

ABANDONED IN THE HOUSE

Fight Against the Vaughan License Bill to Be Continued in the Courts.

DR. M'LEOD'S POINT

The Vaughan Measure Grossly Unconstitutional if Scranton Is Really a City of the Second Class. He Thinks That It Is Extraordinary That a Committee of Respectable Citizens of the City of Scranton Should Be Denied a Hearing on Such a Vicious Piece of Legislation—No Contest on the Philadelphia "Ripper"—A Strike Resolution Introduced by Mr. Vaughan Is Passed Unanimously.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 26.—Mr. Cowdy did not introduce the resolution giving the opponents of the Vaughan license bill a hearing before the house tomorrow night. It is stated that the fight against the bill in the house has been abandoned. The opposition will confine its efforts to having the bill either vetoed or killed in the courts.

Rev. Dr. James McLeod, who came to Harrisburg to oppose the Vaughan bill, in an interview with a Tribune man today said:

"It is our opinion that the Vaughan bill is grossly unconstitutional. Scranton is now a city of the second class, but if this bill goes into effect it would create it as a second-class city and would give it a sort of a sub-class by itself under a proper interpretation of the law. It is extraordinary that a committee of the respectable citizens of the city of Scranton should be denied a hearing on such a singularly vicious and unconstitutional piece of legislation.

"The commercial side of this question is also one which should appeal to all good citizens. If the Vaughan bill becomes operative the city will lose between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in the form of increased revenue from license under the \$1.19 per provided for cities of the second class."

The senate chamber was crowded with spectators this afternoon in anticipation of witnessing a contest on the final passage of the Philadelphia "ripper" bills. The bills, however, were passed with but little opposition. Mr. Henry, of Philadelphia, was the only senator to make any remarks against the bills. He said they were "a piece of legislation which would take away from the people of the State a large amount of their property."

Strike Resolution Adopted. Mr. Vaughan, of Lackawanna, presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted and sent to the house for concurrence:

Whereas, The miners of the anthracite region through their organizations, the United Mine Workers of America, have requested the coal operators to meet the national convention of their organization, their national body of officers of the United Mine Workers of America, and establish a scale of wages for the term of one year;

Whereas, In the resolution adopted by the national convention of the United Mine Workers it is resolved that in the event of their failure to secure a joint conference they may by a majority vote decide the policy of the movement of the United Mine Workers even if it is necessary to resort to a general strike;

Whereas, It is a suspension of work or strike takes place in the anthracite region and may be the cause of great expense to the state, therefore, be it

Resolved (If the house of representatives concur), That a committee consisting of three members of the senate and four members of the house of representatives be appointed to confer immediately with the anthracite coal operators and with the officials of the United Mine Workers of America to endeavor to bring about a amicable solution of the difficulties now existing between the operators and the miners; and committee to report as soon as possible and to serve without expense to the state.

The resolution will come up tomorrow in the house.

Guffey Ballot Reform Bill. As a result of last night's conference of the Quay leaders the Guffey ballot reform bill was reported from the senate committee on relations this afternoon with a few amendments. The Guffey bill originally was a copy of the Focht bill with the party circle eliminated, fusion made possible and a more stringent "disability" clause substituted.

The Guffey bill, as reported today, contains the Focht bill provisions regarding the party circle and the Focht bill disability clause.

The Guffey bill is, in fact, the Focht bill with the bar against fusion lowered somewhat. As the bill now stands it provides that every party shall have a circle. All candidates for the same office shall be grouped. The "disability" and "helper" clauses remain practically as at present and fusion not to be made impracticable. In defense of the party circle Senator Focht says:

"Harris and Flinn are responsible for the party circle. Since the adoption of the circle the Republican majorities have increased from 49,000 to 150,000. Now the Democrats and mugwumps want the Republican party to eliminate the party circle. Not much, says the Republican party."

The Stinemmen-Waller bill was defeated in the senate today, but later, on motion of Mr. Vaughan, was reconsidered and laid over. The Man-

PLOT TO BLOW UP THE CZAR

A Mine Alleged to Have Been Discovered Under His Palace Near the Capital.

