

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1901.

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## LEGISLATURE HONORS MAGEE

### Resolutions of Respect Are Passed in Both Senate and House of Representatives.

## THE ROUTINE BUSINESS

### Although the Body Is in Session but a Short Time, Many Bills Are Introduced in Both Branches—The Anticipated Struggle Over the Cooper Resolution Is Averted.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—For the second time during the present session, there was another vacant chair when the senate met at 9 o'clock tonight.

The seat of the late Senator C. L. Magee, of Pittsburg, who died on Friday, was draped with mourning. A beautiful floral offering relieved the somberness of the drapery. The senate, on account of Senator Magee's death, was in session only a short time.

Bills were introduced as follows: By Mr. Keyser, Philadelphia—Authorizing Robert F. and J. T. Steiner, both of Philadelphia, to bring suits against the Commonwealth for sums that may be due them.

By Mr. Birkett, Philadelphia—Exempting soda water apparatus and apparatus thereto, leased or hired, from levy or sale on execution of distress for rent.

By Mr. McClintock, Allegheny—Providing that the municipal and other corporations, or public authorities, owning or having charge of any park or public grounds, may enter into an agreement with any railroad company maintaining and operating a railroad within the city, town or village, for the use of such park or public grounds, or any portion thereof, may be used and occupied by said railroad company with its tracks and passenger station buildings.

By Mr. Dury, Luzerne—Authorizing parties lawfully interested in any demand or claim to maintain any suit brought upon said demand without paying any fee or charge, or to receive same the suit ought at common law to have been.

### Focht's Ballot Bill.

Mr. Focht, of Union, chairman of the committee on elections, reported favorably, as amended, the ballot bill drawn up by himself. Mr. Focht said he will ask that the bill be recommitted as soon as it is printed, for the purpose of further amending it. The amendments already made to it are unimportant.

On motion of Mr. Berkebach, of Philadelphia, the bill abolishing the law empowering the courts of Philadelphia to appoint the board of revision of taxes, and the bill providing for the election of the board by the people, both of which were introduced by him, were recommitted to the committee on municipal government.

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### DEMOCRATS FRAME A BALLOT BILL

#### A Reform Which Does Away with the Circle on the Official Ballot and Makes Other Radical Changes.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—A ballot reform bill which does away with the circle on the official ballot and makes other radical changes in the present ballot act is framed for introduction in the legislature at a meeting of the state Democratic executive committee and their prominent Democrats today at state headquarters in this city.

By the terms of the bill the presidential electors will be arranged in groups on the left side of the ballot, each group forming one column. At the head of each group will be placed the party appellation and surname of the candidates for president and vice president, as the right of the name of each elector and of the party name at the top will be a square in which the voter may make a cross so that he can vote for the whole group by making this one mark on the ballot.

All other candidates shall have their names printed under the title of the office for which they have been nominated and shall be arranged in columns on the right side of the ballot.

No candidate's name shall appear more than once on the ballot. At the right of the name of each candidate will be the name of the party or party to which he is nominated. The name of each candidate must be placed after the name of the candidate for whom the voter desires to vote. No person can have a helper to assist him in making a cross on the ballot. The name of the voter shall be printed on the ballot. No change is to be made in the present system of filing certificates of nomination, nomination papers, etc.

The members of the committee National Commissioner James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, and Congressman Hall, Polk, Green, McAlister and Mather, of Scranton, were present and also discussed, but no formal action was taken.

### MR. HARRISON'S CONDITION.

#### His Physicians Find No Great Cause for Alarm.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—Dr. Henry Jameson has been in constant attendance on former President Harrison and with Dr. E. Hadley has administered in a close watch the slightest sign of improvement or relapse.

At 1:30 o'clock tonight Dr. Jameson issued the following statement: "I had no great cause for alarm tonight in the condition of General Harrison, and attribute a slight change for the worse to the fact that he has been laboring with his ailment one day longer. His temperature is now 102.4, his pulse 75, respiration 35. I think he will have no difficulty in going through the night."

