

SURPRISE ON VAUGHAN BILL

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VOTE AGAINST THE BILL

Composed of Various Elements. Over-confidence of Supporters of the Measure Came Very Near Resulting in Victory for the Opposition—Some Lively Work Will Be Necessary to Get the Votes "Out of the Woods."

Special from a Staff Correspondent. Harrisburg, March 27.—To the great surprise of its promoters, the Vaughan measure had only four votes to spare on second reading this morning.

SALE OF CONNELL COLLIERIES.

Arrangements for the Purchase of William A. and Lawrence Plants.

Philadelphia, March 27.—Congressman William A. Connell today disposed of his interests in the William A. and Lawrence collieries, located near Scranton, in which city Mr. Connell resides. The ostensible purchaser was the Connell Coal company, which will soon become a tributary of the Lehigh Valley Coal company.

The purchase price is said to be about \$1,000,000. Immediately after the completion of the deal, the congressman departed for Washington.

The capacity of the Connell collieries is about 20,000 tons per month. They, with other collieries in the Lackawanna district, are at present producing their limit.

They employ about 200 men each. It is the belief of coal operators that the absorption of the Connell collieries along with those of the Pennsylvania company will be followed by others in the district.

While Mr. Connell was in this city Thomas D. Nicholas, president of anthracite district No. 1, and John Fahney, president of district No. 2, came here and held a brief conference with him. Their purpose was to enlist his aid in the efforts of the Mine Workers to secure recognition from the coal carrying companies, but he declined to use his influence in this respect.

In an interview, Congressman Connell said: "I simply told them that I was unable to aid them. As for recognizing the union ourselves, we will follow the example of the larger operators. I have granted the smaller a continuance of the ten per cent. increase for another year, until April 2, 1902. I don't anticipate trouble in the anthracite region. The only object which the union's officers now seek is recognition of their organization."

DAMAGE FROM FLOODS IN NEW YORK

Mohawk River Higher Than at Any Time in Forty Years—Railroad Property Under Water.

New York, March 27.—From many parts of the state come news today and tonight of damage by floods. The worst of rivers and the smaller tributary streams are reported as overflowing their banks, causing widespread inundations which threaten to destroy much property if not bringing about loss of life before they begin to subside.

This is the only accident in which any one was injured was that due to the washing of a culvert near Norwich and the ditching of a Delaware and Lackawanna train. In the accident three people were slightly hurt.

This rush of water which is swelling the streams is due to heavy rains and the consequent melting of snow which has lain for months and been deeper than usual in the central, northern and western portions of the state. The Mohawk river swollen by torrents of rain flowing from the snow-covered Adirondacks is higher than at any time in almost forty years and fear was expressed at Utica during the day that the rising waters would interfere with railway traffic before tomorrow, but tonight's report shows that the high point was reached and the waters were receding. The waters of the Mohawk carried the ice out of the river at Schenectady and the pressure thus relieved has saved Schenectady so far from serious damage. The water has risen so high, however, that Little Falls reports that New York Central trains are being run over the West Shore road between Frankfurt and Utica.

The Genesee valley is about in flood stage, the Niagara and its tributaries not having been so full for five years. A rise of fifteen inches in twelve hours is an indication of the rapid rate at which the water is flowing into Rochester and its adjacent villages. Much railroad property is already under water. The people at Cortland are alarmed at the rush of waters there, as the flood threatens to sweep away houses in the lower part of the city.

A similar state of affairs existed at Binghamton early today where manufacturing plants were forced to suspend and where the citizens were on the alert to prevent a serious catastrophe, but no great damage has yet resulted.

Watertown reported tonight that the St. Lawrence river was getting up to near the highest water mark with no sign of a subsidence and into tonight Eaton, in Madison county, was in danger of a calamity through the threatened collapse of a reservoir which supplies the village with its drinking water.

TURKEY IS IN DANGER

The Affairs of the Empire Are Reaching a Threatening Pass.

FINANCES IN CONFUSION

The Arab Insurgents Defeat the Imperial Troops and Proclaim Sultan's Brother Mohammed V.—Tension Extreme in Macedonia—Many Arrests Daily.

London, March 27.—Advices received here from Constantinople show that affairs are reaching a dangerous pass there. Turkish finances are in inextricable confusion. All government salaries are from six to eight months in arrears. Upward of a million Turkish pounds are due for war material, while the military expenditure is daily increasing in order to cope with the rebellion in the province of Yemen, in Southern Arabia, and the possible rising in Macedonia.

