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PROGRESS ON VAUGHAN BILL

The License Measure Passes First Reading with Sixty-Six Other Bills.

CAUTION OF PROMOTERS

The Resolution Making the Bill a Special Order for Tuesday and Wednesday on Second and Third Readings Is Not Offered—A Very Large Attendance Yesterday Morning—Routine Work in Senate and House.

Harrisburg, March 22.—The Vaughan bill which is designed to keep the license fee at \$50 in Scranton for a period of three years, passed first reading with sixty-six other bills in the house this morning, but at the advice of some of the leading parliamentarians, who are friends of the measure, the resolution making the bill a special order for Tuesday and Wednesday, on second and third readings respectively, was not offered. It will be presented Monday night.

To get the bill to the governor before next Saturday it will be necessary not only to make it a "special order" but to change the "order of the day" for some two days of the next week, so that there will be a third reading session subsequent, by one day at least, to a second reading session.

The lobbyists who have been so industriously working in the interests of the measure have succeeded so well in their efforts that they feel very assured that they will carry out their project. The committee of rules will recommend the change in the order of business and anything the committee on rules recommends is sure to be adopted as the "organization" members take it for granted that the committee on rules always has some "approved" purpose in mind when making a recommendation.

To make the bill a special order, however, is not quite as readily accomplished. It is only in urgent cases that a special order is allowed, and it is not every case that two-thirds of the members can be convinced of sufficient urgency as to warrant it being jumped over everything and placed in a position where it demands consideration before anything else can be considered.

The attendance at Friday morning sessions is usually very slim, owing to the fact that it is quite unusual for anything more than the perfunctory passing of bills to be expected to come up. This morning, however, there was a very large attendance, practically all the members, excepting those absent on committee junkets, being in their seats. It was claimed they had been induced by the friends of the Vaughan measure to attend, and to help pass the "special order" resolution. They were disappointed at having been kept over unnecessarily but agreed, so it is claimed, to be on hand Monday night. To those not on the inside, the large attendance was attributed to the shutting off of leaves of absence the day before. The knowing ones let it go at that.

As only about a fifth of the members who stay away from a session take the trouble to ask for a leave of absence, the large attendance was probably due to the explanation other than reverence for the rules, and upon inquiry the real cause developed as indicated above.

PROCEEDINGS OF A DAY.

Uncle Jerry Roth Raises a Laugh. Bills Introduced.

Harrisburg, March 22.—With a countenance as serious as if it was being worn at the presentation of obituary resolutions, your Uncle Jerry Roth, the venerable representative from Allegheny, who is always heading some high moral reform, such as removing the bar to pool selling, arose in his place at this morning's session of the house and presented a bill "to encourage marriage in this commonwealth and defining the terms and treatment of license fees."

A titter ran through the house and then came a burst of laughter, but Uncle Jerry, from his seat in the first row, turned upon the house with a scowl that, with the recollection of similar laws having recently been enacted in other states, had the effect of quenching its risibilities. Speaker Marshall looked over the net but never smiled, and the house was about to accept as final that the measure was a serious and sensible one when the chair spoiled it all by announcing as the committee to which it should be referred—"law and order." It developed later in the day that the measure came from Chairman Slater, the genial three hundred and ten pound gentleman from Philadelphia, who presides over the committee on law and order. The bill reads as follows:

That any male citizen of the commonwealth who is 21 years of age and desires the office of husband may procure a license as prescribed by existing laws provided he is under forty years of age, but if the applicant is over forty years of age, he shall, before securing the license, pay into the clerk of the county office one hundred dollars as a license fee, which shall be imposed on all bachelors over forty years old.

All the fees shall be turned into the state treasury by the clerk of the courts, and there be drawn out upon the warrants of the auditor general for the purpose of maintaining three hours for old ladies over 40 years of age, who have not had a suitable opportunity to offer a marriage, and have not means sufficient to keep themselves in clothes and spending money.