THOSE IN THE SCHEME

Prominent Persons Said to Be Implicated—Situation Regarded as Very Grave—Emperor Unnerved. Warsaw Professors Arrested—Authors' Club Suppressed—Reactionary League Established.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, March 26.—The Paris committee of Russian paleontologists is authority for the statement that a mine has been discovered beneath the palace of the czar at Tsarskoye-Selo, where the czar held a council of his ministers on Saturday last to consider the grievances of the university students and the lawless conditions arising therefrom. The committee adds that several prominent persons are accused of being implicated in the plot.

The committee gives the following figures of dead and wounded in the recent riots: At Moscow, seventeen killed and thirty wounded, the killed including three women. At St. Petersburg, eleven killed and twenty-two wounded, the killed including three women. At Tiflis, the Russian writer, has founded an organization known as the "Kusko-Sabrayne," a league of a reactionary character, to combat progressive tendencies. Every member is pledged to oppose with all his energies the ideas of western Europe, in respect to politics, literature, science, art and methods of trade. The members are also bound to advocate the revival of serfdom, the banishment of political and other offenders to Siberia and a stricter censorship of the press.

Aristocracy in League. Practically the whole aristocracy of Russia is said to have joined the new league, which would put Russia where it was fifty years ago, so far as internal conditions are concerned.

The Russian Authors' Mutual Aid association, founded by the Russian Literary society, has evidently been mixing up in political movements, as the project of the city has ordered its premises to be closed. The order was due to a protest of the authorities during the recent riots issued a short time ago.

A student at the St. Petersburg university, named Skeriatkoff, who had been sentenced to two years' military service and drafted into a regiment soon to leave for Turkistan; a woman student named Smirnova, and Lieutenant Kuznetsov, of a sapper battalion, have been found dead near Yamburg, in the St. Petersburg province. The student held a revolver, and it was evident that the three persons had committed suicide for some unknown reason.

A circular issued by the ministry of the interior blames the police for not crushing the demonstrations at the outset by the dispersion of the gathering. It says the police must learn when and where demonstrations are planned and mass their forces there. Above all, they must be restored at any cost, and the authorities must not fear to use the necessary force and severity. The military, the circular further says, can be called upon when firing action is necessary.

Disaffection Spreads. Berlin, March 26.—Dispatches from Russia to several Berlin papers, including the Tagblatt and the Deutsche Tageszeitung, tell of the spread of disaffection, especially at Odessa, where a hundred arrests have been made; at Ekta, where three hundred persons are in custody; at Kieff, Kharkoff, Dorpat, Tomsk and Moscow, where high officials are involved.

WAR INEVITABLE.

Japan Is Prepared to Struggle to Maintain Her Rights in the East. Equipped for Hostilities.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, March 26.—K. Yatsumi, a general of the Japanese imperial army, accompanied by Captain N. Kayami and Lt. Matsumi passed through Pittsburgh today en route to California. They have been in this country for the past three weeks, securing data for the benefit of the imperial army, and intended remaining for three or four months, but were called home. General Yatsumi said:

"According to the communications I have received from my government, I think that a conflict between Japan and Russia is inevitable. Japan and Russia are bound to come together sooner or later as a result of the contention over China. This fact seems to have become more evident since the outbreak of hostilities in China, and if such an engagement must occur, Japan is better equipped at present and will doubtless hasten a termination of this long-standing dispute. Russia's ultimate intention is to seize Corea, but we shall never give up the land without a struggle."

One Hundred Girls Quit Work. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 26.—One hundred girls in the plug department of Lorillard's tobacco factory in Jersey city, which is controlled by the Compagnie Tabac Company, quit work today rather than submit to a cut in wages. The girls say their pay was reduced nine cents a hundred pounds.

BESSEMER PRODUCTION.

Complete Statistics of the Output During the Year 1900.