There is no doubt that the Ottoman troops received a severe check at the hands of the Arab insurgents, who in a manifesto denouncing the sultan, proclaimed his brother, Mohammed-Ihsad Effendi, to be sultan, with the title of Mohammed V. The Young Turk Party have adhered to the Arabian proclamation, and the open enemy to Abdul-Hamid, the sultan, has spread to the palace and the sultan's advisers.

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CALL FOR MEETING OF MINE WORKERS.

President Mitchell Issues Request for Gathering of Officers.

Wilkes-Barre, March 27.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued a call for a joint meeting of the national executive board and the presidents of the three anthracite coal districts to be held here Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The meeting is called in pursuance of the resolutions passed by the recent Hazleton convention and is for the purpose of taking up the report which President Mitchell will make regarding his visit to New York, where he has been trying to secure a conference with the coal operators.

It is believed that the action to be taken at this meeting will remove the uncertainty as to whether or not a strike will be inaugurated next Monday.

FRUIT STEAMER ASHORE.

Wreck of a Cargo of Bananas Near Long Beach.

New York, March 27.—The little Norwegian fruit steamer Gyvost, from Bamoe, Cuba, with a cargo of bananas, went ashore at Long Beach, L. I., last night, and as she is high ashore, with the surf beating over her, it is believed the vessel will be a total loss. There were six passengers aboard the freighter at the time she ran aground. All of them were rescued.

The passengers were C. H. Hines, of Schenectady, N. Y., who is connected with the General Electric company, his wife, son and baby, and William Yerkes and P. Romley, of this city.

REFORM NEEDED IN INDIA.

Lord Curzon's Address to the Council. Army Increase Imperative.

Calcutta, March 27.—In the course of the debate on the budget today Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, viceroy of India, in a forcible speech, spoke of the necessity of reform in many directions. He congratulated the council on the step taken after a year of famine. He defended the military estimates, saying that while he would gladly spend the revenues on economic measures, an increase in the army was required to make India safe, which is not the case at the present time. While the whole world was busy with military reform, Lord Curzon concluded, India could not stand still.

JAPAN'S POSITION.

Will Protect Her Legitimate Interests at All Times.

Yokohama, March 27.—At a meeting of his parliamentary adherents today the premier, the Marquis Itô referring to foreign politics said Japan had attained a position enabling her to protect her legitimate interests and to take whatever steps the exigencies of the moment required.

MR. SMITH WILL NOT RESIGN.

The Postmaster General Again Denies Persistent Rumor.

Washington, March 27.—Postmaster General Seward today gave an emphatic denial to the stories that he intended to resign his office. He said: "Whenever I have been asked the question and I have replied that I don't intend to resign, I mean that at no time during my service as postmaster general have I had such intention. If you wish to, you may say again that I do not intend to resign."

Mr. Smith made this statement with quiet emphasis. "You did not say," Mr. Smith was asked, "that you will not resign?" "No," he answered, "No public man could make a statement of that character with confidence in its accuracy. We don't know what the future holds for me. I will say again, though, that I do not intend to resign, that I perceive no reason which would impel me to resign, and that every one of these stories setting forth that I contemplated tendering my resignation is without foundation in fact."

DENMARK'S PRICE.

Conditions for the Proposed Sale of the Danish West Indies.

London, March 28.—The Daily News publishes the following dispatch from its Copenhagen correspondent: "I am enabled to state on the very best authority that Denmark has communicated to the United States the following conditions for the sale of the Danish West Indies: "Second—The population to decide by vote whether to remain Danish or be transferred to America. "Third—if the vote is favorable to the United States, then the inhabitants to become immediately not only American subjects, but American citizens. "Fourth—Products of the islands to be admitted to the United States free of duty. "It is supposed here that Washington will not accept the third and fourth conditions."

MOBS ATTACK A SILK SUPERINTENDENT

Men and Women Sympathizers with Strikers Throw Mud and Stones in Wilkes-Barre.

Wilkes-Barre, March 27.—A mob of breaker boys and men and women sympathizers with the striking girls of the Bamford mills of this city set upon Superintendent Spears and his assistant, this evening, and for a time it looked as though there would be bloodshed. The superintendent was on his way to this city when the crowd of breaker boys met him and with mud and stones rained down upon him, yelling and jeering. When the city line was reached the mob numbered about five hundred, many men and women joining it. Three policemen assigned to the scene met the mob and ordered it to disperse. Spears and his companion entered their car and then they were surrounded it and demanded that they be ejected. The conductor first refused to comply with the demand and the windows of the car were smashed. Later the two men were ordered to get off the car.

