

VAUGHAN BILL IS TOO LATE

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DESPERATE MEASURES

Will Be Employed to Get the Bill Through in Time if Possible—An Effort to Work Upon Special Orders—The Committee on Rules Looked to for a Resolution Arranging the Business—The W. C. T. U. Will Fight the Proposed Measure.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, March 20.—To enact the Vaughan liquor license bill in time to permit the county treasurer to accept \$500 as the fee for this year's licenses is impracticable. It is almost a physical impossibility. The two hundred and eighty liquor dealers who have been granted licenses will have to pay the \$1,100 or allow their licenses to go by default.

The bill is just one day behind time. It passed third reading in the senate this morning at 11 o'clock by a vote of 99 to 9, only two of the members present refraining from voting. It was immediately messaged to the house and took its place with other communications on the speaker's table. This afternoon it was communicated to the house and referred to the law and order committee, of which Representative Stator, of Philadelphia, is chairman. He agreed to have an early meeting of this committee to consider the bill and it is expected it will be reported to the house some time tomorrow, so that it may be passed on first reading Friday morning and ready for second and final reading early next week.

It is impossible to get the bill through the house this week, even though no objection were offered to it, because a bill cannot be passed on two readings in one day, and under a "order of the day" rule the house adjourns its week's sitting at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

At 12:45 this afternoon, while the house was still at its morning session, ex-Sheriff Robinson, William Kelly and others who are interesting themselves in the passage of the measure, were holding a consultation in the Commonwealth as to the possibilities of getting the measure to the governor before next Saturday. It was thought to be a practical impossibility, even with no one objecting to the measure, until one of the party suggested a scheme that would make it possible.

The scheme was to have the speaker clear his table before the morning session adjourned, which would be perfectly regular and wholly discretionary with the chair, and then induce the law and order, or whatever committee got it, to consider it during the noon recess, report it to the house the very first thing this afternoon, secure unanimous consent to pass it on first reading without having it to wait the formality of being inscribed on the calendar—which is not unusual—and by "special orders" have it considered on second reading tomorrow and third reading Friday.

Desperate Measures. It was a long shot, but desperate diseases require desperate remedies, and it was decided to make a try at it. As a first step the speaker's table would have to be cleared before the noon adjournment. It was then close to 1 o'clock and the house usually took its recess at that hour. A messenger was dispatched to the house with instructions to have one of the representatives induce the speaker to clear his table before the recess. The messenger was at the foot of the steps leading to the house when members were seen emerging. He was two minutes late.

They Favor Ballot Reform. Harrisburg, March 20.—An informal meeting of Democratic senators and members was held here today at which Colonel James M. Guffey of Pittsburg, members of the Democratic national committee, made a speech in favor of the passage of a ballot reform law by the present legislature.

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Canned Roast Beef, Perhaps. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, March 20.—Contracts for furnishing the United States army with nearly a million pounds of meat for use in the Philippines were awarded to Chicago packers today.

CAPE REBELS ARE SHOT

A Court-Martial Sentence Is Executed on Three Train Wreckers.

THE VERDICT APPROVED

General Kitchener Confirms the Finding of the Court—Fight Near Cradock—Burghers Defeated by the British, with Loss of Nine Killed and Seven Wounded—Disappointment in London Over Failure of Peace Negotiations.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cape Town, March 20.—J. P. Minaber, S. Minaber and J. A. Neuwoudt were shot at De Aar yesterday evening, in pursuance of the sentence of a court-martial, for treason and murder. The death sentence was passed a week ago, in connection with the wrecking of the train near Taabosch, by which five men were killed, General Kitchener confirmed the verdict.

The garrison was paraded and the prisoners were led out at sunset. Death was instantaneous. A Dutch church minister and relatives remained with the prisoners till the end.

Two other men concerned in the train-wrecking were sentenced to terms of five years' penal servitude. In a despatch from Cradock, Cape Colony, it is announced that Colonel Goringe's force engaged Kritzinger's force of Boers March 15. The latter lost nine killed and had seven wounded. The British loss was one man killed and ten men wounded.

London, March 20.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon makes pessimistic comment on General Botha's refusal to accept the peace terms offered by Lord Kitchener, and gives the details of the situation in China. It adds that the powers are at sixes and sevens in the far east and that any day may see the beginning of a struggle from which the Boers may recover their own. The failure of the peace negotiations means that the military position in South Africa is not yet decisive.