Philadelphia, March 26.—Complete statistics of the production during the year 1900 of Bessemer steel ingots and castings and Bessemer steel rails in the United States have been obtained by the American Iron and Steel association from the manufacturers. The total production of ingots was 6,684,770 gross tons, against 7,586,345 tons in 1899, showing a decrease in 1900 of 50,584 tons, or almost 12 per cent. The production of 1899 was the largest in the history of the association.

The production of steel rails for the year was 2,361,921 gross tons, and that of the year 1899 was 2,249,777 tons. This year's total production will include also rails made from open hearth steel and iron rails, and when all the figures are collected, it is expected that the entire production will amount to 2,400,000 tons. The maximum production of rails was the producers of Bessemer steel ingots was reached in 1900. The year of next largest production was 1899. In 1887, thirteen years ago, 2,044,519 tons were made. This was the third year's largest production.

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ORDER RESTORED AT BIRMINGHAM

Complete List of the Victims of the Terrible Cyclone in Alabama.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., March 26.—Under the harmonious working of the state militia and local police force much order has come out of yesterday's chaos incident to the fatal storm which swept over portions of the city. A careful revision of the death list places the total number of dead in the city at thirteen, several persons who were missing and had been reported dead having shown up. Two women reported missing at Irondale are believed to be dead under wrecked buildings. If they are dead this will increase the total to fifteen. Following is a complete list of the dead: White—Dr. Chapman, Mrs. R. G. Lowe, infant son of R. G. Lowe, 3-year-old daughter of R. B. Hudson, L. L. Chlumpe, German, John Gardner, colored—John Myro, Carrie Henry, Carrie Hudson, Maggie Stedever, Lizzie Goodlow, Lizzie Glenn, cook of R. B. Hudson. Thirty-five persons were more or less seriously hurt in Birmingham.

J. Alexander, the merchant, reported killed yesterday, was only severely injured. The relief fund raised by the people of Birmingham is growing and has already reached \$1,000.

Mayor Drennan authorizes the statement that the sufferers are not in need of outside contributions. The property loss is about \$300,000. The storm seemed to have lifted after leaving Birmingham, and beyond giving Huntsville, Ala., a slight touch, did not make itself felt until it passed into Georgia last night.

VICTIMS OF THE GREAT TORNADO

Careful Revision Places the Death List at Eighteen—Discoveries Made by Rescue Parties.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Birmingham, March 26.—A careful revision of the death list places the total number of dead in the city at thirteen. Two negro workmen, reported missing at Irondale, are believed to be dead and were found in the wreckage. This increases Irondale's deaths to five, making a total of eighteen dead in Birmingham and vicinity. Thirty-five persons were seriously hurt, of whom seven will die.

Buena Vista, Ga., March 26.—A rescue party, which has returned from the scene of yesterday's storm near here, reports that the infant son of J. D. Harrell and a negro girl were killed. A number of persons were injured. The tornado devastated the fields and razed several small dwellings.

ATTEMPT AT KIDNAPPING. Strange Man Chloroforms Edward McAvoy, of Wilkes-Barre.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, March 26.—A daring attempt was made to kidnap Edward McAvoy, aged 12 years, of this city, today. Two men picked him up in the yard of his father's house and carried him to a surrey in waiting. A handkerchief, saturated with chloroform, was placed over his nose and he became unconscious. When he revived he found himself on the back seat of the vehicle, which was then jarring over a country road.

Young McAvoy sprang from the carriage. One of the men ran after him, but the younger's cries attracted the attention of the occupants of another carriage, which was passing at the time, and the kidnapers, becoming scared, whipped up their horses and disappeared.

SENATOR QUAY NOT ILL. No Signs of Rumored Nervous Prostration, So Long as the Fish Bite.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, March 26.—Rumors that Senator M. S. Quay was suffering from nervous prostration and was in a serious condition, were set at rest today upon the receipt of the following telegram from his son, St. Louis, Mo., March 26:

Father is improving steadily. He has just returned from fishing and if there are any signs of nervous prostration, I have not been able to observe them.