### Scalping Law Constitutional.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—The Supreme court today sustained the constitutionality of the ticket scalping law of the state. The case was the appeal of Edward P. Keary, of Pittsburg, from the judgment of the Superior court. Keary conducted a business of buying and selling railroad tickets at Pittsburg and claimed that the law which prevented a person not connected with the railroad from getting their tickets was unconstitutional.

## BOERS JOIN THE BRITISH

### Many of the Ex-Burgbers Are Now Acting in Harmony with Their Former Foes.

## IN INTEREST OF ORDER

### The Former Contestants Join Hands to Protect Their Homes Against Marauders—De Wet Is Moving Northward—Endeavoring Apparently to Cross Railroad Toward Transvaal—13,000 Refugees in British Lines.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Bloemfontein, March 11.—General De Wet, it is reported, is moving northward steadily, at the rate of twenty-five miles a day, with a view of crossing the railway to the eastward. He should now be west of Kromstadt. Several small commandos are in possession of the southeastern portion of the Orange River colony, from which the garrisons at Dewetsdorp, Wepoer, Smithfield, Kromstadt and Bloemfontein burghers are now bearing arms against the Boers. They say their object is not to operate against their former comrades, but to defend their homes and property against marauding bands.

Every town in the Free State occupied by the British will soon become a centre of British influence extending a long distance in their vicinity. More than 13,000 refugees are within the British lines, and many of them demand arms and permission to take the field. If their requests are granted it will be easy to enroll 2,000 burghers on the British side.

### LUTZ SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

#### The Pittston Wife Murderer Is Again Convicted on Second Trial. He Accuses Other Parties.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 11.—John Lutz, the Wilkes-Barre wife murderer, was sentenced to be hanged today by Judge Halsey. The prisoner, when asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, merely shook his head. He seemed dazed. When taken back to jail, he for the first time seemed to realize his position and told the warden it was not all over yet. A strict watch will be kept on him. Lutz was tried twice. At the first trial one of the jurors, after being out fifteen days, said he had been intimidated. He was sick, and in order to get out of the jury room he signed the verdict of murder in the first degree, although it was against his conscience to do so.

On the strength of this a new trial was granted the prisoner. The second time he was promptly found guilty in the first degree. An attempt was made to secure a third trial, but without success.

### BOTHA IS WILLING TO SURRENDER

#### He Has Asked an Armistice in Order to Communicate with De Wet and Steyn.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. London, March 11.—General Botha is willing to surrender. He asked an armistice in order to communicate with General De Wet and Mr. Steyn. Should they decline, it is believed nevertheless that General Botha will surrender.

The Boers have no artillery or ammunition and are burying all their guns.

The railway from Lorenzo Marques to Pretoria is practically clear of Boers.

### TO PRESERVE BALKAN PEACE.

#### Report That Russia and Turkey Have Reached an Understanding.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Constantinople, March 11.—The official newspaper Ikkam announces that Turkey and Russia have come to a complete understanding for the preservation of peace in the Balkans.

### Governor's Right of Veto.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—The Supreme court today argued the constitutional right of the governor to veto a portion of the public school appropriation reducing the same from \$11,000,000 to \$10,000,000, which was done by the act of May 15, 1900. Attorney Grey, of Centre county, and C. Tyson Kutz, of Montgomery county, appeared for the appellants, and Attorney General Eakin represented the Commonwealth. Decision was reserved.

### Nation Jury Disagreed.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Wichita, Kan., March 11.—No verdict was returned by the jury which last week heard evidence in the trial of Mrs. Carrie Nation for shooting a "join" in several weeks ago. The jury stood averse to live for conviction and was discharged today.

