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EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON IS DYING

No Hope of His Recovery Is Now Entertained by Physicians at His Bedside.

CAN LIVE BUT FEW HOURS

No Hope Has Been Entertained by His Physicians Since 5 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon—Owing to Instructions from General Harrison at the Beginning of His Illness It Has Been Difficult to Obtain News of His Condition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Indianapolis, March 12.—General Benjamin Harrison can live but a few hours. His condition up to an early hour this morning was encouraging to his physicians, but then he became restless and an hour or so later Dr. Jameson, who had left the ex-president's bedside at midnight for his own home, was hastily summoned by Dr. Dorsey, who has remained constantly in the sick room for several days past.

None but the physicians and a few intimate friends are admitted to the house, although there has been a constant stream of callers all day. Those at the Harrison residence are Mrs. Harrison and little Elizabeth, Private Secretary Tibbetts, Drs. Jameson, Dorsey and Hadley, and a corps of trained nurses. Colonel Russell B. Harrison and Mrs. McKee have been advised by wire of the serious turn in the general's condition, and the former has wired that he will leave Washington Wednesday morning for Indianapolis. Mrs. McKee, however, is detained at her home in Saratoga, N. Y., through the illness of her children.

When the general was taken sick it is said he requested his physicians to make no unnecessary alarming reports to the public as to his condition. Following these instructions, it has been with the greatest difficulty that any news has been obtained from the bedside. When an inquiry is made by telephone as to the general's condition, the inquirer is promptly referred to Dr. Jameson. The latter is now issuing hourly bulletins to the press.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Jameson declared in his bulletin that General Harrison's condition was critical. At 3 and 4 o'clock additional bulletins were issued which simply stated that no change in condition of the general had occurred from earlier in the afternoon. Drs. Jameson, Hadley and Dorsey watched by the bedside.

All Hope Abandoned.

At 5 o'clock this evening it became apparent that the general was dying, and the physicians now make no effort to conceal the real gravity of the situation. They say it is a matter of hours only, all hope of his recovery is abandoned.

General Harrison continued to sink from early this morning. He was for the greater part of the time in a semi-comatose condition, and at times there were indications of approaching delirium.

Early tonight there was increased respiration, which indicated creeping congestion, and the strength of General Harrison began to diminish rapidly. At 10 o'clock he was much weaker than he had been two hours before, and from that time on the sinking rapidly continued.

Shortly after 10 o'clock tonight, with his face plainly betraying his agitation, Dr. Jameson left the Harrison residence for his office to procure some medicines which the gravity of the case demanded. When he returned he said that the condition of General Harrison was extremely critical, and it is impossible to say how long the patient may be able to resist the deepening of the congestion.

During the afternoon the physicians resorted to the oxygen treatment in an endeavor to mitigate the constant pain and labor of breathing with which General Harrison contended. By this means the ability of the parts of the lungs not congested and inflamed to purify the blood was greatly increased. It was this treatment which saved the life of Rudyard Kipling during his illness in New York.

Dr. Jameson in giving out the public bulletins has been conservative, and it is believed by some that General Harrison's condition is even more alarming than these bulletins indicate.

It was stated this morning that a prominent member of the Harrison family had telephoned at noon that all hope had been abandoned.

Telegram from Mr. McKinley.

Among the many telegrams received today was one from President McKinley. Numerous similar messages have been received. General Tracy, of New York; John W. Noble, St. Louis; Senator Atkins, of West Virginia, and John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, also sent telegrams. Daniel M. Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms for the United States senate, left Washington for Indianapolis today when he learned of the serious condition of General Harrison.

The people of Indianapolis were not less eager for news from the bedside than the citizens of other cities and states, and the telephones in the newspaper offices were in constant use during the day in answer to inquiries.

The news that there seemed to be no hope of recovery came as a shock to the neighbors and friends of the ex-president, although they knew he was very ill.

The sudden illness of the general recalled to many persons that he has been seen in public this winter probably more than ever, and appeared willing to discuss all questions of national interest. He has been conspicuous by a series of articles in the North American Review.

In Good Health Wedensday.