Steamship Arrivals. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 26.—Arrived: Farnessia, Glasgow; La Gasconne, Havre; Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse, Bremen; Friedland, Antwerp; Vanderland, Southampton. Cleared: New-Bund, Antwerp; Oceanic, Liverpool; Sardinia, Glasgow; Salsido, Lahn, Bremen via Southampton. Gibraltar—Arrived: Kaiserin Maria Theresa, New York, for Naples and Genoa. Plymouth—Arrived: Pretoria, from Hamburg and Boulogne, New York. Lizard—Passed: Rotterdam, New York, for Rotterdam.

Assets Exceeded Liabilities. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, March 26.—Amos Steinhilber, a well known oil operator filed a petition in bankruptcy today in the West Virginia courts. The liabilities are \$80,000 with \$90,000 assets, mostly in oil land, the prospective value of which is much higher.

OUR MOROCCO WAR CLOUD

Admiral Rogers Gables from Tangier's Regarding Progress of Negotiations.

GUMMERE TO ASSIST

Something Is Left to His Discretion as to the Execution of the Details of the Affair—The Cash Claims Will Not Amount to \$60,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 26.—Admiral Rogers cabled from Tangier, Morocco, that he arrived at that port this morning on the armored cruiser New York. He is to take United States Consul General Gummere to Mazagan, in connection with the settlement of the United States claims against Morocco.

Upon being advised by the navy department that the New York had arrived at Tangier, the state department immediately sent a cablegram to Consul General Gummere, directing him to board the New York at once and go forward on his special mission. Something is left to Mr. Gummere's discretion as to the execution of the details, and it is for him to say whether he will be satisfied if the sultan and court meet him halfway at Mazagan, or whether he will proceed, according to the original programme, directly to Morocco city. It probably will make no difference in principle, provided the necessary explanations are afforded for the treatment of our consul has received and provisions be made for settling the claims.

These are not very large in the aggregate, probably \$60,000 will cover them all, or less than half an indemnity that was summarily collected by General many a short time ago on a previous similar class of claims. But it can be stated that if the court does not appear at Mazagan by the third week in April, then Consul General Gummere will go to Morocco city.

DIAMOND THIEF IS ARRESTED

William Dearthuff Also Threatened to Kidnap His Employer's Son. Stabs Himself for Effect.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kansas City, March 26.—Wm. Dearthuff, 29 years old, a clerk, was arrested today, charged with stealing \$300 worth of diamond rings from his employers, Edwards & Sloan, wholesale jewelers. Later, when confronted with the rings, which had been found hidden in the basement of the firm's building, Dearthuff broke down and confessed. Dearthuff also confessed to having sent Mr. Edwards, the senior member of the firm, a letter threatening to kidnap the jeweler's son if he did not immediately produce \$1,000. Dearthuff said he planned the robbery by himself and had taken no one into his confidence. He stole the rings and hid them in the basement. The scheme to extort money from Mr. Edwards was then conceived and the letter was sent to him.

Edwards had his son guarded while he made up a package of waste paper and sent it by Dearthuff to the place indicated in the letter. Dearthuff reported that he was met by two men, who took the package from him. Later he reported finding the empty tray in the basement and asserted that someone had stabbed him. Today Dearthuff admitted having inflicted the wound himself. Dearthuff has been employed by the firm for eighteen months.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Sabbath Committee Condemns the Collection of Mails and Running of Trains on Sunday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stroudsburg, March 26.—At today's session of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference, George W. Beckley, Jr., presented the report of the City Mission and Church Extension society, which stated that nine churches and four missions were dependent upon the society for aid. The receipts for the year were \$18,000, of which \$8,000 was from collections. The reappointment of Rev. C. M. Rowell, as secretary, was recommended. Rev. Dr. Wallace McMullen presented the report of the Evangelical alliance.

The report of the Sabbath committee condemned the collection of mails, the running of trains and the publication of Sunday newspapers as gigantic desecrations of the Sabbath. The conference report commended the abolition of the army canteen, and urged pastors to secure the pledges of young people to abstain from intoxicants and tobacco. It also suggested an organized campaign by the young people against the liquor traffic.