## ADVANCE TO BE CONTINUED.

### Berwind-White Coal Mining Company Notify Men.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., March 11.—Private address to Pittsburg announce the posting of notices late this evening by the Berwind-White Coal Mining company at Windber, Osceola, Mills, Horatio and other points in the Central Pennsylvania mining field, as follows: The average advance on per cent. in wages given our employees, April 1, 1901, will be continued until April 1, 1902.

(Signed) Berwind-White Coal Mining Co.

This notice affects about ten thousand men, all told, and is of the utmost importance in Central Pennsylvania mining operations. About 7,000 of this number of the men are employed at the mines at Windber. The action of the company continues in effect the highest rate of wages ever paid in the Central Pennsylvania field.

The Berwind-White Coal Mining company has announced to several sections of the Pennsylvania field, and the miners whom the company employ work steadily, owing to the fact that the company makes tide-water shipments almost exclusively, and owing, further, to the fact of the total absence of any general advance in wages in connection with the operations of the company.

## ICE MOVING IN THE SUSQUEHANNA

### The Heaviest Crop That Has Formed on the River Since 1875.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Lancaster, Pa., March 11.—The ice has begun to move on the Susquehanna at Columbia. There is a channel about a hundred feet wide along this side, but along the Wrightsville shore the ice is still intact. Between Columbia and Harrisburg the river is filled with floating ice, but it is thought that it is not so much as it was some years ago. At Marietta the condition is different and grave apprehension is felt. The water is steadily rising. The river is not yet bank full, but what is causing the most anxiety is the fear that the ice may drift away before there is a sufficient quantity of water to carry it off safely and that disastrous gorges will follow. Not since 1875, and probably not even then, has there been such heavy ice upon the river at this point. Immediately in front of the town the river is clear of ice on this side, and on the York county side it is only in a few places that when the ice just above the town breaks front street will be flooded. The ice varies in thickness from twelve to twenty inches, and in many places ice from above has lodged underneath to a depth of ten feet.

Later this afternoon a gorge formed in the Neck, a narrow channel in the river just above McCall's ferry, Tonawanda, where the Conestoga empties, the water is rising at the rate of a foot an hour, and it is feared that the town should escape flooding.

York, Pa., March 11.—A break-up of the ice on the Susquehanna occurred this morning, and a general movement of the ice commenced at Wrightsville. Reports from various points say to the effect that the ice was moving off quickly. There has been but a slight rise, and no damage is feared unless a gorge forms at McCall's ferry, eighteen miles below Wrightsville.

### LOG JAM NEAR CLEARFIELD.

#### Uneasiness Along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Clearfield, Pa., March 11.—Thousands of logs are jammed in the west branch of the Susquehanna river near Curwensville, six miles above here, and causing much uneasiness in Clearfield. The log jam above has lodged there fifteen feet high and is holding back a tremendous amount of water. Old lumbermen say that if this mass breaks not a single bridge will be left standing. All the rafts from up the river are held above. An effort will be made to work a channel through with dynamite.

Several farms have been practically ruined by the heavy rush of water. There is still two feet of snow in the woods.

### LARGE ANNUITY FOR EDWARD.

#### Significant Remark by the British Chancellor of Exchequer.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. London, March 11.—In the house of commons today Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, when moving the appointment of a select committee to consider the new civil list, conveyed a hint that an increase in the civil list might be expected.

He said that while the government's proposals would be based on the late Queen Victoria's civil list, it must be remembered that King Edward had a queen consort and that he was not only king of the United Kingdom, but the head of a world-wide empire.

### STRIKERS RETURN.

#### Five Hundred Men Again at Work at Hickory Swamp Colliery.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Shenandoah, Pa., March 11.—The strike of 500 men at the Hickory Swamp colliery, operated by the Union Coal company, ended today by the employees returning to work. All nonunion men joined the Mine Workers' union.

All collectors of the Union Coal company in the Ninth district, notices were posted announcing that the 10 per cent. increase granted in November last, would be continued until April 1, 1902. The miners say that they will ask the Board of Conciliation to insist on the company granting at least a 6 per cent. increase.

