

VAUGHAN BILL IS REPORTED

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Harrisburg, March 21.—The Vaughan bill was reported favorably from the judiciary local committee of the house this morning by Representative Reynolds, who successfully engineered its passage through his committee last night. It goes on the calendar now, and will come up on first reading tomorrow. Efforts will be made to have it put through on special orders early next week, so that it can be laid before the governor by Wednesday or Thursday. The lobby which is here working in its interest, is meeting with every encouragement and it is almost assured now, that the necessary constitutional majority of 103 votes will not be wanting when the bill comes up on third reading.

The Scranton delegation expected here this afternoon to protest against the bill did not come, but instead sent a telegram to Speaker Marshall, asking for a hearing. The speaker turned the telegram over to Mr. Scheuer, who telegraphed an answer to the effect that the committee had already reported the bill.

The Scheuer bill reducing the mercantile tax one-half, was favorably reported from the ways and means committee this afternoon. This is the bill which Secretary Atherton, of the board of trade, and A. P. Duffy, of the Grocers' association, argued in favor of at the committee's last meetings. It is the first revenue raising bill that has been allowed to come out of this committee.

Still Another Ripper.

And still another "ripper" has come out of the stalwart camp and from Senator Muehlbrunn, too! It is the excise commission bill, designed to take the power of granting licenses from the courts and place it in the hands of five commissioners, appointed by the governor for a term of five years, at a salary of \$5,000 each a year. There was too much opposition apparent to a general bill of this stripe and this, coupled with the fact that it is only in Allegheny county the stalwarts have any concern as to who shall grant licenses, the bill was made to apply specially to that county, by limiting its operations to all counties having a population of over 100,000 and less than 100,000.

One of the provisions is that in either of the second class, embraced within counties in which the bill shall become operative, the license fee shall be \$1,000. This would mean that the big Anderson hotel in Pittsburg would pay for license fees, by \$100, that some obscure saloon at the North Union, of course, the Vaughan relieving bill should become a law before Monday, April 1.

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For Centralized Schools.

Representative Edward James, Jr., has drafted and will next week present a bill appropriating \$50,000 for hospital for the territory embracing Taylor, Old Forge and Moosic boroughs. This region is thickly dotted with mines and is growing as a manufacturing center. At present the sick and injured from this territory must go to Pittston or Scranton for hospital care.

Another bill for centralizing township schools was introduced by Mr. Taylor, of Bradford county. It provides as follows:

Upon the petition of a majority of the qualified electors in a township district representing or owning property amounting to not less than one-fourth of the assessed valuation of said township district, the board of school directors shall at once proceed to the centralization of the schools of the township, and if necessary purchase a site or sites and erect a suitable building or buildings thereon. ("Centralization" here defined to mean a system of schools for the township and the abolition of all sub-districts.)

In a township in which the schools have been centralized, the board of school directors are required to maintain and support a graded course of instruction, and may include a high school course of not less than two years; they are also required to furnish transportation, to and from school, to all pupils living more than three-fourths of a mile from the central building, said distance to be measured from the

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CUDAHY KIDNAPPER.

Sheriff Johnson, of Dallas, Texas, Claims to Have a Confession.

Dallas, Tex., March 21.—Sheriff Johnson tonight made the following statement: "I. C. Henderson this evening confessed to me and County Attorney Summers that he is one of the Cudahy kidnapers. His confession was made voluntarily. He stated that he had squandered and used in fleeing from Omaha most of the money he got as his share in the kidnaping job before I arrested him in this city as a suspect early in February. County Attorney Summers asked Henderson why he had not admitted his identity earlier and he said:

"Heretofore when I have been in trouble I have had a man between me and the court house, but now I see there is no chance to get out of thirteen sentences on my convictions here and I am in a fix. I might as well own up to the Omaha job."

MRS. NARAMORE KILLS HER SIX CHILDREN

Awful Deed of an Insane Woman at Colbrook, Mass.

