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BIG STEEL COMBINE

Articles of Incorporation That Were Filed Yesterday at Trenton, New Jersey.

THE SWEEPING CHARTER

List of Objects in View Includes Almost Everything—The Gigantic Carnegie-Morgan Combine Starts with a Capital of $3,000—Fifteen Shares of Preferred and Fifteen Shares of Common Stock.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 25.—Articles of incorporation of the United States Steel corporation were filed today. The articles certify that the objects for which the corporation is formed are:

To manufacture iron, steel, manganese, coke, copper, lumber and other materials, to acquire, own, lease, occupy, use or develop any lands containing coal or iron, manganese, stone or other ores, or oil or any wood lands or any lands for any purpose of the corporation; to mine or otherwise to extract or remove coal, ores, stone and other minerals and timber from any lands, owned, acquired, leased or occupied by the company; to buy and sell or otherwise to deal or to traffic in iron, steel, manganese, copper, stone, ores, coal, coke, wood, lumber and other materials, and any of these products thereof, and any article consisting or partly consisting thereof.

To construct bridges, buildings, machinery, ships, boats, engines, cars and other equipment, railroads, docks, ships, elevators, water works, gas works and electric works, viaducts, aqueducts, canals and other waterways and other means of transportation and to sell the same or otherwise dispose thereof, or to maintain and operate the same.

To apply, obtain, register, purchase, lease or otherwise to acquire and to hold, use, own, operate and introduce and to sell assign or otherwise to dispose of any trade marks, trade names, patents, inventions, improvements and processes used in connection with or secured under letters of patent of the United States, or elsewhere or otherwise; and to use, exercise, develop, grant licenses, in respect of, or otherwise to turn to account any such trade marks, patents, licenses, processes and the like, or any such property or rights.

Manufacture of Any Kind.

To engage in any other manufacture, mining, construction or transportation business of any kind or character whatsoever and to that end to acquire, hold, own and dispose of any and all property, assets, stocks, bonds and rights of any and every kind.

To acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise and to hold or dispose of stocks, bonds, or any other obligation to any corporation formed for, or then or thereto engaged in or pursuing any one or more of the kind of business purposes, objects or operations above indicated, or owning or holding any property of any kind herein mentioned; or of any corporation owning or holding the stocks or the obligations of any such corporation.

To hold for investment, or otherwise to use, sell or dispose of any stock, bonds or other obligations of any such corporation. To aid in any manner any corporation whose stocks, bonds or other obligations are held or are in any manner guaranteed by the company and to do any other acts or things for the preservation, protection, improvement or enhancement of the value of any such stock, bonds or other obligation, or to do any acts or things designed for any such purpose; and while owner of any such stock, bonds or other obligations, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership thereof, and to exercise any and all voting powers thereof.

The business or purpose of the company is from time to time to do any one or more of the acts and things herein set forth; and it may conduct its business in other states and in the territories and in foreign countries and may have one office or more than one office and keep the books of the company outside of the state of New Jersey except as otherwise may be provided by law; and may hold, purchase, mortgage, and convey real and personal property either in or out of the state of New Jersey.

Without any particular limitation on any of the objects and powers of the corporation it is hereby expressly declared and provided that the corporation shall have power to issue bonds and other obligations in payment for property purchased or acquired by it or for any other object in or about its business; to mortgage or pledge its stock, bonds or other obligation or any property which may be acquired by it, to secure or incur, or to guarantee any dividends or bonds or contracts of any kind and description and in carrying on its business for the purpose of attaining or furthering any of its objects to do any and all other acts and things and to exercise any and all of the powers which a copartnership or natural person could do and exercise and which now, or hereafter may be authorized by law.

Authorized Capital.

4. The total authorized capital stock of the corporation is $3,000, divided into thirty shares of the par value of $10 each, of such total authorized capital stock fifteen shares, amounting to $1,500 shall be preferred stock and fifteen shares amounting to $1,500 shall be common stock.

From time to time the preferred stock and common stock may be increased according to law and may be issued in such amounts and proportions as shall be determined by the board of directors and as may be permitted by law.