The appearance of the superintendent was the signal for another outbreak. The police surrounded the men and while the riot progressed Spear fell senseless, with a deep gash on his face, inflicted by a stone thrown by a member of the mob. He then sprang to his feet and succeeded in escaping the mob. They, too, were assaulted, but not seriously injured. No arrests have been made.

Superintendent Spears is charged with having repudiated an agreement with the strikers, and the mob is intent on the striking mill girls. The girls were on strike for eight weeks and returned to receive an advance in wages of from 5 to 25 per cent. The management discharged Superintendent Spears and the strikers' settlement, disclaiming all knowledge of the negotiations, and refused to grant the demand. Another strike was inaugurated three days later and is now on.

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

Business at Stroudsburg Closed with Reading of Appointments.

Stroudsburg, March 27.—With the reading of the appointments, the business of the Methodist Episcopal conference was brought to a close here this afternoon. The church was crowded with local people, anxious to hear who was to be stationed here. Bishop Joyce led the devotional exercises that closed the conference.

Rev. W. W. Wisegarver, of Mountain Home, was placed on the supernumerary list. With recommendations to the Presbytery Aid society, Rev. H. F. Fox was received into this conference from the East Maine conference.

Bishop Joyce then read the appointments and the conference adjourned. No place was selected for next year's session. The executive secretary, Rev. Morris Graves, and the treasurer, Rev. Thomas Kirkpatrick, presented the year's statistics.

Mohawk on the Rampage.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 27.—High water in the Mohawk river has disorganized passenger traffic on the New York Central railroad through the Mohawk valley tonight. Through trains are being run over the West Shore road on account of the flooding of the tracks between Frankfurt and Utica.

Editor Scott Resigns.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 27.—W. C. Scott, editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal, has notified President Mitchell his resignation to take effect a week from next Saturday.

AGUINALDO CAPTURED

General Frederick Funston's Daring Scheme Proves Successful.

SECURED ON MARCH 23

The Insurgent Chief Located at His Hiding Place in the Province of Isabella, Island of Luzon, by Funston's Men and Is Taken on Board the Vicksburg to Manila. No Official Report at Washington. Associated Press' News Is Accepted as Authentic—General Otis Pleased. No Opinion from Mr. Bryan.

Manila, March 28.—General Frederick Funston's daring project for the capture of Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabella, island of Luzon, has proved completely successful. Aguinaldo was captured there March 23.

The United States gunboat Vicksburg, commander E. R. Barry, with general Funston and Aguinaldo on board, arrived here this morning.

Washington, March 27.—Official news of the capture of Aguinaldo had not reached the war department up to a late hour tonight. The president had returned before the Associated Press bulletin arrived and will hear the news for the first time in the morning.

The capture of Aguinaldo will be a source of great satisfaction to the president and his advisers.

OTIS IS PLEASED.

Chicago, March 28.—General Otis was awakened this morning with the news that Aguinaldo had been captured by General Funston.

"I am very glad to hear it," said General Otis. He added, however, that he made it a rule never to be interviewed after he had once retired for the night and he smilingly declined to say anything further.

NO COMMENT FROM MR. BRYAN.

Lincoln, Neb., March 28.—W. J. Bryan was this morning informed of the capture of Aguinaldo and asked for an expression of opinion. He said he preferred to wait until there was more complete verification of the report. Mr. Bryan did not doubt the accuracy of the Associated Press bulletin, but said so many previous reports had proven without foundation that he believed it wise to postpone commenting.

ALLOTMENTS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STOCK.

Shareholders May Receive New Issue at 93 1-3 Per Cent. of Present Holdings.

Philadelphia, March 27.—The newly elected directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company held their first meeting today, at which the allotment of the new issue of stock was determined upon. The board decided to issue the stock to shareholders at the rate of 93 1-3 per cent. of their present holdings at the price of \$90 per share. All the old shares were re-elected.

Killed by Burglars.