ROutine Work in Senate and House

Committee of Investigation Will Leave for Scranton Today—Bills to Raise Labor Age Limit.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Harrisburg, March 20.—Bills will be introduced tomorrow to raise to 14 years the age limit at which minors can be employed in mines, factories, mills and the like, and stipulating that in case of mine employment, a minor between the age of 14 and 16 must furnish a sworn affidavit of his age from the parent or guardian.

The sub-committee which will visit Lackawanna and Luzerne counties Friday and Saturday to investigate the needs of the charitable institutions applying for state aid is composed of Messrs. Haworth, McTigue, Colville, Hoch, Pomeroy and Baker. They will leave for Scranton at 7:55 tomorrow morning.

The bill providing for licensing stationery engineers and enforcing semi-monthly taxes, and the Vaughan bill increasing the judges' salaries, came out of committee this morning and will be on the calendar tomorrow.

The bill authorizing and regulating the granting of warrants and patents by the secretary of internal affairs for the beds of navigable streams and islands therein for mining purposes, was laid over when it came up on third reading in the senate.

The bill exempting agricultural societies and driving clubs from the operations of the 1895 pool selling law also went over, at the motion of its friends, in the senate, and a similar bill was reported favorably from the house by state aid its committee.

A bill prohibiting the placing of material of all kinds on the roadway of improved county roads was amended in committee of the whole, to include all roads and allow the use of ashes after which it passed third reading and was laid aside for printing.

The bill providing that school districts established by private enterprise or other agencies was amended to provide that such schools shall be non-sectarian, and then passed third reading.

These bills were defeated: Creating the office of assistant district attorney in counties having a population of less than 10,000, and where the cost of the office that such an office is necessary he shall be paid out of the county funds.

BURIAL OF MR. BROSIUS

Funeral Attended by Members of Congress.

ESTABLISHING GOVERNMENTS

Encouraging Cablegrams from Judge Taft, of the Commission in Philippines.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS

The Commissioners Have Organized Tabayas, Ramblon, Sikuyan, Masbate, Ticao and Burias—Will Go to Jolo and Mindanao—On Returning Will Organize Iloilo, Capiz, Cebu and Other Municipalities—Marked Improvement in the General Situation.

CONFERENCE AT STROUDSBURG

The 114th Annual Session of Methodist Assembly Attended by 168 Ministers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 20.—At 9:30 this morning Bishop J. W. Joyce called together the one hundred and fourteenth annual session of the Philadelphia Synodical Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opened its sessions at the Stroudsburg hotel.

Resolved, That we hereby protest against all transfers in this conference of equal financial support in each case.

MAD DOG AT PITTSBURGH

A Rabid Cur Succeeds in Biting Two Persons Before Being Captured.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittsburgh, March 20.—A mad dog created considerable excitement on North Main street last night about 8:30 o'clock and succeeded in biting two persons, while a third had a narrow escape. The animal entered Main street near the Pfingsten saloon and leaped on a little girl standing on the curb stone. Although the animal's nose touched the little girl's face so close did it come, she was not bit.

ANOTHER NEGRO LYNCHED

Jody Bell Charged with Attempting Robbery and Assault.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Terry, Miss., March 20.—Jody Bell, a negro, 25 years of age, charged with attempted robbery and assault, was lynched here tonight. Bell had been given a temporary hearing and placed in jail. It was the intention to take him to Jackson tomorrow for safekeeping. Later developments, it seems, implicated another negro, Charles Hollingsworth by name, and he was also arrested for the plot.

UPON CARNEGIE'S TRAIL

Large Delegations in Search of Checks Await His Arrival.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Southampton, March 20.—The arrival here of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, who sailed from New York on the steamer St. Louis, March 18, is awaited by delegations from various benevolent institutions who want checks. These include representatives of the National Reading and other cities seeking libraries and agents of a variety of institutions desiring aid. Hartley College, Southampton, a technical school, has a delegation of fifty awaiting the steamer's arrival. The local manager of the steamship line, who has 100 letters and telegrams from all parts of the kingdom for the philanthropist, says the delegations indicate that they are from all sorts and conditions of people from university students to mechanics. He will try to get the Carnegie party off to London without meeting the delegations.

LETTER TO SHARE-HOLDERS

J. P. Morgan & Company Send a Letter Regarding Steel Stocks.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 20.—J. P. Morgan & Company have, under date of March 19, sent a circular letter to the shareholders of the constituent companies of the United States Steel corporation informing them that the time for depositing common and preferred stocks, which expired by limitation today, has been extended until and including April 1 next. In the circular it is declared that over 50 per cent. of each of the issues of the various stocks have thus far been deposited in accordance with the terms of the manager.

