring, said after Gans had been taken to his corner:

"Gans put up a very poor fight. That's all I have to say." "He only hit me once," said McGovern, "and that was in the first minute of the first round. He poked his left into my mouth good and hard, but I knew I had him on the next exchange."

Gans had no excuse to offer for his quick defeat. His seconds, however, said that he was overtrained and that his stomach had been bad all day.

There was a long delay after the preliminary fight in order that the ring might be spread with fresh canvas and the picture making device set in operation. The ring was lit by sixty-eight arc lights and four enormous reflectors, which gave a candle-power of 200,000. Despite the great heat generated by the lamps the hall was uncomfortably cold, the windows and doors having been opened on all sides to permit the breeze to blow through the 15,000 people, the largest throng that ever assembled in Tattersall's, shivered and stamped their feet before the fighters made their appearance.

There were numerous stories last night and today that the fight was fixed for McGovern to win, and the bell rang. Gans taken to his corner in a groggy condition. No claim of foul made by Gans. Round 2. McGovern landed left to face twice, knocking Gans to the floor. McGovern landed right to face, sending Gans staggering with right and left, following him up closely with right and left. McGovern sent Gans to ropes with right and left to face. McGovern landed right to face, slugging him nearly floored with left to face. Gans knocked down with left to face; up at the count of seven. Gans knocked down after one second after the bell rang. Gans taken to his corner in a groggy condition. No claim of foul made by Gans. Round 3. McGovern landed left to face twice, knocking Gans to the floor. McGovern landed right to face, sending Gans staggering with right and left to face. Gans knocked down with a right to the face, taking the full count. The minute he was up McGovern rushed, knocking him down again. Gans knocked down again. Gans knocked down again with a right to the face. Gans knocked out.

Fight by Rounds.

Round 1. McGovern led off with left. He rushed Gans to the ropes, punning him very hard on his left side. McGovern missed right to face, but landed left to face. Gans took to the jaw; Gans acting on the defensive. McGovern rushed, landing right and left on ribs, Gans appearing under the heart. Gans put right and left to face. McGovern landed right to the jaw, sending Gans staggering with right and left, following him up closely with right and left. McGovern sent Gans to ropes with right and left to face. McGovern landed right to face, slugging him nearly floored with left to face. Gans knocked down with left to face; up at the count of seven. Gans knocked down after one second after the bell rang. Gans taken to his corner in a groggy condition. No claim of foul made by Gans. Round 2. McGovern landed left to face twice, knocking Gans to the floor. McGovern landed right to face, sending Gans staggering with right and left to face. Gans knocked down with a right to the face, taking the full count. The minute he was up McGovern rushed, knocking him down again. Gans knocked down again. Gans knocked down again with a right to the face. Gans knocked out.

Victory for Walcott.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 13.—Bill Hanrahan, of New York, knocked out Joe Walcott, of the tenth round tonight in a fight with Walcott. The white man had the advantage in height, weight and reach, but his hard blows did not have any effect on Walcott. A right hook on the jaw put Hanrahan out.

Whistler-Broad.

Baltimore, Dec. 13.—In the twenty round bout between Bill Whistler, of this city, and "Kid" Broad of Cleveland, Whistler was the aggressor throughout and was awarded the decision on points at the end of the twentieth round.

Golf Tournament.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 13.—The interesting incident of the opening of the third semi-annual golf tournament of the Atlantic City Country club today on the Northfield Links, was the contest between Findlay Douglas, the ex-amateur national champion, and Walter J. Travis, the present national champion. Douglas made the thirtieth hole in 87 and 88, a total of 175, beating Travis by one stroke, who covered the greens in 89 and 85, total 174.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 13.—Arrived: Spaarndam, Rotterdam; Majestic, Liverpool. Sailed: Le Bazar, Havre; Friedrich, New York; Bremen via Southampton. Southampton—Arrived: St. Louis, New York; Liverpool—Arrived: Teutonia, New York; Naples—Arrived: Vera, New York (and proceed) to Genoa. Cherbourg—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse (from Bremen and Southampton), New York. Rotterdam—Sailed: Amsterdam, New York via Boulogne.

Suicide of Miss Fields.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 13.—Anna A. Fields, a spinster, 50 years of age, and of independent means, committed suicide late last night in her room at her father's residence in Brooklyn by inhaling gas. Miss Field had been extremely melancholy since the death about a year ago of a man to whom she was engaged to be married.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather in locations Today. RAIN OR SNOW; COLDER. 1 General—Pennsylvania Coal Company Sells Out, Ship Subsidy Bill Before the Senate. Authorities Looking for News from Peking. McGovern Whips Gans in Two Rounds. 2 Local—Councils Fail to Extend Time for Electing County Commissioners. More Opinions on Change of Charter, Lackawanna County News. 3 Local—Nemola's Fate in Hands of the Jury. Minor Cases in Criminal Court. 4 Editorial. Note and Comment. 5 Local—The Question of Assessment Under Second Class Form of Government. Pennsylvania Coal Company Sells Out (Continued). 6 Local—West Scranton and Sunburh. 7 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania News. Financial and Commercial. 8 Local—Live News of the Industries.