General Harrison was in perfect health last Wednesday, and, contrary to general report, was not suffering from a cold or illness of any sort. He was in full possession of the vitality and vigor which has characterized these later years of his life to a remarkable extent. Wednesday morning he went to the law office, where he remained for about an hour and a half, talking with several friends. He walked all the distance for the sake of exercise, and on the way met a number of friends to whom he bowed in his characteristic way. He returned from his afternoon walk without even feeling fatigued, and in the evening went to one of the neighbor's to make a short call. Thursday morning he awakened with a pain in his chest, which at first was hardly noticeable but later gradually grew worse until Mrs. Harrison became alarmed, and Dr. Jameson was summoned. He pronounced it simply a cold, and feared no alarming results. Then the lungs became rapidly affected and the illness was complicated with neuralgia. Saturday his condition was serious, but not such as to cause particular alarm. Sunday, for the first time, the physicians began to have fears for the recovery of the patient, but said little to the public about the seriousness of General Harrison's condition. Next day it was announced to the public that the illness was more alarming than was at first supposed, and that there was danger that the general would never recover from the attack. Since Monday morning his condition has gradually grown worse.

Shortly after 11 o'clock tonight W. H. H. Miller telephoned from the Harrison home to his law partner, John B. Elam, asking him to come to General Harrison's bedside, as death was liable to occur at any moment. The two will remain at the bedside all night.

GREAT BRITAIN'S REPLY INVITES PROPOSALS

There Is No Desire on Part of the English Government to Drop Negotiations.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, March 12.—The foreign office officials are nettled at the statement that no opening is left for the further action in the case of Great Britain's reply to the United States' amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. It is pointed out that Great Britain's reply invites further proposals from the United States.

A representative of the Associated Press has been officially informed that there is no desire on the part of the British government that the matter should be dropped. They confidently expect further negotiations and hope for a satisfactory conclusion, though this does not lessen their insistence on the integrity of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty until both signatories consent to its abrogation.

RIOTS IN ROME.

Clerical Party Mobbed and Spat Upon in the Streets.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Rome, March 12.—Riotous scenes occurred here today owing to a dispute in the municipal council between the Clericals and the anti-Clericals over the subject of education. The former advocated and the latter opposed religious instruction in the schools. The Clericals, being defeated, resigned their seats in the council. When the mayor announced their resignation student and other civilians who crowded the hall broke into cheers for the anti-Clerical faction. They also used insulting language to the Clericals, and an uproar followed, which made it necessary to suspend the sittings of the council.

When the Clericals retired they were followed into the street by the crowd, which surrounded them and used opprobrious language, spat in their faces and threatened them with sticks. The police eventually intervened and dispersed the rioters.

PRINCE LUITPOLD'S BIRTHDAY.

Regent of Bavaria Eighty Years Old Today—Celebrations in Munich.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Munich, March 12.—The city is having the most splendid celebration for many years past in honor of the eightieth birthday of Prince Luitpold, the regent of Bavaria, and virtually king.

The kaiser is represented by the crown prince of Germany, and every court of Europe has sent its congratulations.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria arrived today and was received in the station by Prince Luitpold. Large crowds lined the route to the palace and heartily cheered the royalties as they passed.

Consumption Contagious.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Consumption was placed on the list of contagious diseases by the board of health of this city today, and physicians must now report to the health officer all cases and deaths. It is not the intention of the board to isolate victims of the disease. The work of the members is to be purely educational—to offer advice as to precautionary methods. Medicines and disinfectants will be supplied to worthy poor patients.

Dr. Zaner Dies.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, March 12.—Dr. Lloyd Zaner, who attempted to commit suicide last Saturday by cutting his throat and wrist with a razor, died today in the hospital, pneumonia having set in from the loss of blood, and he succumbed to this disease.

Rabbi Levy Reappointed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 12.—J. Leonard Levy, associate rabbi of Kenesseth Israel, of this city, was reappointed for five years, with an increase of salary of from $4,000 to $7,000.

Mr. Kruger Will Not Sanction It.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Brussels, March 12.—Dr. Leyds announced that Mr. Kruger will ignore the surrender negotiations between General Botha and Lord Kitchener.