### Oleomargarine Law Sustained.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—The Supreme court today sustained the constitutionality of the oleomargarine law of May, 1900. The case came before the court on the appeal of McCann & Co., of Pittsburg, from the decision of the Pittsburgh common pleas court and the Superior court.

## LAUNDRY IS BLOWN UP

### Eight Persons Are Instantly Killed by the Explosion of a Boiler at Chicago.

## PROPERTY LOSS IS GREAT

### No Cause Has Yet Been Discovered for Chicago Disaster—Search for Dead Bodies Comes to an Abrupt Ending, Because of a Dispute Between Firemen and Police.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Chicago, March 11.—By the explosion of a boiler in the Doramus laundry, 423 West Madison street, this morning, eight people were instantly killed and several are missing. The list of fatalities is as follows: Frank Hannelin, Martha Jacob, Bessie Kussaba, Kate Voss, Catherine Kelly, George Piehl, Emma Sabruski, Minnie Olson.

Other bodies are believed to be in the ruins.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined with accuracy as yet, and it will probably require an official investigation to settle the matter. Pending the verdict of the coroner's jury A. L. Doramus, the proprietor of the laundry, is held in custody by the police.

The search for bodies came to a sudden end early in the afternoon and the work of rescue was entirely abandoned, because of a dispute between the firemen and police as to who was responsible for the recovery of the bodies which might be concealed beneath the debris. The firemen said they had performed their whole duty, and retired from the scene of the catastrophe and notice was sent to Jackson Bros., agents for the property, to immediately begin the work of pulling down the walls and clearing away the debris. Jackson Bros. were given two hours to comply with the order. The real estate firm soon had a number of wreckers at the ruins, and the work of pulling down the walls was immediately begun. This operation made it impossible to continue the search for bodies, but the work may be resumed tomorrow.

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## TESTIMONIAL TO THE LATE SENATOR MAGEE

### A Minute Adopted by the Officers of the Pennsylvania State League of Republican Clubs.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—The officers of the Pennsylvania State League of Republican clubs, in session today, adopted the following minute:

In the death of the Hon. Christopher L. Magee, of Pittsburg, the State League of Republican clubs loses a warm and devoted member. Mr. Magee was one of those men in politics who stood fearlessly for that which he believed to be to the best interests of the party, and that which he held to be right. He was broad and generous in his treatment of those with whom he came in contact, and there was nothing in his composition which manifested itself in petty revenge. He was a broad-voiced Republican, concerning whom even those who opposed him in politics have nagged but the good to say."

It was further resolved that this expression of regret for Mr. Magee be forwarded to his widow as a mark of the league's affection for the man.

### GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—The governor sent to the senate tonight the name of B. P. Kelly to be auditor for the Third ward of Bradford, vice C. C. Donohue, deceased, to serve until the first Monday of May, 1901. The nomination was ordered.

The governor also sent to the senate the names of the following gentlemen to be trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, for the term of three years: James Scudler, Danville; William K. Holloway, Danville; Fountain W. Order, Bellefonte; B. H. Detsinger, Williamsport; Olin E. Harvey, Wilkes-Barre; Howard Lyon, Williamsport; Monroe H. Kelly, Shamokin; Charles Cluett, Danville; W. L. Gouger, Danville.

### Bryan Visits New York.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. New York, March 11.—William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for presidency at the last national election, accompanied by Dr. J. H. Dieder and Congressman Salter, called on Mayor Van Wyck at the mayor's office in the city hall today. Mr. Bryan said his visit was a personal one and that he did not talk politics with Mr. Van Wyck.