Colbrook, Mass., March 21.—Mrs. Lizzie Naramore, while in a fit of insanity this afternoon, killed her six children and a dog. She had the blood-drenched bodies on the bed, two on one bed and the other four on a bed in another room, and then attempted to take her own life.

The children ranged from 10 years to a babe of ten months and their lives were taken by their mother with an axe and a club. She laid the blood-drenched bodies on the bed, two on one bed and the other four on a bed in another room, and then attempted to take her own life by cutting her throat with a razor. When discovered she was in the bed on which the bodies of four children were lying.

COMPANY'S OFFER FAIR.

Opinion of Chief Wilkins with Reference to Jersey Central Wage Scale.

Wilkes-Barre, March 21.—C. H. Wilkins, chief of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, held a conference in this city tonight with the employees of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

The company recently presented a new scale of wages to its trainmen for their consideration. It is said some of the conductors were not satisfied with the scale, but Chief Wilkins said to the Associated Press reporter tonight that he thought the company's offer was a fair one and that it would be accepted.

SEVEN ROBBERS KILLED.

Band Dispersed by Captain Preiss at Pao-Ting-Fu.

Berlin, March 21.—The officer commanding the German troops in Peking cables to the war office here that owing to the complaints of the inhabitants a band of robbers has been dispersed by Captain Preiss, with a squadron of cavalry at a village forty-eight kilometers west of Pao-Ting-Fu.

Anti-Saloon League.

Harrisburg, March 21.—The state convention of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League opened in this city tonight with devotional exercises, followed by addresses by Rev. Dr. Hughes O. Gibbons, of Philadelphia, and William McCall, of Harrisburg. Rev. Dr. M. M. Sheels, of New York, will speak tomorrow on "The Relation of the Catholic Church to the Temperance Cause."

Wish to Develop Rubber.

Washington, March 21.—The state of Arizona, Brazil, desiring to develop the rubber trade in that section, offers a reduction of 10 or 15 per cent. of the export duties on rubber and permission to cut and pack in its own bonded stores to a syndicate that will take charge of the trade, according to information received at the state department from United States Consul Kennedy at Para.

Rowe and Keiper on Trial.

Harrisburg, March 21.—Henry Rowe and Watson Keiper, who are alleged to have shot and killed Charles W. Evans, of the Halifax National bank, of Halifax, last Thursday, were arraigned in the Dauphin county court today for murder and pleaded not guilty. They were immediately placed on trial and about the close of day was taken up in the selection of a jury.

Rev. Levy Accepts.

Philadelphia, March 21.—The Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy, associate rabbi of Keneseth Israel, has accepted his election as rabbi of the congregation of B'nai Shalom, of Pittsburgh, at an annual stipend of \$7,000.

Murdered Three Children.

Waterville, Me., March 21.—Jacob Dearborn, of Clinton, murdered his three children today with an axe at their home in this town.

TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN

Both Russian and British Forces Will Retire from Disputed Ground.

STILL ON THE LOOKOUT

Soldiers to Leave at Five O'Clock This Morning—Orders Issued That No British Officer Shall Leave Camp Without Furnishing His Address to the Adjutant—Marines Return to Ships—Arrangements by the French Commander Regarded as Completely Satisfactory.

Pekin, March 22, 3 a. m.—The British and Russian troops will be withdrawn from the disputed ground at Tien-Tsin at 5 o'clock this morning (Friday) thereby avoiding all trouble at present.

Orders have been issued, however, that no British officer shall leave, or even "sleep out" at night or go to dinner, without furnishing his address to the adjutant.

The marines will return to the ships, Admiral Seymour objects to any of the Australian naval brigade, who volunteered for service on the railway, remaining. The military authorities say he does not understand the situation, that his interference is uncalled for and that the Australian marines are just the men needed.

