

WILL FIGHT TO A FINISH

Fate of Quay Wrapped Up in the Ripper Clause of the Muehlbrunner Bill.

FLINN'S POWER MUST BE CRUSHED

Leader of the Stalwarts Will Come to Harrisburg with a Whetted and Unsheathed Knife Bent Upon Making an End of Flinn by Means of the "Ripper," and Thereby Punish His Enemy and Also Make Impossible a Threatened Deal of the Insurgents to Trade the Governorship to the Democrats for the United States Senatorship—Other Harrisburg News.

Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—The failure of Senator Quay four years ago, and again two years ago, to make good his promise to give Pittsburgh a new charter, coupled with his failure to challenge the claims of the anti-Ripperites that he is not disposed to squander any great amount of energy in this direction at the present session, led many to the belief that the Muehlbrunner bill would have to get along as best it could with what support the local organization men could wield in it.

All doubt on this matter is now removed. The telegram from Senator Quay announcing his intention to come to Harrisburg at once to take personal charge of the passage of the Muehlbrunner bill and asking all his friends to stand by the measure, is no longer alleged to be fictitious. Proof of its genuineness has been established by the efforts to show it was spurious. And, more than all, an authoritative statement was made this morning that Senator Quay has elected to make this a finish fight, with no let up while a vestige of Flinn power remains. He has unsheathed his knife and thrown away the sheath.

Not only will he be prompted by revenge for the distress that Flinn, more than anyone else, has brought upon him, but the necessity of destroying Flinn power to prevent, in 1902, a repetition of the experience of 1900, will call for the most desperate measures that can be brought into play.

Word has gone forth from the insurgent camp, so it is said, that a effort are to be bent from now on towards the perfecting of a coalition between Widener and Flinn and a deal with Guffey that will have as its purpose the election of Widener over Penrose for senator, the turning over of the legislature to the absolute control of the insurgents and to defeat the stalwart candidate for governor, whoever he may be, by giving the aid of the insurgents to the Democratic nominee, who is to be some man of the stripe of ex-Governor Pattison.

In an off-year there is everything to fear from such a combination as this, and that it may not be perfected it is determined by the Quayites that as a first means of preventing it there shall be no "Bill" Flinn in 1903. To make possible the passing of Flinn his control of Pittsburgh must be destroyed, and to do this the Muehlbrunner bill with its ripper attachment must be enacted at this session. The fate of the Quay organization is wrapped up in "ripper."

Deputy Attorney General Fred W. Feltz returned today from Washington, where he had an interview with Congressman Connell.

He says Mr. Connell is not in harmony with the "ripper" bill because he considers it harsh legislation, but he is disposed to avoid having his views stand between Scranton and that which may be for its best interests.

EXPERIENCED OPPOSITION.

Philbin Bill is Reported Favorably but With Certain Conditions.

Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—At this morning's session of the house, the bill introduced yesterday by Mr. Philbin providing for a department of mines and mining, was reported from committee by Mr. Reynolds and referred for printing. Mr. Reynolds says the measure encountered vigorous opposition in committee and that he only succeeded in having it reported by making the plea that he wanted to have it printed. He later had a resolution passed providing for the printing of free distribution of 1,000 copies of the bill. It is not impossible that the measure will be recommitted by its opponents until after those whom it will affect have had an opportunity to look it over and make known their views. The insurgents are vigorously assailing the bill on the ground that it was not drafted primarily to secure a more thorough observance of the mine laws, but to

provide new of introduced by a regular that can possibly permit of its purpose being tortured in this way is receiving similar attentions from the insurgents.

The bill to regulate the weight of kegs of black blasting powder manufactured for use in coal mines and imposing heavy penalties for the making and selling of short-weight kegs was also reported from the committee. No attempt was made to evade the county and township committee veto of the new Quay county bill when it was reported to the house this morning. The opinion prevailing here is that as Schuykill was opposed to it, the organization could not afford to be for it, because of the fact that Schuykill is regular while Luzerne is almost wholly outside the fold, and can only have such things as it especially does not want. The negative report of the committee was of course expected as all its members except Mr. Harvorth are insurgents.

LOWEST BID WITHDRAWN.

W. Stanley Ray Will Continue to Do the Official Printing of the State.

Harrisburg, Feb. 8.—The contract for the state printing and binding for the next four years, beginning July 1, was allotted today by Secretary of the Commonwealth Griest to W. Stanley Ray, of Mercer, the present contractor, his bid being \$8.01 per cent of the maximum price.

COUNTER PROPOSAL ON THE CANAL

Great Britain's Reply on the Nicaragua Channel Does Not Copy with the Senate's Demands.

London, Feb. 8.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that a reply will shortly be sent by Great Britain to the United States Nicaragua canal project. It will not comply with the senate's demands. Neither will it be in the nature of a flat refusal, though for purposes of immediate construction it will be tantamount to such a refusal. It will consist, mainly, of a counter proposal or proposals likely to necessitate extended negotiations. The nature of the proposal is not yet ascertainable.

TRAGEDY AT BAKU.

Nine Charred Corpses Taken from the Ruins of the Naptha Fire. 100 Persons Injured—100 Families Homeless.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Advices from Baku this evening announce that the naptha fire has been extinguished. Ten factories and five depots were burned, containing altogether 35,000,000 pounds of naptha and naptha refuse. It is estimated that the losses will exceed 6,000,000 roubles.