THE MINISTERS MEET AT PEKIN

They Present a List of Ninety-Six Minor Officials as Deserving Punishment.

SIX HEADS DEMANDED

Ministers to Meet Daily Hereafter. Owners of Property Confiscated for Legation Defense to Be Compensated—The Question of Indemnity. The State Department at Washington Much Exercised Over Russia's Attitude.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, March 12.—A general meeting of the foreign ministers was held today. The reports of the committees were heard.

Regarding more punishment of the Chinese connected with the Boxers there is strenuous opposition against demanding many more heads, but a list, containing the names of ninety-six minor officials, will be presented soon to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang. Those men, it will be urged, should be tried for complicity in the outrages and punished when found guilty, in such a manner as the Chinese themselves see fit, except in the case of six men who, the ministers believe, should be put to death.

The report of the committee on the general principles on which indemnity claims should be considered was adopted. Those claims which are palpably unjust will be disallowed.

Mr. Rockhill's proposition providing for daily meetings of the ministers is to be followed so far as practicable. Should any minister be unable to attend, no meeting is to be held.

The report of the committee on legation quarter defense will probably be considered tomorrow. Though the Chinese owners of property confiscated have not been notified the ministers' registrar of claims will probably see that the amount involved, where just, is added to the total of the general indemnity.

The ministers will soon meet Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang to consider questions regarding public buildings and grounds.

Shanghai, March 12.—The American and British China associations have cabled to their respective institutions in Washington and London urging that protests be made against the Russian-Chinese Manchurian treaty, and it is understood that the Germans have taken similar action.

It is said that Chang Chi Tung, viceroy of Hankow, will open treaty ports on the Yank-tse-Kiang, below Woo-Chang.

Washington, March 12.—Notwithstanding official denials it is learned that the state department is much exercised over the Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria. It is the opinion that if the agreement is allowed to go into effect, it will result in serious detriment to the commerce of the United States, which, with that section of the Chinese empire, is of great and growing importance.

YOUNG GIRL ASSAULTED.

Brooklyn Youths, It Is Alleged, Attempt to Emulate the Example of the Paterson Fiends.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 12.—Mary Paige, the pretty 16-year-old daughter of C. H. Paige, lies in her father's home, Brooklyn, the victim of assault. Since she was found yesterday morning wandering in the streets, it is said she has been conscious only a few minutes, when she managed to gasp out that she had been lured to a livery stable by three young men, forced to drink a drugged liquid, and had been assaulted by three men.

The police acted promptly. This afternoon they arrested George Abbott, jr., 17 years old, Brooklyn. He admitted knowing Mary, said he had taken her for a walk Sunday night, and that two other young men had joined them, but declared that he knew nothing about her having been drugged, and denied that there had been any assault. He gave the names of two other youths, and warrants were sworn out for their arrest.

Late this afternoon the detectives took a young man to the Adams street police court, where he made a long affidavit before Magistrate Brenner. The detectives said the youth was a most important witness in the case. They would not permit him to talk.

SURRENDER AT GUBAT.

Insurgent Major Pulay with 49 Officers and 240 Men Stop Fighting.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, March 12.—Captain Gullick, of the Forty-seventh Volunteer infantry, has received the surrender of the insurgent Major Pulay, with forty-nine officers and 240 men, at the town of Gubat, in Albay province, Southern Luzon.

Lieutenant Watson, of the Forty-fifth Volunteer infantry, while scouting near the hamlet of Bado, in Camarines province, Southern Luzon, killed five insurgents and destroyed fifteen of the enemy's thatched barracks.

Superior Court Convenes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, March 12.—The March term of the Superior court opened here today with all the judges sitting with the exception of Judge Mitchell. The court is expected to hand down a number of opinions before the adjournment next week.

Kinfaun's Castle Afloat Again.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Southampton, March 12.—The Kinfaun's Castle, from Cape Town, which ran aground in a heavy fog near The Needles, has been floated without damage and docked at this port.

HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD DEFEATED BY VOTE.

President Russell Defeats the Resolution in Senate at Honolulu.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Honolulu, March 5, via San Francisco.—In the Senate today Cecil Brown, senator from Honolulu, called for a vote on a motion to table a resolution asking congress to grant Hawaii statehood.