Any bachelor over forty years of age who shall in another state and procure a wife and shall return to this state shall pay into the state treasury the sum of \$100, otherwise the marriage

contract shall be declared null and void, or any such bachelor coming from another state who was married after the age of forty years shall come under the same laws as a resident.

The state shall be divided into three districts as follows: All the territory lying west of the Allegheny mountains shall be the first district; all the territory lying east of the Allegheny mountains shall be the second district; and all the territory lying east of the Allegheny mountains and west of the Susquehanna river shall be the third district.

Other bills introduced were: Mr. Dougherty, of Mercer—Providing that county commissioners, before making contracts for the construction, alteration or repair of any public building, shall advertise and have sealed proposals to do the work, in not less than two weekly papers, at least four weeks prior to the time of opening the bids, and keep on exhibition in the county seat, plans and specifications of the proposed work, for forty days in advance of the time of opening bids. A penalty of \$1,000 is provided for any violation of the law.

Among the bills passed on first reading were the following: The Hatch bill providing for an additional law judge in Luzerne.

The Phipps bill regulating the examination and licensing of stationary engineers and firemen. The Schuler bill increasing the salaries of judges in Lackawanna and fifteen other counties to \$6,000 a year.

The Phipps bill directing how to proceed, when a county has been divided and a new county erected thereon, on mortgages, judgments, liens and other records which have been made or entered in the original county and relate to lands or tenements in the new county.

The bill authorizing the secretary of internal affairs to grant patents for the beds of rivers and the islands therein was re-committed, on motion of Mr. Coray seconded by Mr. Crossy. Mr. Coray vigorously attacked the measure. There are three other bills similar in intent and purpose now before the senate and the other two passed first reading in the house this morning.

The failure to introduce on Thursday, as announced the factory inspector bill raising the age limit for the employment of children from thirteen to fourteen years, and the miners' bill requiring that no child under fourteen shall be employed in or about a mine, is explained by a change in tack, decided upon Thursday morning.

The bill to amend the act relating to the division of the state into judicial districts, introduced by Mr. Knebel, by bill introduced providing for a fourteen year limitation on mine employment, will be presented to the house whether or not the other bills succeed.

T. J. Duffy.

RAPID FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Boer Raiders in the Eastern Part of Cape Colony Display Unusual Sprinting Qualities.

Hlorentfontein, March 22.—The result of the combined movements against General Buller, near Tlokoen's Kloof, was the capture of 200 Boers, 10,000 sheep, 5,000 horses and a host of cattle. The Boers broke southward to the right and left.

Cape Town, March 22.—The Boer raid in the eastern part of Cape Colony are, with the exception of the most daily skirmishes, keeping out of the reach of the British. Colonel Scovell engaged Commandant Pouché and Commandant Malan near Blaauwkrantz, March 20. Three Boers were killed and four wounded, and four Boers were killed. The number of Boers wounded has not been ascertained.

CARNEGIE STOCK TRANSFER.

All Holders Will Receive New Certificates as Soon as Details Can Be Arranged.

Pittsburg, March 22.—The shares of all the holders of stock in the Carnegie company will likely be transferred before the first of next week to J. P. Morgan & Co., syndicate managers for the United Street corporation. President C. M. Schwab, who has been in Pittsburg since last week, returned to New York today.

It is understood that he carried with him the stock of all the stockholders who are now in New York, and that they will be exchanged for the new securities as soon as details can be completed. Mr. Schwab will visit Secretary W. W. Blackburn, Vice President L. C. Phipps and H. C. Frick, who are now in New York. Vice President A. B. Foy is still in Pittsburg, but may go to New York tomorrow.

Colored Firebug Lynched.

Richmond, Va., March 22.—A colored man who had been lynched in Hall's county has been confirmed. A negro sent to court by a magistrate on the charge of burning the stable of Mr. W. J. Jacobs, was taken by some fifty rascals from a crowd, who were taking him to the county seat, and shot him to death. None of the mob could be identified.