The Russians have ordered a regiment to proceed from Port Arthur to Tien-Tsin.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today.
FAIR; LOWER TEMPERATURE.
- 1 General—Vaughan Bill Reported to the House.
 - 2 Local—No Replies to Mine Workers' Invitations.
 - 3 Local—St. Petersburg Issue a Statement.
 - 4 Editorial—Note and Comment.
 - 5 Local—Clever Base of Democratic Committee.
 - 6 Local—West Scranton and Suburbs.
 - 7 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania.
 - 8 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

NO OPPOSITION TO JUDGE ARCHBALD

His Candidacy Favored by Congressman Connell—Aspirants for the Federal Court Offices.

Harrisburg, March 21.—Congressman Connell left for Washington at 1:30 this afternoon, to look after the filing of the new Federal court offices. He is committed to the candidacy of Judge Archbald, of Lackawanna, for judge; ex-Senator McCarroll, of Dauphin, for district attorney, and Sol Bacharach, of Luzerne, for marshal. He will consult with Senator Farness before announcing his choice for clerk.

There is no opposition to Judge Archbald, and ex-Senator McCarroll has practically a clear field.

Mr. Bacharach would be fairly sure of the marshalship, if it were not for the fact that the present marshal of the district, Fred C. Leonard, is a resident of Potter county, which is in the newly formed district. He has ten months yet to serve as marshal of the western district, but will have a term of four years. He is satisfied to enter into any arrangement which will save him from being legislated out of office, and probably some such arrangement will be made. One means to this end which has been considered is to have some one temporarily appointed for the western district until Mr. Leonard can gain residence there and then appoint him permanently for the new four-year term.

THE PHILADELPHIA M. E. CONFERENCE

Second Day's Session at Stroudsburg Is Full of Interest—Young Preachers Admitted.

Stroudsburg, Pa., March 21.—The second day's session of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference was full of interest. Bishop Joyce made a stirring address to the young preachers just admitted.

The class this year is composed of Charles Wesley Burns, Henry S. Noon, Thomas S. Minker, Daniel A. Kinkie, Edwin L. Cope, John E. Ely, William P. Ewing, A. Lincoln Shallop, H. P. Coffman, H. P. Morgan did not take the examination. Charles H. Shirk was also admitted. Wilmer E. Coffman was continued on trial in the second year, but was ordered from studies of the year. Charles H. Shirk was admitted into full membership. Hugh P. Morgan was continued on trial in the second year studies.

Rev. J. G. Bickerton read the report of the Philadelphia Collegiate Institute for Girls.

The committee on twentieth century church offering reported as follows:

"Thus far the financial efforts under this movement in our conference territory has been confined largely to the paying of debt on our church and parsonage property. At the last session of our annual conference it was reported that during the preceding year \$180,858 had been paid on church indebtedness, there is remaining a debt amounting to \$1,068,674. During the present year the effort to get rid of this heavy load has continued with notable success and about \$200,000 will be paid on this account."

The entire amount reported for the thank offering was \$220,985.

Several anniversaries were held tonight.

Advance in Iron.

Pittsburg, March 21.—Bessemer pig iron has advanced \$100 a ton, a sale of five thousand tons having been made at \$19.50 a ton delivered in Pittsburg. The latest price is 84 a ton higher than was paid by the Carnegie company for the 120,000 ton contract placed two months ago. Sheets are 516 a ton higher; bills, 82 higher; plates, 490 lower, and rails, 82 higher.

Efforts to Consolidate Furnaces.

Youngstown, March 21.—It is reported here that efforts are being made to consolidate all the blast furnaces in this district. While the following value masters are related as to their position in the matter it is stated that several of the leading manufacturers of pig iron in this city will decline to enter the proposed consolidation.

California Oranges Rotting.

Chicago, March 21.—Officials of the Santa Fe railroad today confirmed reports from California that millions of dollars worth of oranges in that state are rotting in the packing houses and on the grounds of the groves, because of lack of transportation facilities to move the enormous crop.