No Note on Shipping Bill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—An influential effort was made in the senate today to secure an agreement on a floor for a final vote upon the shipping bill. Vigorous protest was made by opponents of the measure against such agreement, even for a date in the indefinite future.

Baroness Returns to Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Baroness Von Böttcher, widow of Baron Von Böttcher, the German minister, who was assassinated in Peking during the Boxer outbreak, has left her home here for New York on her way to Germany.

Status of the Queen.

London, Feb. 8.—The recent state of the late Queen Victoria, celebrated thirty years ago, is being prepared for its place on top of the parapets, by the side of the Prince Consort's statue.

HEARING IN WILCOX CASE

Charges Are Taken Up By the House Committee on Elections.

ANSWER MADE TO CHARGE

Representative Wilcox Claims That He Was Loyal to Queen Lilioukani but Was Not in Sympathy with the Reigning Power Immediately Succeeding Her—He Was Fairly Elected and Is Now a Loyal Citizen—Admits Writing the Philippine Letters, but Contends That He Did Not Understand the Attitude of the U. S. Government at the time.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The charges against Representative Wilcox, of Hawaii, were taken up today by the house committee on elections, No. 1. Mr. Wilcox was present, accompanied by Representative Robinson, of Indiana, who appeared as his friend and counsel.

RETAIL BUSINESS IS INCREASING

State of Trade Is Indicated by Dun & Co's Weekly Review.

New York, Feb. 8.—R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

MURDER OF THE ENVOYS.

Morgandall, Jamboked and Shot at De Wet's Advice.

Bloemfontein, Saturday, Feb. 8.—An influential burgher gives some details regarding the treatment of the peace envoys who went to General De Wet's laager. It seems that they were ordered to remain with a contingent of British troops until the Boers arrived. As the Boers were breaking laager in the expectation of a British attack one morning, Commandant Froneman came upon and asked them why they had not remained.

THE CARNEGIE DEAL.

New Developments Concerning the Proposed Transfer.

New York, Feb. 8.—The new developments in the negotiation, tending to the transfer of the control of the Carnegie Steel company to J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates today were:

Uhl Charged with Selling Oils.

Wilmington, Feb. 8.—Judge Day, of Washington, was in court today as one of the attorneys for Russell Uhl, a commission merchant of the city, charged with selling olive-oil for the benefit of the German cause.

Mrs. Nation Leaves Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Nation left this afternoon for Kansas City. "The woman here," said Mrs. Nation, "are now warmed up to the right pitch and will carry out their work with the best of their heads. From Kansas City I will go to Des Moines, then to Alton and possibly to Chicago."

Gutted by Fire.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—The Guggenheim block, a two-story building, at Main and Fourth streets, occupied by the Cress-Bledges Dry Goods company department store, was gutted by fire today.

BASE BALL WARMS UP.

Struggle Is Being Made for Players by the Two Leagues.

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—The Ledger will tomorrow, in its base ball column, contain the following:

NEW CUBA IS DISCUSSED

Important Subject Considered at the Cabinet Meeting Yesterday.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

The United States Must See to It That Free Cuba Be a Reality; Not a Hasty Experiment Bearing Within Itself the Elements of a Failure—Views of the President.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today. RAIN OR SNOW. 1 General—Fight to a Finish at Harrisburg. Representative Wilcox on the Rack. Not of Traitors Unearthed at Manila. Cabinet Discusses Cuba. 2 General—Cantonade Department. 3 Local—Grand and Petit Jurors Drawn. Coup de Peiters. 4 Editorial. 5 Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs. 6 Local—Social and Personal. One Woman's Views. 7 Local—Great Losses by Insurance Companies in Thursday's Fire. Praise of Gold for Former Pastor. 8 Local—Big Fire to Be Investigated. County Union Indorses Mrs. Nation. 9 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 10 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 11 Story—"La Dame a la Clef." 12 Local—Religious News of the Week. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. 13 Local—Live News of the Industrial World. All Silk Workers Are Now Idle. Court Proceedings.

ENTERPRISE AT MANILA

The Garranza-Garman Affair Has Brought to Light a Healthy Nest of Traitors.

TRADED WITH REBELS

Papers Incriminating Several Prominent Residents of Manila Are Captured Upon Three Members of Gen. Gallien Insurgent Committee in the Paganjan District—Gen. Otis Gives a History of the Career of Garman.

MOHAMMEDANS ARE AGAIN IN PEKIN

Are Evidently Bent on Mischievous Precautions Are Taken by Germans.

Pekin, Feb. 8.—The foreign envoys met this morning to consider the effect presented by the Chinese plenipotentiaries regarding the suspension of examinations for five years and also the punishment of officials guilty of not having suppressed outrages upon foreigners. They objected to the wording of the edict, which made it seem that the troubles were entirely due to the actions of native Christians. Satisfactory in other respects, it was altered to suit the views of the envoys and was then returned to the Chinese plenipotentiaries.

CARMIAN'S CAREER.

New York, Feb. 8.—Major General Edward S. Otis spoke as follows today of G. W. Carman, who is reported as having been arrested in Manila for trading with the insurgents:

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