### Thieves Wreck a Bank.

#### Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Holidayburg, Pa., March 11.—The Holloway Deposit bank, at Holidayburg, this county, was entered by thieves last night. The safe was wrecked by dynamite. The shock of the explosion broke all the plate glass in the bank in which the bank is located. The thieves escaped with about \$500 in currency. The building was damaged to the extent of about one thousand dollars.

### Dinner Postponed.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Harrisburg, Pa., March 11.—Governor Stone left at 1 o'clock for Pittsburg to attend the funeral of Senator C. L. Magee. Owing to the governor's absence the dinner to be given at the Superior court tomorrow evening at the executive mansion has been postponed until Wednesday.

## THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

### Weather Indications Today, FAIR; COLDER.

- 1 General—State Legislature Honors Magee. England Rejects the Amended Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. Ex-Burgbers Aiding the British in Africa. Fatal Explosion in a Chicago Laundry.
- 2 General—Carbondale Department.
- 3 Local—New Trial Ordered in the Duffin Case. President Gibbons' Appointments.
- 4 Editorial.
- 5 Note and Comment.
- 6 Local—Dramatic Suicide of Charles Koontz. Democratic Loss for Mayoralty Candidate.
- 7 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 8 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
- 9 Local—Message of Burgess Bushnell, of Dunmore. Live News of the Industrial World.

## COLLAPSE OF THE INSURRECTION

### General MacArthur Reports the Surrender of One of the Most Obstinate Territories in the Philippines.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 11.—The following cablegram has been received from General MacArthur at Manila: "General Mariano De Dios, four officers, 57 men, uniformed and armed, surrendered at Nais. This is regarded as very important, and indicating collapse of the insurrection, the territory heretofore obstinately defended. Conditions throughout the entire archipelago very encouraging—captures, surrenders of arms continue—2,168 arms surrendered and captured since January 1st.

(Signed) "MacArthur."

### CONGR LEAVES PEKIN.

#### The United States Minister Will Enter Upon His Sixty Days Vacation—Mr. Rockhill in Charge.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 11.—A cablegram received at the state department today announced the departure of Minister Conger from Peking this morning en route to the United States. His sixty days' leave of absence will begin when he reaches San Francisco.

Mr. Conger's message was as follows: "I leave Peking today for America. Rockhill is left in charge. (Signed) Conger."

Thus it appears clearly that Mr. Rockhill is not in any sense a successor to Mr. Conger as United States minister at Peking at this time, but simply a special commissioner, limited in his functions to the negotiations with the Chinese government and the other ministers for a settlement of the troubles growing out of the Boxer uprising.

### THE INJUNCTION ISSUED.

#### Supreme Court Reverses Lower Court in Case of O'Malley vs. Olyphant.

The Supreme court in an opinion handed down yesterday, in the case of C. P. O'Malley versus Borough of Olyphant, reversed the lower court. Attorney C. P. O'Malley, of this city, who is a taxpayer in Olyphant, petitioned court for an injunction restraining the authorities of the borough from making any money to Flanagan & O'Horo, sewer contractors.

He contended that the contract providing for the saddling of part of the cost of construction of the sewer on the borough was illegal, as the latter's indebtedness had already exceeded the limit fixed by law. The lower court refused to grant the injunction, and the case was appealed.

The Supreme court decrees that an injunction be issued by the court before restraining the borough, town council and treasurer of the borough from issuing any warrants and making any payments to Flanagan & O'Horo, or their assignees, for or on account of the construction of the sewer in question. The costs are equally divided between the borough and Flanagan & O'Horo.

The Supreme court also decrees that the First Sewer district of the borough of Olyphant, O'Malley's common pleas appeal, a case which was a side issue, be affirmed.

### EARLY MORNING FIRE.

#### B. Atlas' Store, on Market Street, Completely Guttled.

Fire early this morning destroyed the grocery store of B. Atlas at 117 West Market street. At 2:30 o'clock the flames were still raging. The fire broke out about 1:30 o'clock and an alarm was sent in from box 71, at Market street and North Main avenue.