When the votes were announced it was found President Russell had voted in favor of the motion, thus defeating the resolution, asking statehood. Brown accused the president of acting in an arbitrary manner by voting. Brown was called to order and refused to surrender the floor, and the sergeant-at-arms arrested him. The men would have come to blows had not a motion to adjourn prevailed.

ICE BLOCKADE BROKEN.

The Crop at Wilkes-Barre Goes Out with a Rush.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 12.—The ice blockade in the Susquehanna river at this point broke up this morning and it went out with a rush. Some of the lowlands on the west bank of the river were flooded, but no damage of any consequence was done.

The water in the river fell five and a half feet this afternoon, and all danger of a flood is past.

TO HONOR HEROES OF BRANDYWINE

Bill Appropriate $5,000 for the Purchase of the Ground for Burial Purposes—Measures Passed Finally.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, March 12.—A bill appropriating $5,000 for the purchase of the necessary ground to which to remove and bury the remains of the American soldiers killed at the battle of Brandywine, fought at Birmingham, Chester county, September 11, 1777, and to provide for the purchase of such other parts of the battleground as may be necessary to preserve intact the lines of battle and to provide for the purchase and erection of proper markers to mark the American line of battle, was introduced in the house today by Mr. Lack, of Chester.

These bills passed finally: Senate bill authorizing railroad corporations which shall own at least two-thirds of the whole capital stock of any other like corporation of this commonwealth, and shall have railroad connecting with the latter, to acquire the franchise, property rights and credits of the latter.

Ratifying and confirming all paving done in third class cities since May 23, 1895, without petition of property owners under any ordinance passed in compliance with the provisions of article 5, section 3, clause 10.

Authorizing county treasurers to refund on warrant drawn by the county commissioners to aliens the tax of three cents per day paid into the county treasury under the act of June 15, 1897.

The Cotter bill amending the act of June 13, 1883, relative to the distribution and use of unclaimed bodies for scientific purposes, to provide that the friends may claim their bodies for burial, was defeated.

At 12:30, on motion of Mr. Roth, the house adjourned until 2 o'clock out of respect to the memory of Senator Magee.

The bill framed at yesterday's conference of state Democrats will be introduced tomorrow. A copy of the bill was mailed to Senator Quay at St. Lucie, Fla., today.

SENATOR MAGEE'S FUNERAL.

The Largest Seen in Pittsburg in Many Years—Trolley System Suspended.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, March 12.—The remains of the late Senator C. L. Magee, who died at Harrisburg last Friday night, were interred in the Allegheny cemetery this afternoon. The services, which were comparatively simple, were held at Trinity Episcopal church, and were conducted by Bishop Cortland, assisted by Rev. Dr. Alfred Rennet and Rev. David Jones, president of Adrian college. Among those in attendance were Governor Stone, all the state officials, and the members of the state senate, who came from Harrisburg in a body to pay their last respects to their dead colleague. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the city in years, and the church was crowded to the doors, hundreds being unable to gain admittance.

At the time set for the funeral the current was turned off every trolley car on the great system of the Consolidated Traction company for two minutes and work was entirely suspended as a mark of respect to the deceased president.

CHINA'S PREDICAMENT.

There Is Reason to Believe That She Has Appealed to United States.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, March 12.—There is reason to believe that China has appealed to the United States in her extremity, but whether the appeal is broader and is to other nations as well, it is not possible to learn at present. Nothing has been heard from Russia since the verbal communication last week, setting forth the rectitude of Russia's objects in China generally, and in Manchuria in particular.

Minister Wu has been almost a daily caller at the state department, and it is evident that the Chinese are impressed by the belief that the crisis has been reached and that the destiny of Manchuria depends upon the immediate action of the powers.

GOVERNMENT IN LUCENA.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lucena, Taybas province, Luzon, March 12.—The United States army transport Sumner arrived off Lucena last evening. This morning a party of fifty crossed the shallows and were driven to town. They proceeded with the organization of a provincial government in Lucena.

Colonel Gardener, late of the Thirtieth Volunteer infantry, was today appointed civil governor of the province.