Princeton Student Fined.

Princeton, N. J., March 22.—A bill prohibiting yellow color for oleomargarine and providing regulations and restrictions for its manufacture and sale was passed by the legislature today and sent to the governor for his signature. The measure is a copy of the Massachusetts law.

Restrictions on Yellow Oleo.

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PLOTS AGAINST RUSSIA'S CZAR

High Court Officials Are Suspected. Public Meetings Now Prohibited.

THE PENALTIES IMPOSED

In Connection with Riots the Prefect Has Issued a Decree Forbidding Meetings and Assemblies in the Streets—Persons Infringing Liable to Heavy Fine and Imprisonment. New Precautions for the Protection of the Czar's Life—Evidence of New Plots General.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—In connection with the riots here the prefect has issued a decree forbidding meetings and assemblies in the streets and public places. Persons infringing that order are liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months and a fine not exceeding 500 roubles.

Berlin, March 22.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Cologne Volks Zeitung, under date of March 21, says that there is evidence in St. Petersburg of the existence of plots against the authorities. He asserts that sums of money are being distributed to the factory hands in St. Petersburg and vicinity to induce them to join the disaffected students.

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TRUBLE IN LANCASTER.

Secretary of Commonwealth Grist May Be Obligated to Act as Peacemaker.

Harrisburg, March 22.—Secretary of the Commonwealth W. W. Grist may be obliged to resign, to prevent the stalemate organization in Lancaster county from going to pieces. No less than half a dozen of the faithful have been "put forward" for the place made vacant by the death of Congressman Brosius, and as each is refusing to step aside for any one excepting "Favorite Son" Grist, it may be necessary for the latter to withdraw from the governor's cabinet and his himself to Washington.

CUBA ADOPTS OUR VIEW

The Constitutional Convention Long Since Determined to Grant the Demands.

Havana, March 22.—It has been learned from authoritative sources that the Cuban constitutional convention today has adopted the demands made by the United States under the Platt amendment to the army appropriation bill, and that all the show of opposition being made is "grand stand play."

REASON FOR HESITATION

The Opposition Merely for Effect. General Miles Leaves Havana. Sanitary Conditions in the Island. Quarantine Regulations Modified.

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MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING OF WILLIAM WEST

His Tramp Friends United in the Statement That the Wounds Were Self-Inflicted.

Albion, Pa., March 22.—The mystery surrounding the fatal shooting of William West, Jr., of this city, who was found near Conneville yesterday with a bullet hole in his right temple, was partially cleared up last night by the return of Altona, of D. Maxwell, a friend of West's.

GOVERNOR ODELL IS FIRM

May See Mr. Platt, but Will Go to No Conference—Not to Give In at All—Odell Must Fight.

Albany, March 22.—Governor Odell will go to New York and see Senator Platt at the Fifth Avenue hotel on Saturday afternoon. That does not mean that the governor is giving in. Probably he would not have decided to go to New York at all if he had not received an invitation from the Lotus club to be present at a dinner on Saturday night. On the general occasions that Governor Odell has called on Senator Platt in New York he has suited his own convenience. He has made his calls upon the senator incidental to other business.

KEIPER AND ROWE ARE CONVICTED.

Jury Returns Verdict of Murder in the First Degree in Ryan Case.

Harrisburg, March 22.—Watson Keiper and Henry Rowe, of Lykens, who shot and killed Cashier Charles W. Ryan, of the Halifax National bank, of Halifax, last Thursday in an attempt to rob the bank, were today convicted of first degree murder.

DEATH OF PADEREWSKI'S SON.

The Pianist Will Not Perform in Public for a Year.

Warsaw, March 22.—Paderewski, the pianist, who has been making a tour of Spain, received a dispatch at Bilbao today announcing the death of Hippolyte, his only son, in Warsaw. He at once telegraphed instructions to have the body embalmed and held until his arrival, and then started for Warsaw.