WINGET TO BE ELECTROCUTED

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Columbus, O., March 20.—David Winget, an old soldier, was executed at the penitentiary today for the murder of Frederick Blauvelt. Winget was 85, inmate of the soldiers' home at Columbus, Ohio. He was convicted once before for the same crime, but was granted a new trial. President Grant Army of the Republic has all over this country interested themselves in his behalf.

THE PHILADELPHIA RIPPER BILL

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, March 20.—The local municipal corporations committee gave a final hearing in the house today on the Philadelphia "ripper" bill. Francis Shunk Brown, of Philadelphia, clearly knocked out Jack Thompson, of New Castle, in the second round. The American quite outclassed his opponent.

QUIET REIGNS AT TIEN-TSIN

No Bloodshed Is Likely to Result from the Anglo-Russian Dispute.

VIEW OF THE SITUATION

British Reinforced—Count von Walderssee Returns to Peking—Unable to Do Anything in the Face of Instructions Received by Commanders from Home Government. Washington Is Not Disturbed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Tien Tsin, March 20.—A dust-storm prevented Count von Walderssee, who arrived here yesterday, from proceeding for Peking until this morning. General Lorne Campbell, the English commander, and General Wognack, commanding the Russians, met Count von Walderssee on his arrival here, learning that both had received instructions from their governments, the count said it was useless for him to give even an opinion regarding the matters at issue.

It is the general feeling in Tien-Tsin that the trouble is not likely to reach a point where blood will be shed. Both detachments on guard have orders to do nothing aggressive unless forced to do so by the other side.

Except the army and camp followers, the only Russians residing here are two members of the consulate staff, two clerks and two Jews. The Jews are storekeepers. They left Russia in order to save their lives. Inducements are being offered them to move to the British concession.

The French concession is quiet. French gendarmes are on duty at the British concession, and Australian naval brigade men are preventing the Sikhs from invading the French concession.

General Lorne Campbell, on hearing of the death of ex-President Harrison, ordered all the British flags to be flown at half mast.

Ninety British marines arrived here last night from the Taku forts to replace the Indian guards on the disputed land. The Fusiliers are expected today.

A special train bearing reinforcements of Australian troops left Peking for Tien-Tsin at 9 o'clock this morning. One French, an Italian and a German warship are outside the bar.

WASHINGTON UNDISTURBED

Washington, March 20.—The situation at Tien-Tsin still fails to excite the officials here, who feel that the critical point has been passed.

A curious fact in connection with the Manchurian complication is that so far there is no trace of any official protest to Russia against the execution of her announced programme in Manchuria. It is not for lack of disposition to oppose that policy that the protest has not appeared, but because there is no official communication. It would obtain a statement of the facts in respect to Manchuria, the result of which has been a repetition of the Russian disclaimer of improper motives, but not a definition of the programme for the future. Further than it was declared in the Russian programme of August 1st.

NOVEL ELECTION.

Candidates Draw Lots for Office in North Pelham.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 20.—The charter election held in North Pelham, Westchester county, yesterday resulted in the unusual circumstance of the vote on the office of president and vice president, Michael J. Lynch, the present incumbent of the office of village president, who was the Democratic nominee for reelection, received 77 votes, as did certain village Republicans, John T. Logan, the Democratic nominee for collector, and William Lyon, Republican, also tied with 77 votes each. When the result of the election was learned the Democrats and Republicans agreed to settle the matter by lot.

JAIL BIRD RECAPTURED

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Reading, Pa., March 20.—Robert W. Taylor, who escaped from prison at Pottsville, where he was serving a seven years' sentence for wife poisoning, early this morning, was captured here on a night while scaling a side on a coal train. He had been there in liberty eighteen hours. He will be sent to Pottsville. A reward of \$300 was offered for his capture.

MINES TO WORK TEN HOURS

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, March 20.—Solders were paid by the Delaware and Hudson company today notifying the employees that, beginning tomorrow, all the mines would work ten hours a day. The other big companies are expected to post a similar order. The miners think that this is a move upon the part of the mine owners to stock up in anticipation of a strike.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today. RAIN; COLDER.