The holders of the preferred stock shall be entitled to receive when declared from the surplus or net profits of the corporation yearly dividends at the rate of 7 per centum per annum and no more, payable quarterly on dates to be fixed by the by-laws. The dividends on the preferred stock shall be cumulative and shall be payable before any dividend on the common stock shall be paid or set apart; so that if in any year dividends amounting to 7 per cent. shall not have been paid thereon the deficiency shall be payable before any dividend shall be paid upon or set apart for the common stock.

In the event of any litigation of dissolution or winding up (whether voluntary or involuntary) of the corporation the holders of the preferred stock shall be entitled to be paid in full at the par amount of their shares and the unpaid dividends accrued thereon before any amount shall be paid to holders of the common stock; after the payment to the holders of the preferred stock of its par value and the unpaid accrued dividends thereon, the remaining assets and funds shall be divided and paid to the holders of the common stock according to their respective shares.

The Incorporators.

5. The names and postoffice addresses of the incorporators and the number of shares of stock for which severally and respectively we do hereby subscribe (the aggregate of our said subscriptions being $3,000, which is the amount of capital stock with which the corporation will commence business) are as follows:

Charles C. Cluff, 51 Newark street, Hoboken, five shares preferred and five shares common.

William J. Curtis, same address, five shares preferred and five shares common.

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TAMMANY ANTI-VICE COMMITTEE RESIGNS.

There Is No More Work for the Organization.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 25.—After a protracted session of the Tammany hall committee of five today behind closed doors, at which all the members of the committee except Commissioner Murphy were present, Chairman Nixon came out of the anteroom, where a crowd of newspaper men were waiting. Without a word he laid the following statement on the table and then left:

"Affairs are now in such a shape that this committee can consistently end its labors; and final report to the Tammany executive committee has been signed."

To the newspaper men who surrounded him Chairman Nixon said that he would answer no questions; that the statement in itself was the best explanation of the committee's action, and that beyond that nothing could be given out.

The attention of Chairman Nixon was drawn to the fact that the statement in fact explained nothing, and he was asked whether the statement would imply that the appointment of Commissioner Devery placed the police department in such good hands that further work of the committee was rendered needless, or whether the retention of Devery as deputy commissioner made such work useless.

To this end many other questions along the same lines, as well as questions touching on his personal position in the matter, Chairman Nixon replied:

"I am not going to answer any questions. My connection with my matter is ended, and it is no use to question me further."

FOR INSULAR LEGISLATION

The Real Struggle in Interest of Our New Possessions Begins in the Senate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The real struggle for insular legislation at this session began today in the senate. The army appropriation bill was under consideration and the Philippine amendment was reached. In addition the Cuba amendment was offered and the general debate on these propositions began. Sharp opposition to the Philippine amendment developed on the Democratic side, beginning with a point of order, which the senate overruled, and followed with speeches by Senators Tillman, Rawlins, Cafferty, Bacon and Morgan.

The amendment was defended by its author, Mr. Spooner, who pointed out the necessity for the legislation. Senators Vest, Hoar, Bacon and Rawlins offered amendments tending to limit the powers conferred by the Spooner amendment. Senator Morgan made an extended speech severely criticizing the proposed legislation. An evening session was held to allow time to continue the debate.

It can be stated on high authority that the Cuban amendment to the army appropriation bill is satisfactory to the president and that its adoption by congress will avoid the necessity for an extra session.

In the House.

The house today jettisoned the authorizations for two battleships and two cruisers, which were in the naval appropriation bill as it passed that body. The senate had rejected the proposition and against the appeals of the house conferees the house today voted by a big majority to agree to the senate amendment striking out the authorizations. Chairman Cannon, of the appropriations committee, contributed largely to this result by a vigorous speech in favor of the senate amendment. A partial conference report on the naval bill was agreed to and the bill went back to conference. The house also agreed to the conference report on the bill to create a commission of five to adjudicate the claims of United States citizens against Spain, assumed by the United States under the treaty of Paris. Just before adjournment Mr. Tawney, chairman of the St. Louis exposition committee, asked unanimous consent to disagree to the senate amendments to the exposition bill, but Mr. Sheppard, of Texas, objected.