Pauncefote's Appointment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, March 12.—Lord Pauncefote has been appointed a member of the privy council

SURRENDER OF BOTHA

The British Government Said to Be Expecting Its Speedy Announcement.

WHEN ARMISTICE EXPIRES

It Is Thought That the Date Is March 14—Botha Will Undoubtedly Yield but There Is No Certainty About the Other Boer Commanders—Continuous Rains Interfere with Movements of Troops.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, March 12.—A report is current here that the government anticipates a speedy announcement of the surrender of General Botha, the Boer commander in chief.

Inquiries at the war office show that the officials there have no recent news of the surrender negotiations. They think the armistice expires March 14, and they are inclined to believe that General Botha will surrender, but they are doubtful in regard to the other Boer commanders in the field.

General Kitchener, in a dispatch dated Pretoria, March 12, says General De Wet is north of Brandford (Orange River Colony).

Continuous rains have interfered with the movements of the troops in Cape Colony. Two bands of Boers are being hunted among the hills by troops under Gorringe, Delisle, Grenfell and Henniker.

Bloemfontein, March 12.—Colonel Pilcher's column has cleared the country of Boers between this place and the Orange River. The column has arrived here, bringing in thirty-three prisoners and 3,000 horses.

Cape Town, March 12.—A few Boer raiders recently attacked Sheldon, a small place in southern Cape Colony, about one hundred miles north of Port Elizabeth. They destroyed the station, but did no other damage. Troops have gone in pursuit of them.

Calcutta, March 12.—The government is preparing for the possible arrival of 5,000 Boer prisoners, who will be disposed of in batches of a thousand.

BIG BREWERY BLOWN UP.

Three Persons Killed, Two Injured and One Missing—Damage, $100,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

McKeesport, Pa., March 12.—The McKeesport brewing plant, valued at $100,000, was completely demolished this morning by an explosion of the cooker. Three persons were killed and two injured by the collapse of the building, and one man is missing. Another man, who was standing on a freight car watching the rescuers at work, was knocked from the car and was beheaded by a passing train. The dead are: Joseph Fiereckle, engineer, of New Kensington; Mathew Mauerr, of Glassport, worked in cooking department; James Ashton, McKeesport, while viewing the ruins, was run over and killed by a Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghiogheny train.

The injured are Patrick Spencer and Mrs. Spencer.

The terrific force of the explosion completely demolished the large brick structure. One wall fell on the Spencer dwelling adjoining, and the occupants were buried in the ruins. Patrick Spencer was badly injured and may die. His wife was cut and bruised, but not dangerously hurt. Miss Carbaugh, an employe of the National Tube company, who was seen in the vicinity just before the explosion, is missing. The cause of the explosion is not known.

BRYAN IN PURSUIT OF "ADS."

Editor and Publisher of "The Commoner" Visits Philadelphia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Colonel William Jennings Bryan paid a visit to this city today and was entertained by publishers and editors of the leading newspapers. He visited the big newspapers. He said this visit was one of business alone. He said that he is preparing to enlarge The Commoner and that he wants advertising.

"I have found," he said, "that the advertisement end should not be overlooked by a progressive newspaper man. I started small, but I am ready to expand."

Mr. Bryan tonight attended a public meeting which was addressed by Sexto Lopez, of Balangas, Philippine Islands. After the meeting he left for New York.

PHILADELPHIA WALKING MATCH.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Seven starters in the six-day go-as-you-please race, which began here at midnight Sunday, have dropped out of the contest, but the fifteen remaining show great endurance. The interest is lively. The score of the first ten men at 11 o'clock tonight was as follows: Glyck, 200 miles, Hegelman, 196; Howarth, 191; Hart, 190; Cavanaugh, 186; Barnes, 185; Dean, 170; Golden, 155; Tracy, 144; McTague, 142.

Murdered and Robbed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilmington, Del., March 12.—George Hearn, a wheelwright of Harrington, was found murdered at an unfrequented spot at that place today. The head was badly battered, as if with a club, and there is also indication of a bullet wound in the head. Mr. Hearn was known to have had about $300 in his pocket, and when found the pockets were found rifled. There is as yet no clue to the murderers.