- 1 General—Vaughan License Bill Too Late. Encouraging News from the Philippines. All Quiet at Tien Tsin. Rebels Shot in South Africa. 2 General—Carbondale Department. 3 Local—No Developments in Mine Situation. Reorganization Ordinance Torn to Tatters. 4 Editorial. Note and Comment. 5 Local—Business Men Opposed to a Strike. Tarry Juror Delays Court. 6 Local—West Scranton and Salaman. 7 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

STRIKERS ACTIVE AT MARSEILLES

A Crowd Numbering 2,000 Attacks a Cordon of Infantry—Driven Back by a Cavalry Charge.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Marseilles, March 20.—The situation here is very disquieting owing to the increasingly aggressive attitude of the strikers. During the disorders today the public spread to the townspersons and stores, restaurants and cafes were hurriedly closed. The Rue de la Cannebiere and the other leading thoroughfares of the city were deserted. It was feared that the mob which was charged by mounted gendarmes and husars would attempt to pillage.

A crowd numbering 2,000 burst through a cordon of infantry along the rock side. The cavalry charged and drove the strikers back. A volley of stones was then thrown in all directions and a brigadier, two gendarmes, a husar and several infantrymen were injured. One gendarme was stunned, thrown from his horse and trampled upon by the cavalry. He was removed to a hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

Two hundred women, several with babes in arms, took part in today's demonstration. The government is in an extremely embarrassing position, especially Mr. Millerand, the minister of commerce, who the Socialists demand that the government should intervene in favor of the strikers and are disgruntled at the employment of troops. On the other hand the government is urged to take vigorous measures to secure the freedom of labor, especially in view of the fact that the foreign element, chiefly Italian, which preponderates among the striking dock laborers, is utterly indifferent to the fate of Marseilles.

REPLY OF THE MORGANS

J. Pierpont Is Out of Town for an Indefinite Period.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, March 20.—Some days ago a letter signed by a great many business men in Wilkes-Barre and surrounding towns, was received by J. Pierpont Morgan, petitioning him to meet the anthracite miners in joint conference, and thereby avoid a strike. Today the letter was acknowledged as follows: New York, March 20. J. Pierpont Morgan, Esq., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Dear Sir: Your letter of the 16th inst., addressed to J. Pierpont Morgan has been received. Mr. Morgan is absent from the city, and will not return for some little time. Very truly yours, J. P. Morgan & Co.

WOLCOTT FOR SECRETARY

The Colorado Senator May Succeed Mr. Hitchcock.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pueblo, Col., March 20.—The Daily Chieftain will say tomorrow: It is definitely known here that ex-Senator Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, will be nominated by the Socialists to succeed Mr. Hitchcock.

GAS RUSH TORE OFF HIS HAND

One of the Biggest Wells in Greene County Struck Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Pa., March 20.—One of the Largest gas wells ever struck in Greene county was brought in this afternoon by the Manufacturers' Trust and Light company of this place. The first of the gas was so great that the tools were lifted from the well and thrown high in the air. Hank Kelly, the driller, had his hand torn completely off by the cable, which was torn loose by the gas taking all efforts to cut the well have been unsuccessful, and the escaping gas can be heard for miles.

DEATHS OF A DAY

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Dover, Del., March 20.—Mrs. R. A. Pennington, wife of former Congressman John B. Pennington, of this town, died here today. She was 74 years of age. Mrs. Pennington was the mother of Mrs. J. M. Deussen and Mrs. J. P. Deussen, who were poisoned by the box of candy sent here from California three years ago as alleged by Mrs. Deussen.

ELECTRIC WIRES CAUSE FIRE

New York, March 20.—The residence of George B. Raymond, at Morris Plains, N. J., was destroyed by fire before daylight today, entailing a loss of \$50,000, partly insured. The fire was caused by the crossing of telephone and electric light wires in the basement. It was with difficulty that Mr. Raymond's son, Charles, who is an invalid, was rescued from the flames.

FULFILLED HIS PROPHECY

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, March 20.—In fulfillment of a prophecy made by himself that he would die before the end of the week, while on his way to attend his brother's funeral, A. L. Floyd, a wealthy cotton manufacturer, was stricken ill in front of 62 Park avenue late this afternoon and died almost immediately.

THOMPSON FAILED OF ELECTION

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—D. E. Thompson, of Lincoln, who was last night nominated for Federal Senator in the third term, by the Republican caucus, failed of election in the joint session today.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, March 20.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Rain Thursday; colder in southern portion; high and low as usual for this time of year.