HAVANA VITAL STATISTICS.

Yellow Fever Deaths Decrease from Twenty to Seven.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A copy of the vital statistics report of the city of Havana, Cuba, for the month of January has been received at the war department. The report was compiled by Major W. C. Gorgas, U. S. A., chief sanitary officer of that city. The number of deaths, 476, was the smallest record in any January in Havana during the last twelve years. The death rate was 22.75.

The deaths from yellow fever decreased from twenty to seven, but the increase of deaths from tuberculosis about balances the decrease in the deaths from fevers.

Hatchet Woman in New Jersey.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Millville, N. J., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Emma Hughes, of this city, created great excitement last night by emulating Mrs. Nation in smashing a saloon which her husband had frequented. Armed with a hatchet she entered the place and smashed every bottle of beer, after which she took her husband by the arm and hustled him home. The temperance people heartily endorse the action of Mrs. Hughes and a reform movement will be started tomorrow night.

Condition of Ex-Senator Evarts.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 25.—Ex-Senator William M. Evarts, who has been in a particularly feeble condition the last few days, was reported at his residence today to be much better though still confined to his bed. For months the ex-senator has not been out of his room, but this is due to general debility rather than to any specific disease. Mr. Evarts is 83 years of age.

MR. CONGER'S VACATION

The Affairs of the United States Legation at Pekin Turned Over to Mr. Rockhill.

WILL BE HOME SIX MONTHS

It Is the General Belief That the Departure of the Minister Is But a Confirmation of the Report That Everything Is Practically Settled in the Way of Negotiations—The Chinese Fugitives Still at Large.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, Feb. 25.—This morning Mr. Conger turned over the affairs of the United States legation to Mr. W. W. Rockhill, particularly the conduct of the negotiations with the Chinese plenipotentiaries, and he will shortly return to the United States for a six months' vacation.

Americans feel that this arrangement is a confirmation of the report that everything is practically settled for Mr. Conger felt it his duty to finish the negotiations satisfactorily. The Pei Ho river will open next week and then the exodus of diplomats, correspondents and others will begin.

Li Hung Chang says he expects that the imperial court will return to Pekin as soon as notification is given that the troops of the allies are evacuating the capital. He also asserts that no further difficulties in the negotiations are possible.

Some old residents here think there may be difficulty in connection with the ceremonial of receiving the ministers of the powers by the court, but the ministers themselves do not anticipate any. The German and Russian barracks for the guards of their respective legations will be ready in a month.

Mr. Rockhill today attended for the first time a meeting of the foreign envoys in an independent capacity. No business of importance was transacted.

News from Shanghai.

London, Feb. 26.—The Reuter Telegram company has received the following from Shanghai, dated February 26:

"Prince Tuan, Prince Chwang Lusi and General Tung Fu Hsiang are still taking refuge at Ning Hia Fu, province of Kan Su. Two native Christians from Kui Hua Cheng, in the northern part of the province of Shan Si, report the massacre of twenty male and female missionaries and nine Chinese, who have been missing since October 3."

Paris, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the Temps from Shanghai says it is believed the evacuation of the foreign troops from China will begin at the end of March.

Minister Conger's Dispatch.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Mr. Conger has cabled the state department from Pekin, under date of the 23rd, as follows:

"Satisfactory edicts in answer to punishment demands have been received."

From this the state department assumes that the punishments are to be administered substantially as stated in Mr. Conger's cablegram received on the 21st inst.

The minister has not yet informed the state department of the date he selected for his departure from Pekin for home.

PEKIN EXECUTIONS.

Boxers to Be Put to Death by the Hangman Today.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger has the following from Pekin today:

"The execution of Chih Siu, former grand secretary, and Hsu Cheng Fu, son of the notorious Hsu Tung, tomorrow by the hangman, will occur upon the same place where last summer two pro-civilization mandarins were beheaded. The spot is within the German zone.

