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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1901.

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MR. PHILBIN IS AGAINST THE RIPPER

No Little Consternation at Harrisburg Last Evening Over His Attitude on the Bill.

HE MAKES A STATEMENT

Objects to the Clause That Makes the Governor Dictator in the Affairs of Scranton, Pittsburg and Allegheny—He Believes the Present Attempt at Legislation Is Simply an Outgrowth of the Recent Bitterness in the Republican Party—It Is Thought That the Extreme Limit to the Defection on the "Ripper" Will Be Made Up by Insurgents and Democrats—Mr. Quay Urges That the Pledges of the Regular Organization Be Kept.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 20.—Not a little consternation was caused in the ranks of the state legislators tonight by the announcement of Representative Philbin of Lackawanna, that he could not bring himself to stand with the organization for the "ripper" clause of the Macchibonner bill.

Mr. Philbin's Statement.

I have no objection to the general legislation contained in the so-called "ripper" bill, although it is hard to endorse the effort to make the chief officer in second-class cities the chief of police. I do not believe that the legislature should be asked to do this. I believe that the legislature should be asked to do this. I believe that the legislature should be asked to do this.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED

The Sub-Committee on Transportation Hears Testimony.

OPINIONS OF MR. GREENE

He Thinks Anthracite Coal Should Sell for a Dollar a Ton—No Actual Value in Railroads Save in the Value of Rolling Stock and Roadbed—Stockholders Should Have Access to the Books of a Corporation. Mr. Woodcock Thinks the Price Paid for the Pennsylvania Coal Company a Trifle High—Roads Overcapitalized.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS.

Bills Passed in the Senate—Measures Introduced in Upper and Lower Branches.

GENERAL ELKIN'S BIENNIAL REPORT

Giving an Idea of the Amount of Business Transacted for the Years 1899-1900.

Mr. Elkin's report covers the period from January 1, 1899, to December 31, 1900. It shows a total amount of business transacted of \$1,000,000,000.

FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST CALLAHAN.

The Patrick Family Not Concerned in the Kidnapping.

Petitions Refused.

Composer Nevill Buried.

An Engagement Cancelled.

Cement Company Sued.

LENTZ AGAIN CRITICAL

The Restless Congressman from Ohio Violently Attacks the Administration.

AND PROVOKES DEBATE

He Is Compared to the Ghosts Who Ravish the Tombs of the Dead—In a Second Attack Lentz Makes a Charge That Soldiers in the Philippines Had Buried a Native Aired and That They Have Been Ordered to Shoot Evildoer and Beast in Sight—Encourages Soldiers to Desert—The Most Treasonable Tirade Head in Congress Since the Opening of the War of the Rebellion.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

GENERAL FAIR.

General—Stalwart Opposed to the "Ripper" Bill. Industrial Commission Investigates Peeling of Railroad Tracks. France Opposed to Waldsee's Proposed Expedition in China. Deings of a Day in Congress.

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FRANCE ALSO DECLINES

Said to Have Refused to Join Count Waldsee's Proposed Expedition in China.

PROBABLE INFLUENCES

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Feb. 20. Forecast for Thursday and Friday. Eastern Districts. Partly cloudy. Light snow or sleet. High 35, low 25.