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ANGER OF A FRACAS ENDED

Quiet Reigns in Tien-Tsin Since the Withdrawal of Troops from Disputed Territory.

NO FURTHER TROUBLE

M. De Giers, the Russian Ministry Believes That Everything Will Be Amicably Adjusted at London and St. Petersburg—New French Regiment Ordered to Replace the Russian Troops—Ministers Who Were at Peking During the Siege Are Tired of Seeing the City a Military Camp.

Peking, March 22.—The British headquarters here report the withdrawal of both Russian and British troops from the disputed territory at Tien Tsin.

M. De Giers, the Russian minister at London, believes that everything will be amicably adjusted at London and St. Petersburg and doubts the possibility of further trouble in the matter.

General Veyron, commander of the French troops, has ordered a new regiment to Tien Tsin to replace the one now there. French officers here think it was a mistake to have a regiment recruited in a city at Tien Tsin. This regiment was composed of tough Paris elements.

At the meeting of the foreign ministers held this morning the only question considered was that of policing the legation quarters. A committee of ministers has been appointed to discuss Chinese resources and report on her ability to pay the indemnity to be demanded by the powers. Many ministers are strongly opposed to China's having to pay to keep an army of ten or twelve thousand men here for the next two years. Thinking this entirely unnecessary. Even those ministers who were here during the siege are tired of seeing Peking a military camp. They hope China will be put upon her feet as soon as possible.

Berlin, March 22.—In a dispatch to the Cologne correspondent from Peking dated Thursday, March 21, it is said that an imperial decree, in accordance with article 10 of the peace conditions, has been placed on the walls of Peking threatening all anti-foreign societies with punishment.

ANTI-FOREIGN SOCIETIES THREATENED.

London, March 22.—In a special dispatch from Shanghai it is reported that General Peking-Chi, the Chinese general commanding in Manchuria, has been ordered to be cashiered and tried for having consented to the Russo-Chinese Manchurian treaty. That, it is added, is regarded as showing that the government is yielding to the demands of the victors and foreign ministers who opposed the treaty.

Replying to a question in the house of commons today as to whether the government proposed to ask Germany to act with reference to Russia's action in Manchuria, the foreign secretary, Lord Randolph Churchill, replied that the Russian government had repeatedly declared its intention to respect the integrity of China, and the British government was not aware that Russia had infringed it.

After the questions had been answered the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, moved the adjournment of the house in order to call attention to the failure of the government to give the house information yesterday of the settlement of the Tien-Tsin dispute. The whole opposition seconded the motion.

The government leader, Mr. Balfour, said he had never heard an adjournment suggested on such a frivolous pretext. Perhaps it was desirable that Lord Lansdowne should have sent the information to the house, but it was absurd to attack him (Mr. Balfour) for not doing so.

A Pessimistic View.

London, March 22.—The foreign office takes a pessimistic view of the immediate future in the far east, in spite of the settlement of the Tien-Tsin incident, and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point. Judging from information obtained in various official quarters in London, Japan has confided to at least some of the powers her determination to oppose, at all costs, any secret agreement which might be made between the two nations by which the former could secure territorial or other advantages contiguous to Korea.

The British government has received no official confirmation that the Japanese fleet is mobilizing, but it would not be surprising to learn that such were the facts.

Mrs. Averiott Badly Burned.

Cumberland, Md., March 22.—Mrs. Averiott, wife of Colonel John W. Averiott, editor of the Cumberland Evening Times, was badly burned this morning while trying to rescue from flames her 2-year-old son, who had gotten out of bed and was set on fire by a night lamp. The child is probably fatally injured.

Furnace Men Will Strike.

Sharon, Pa., March 22.—It is said that the blast furnace employes in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys will declare a strike April 1, unless the old rate of wages is restored to them. They claim that they have advanced \$2 a ton since the recent out of ten cents was made. Over 2,000 men will be affected.

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