"All the other officials whose lives are demanded by the ministers of the powers will be beheaded in Sian Fu.

"The opinion largely prevails in Pekin that Prince Tuan's punishment will necessitate the choosing of another heir to the throne than his son."

Martinelli's Successor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Rome, Feb. 25.—It is understood that Archbishop Martinelli, the papal delegate to the United States after he has been created a cardinal at the consistory to be held at the end of March, will remain for some time the papal delegate in the United States and will later be replaced by Monsignor Falconio, the papal delegate in Canada.

Kennedy Will Again Be Tried.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 25.—After going over the evidence in the case of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, whose second trial for the alleged murder of Emeline Reynolds resulted last week in a disagreement of the jury, District Attorney Phillips today announced that the defendant would again be placed on trial.

Park Hill College Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Kansas City, Feb. 25.—Park Hill, one of the four park college dormitories for young ladies at Parkville, Mo., was burned to the ground early today. None of the twenty-five young ladies who were sleeping in the building was injured but many lost all their clothing and personal effects. The loss was small.

Will Prospect for Oil.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Angleton, Tex., Feb. 25.—W. Munhall, of Pittsburg, today closed lease contracts for 150,000 acres of land in Brazoria county to prospect for oil. Other contracts have been closed for 50,000 acres more. It is believed the purchasers represent the Standard Oil company.

NO MORE CUTS IN PRICES OF BOOKS.

Leading Publishers Have Reached an Agreement.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—The Post today says:

"Leading publishers of the country have at last reached a definite agreement upon the question of preventing demoralizing cuts in book prices and their plan is to become operative on copyrighted books published after May 1. The Publishers association has been agitating this matter since early last summer and the report of its special committee presenting a plan for reform, which is comprehensive and far reaching, has just been adopted. The signatures of all the leading publishers have been obtained to the agreement. The agreement, according to the Post includes a reduction of 25 per cent. in the price of copyrighted books. Retail dealers will be protected from competition with publishers by the latter agreeing to sell their own publications at retail prices. To enforce the reforms the publishers have agreed to sell only to those dealers who will maintain the net prices, and central offices are to be established by the association to carry out its plans.

PENSION JUGGLER JAILED.

James Coombs, Convicted of Fraud, Is Sentenced to Six Months.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—James Coombs, convicted last Friday of fraud in connection with a pension claim, was fined $1 and sentenced to an imprisonment of six months by Judge McPherson, in the United States District court today. Coombs is a physician at York, who made application for a pension on behalf of Mary Gardner, widow of Winfield S. Gardner.

The fraud consisted in filing a false record of the marriage of the couple. There was no dispute as to the marriage, but the record filed by Coombs contained bogus signatures. Coombs asserted that he had made a mistake by filing a copy which he intended for his own use and to which he had signed the names simply as a matter of reference.

FIGHTING AT MANILA.

Lieutenant West Defeats Insurgents Near Cavinta.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Feb. 25.—Lieutenant West, with a detachment of the crew of the gunboat Laguna Bay attacked 200 insurgents, under Cabaflos, near Cavinta, province of Luzon. After a hard fight for forty-five minutes the insurgents were dispersed, losing six killed and fourteen captured.

A detachment of the Forty-seventh Volunteer infantry encountered a body of insurgents in the province of Albay, killing eighteen, and subsequently another body, killing nine. The Americans had no casualties.

DE WET MANOEUVRES.

He Is Closely Followed by General Thorneycroft.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

De Aar, Feb. 25.—General De Wet, accompanied by Mr. Steyn, re-crossed the railroad north of Kranskuil and south of Orange river station yesterday.

The Orange river rose five feet last evening. A heavy rain is still falling, and it is believed to be impossible for the Boers to cross the stream. They are being closely followed by General Thorneycroft, who left here yesterday by rail. Several other columns are converging on General De Wet.

WATCHING FOR BODIES.