D. & H. Trainmen Get Increase.

Wilkes-Barre, March 21.—The Delaware and Hudson Railroad company has posted notices giving the trainmen employed on the road a twenty per cent increase in wages of from five to twenty cents a day.

PLATT AND ODELL BREAK

The Governor of New York Politely Refuses to Be Made a Monkey Of.

EXCITEMENT AT ALBANY

Mr. Odell Settles All Doubt as to Who Will Be Governor of New York by Notifying Mr. Frank Platt That He Will Take No Orders. Will Not Sign the Police Bill.

Albany, March 21.—It is Odell, who settled all doubt last night as to who is governor of the state when he told Frank Platt that he would not take the orders and the police bill which Senator Platt had sent up to him. The bill was a metropolitan police measure for the district included in New York city and in the Croton watershed, and the orders were to have it introduced, passed and signed. Mr. Odell said he would not sign it, but I ought not to be asked to make a fool of myself. Frank Platt brought up here today a metropolitan police bill with a provision in it that its constitutionality might be tested in the courts after it should be enacted and before it should go into effect, by a quo warranto proceeding to try the title to his office of the state superintendent of police for the metropolitan district, whom I am expected to appoint under the bill. I won't be a party to that.

"I told Mr. Frank Platt so and he said some unpleasant things about my political future, but I have the duties of my office to consider and I will not sign a bill like this."

Mr. Platt's Statement.

New York, March 21.—Senator Thos. C. Platt tonight gave out a statement concerning police legislation, in which he says:

"Some police bills are trying to make a party of Governor Odell and myself. They will not succeed."

As so much has been said about police legislation, it seems to me proper that I should state my own position. The laws against gambling, disorderly resorts, sales of liquor under prohibited conditions and other laws for the protection of the city of New York are enforced by the police. The police are not to be protected by the legislature. Such protection can only be explained on the theory that money is being paid to the legislature for such protection. The police are not to be protected by the legislature. Such protection can only be explained on the theory that money is being paid to the legislature for such protection. The police are not to be protected by the legislature. Such protection can only be explained on the theory that money is being paid to the legislature for such protection.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

- Harrisburg, March 21.—Rev. Frederick A. Muehlbrunn, who lived here and was one of the best known Lutheran clergymen in America, retired, died here this afternoon, aged 82.
- The late Mrs. Mary Ann Muehlbrunn, wife of the late Frederick A. Muehlbrunn, died here this afternoon, aged 82.
- Boston, March 21.—A telegram received by C. Peter Clark, general superintendent of the eastern district of the New York and New Hampshire, announced the death of Charles D. Clark, former president of the road and president of the Boston Terminal company at New, where he had gone in search of health.
- Milwaukee, March 21.—E. M. Shape, one of the oldest telegraph men in this country, died here today of acute pneumonia. Mr. Shape has been chief operator of the Western Union Telegraph company at this point for the past thirty-five years.

Six Millions in Liquid Air.

Trenton, March 21.—The Consolidated Railways Lighting and Refrigerating company was incorporated here today with an authorized capital of \$6,000,000. The company is formed to manufacture and supply the electricity, gas, oil, compressed air or liquid air to be used in connection with the lighting, heating, refrigerating, ventilating and cleaning of railway cars and vehicles of all kinds.

Died at a Horse Sale.

Lobanov, Pa., March 21.—While attending a horse sale here this afternoon Jeremiah B. Fisher was stricken with apoplexy and died. He was treasurer of the county almshouse and was a former director of the post. Mr. Fisher was 72 years of age.

WEATHER FORECAST.

- Washington, March 21.—Forecast: +
- + Friday and Saturday: Eastern Penna.
- + Friday—Fair Friday and probably Saturday.
- + Day: Lower temperature Friday; brisk +
- + wind to southern New York and New Jersey +