The North Scranton companies responded and found the building, a large two-story structure, was already wrapped in flames. After an hour's work the firemen still had the blaze confined to the building and practically under control.

By that time the interior was, however, completely gutted and the use of the building was threatened. The building was owned by the Oshertown estate and the total loss to stock and structure will amount to several thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is not known.

### PHILADELPHIA WALKING RACE.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., March 11.—Most of the contestants in the six-day go-go-yon-please walking race, which began at 12:30 o'clock this morning, were in good condition at midnight, and much ground has been covered. A fair sized crowd was in attendance during the day and night.

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### WEATHER FORECAST.

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## THE TREATY REJECTED

### England Is Unable to Accept the Senate Changes in the Hay-Pauncefote Convention.

### CANAL BUSINESS CLOSED

#### The British Government Expresses Regret That the United States Has Taken Such Course, but Offers No Alternative—Secretary Hay Notices the President—It Is Believed That the Instructions Have Been in the Hands of Lord Pauncefote for Several Days.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press. Washington, March 11.—Lord Pauncefote today submitted to Secretary Hay his instructions from Lord Lansdowne respecting the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The document practically closes negotiations with Great Britain on the subject of the Nicaragua canal. The British government says it cannot accept the senate amendments to the treaty, and expresses regret that the United States has taken that course. No alternative, however, is offered.

Secretary Hay immediately notified the British note to the president. It is believed the instructions have been in the possession of Lord Pauncefote for several days, and that Secretary Hay had acquired a general knowledge of their character. The ambassador came to the state department today by appointment. He and the secretary were closeted for half an hour. At the conclusion of the conference the substance of the instructions were made public, as above, and it was added that if there is to be any further attempt to amend the treaty, the British note to the president.

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No opportunity was offered this afternoon for a conference between the president and Secretary Hay respecting the British answer, therefore it cannot be stated what action, if any, will be taken by our government. It is stated that there is no hurry, even in the event that it shall be decided to invite Great Britain to join in fresh negotiations as to an isthmian canal, congress not being in session to consider the subject.

The belief seems to be warranted that there will be no further negotiations on the subject in the immediate future, unless some event not now foreseen by the officials causes a radical change in the situation.

For the present the text of the British answer will be withheld from publication on this side of the water at least, though it is said that the president has thoroughly considered the matter, some general statement may be made as to the points developed.

### The Reply Is Friendly.

The British answer is quite long, as such documents go, and would make about two newspaper columns. The tone of the reply is distinctly friendly throughout, particularly so in the concluding assurances of good will and a desire to co-operate in the realization of the isthmian canal project. The text is withheld, it is understood that the answer takes up each of the three amendments made by the senate and presents the difficulties in the way of assenting to them. As to the amendment which struck out all that clause of the treaty relating to maritime nations to occur in the neutralization of the canal, the British view is that while the United States and Great Britain can bind themselves by treaty to neutralize the canal, they cannot make this action binding on all other governments, unless these governments consent.

As to the entire abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, as provided by one of the senate amendments, it appears to be the British view that such a step is too far reaching to be taken without some restriction on the part of the British side of the case is presented. The so-called Davis amendment appears, however, to be the chief obstacle in the way of an agreement, and while the British answer makes no suggestion of any further negotiation, it seems to be a fair inference from its general tenor that if a modification of this amendment could be secured, there probably could be an adjustment on the other points of the treaty.

The heading also makes plain that while it does not make counter propositions, or propose further action, yet it does not preclude such action by laying down a course which will be adhered to without the slightest diversion.

On the contrary the answer takes the form of an agreement tending to show that the amendments proposed by the senate do not fairly consider the various British interests involved, and that for that reason they cannot be accepted in the form presented. There is nothing precatory in the tone of the answer.

The Hay-Pauncefote negotiations have been in progress something over two years, and owing to the great interests involved they have constituted the chief international question at issue before the state department.

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