Beaches Near the Wreck of the Rio Janeiro Are Patrolled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Today developed nothing new regarding the wreck of the steamer Rio Janeiro. The beaches are being patrolled constantly and the surface of the bay is being carefully scanned for bodies of victims of the disaster or for flotsam of variable nature, but so far the efforts of the watchers have not been greatly rewarded.

It is the general opinion that few if any bodies from the wreck will be recovered before the end of the week.

MISERLY WOMAN'S FORTUNE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 25.—It has been discovered that Marcia Doe Hay, who died two weeks ago at Tarrytown, N. Y., left a fortune, although it was supposed she had only a few thousand dollars. She was a peculiar woman in that she hid her money in all sorts of peculiar places and pretended to be poor.

Since her death about $100,000 has been found. Sewed into her corset lining was found $1,400. She left a will written by herself. Albert G. Beach, of Watertown, is named as her executor.

CUBAN AMENDMENT TO BE FURTHER ALTERED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Carter, who is one of the senators in the army appropriation bill, insists that the Cuban amendment to the bill must be further amended so as to compel Cuba to render an accounting to the United States for the money which has been expended by this government in Cuba, with a view to repayment at some future time.

Hamilton Sentenced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Minneapolis, Feb. 25.—Frank H. Hamilton, convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for the killing of Leonard Day, was today sentenced to seven years at hard labor in the state prison.

Botha Breaks Away.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Nice, Feb. 25.—It is reported here that Commandant General Botha with 2,000 Boers has broken away from General French's pursuit in the direction of Komitspoort.

NEW COURT IS CREATED

Congressman Connell Wins Fight for Another Federal Judicial District.

PASSED BY THE SENATE

It Was Reported Favorably from Committee in the Morning and by Request of the Committee Was at Once Considered by the Senate. Went Through with a Rush—Those Who Are Mentioned for Judge of the New Court—Counties Comprised in the New District and Where the Court Will Meet.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Congressman William Connell's bill creating an additional federal judicial district in the state passed the senate this morning without opposition. The judiciary committee met this morning and after a short session, at which Senators Hoar and Lindsay did most of the talking, the bill was reported favorably and Senator Hoar was authorized to bring it up in the senate and request its passage. This was done with the result as above stated.

Shortly after the passage of the bill Senator Penrose and Congressman Connell held a conference and discussed probable appointees, under the bill, but came to no decision.

There are numerous candidates for the judgeship and among them are Judge McWilliamson, of Huntingdon; Judge J. B. Love, of Centre; E. A. Van Wormer, of Montrose, and Judge R. W. Archbald, of Scranton. It is more than likely that the judgeship will be left to Mr. Connell to name, and it is understood he is favorable to Judge Archbald.

The congressman is the recipient of a large number of congratulatory telegrams, and has been congratulated by almost the entire membership of the house because of his splendid and earnest efforts in his getting his bill through both branches of congress.

The counties included in the new district are: Lackawanna, Wyoming, Bradford, Monroe, Wayne, Pike, Susquehanna, Carbon, Tioga, Potter, Cameron, Clinton, Lycoming, Centre, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Sullivan, Luzerne, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry, Huntingdon, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, York and Cumberland.

Sessions are to be held for such terms as the judge may determine, commencing on the following dates and in the following places: At Scranton, on the first Monday of March and October of each year; at Williamsport, on second Monday of January and June of each year; at Harrisburg, on the first Monday of May and second Monday of November of each year.

J. R. W.

CANAL BILL'S PLACE.

Senator Frye Says It Is Not in the Order of Unfinished Business.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—In the senate today Mr. Morgan offered a resolution declaring that the Nicaragua canal bill was entitled to be placed in the order of unfinished business, under the rules of the senate.

"I understand that the resolution is in accordance with the ruling of the chair," said Mr. Chandler.

The chair (Mr. Frye) replied in the negative. He explained that the canal bill, having been displaced by the fortifications appropriation bill, had taken its place on the calendar. The resolution went over until tomorrow.

TO ASK FOR OFFICIAL INQUIRY.