Nesbitt Bill Endorsed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, March 12.—The Nesbitt bill was formerly endorsed today by the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical association, here, today. The bill is pending in the house, and will probably come up tomorrow for second reading.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

RAIN; WARMER.

1 General—Ex-President Harrison Dying. Ballot Reform Bills Rejected at Harrisburg. England Expects the Surrender of Botha.

2 General—Carbondale Department.

3 Local—Recorder Moir Replies to the Quo Warranto. Methodist Ministers Discuss Church Work.

4 Editorial. Note and Comment.

5 Local—Reorganization Ordinance Passes Two Readings. Silk Strikers Draw Up Scale Preparatory to Arbitration.

6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

7 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.

8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

CONVENTION OF THE MINE WORKERS

President Mitchell Presides at Hazleton—The Garner Bill Is Endorsed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hazleton, Pa., March 12.—It was nearly 11 o'clock when President Mitchell called the convention of United Mine Workers to order today. After the committees on credentials and organization had been appointed, and reported, there was a long discussion on the indorsement of the Garner mine inspector's bill now before the legislature. Some delegates were opposed to the proposed reduction in salaries, while others favored the election of the inspectors only by the miners, all other voters to be excluded. The matter was finally postponed until tomorrow.

The mine operators of the anthracite region were not in attendance. Mr. Mitchell, in his opening address, said he had hoped all of the operators in this region would follow the example set by the bituminous operators and meet their men in joint conference.

After consideration the Garner bill was endorsed at this afternoon's session.

Hon. W. J. Jeffries, of Hazleton; Charles Gildeau, of Lansford; P. J. Carney, of Archbald; Michael Brennan, of Shenandoah, and Henry Collins, of Scranton, were appointed a committee to examine all proposed mining legislation to be presented at Harrisburg, with instructions to make recommendations to the convention.

Just before the afternoon adjournment, President Mitchell declined the offer of the miners of the anthracite fields regarding the collection of funds by them for the purchase of a home for his occupancy. He suggested that the money be used for the erection of a monument in memory of the men who fell four years ago at Lattimer.

John Fahey, of the national executive board, announced that bills were in course of preparation for the abolition of the coal and iron policemen in Pennsylvania.

The presence here tonight of several operators from the Schuylkill district, who are watching the work of the convention, is responsible for the spread of a rumor that some of them will enter into joint conference with the miners, but as yet nothing definite in that direction has developed. Equalization of wages in the Hazleton region was discussed at a meeting of delegates this evening.

A meeting of the executive board of the three districts was also held.

SILK WEAVERS' STIKE WILL BE SETTLED

An Amicable Agreement Reached at Wilkes-Barre—Both Sides Make Concessions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, March 12.—Indications now point strongly to a settlement of the silk weavers' strike in this section. For over a month past employes of mills located in this city, Pittston, Scranton and Carbondale have been on strike for more wages. All attempts to bring about a settlement failed until this afternoon, when a conference between the striking employes of Bamford Bros.' mill, in this city, and representatives of the firm was held. An amicable agreement was reached, both sides making concessions.

The strike will be declared off tomorrow, and the employes will return to work on Monday. An increase of wages, averaging twenty per cent. all around, will be granted.

The strikers are well pleased with the terms of settlement. It is thought now that as Bamford Bros. are ready to resume operations, that the mills in Scranton, Pittston and Carbondale will follow suit.

STARCH FACTORY BURNED.

Largest of Its Kind—Loss $325,000. Explosion Causes Fire.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Kankakee, Ill., March 12.—The Archer Starch factory, the largest of the kind in the world, burned today. Estimated loss, $325,000; insurance, $125,000.

The explosion of a large grinder started the fire. Combustion due to iron nails and wet starch caused the explosion, which blew out the sides of the largest building and caused it to collapse.

Indicted for Bookmaking.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 12.—Marcus Moore and William Lewis have been indicted by the grand jury, charged with bookmaking. The two men were arrested March 3 in a raid at No. 80 Sixth avenue, where the "Allens' West Side Club" has always been.

Ohio Recedes.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, March 12.—At midnight the Ohio river had receded to seventeen feet and still falling. From all upriver points on both the Allegheny and Monongahela, come reports of falling water, little ice, no rain and all danger passed.