SERIOUS DISASTER TO BRITISH ARMS

Rumor that the Boers Have Killed a Number of English Officers in Barberton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Express publishes a rumor of a serious disaster to the British arms. According to this report the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the Barberton district, capturing the camp, killing a number of British officers and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention in Session at Washington.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—The American Institute of Architects began its thirty-fourth annual convention today in the banquet room of the Arlington hotel. About seventy-five members were present, including the president, Robert S. Peabody, and the secretary, Glenn Peabody, Mr. MacFarland, president of the board of commissioner of the District of Columbia, delivered an address of welcome. In his annual address President Peabody, speaking of the architecture of the national capitol said that no city was more full of architectural warnings and none better exemplified in its buildings what is and what is not architecture. "One," he said, "does not need a professional education to feel mortified at the sight of certain buildings which have been thrust upon these beautiful highways in comparatively recent years." It was the great ambition of the institute to be instrumental in improving the architecture controlled by the national government and in this connection President Peabody warmly commended the broad and liberal views of Secretary Gage of the treasury department always held towards the art.

The board of directors in their annual report censured certain members of the institute for alleged unprofessional conduct in connection with the competition for the selection of an architect for the Pennsylvania state capitol. On motion a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Boring, of New York; Mr. Post, of New York; Mr. Coolidge, of Boston; Mr. Eames, of St. Louis, and Glenn Brown, of Washington, to formulate and present to congress for passage a bill providing for the appointment of a committee to consider and recommend a comprehensive plan for the architectural improvement of the national capitol. The remainder of the session was largely devoted to routine business.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 13.—Twelve o'clock scene, at Madison Square Garden. Elkes and McFarland, 1827; Pierce and McEachern, 1829; Sims and Gougoltz, 1827.3; Fisher and Frederick, 1828.8; Kaser and Rysler, 1828.8; Waller and Stinson, 1829.6; Babcock and Atkinson, 1829.5; Turville and Gimm, 1828.8.

Pennsylvania Wins Debate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The University of Pennsylvania won the first annual debating contest with Columbia university at the Academy of Music tonight. The question discussed was: "Resolved, That the United States should establish a system of graded subsidies based upon mileage travelled by registered American vessels while engaged in foreign trade."

Pharmaceutical Prosecutions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—The state pharmaceutical examining board today, at a special meeting held here, decided to continue its prosecutions in cases of alleged violations of the pharmacy law. All the members of the board were present. Sixty already 350 prosecutions have been heard in this city, and hearings are set for 92 more cases on Dec. 21.

Father's Death Killed Son.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 15.—The sudden death of John McGettigan last night was such a shock to his son, James P. McGettigan, proprietor of the Colonnade hotel, that the latter died of apoplexy today. When the son heard of his father's death he hastened to the former's home and was seized with the fatal illness immediately after his arrival.

TWO HUNDRED DROWNED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Canton, Dec. 13.—The falling overboard of a man from a passenger boat on the West River, near the Kau, led to a rash of some 400 passengers to the side of the vessel, which caused her to sink, over 200 persons being drowned.

PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY STOCK SOLD

J. P. Morgan & Company Issue a Statement Concerning The Deal.

AN ADVANTAGEOUS SALE

Stockholders Will Receive About \$276 Per Share for Stock Whose Par Value is \$50—Holders Desiring to Sell Must Deliver Valid Certificates on January 15, 1901, or at Any Time Within Thirty Days Thereafter.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Dec. 13.—J. P. Morgan & Co. this afternoon issued the following statement concerning the sale of the Pennsylvania Coal company: "To the Stockholders of the Pennsylvania Coal company: "The undersigned directors and stockholders of the Pennsylvania Coal company have received an offer from Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. to purchase their stock on the terms stated in the accompanying circular signed by that firm. Deepening the offer advantageous, they have accepted the same and sold all their stock to that firm. "The undersigned were unwilling to dispose of their stock unless Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. would also agree to purchase on the same terms the stock of all other stockholders which might be offered to them on January 15, 1901, or within thirty days thereafter, or within a short additional time in the case of any stockholder who should be prevented by cause beyond his control from presenting his stock within the same period."

"As stated in the circular issued by J. P. Morgan & Co., the sale of stock does not carry with it any interests in certain treasury assets of the company, which have been reserved for distribution as a dividend among the stockholders of record at the closing of the present book on January 8, 1901, at 3 p. m. In the opinion of the undersigned, these assets have a value of at least \$10,000,000, equal to a dividend of at least 200 per cent., the equivalent of \$100 per share, which, added to the price of 552 per cent., equal to \$276 per share, to be paid by J. P. Morgan & Co., would make the aggregate amount to be received by the stockholders, on sale of their stock, at least 752 per cent., equal to \$276 per share, the par value of each share being only \$50. It is expected that the treasury assets of the company will be promptly liquidated, so that dividends from a very large proportion of such assets will, in all probability, be distributed and paid through J. P. Morgan & Co. simultaneously with a payment for shares sold and delivered to them; and the remaining assets will, as rapidly as they can be converted into cash, be paid over to the stockholders of record on January 8, 1901, at 3 p. m., as aforesaid.

"The undersigned directors and stockholders strongly recommend the acceptance of the offer by the other stockholders: "Directors and stockholders: Samuel Thorne, John W. Sterling, James N. Jarvis, William S. V. Thorne, John R. Platt, George G. Williams, George W. Quintard, Walter Ferguson, A. S. Hurlbut.

Supplementary Statement.

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