Southern Congressmen Aroused Over North Carolina Negro Stories.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Southern congressmen have been aroused by the stories from North Carolina relative to the treatment of negroes who are reported to be held practically as slaves.

A number of them are holding informal conferences with a view to drawing resolutions which will insure congressional inquiry into the alleged horrors.

MINE ON FIRE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 25.—A message has just been received by Superintendent Calvin, of the Oregon Short Line railway, stating that mine No. 1, at Diamondville, Wyo., is on fire.

It is thought that the lives of thirty or forty men are in danger.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 25.—Cleared: Lahn, Bremen via Southampton; Georgic, Liverpool. Antwerp—Arrived: Kensington, New York via Southampton. Glasgow—Arrived: Astoria, New York. Gibraltar—Sailed: Hohenzollern, from Genoa and Naples, New York.

Spanish Ministry to Resign.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Madrid, Feb. 25.—At today's cabinet council the premier, General Azcarraga, announced that the resignation of the ministry would be handed to the queen regent tomorrow.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

PARTLY CLOUDY.

1 General—Bill for a New Judicial District Passes the Senate.
Don Cameron a Gubernatorial Candidate.
Articles of Incorporation of the Big Steel Combine.
Minister Conger Coming Home.
2 General—Carbondale Department.
3 Local—Roesler's Second Will Admitted to Probate.
News of the Thirteenth Regiment.
Silk Workers Will Resume Work.
Note and Comment.
4 Editorial.
5 Local—Teachers Charged with Dereliction.
Site of the Proposed G. A. R. Hall.
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
7 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania Financial and Commercial.
8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

HANGED BY A MOB.

An Excited Lot of Men Torture Charles Herbert to Make Him Confess a Crime.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 25.—An excited mob in Matawan, N. J., last night hanged Charles Herbert, a resident of the place, in an effort to make him confess that he had started a fire which destroyed the business portion of the town on January 27. Herbert protested his innocence. He was strung up a second time and when lowered again asserted that he was not guilty. This time the torture ceased and the man was taken to jail.

The fire on January 27 destroyed a great deal of property, but there was no clue to the incendiary. Last night the dwelling occupied by Herbert's mother caught fire, and after the flames were extinguished it was discovered that the stairway in the house had been soaked with kerosene. Suspicion pointed to Charles Herbert, and his arrest and torture followed.

As the man was being taken to jail several of the frenzied persons kicked and struck him.

SAMOAN COALING STATION.

Work at Pago Pago to Be Completed in Three Months.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Robert Tibbitts, the contractor, who for the last seven months has been building the United States coaling station and pier in the harbor of Pago Pago in the Samoan Islands, has arrived here. He says the pier and other structures, costing $100,000, will be turned over to the government in about three months. The pier is 365 feet long and 80 feet wide, and is made entirely of steel. All the piles are of steel.

They measure 9 inches in diameter and vary in length from 30 to 70 feet. On the shore just back of the pier is a large steel building 150 feet long by 100 feet wide. This is to be a repository for 10,000 tons of coal. Another similar building is to be erected. Mr. Tibbitts says that Pago Pago is the finest coaling station in the world.

SALE OF DANISH ANTILLES.

Acceptable Plan to Be Submitted to the United States.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Feb. 25.—A satisfactory understanding has been reached by the conferees of the ministry and the financial committee of the Rigsdag regarding the sale of the Danish West Indies. The result, it is understood, will soon be communicated to the Washington government in such form as it is believed here will prove acceptable.

The Danish proposal, it is expected, will include some new suggestions, but nothing calculated to defeat the conclusion of the convention.

TO DISCUSS CORONATION OATH.

Catholic Party in Canadian Parliament Urge Modification.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 25.—The coronation oath will in all probability be discussed in the Canadian parliament. The resolution will be introduced by a supporter of the Laurier government.

He will take this step at the instigation of the Catholics of Ottawa, who for years have been agitating for the modification of the coronation oath, which is so obnoxious to them.