New Orleans, March 27.—Burglars early today entered the home of John Favalona on Perdido street. They were armed with shotguns and their daughter Anna. After committing the murder the burglars calmly ransacked the house, and fled to the harbor.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Newark, N. J., March 27.—Four men were arrested at Thornville today on suspicion of being implicated in the burglary of the Somerset bank yesterday. They were armed with shotguns and their daughter Anna. After committing the murder the burglars calmly ransacked the house, and fled to the harbor.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today: Fair, Northwest Winds. 1 General—General Funston Captures Aguinaldo. Vaughan Bill Has a Close Shave. Great British Protest Against Manchurian Treaty Uprising in Turkey. 2 General—Cardinals Department. 3 General—J. P. Morgan Merges Committee from Mining Region. The Department News. 4 Editorial. 5 Story—"The Canon's Mouth." 6 Local—Report of Fire Chief Zerkowicz. Court Proceedings. 7 Local—Long Session of Common Council. No Developments in Miners' Strike Situation. 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 9 General—Noreaster, Pennsylvania, Financial and Commercial. 10 Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

PROTEST FROM THE BRITISH

Formal Objections Are Filed Against the Chinese Agreement with Russia.

WHY CHINA HESITATES

The United States, England, Germany and Japan Are Now in Formal Opposition to the Signing of a Convention by China with any Power Pending the Settlement of the Chinese Troubles—A Stir in Diplomatic Circles at Washington.

CRUISER NEW YORK ORDERED TO MANILA

Trouble with Morocco Will Be Adjusted Without Show of Force, If Possible.

Washington, March 27.—Secretary Long today called an order to Admiral Rogers, on board the cruiser New York, at Tangier, to proceed at once with the vessel to Manila. This is an abandonment of the plan to have the New York convey United States Consul General Gurnea from Tangier to Massagua in the attempt to collect American claims. It is the purpose of the state department to endeavor to adjust these claims and other outstanding issues against Morocco without any show of force and in the ordinary practice of diplomacy.

It is said that the United States consul general, who had conceived that obstacles were purposely placed in the way of his access to the court, has received assurances that the actual reason for the departure of the court from Morocco was to pay a long due visit to another section of the country. It was also promised that the court would return within a month or six weeks and would receive Mr. Gurnea, probably even at Massagua, thus obviating the necessity on his part for an overland journey to the capital. In this view of the case, and the New York being being needed in the east to take the place of the Newark as the flagship, it was decided to let the vessel proceed at once on her voyage.

Mr. Gurnea probably will now enter into fresh communication with the Moroccan government to secure another appointment for a meeting.

THE CASUALTIES IN BABINGTON'S ACTION

New Zealanders and Bushmen Under General Kitchener Make a Good Showing in Battle.

London, March 27.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener to the war office, dated Pretoria, March 27, says: "Our casualties in General Babington's action were two killed and seven wounded. The Boers lost 22 dead and 30 wounded. As this pursuit was rapid, many more Boer casualties are likely. "The operations of March 27 drove the enemy north from their positions at Kaffers Kraal. On March 27 the pursuit was continued by mounted men only. The enemy's rear guard was driven in by a combined movement on both flanks. Their convoy was then sighted at Louwfontein. The Greys, New Zealanders and Bushmen pushed on. The Boers were taken up a position, but the Greys and other troops rode down all opposition and gave him no chance. The convoy was ridden into and the enemy's retreat was continued until the horses were exhausted."

DEATHS FROM PLAGUE.

Eight Thousand Die in One Week. Whole Towns Deserted.

London, March 28.—The Calcutta correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Eight thousand people died of the plague last week in Bengal alone, including Calcutta. Whole towns are being deserted. There is, however, no panic."

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 27.—Arrived: Greaser Kurfa, Bremen; Marquette from Bremen; Kurfa, Bremen; Liverpool and Queenstown; Cleared: Bowring, London; Boston, via Southampton; Vandalia, Southampton; Sailer, Sardinia; Glasgow, Queenstown; Liverpool, Newcastle, Antwerp; Queenstown-Arrived: Nanticoke, New York; Liverpool, Bremen-Arrived: Sultana, New York; Rotterdam, London-Arrived: Westernland, New York for Astoria.

Killed a Police Officer.

Columbus, Pa., March 27.—Jim Little, a negro, shot and instantly killed Police Officer W. S. Elliott and was himself shot and killed tonight by Officer Woods. Little had been threatening to kill his wife and started to carry out his threat. Officers were summoned and as Elliott stepped in the door he was shot in the head. Wood was following shot the negro, killing him instantly.

Mr. Knox May Be Attorney General.

Pittsburgh, March 27.—P. C. Knox left the city tonight at 10 o'clock for Washington in answer to the summons of President McKinley. It is understood that Mr. Knox will be tendered the position of attorney general by the president and the belief is held here that if the portfolio is offered he will see his way to accept the honor.

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