REFORM BILLS ARE REJECTED

House Elections Committee Has Decided to Report Adversely Upon Four New Ballot Schemes.

BEACOM BILL APPROVED

Measure Introduced to Prevent the Appearance of Children on the Stage—Bills Passed Finally—An Effort to Protect Philadelphians from the Wiles of the Ticket Seller, A License for Non-Resident Gunners—Other Bills Considered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 12.—The house elections committee at a meeting today decided to report adversely four ballot reform bills and favorably the Beacom bill requiring counties to pay the expenses of election contests. The bills negatived are the Bedford bill, framed by the Pennsylvania Ballot Reform association; the VanDyke primary election bill, endorsed by the Pittsburg chamber of commerce; the Chew bill, making voting compulsory, and the Arnold bill, requiring candidates to file a sworn statement of their election expenses.

Mr. Hess, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than $50 nor more than $100, for the first offense and an imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than three years, for the employment of children under eighteen years for theatrical or athletic performances, singing exhibitions, or for playing upon musical instruments.

Bills Passed Finally.

These bills passed finally in the house:

Requiring the price to be printed upon tickets of admission to places of amusement, theaters, parks, exhibitions, athletic grounds and outdoor games in Philadelphia.

Regulating and licensing of sellers of tickets of admission to visitors to places of amusement, parks, exhibitions, athletic grounds and outdoor games in Philadelphia.

Requiring non-resident gunners to secure a license before hunting in Pennsylvania.

Regulating and defining the boundary lines of public roads. Supplement to the general corporation act of 1874, authorizing the formation of corporations for profit by voluntary association of three or more persons, one of whom must be a citizen of Pennsylvania.

Validating changes heretofore made in the names of corporations by courts.

Regulating the number of directors in corporations chartered under the laws of Pennsylvania.

Making a special appropriation of $30,000 to the soldiers' orphans' school for extraordinary expenses incurred during the two years ending May 31, 1901.

Authorizing railroads heretofore or hereafter constructed to any river forming the boundary between this and any adjoining state to be built by means of a bridge and its approaches to the middle of such river and there connect with any railroad of such adjoining state heretofore or hereafter constructed.

Other Bills Considered.

The bill regulating the weight of black blasting powder made or used in kegs was amended on motion of Mr. Garner, of Schuylkill, to provide that each keg shall be plainly stamped with the name of the person or corporation manufacturing the powder and the number of pounds contained in the keg, after which it passed first reading and was laid aside for printing.

The bill amending section 12 of the Bullitt act to increase from three to six the number of newspapers authorized to publish the official advertisements in Philadelphia, was beaten by a vote of 75 to 33, a constitutional majority of 103 not having voted in the affirmative.

The bill to provide for the centralization of township schools and to provide for township high schools was postponed after the house refused to go into committee of the whole for general amendment.

The bill supplementary to the act of June 27, 1895, relative to game commissioners, extending the power of game protectors, making disposition of fines received by them and regulating their pay, was defeated.

The house adjourned at 5 o'clock until 10 tomorrow morning.

DROWNED IN THE POTOMAC.

Ferryman McDaniels and His Passenger Victims of the Flood.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cumberland, Md., March 12.—Miss Mary Callan, daughter of a prominent merchant at Little Orleans, this county, and John McDaniels, ferryman, were drowned in the Potomac river this morning at Little Orleans by the ferryboat in which they were crossing upsetting.

The cable, which was moored to a tree, broke and the boat, whirled around by the swift river, upset. McDaniels' body was recovered, but Miss Callan's body has not yet been found. Miss Callan was on her way to the train to meet her sister.

Called to Wilkes-Barre.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 12.—The Rev. W. H. Morgan, of the Central Methodist Episcopal church, Newark, has received a call to the First Methodist Episcopal church of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Chinese on the Border.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Malone, N. Y., March 12.—The Malone officials captured 48 Chinese on the border today. They will probably be sent to Ogdensburg. It is said 20 more are coming tomorrow.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 12.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Increasing cloudiness and rain. Warmer Wednesday; fresh southeasterly winds becoming southerly.