Reid on Journalism.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 25.—The Hon. Whitelaw Reid tonight delivered the first of the Isaac Bromley course of lectures on "Journalism, Literature and Public Affairs," before 800 students of Yale university. Mr. Reid's subject was "The Newspapers as They Are."

He spoke for an hour and a half, discussing the phases of modern journalism and tracing as well the development of newspaper work in some of its more important features.

Fatal Free Fight.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 25.—A free-for-all fight in Hancock county, Tenn., between Thomas Holdman and his sons on one side and John Tye and his boys on the other resulted in the death of Thomas Holdman and Willis Tye, son of John Tye. Holdman and Tye were neighbors and farmers, and had fallen out over a question in which their farms were involved.

Appropriation Bills Signed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—Governor Stone today signed bills creating a department of forestry, appropriating $35,000 to the Pennsylvania commission to the Pan-American exposition, and authorizing school boards in boroughs and townships of the first class to establish and maintain manual training schools.

DON CAMERON A CANDIDATE

Announcement Is Made by Mr. Cooper of the Senator's Aspirations.

THE "RIPPER" BILL

Senator Quay Will Be on the Ground to Direct the Fight—Mr. Vaughan Re-introduces the McTighe Bill. Other Measures Before Senate and House—A Proposed Act to Define Relationship Between Mine Bosses, Superintendents and Foremen of Coal Mines—President Pro Tem Snyder Appoints Senators to Serve on the Pan-American Exposition Commission—A Matrimonial Measure Appears in the House.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 25.—Ex-United States Senator Don Cameron is an aspirant for governor. Announcement of this was made here tonight by Hon. Thomas V. Cooper, of Media, former collector of the port of Philadelphia, former state senator, and now representative from Delaware county.

All that Mr. Cooper would permit himself to say when approached on the subject was that "Senator Cameron contemplates being a candidate for governor and his platform will be the unification of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. The announcement was not wholly unexpected. It was known that it was the one ambition of Senator Cameron to round out his life by serving a term as governor of his state. It was also known that for six months past his close friends have discussed him as a possibility and furthermore it was hinted in Washington as early as last Thursday that he would likely come out as a candidate.

Senator Cameron is a stalwart Republican and it is claimed will be acceptable to Colonel Quay. At present he is at Frogmore, S. C.

The fact that Tom Cooper makes this announcement is taken as significant when considered in connection with his activity in fighting the Grady libel bill, and the reliable report that he called on Governor Stone today and served notice he would fight every one of the so-called "Grab" bills which the organization is charged with having caused to be introduced.

Anti-Ripper Capital.

Great capital is being made by the anti-ripper press of the interview with General Miller, another stalwart candidate for governor in which he comes out vigorously, not to say viciously, against the "ripper." If any depression was caused in the ripperite camp by this defection, it was short lived for on its heels came the authentic announcement that Senator Quay was on his way from Florida to Harrisburg to personally direct the "ripper" fight, and that he would be "on the grounds" in the course of twenty-four hours. He will be accompanied by Senator Penrose. There are more than a score of bills of the second reading calendar before the "ripper" and the chances are that it will not be reached until Wednesday, unless a night session is held. That the insurgents do not expect the "ripper" fight to take place tomorrow is attested by the fact that they have arranged a meeting for 8 o'clock tomorrow night at the commonwealth to count noses and lay plans for the scrap.

Representatives Cooper and McClain had a conference tonight and agreed upon a libel bill which will be substantially the McClain bill with punitive damages in civil suits left out. It was not decided whether they would transform the Cooper amendments so as to make them agree with the McClain ideas or do away with the Grady bill altogether and substitute the McClain bill with the above-mentioned amendment regarding punitive damages. The legislative committee of the state Editorial association will be here tomorrow night to make known its views. The libel matters are a special order for Wednesday morning.

Chief Roderick's Denial.

Chief Roderick, of the bureau of mines, denies that he used the language attributed to him in the Garnes resolution. When he comes to make his statement before the committee tomorrow it is understood he will claim that he said in substance that if it was true the Ashland local lodge of the mine workers favored reducing inspector's salaries to $100 a month, they

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; fresh southwest to west winds.