The annual report of the Pennsylvania Seaman's Prison society stated that during the year fifty-four libraries have been furnished ships, making a total of 4,915 since 1882, containing 65,187 volumes. Bibles and testaments in eight languages were distributed. The appointments will be announced tomorrow.

Rev. C. M. Rowell, who has been considered for the presiding eldership, will not be appointed, as his services in connection with the city missions are considered invaluable.

Big Bond Issue. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 26.—The bond issue of \$2,500,000 for the new hall of records for the city of New York, which was to be issued today, is being considered in view of the fact that the council voted to issue the bonds.

Religious Riot. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lisbon, March 26.—A religious riot was caused in Setubal, eighteen miles south of Lisbon, today. The riot was caused by the fact that the church was closed and it is rumored that some were killed. Order was finally restored.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: FAIR; FALLING TEMPERATURE.

1 General—Fight Against the Vaughan License Bill. Another Crisis in Chinese Affairs. Morocco Also Has a War Cloud. Scheme to Blow Up the Czar.

2 General—Carbonate Department. 3 Local—Supreme Court Opinion on the Right Ward Contest. Interesting Bowling Game.

4 Editorial. Note and Comment. 5 Local—Anthracite Strike Situation. Councils Can Regulate Water Rates.

6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 8 Local—County Detective Believes Clubbed Was Murdered.

MR. CONNELL AND THE MINERS UNION

As a Matter of Courtesy He Would Have No Objection to Meeting Union Representatives.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, March 26.—Congressman William Connell, of Scranton, an extensive anthracite coal operator in the Lackawanna district, came to this city today to close negotiations with the Lehigh Valley Railroad company for the sale of his "William A." mine at Scranton.

It is believed here that Mr. Connell's visit may have an important bearing upon existing conditions in the anthracite coal region, although he asserted tonight that his presence in this city had no significance in that respect. He said he had for some time been negotiating with the Lehigh Valley Railroad company for the sale of the "William A." colliery, and that he would meet the officials of the road tomorrow, when the deal will doubtless be closed.

It is said, however, that District President T. D. Nichols, of the United Mine Workers of America, wired Congressman Connell, requesting him to meet a delegation of the union leaders. Mr. Connell is quoted as saying that as a matter of courtesy he would not object to meeting representatives of the union. He is not cognizant of any grievances and regards it as not out of the ordinary to hear their complaints.

MRS. HALL ATTACHES GILMAN PROPERTY.

Will Leave It in the Hands of Administrator, However.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bridgeport, Conn., March 26.—Daniel Davenport, counsel in Bridgeport for Mrs. Hall, announced today that Mrs. Hall has attached all the money in the late George F. Gilman's name, wherever deposited, including \$105,000 in the Bank of North America, New York. The attorney added that Mrs. Hall would not interfere with the money, but she is entitled, perhaps, to some separate guarantees from China for the protection of its railroad concession in Manchuria, but not to the extent which it is understood the czar's government is to obtain by the secret treaty.

That is the view of the state department and that view is endorsed by the entire cabinet.

The administration believes that the secret agreement between Russia and China is in violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the general understanding to which all the powers subscribed last summer, and the United States government is prepared to use all its moral suasion and influence to prevent its consummation. Further than that, however, the government is not prepared to go.

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CHARGES AGAINST POSTMASTER.

Washington, March 26.—The civil service commission has just concluded an investigation of charges against Postmaster Sabel, of Erie, Pa. These charges, which are accompanied by a number of affidavits, allege political activity, discrimination against employees along political lines, neglect of office by Postmaster Sabel and use of the government building at Erie for a political caucus of members of his party.

New President of the Erie. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 26.—The Erie Post says Vice President F. P. Underwood, of the Baltimore and Annapolis railroad, has replaced the recently deceased Erie railroad President Bill of the Erie railroad, President Bill of the Erie railroad, was today in Baltimore conferring with Mr. Underwood and when he returns to New York later this week it is probable that all details as to when Mr. Underwood will take up his duties on the Erie railroad will be settled.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, March 26.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania, fair in southern, clearing in northern portions Wednesday; falling temperature; high northwestern, low southeastern; fair in the east; unsettled; Thursday, fair.