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An Effort to Amend, Made by Mr. Flinn, Is Defeated by a Vote of 18 to 15.

MEASURES INTRODUCED

Scheme to Submit to the People at Election, a Constitutional Amendment That Will Permit the Use of Voting Machines—Bill to Compensate Riot Victims—Mr. James Introduces Bill Conferring Additional Jurisdiction Upon Orphans Court Judges.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, April 4.—The Fox capital building bill came in for considerable discussion when it came up in the senate on third reading today. Mr. Flinn, of Allegheny, offered an amendment that the names of State Treasurer Barnett, Auditor General-elect Hardenbergh, President Pro-Tem of the Senate Snyder and Speaker Marshall be stricken out as members of the commission and those of J. B. Jackson and William McConway, of Pittsburg; John C. Bullitt, of Philadelphia, and William Hassom, of Venango, be substituted. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 15 yeas to 18 nays, as follows:

Yeas—Crawford, Dunn, Flinn, Henry, Higgins, Lee, McKee, Miller, Neely, Rice, Stewart, Vaughn, Weiss, Weller, Wentz—15.

Nays—Brickbauer, Cummings, Fisher, Focht, Fox, Grady, Grumbach, Hardenbergh, Heidelbaugh, Ikeler, Smeltzbrenner, Quail, Scott, Snyder, Stineman, Stober, Vare, Washburn—18.

Mr. Focht, of Union, offered an amendment that the governor be given power to appoint the commission, but Mr. Fox, of Dauphin, interposed with a motion to postpone further consideration of the bill for the present and this was done by a vote of 23 to 14.

House bill providing that the board of directors of any corporation may consist of any number of persons, not less than three, was passed finally.

By Mr. Grady, of Philadelphia, providing for submitting to the people at the general election a proposed constitutional amendment which will permit the use of voting machines at elections. The amendment passed the last legislature, and according to the law must again pass the succeeding legislature. The amendment has gone through the senate and is now in the house. The bill introduced by Grady is for the purpose of making operative the submission of the amendment to the people.

By Mr. Fox, of Dauphin, allowing legitimate and illegitimate children, born from the same mother, dying without children, to inherit real and personal property from each other in exclusion to the grandmother of the illegitimate children, as though they had been born in lawful wedlock.

The senate adjourned until Tuesday night.

Bills Introduced in House.

Bills were introduced in the house today as follows:

By Mr. Miller, of Bedford, reducing the minimum school term from seven to six months, and to prevent the adulteration of beer, ale and porter.

By Mr. Kendall, of Somerset, providing for the appointment by the chief of the bureau of mines of four scales of weights and measures for the bituminous coal mines, who shall visit the mines in the respective districts at least once every six months and test the scales, cars or other vessels used to weigh or measure coal. To falsify scales, cars or other vessels is punishable by a fine of $500 and six months' imprisonment.

By Mr. Yates, of Philadelphia, appointing a committee, consisting of four senators and five members, to "determine what innocent persons engaged in protecting life and property lost their lives in the riots in the anthracite coal fields in October and September, 1900," and providing for the payment of a reasonable compensation to the widows and lineal heirs of such persons.

By Mr. Hoy, of Clarion, levying a tax of three-fourths of one per cent. upon each gallon of beer, ale or porter manufactured or brewed in Pennsylvania.

Mr. James, of Lackawanna, conferring upon the judges of the orphans' court concurrent jurisdiction with the judges of the courts of common pleas, quarter sessions and oyer and terminer.

When the McClain corporation bill amending the general corporation act of 1874 so as to authorize the formation of corporations for any lawful purpose not otherwise specifically provided for by act of assembly was reached, on motion of Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, the house went into committee of the whole for amendment.

An amendment was inserted providing that "if it shall be legally proven that any corporation chartered under the provisions of this amendment shall have entered into a trust or combination, such action shall work a forfeiture of all rights and privileges conferred upon it by such charter and said charter shall be declared and become null and void," after which the bill passed third reading and was laid aside for printing.

The senate bill to amend the general corporation act of 1874 to allow corporations to hold such real estate as is necessary for the purpose of such corporations was passed finally.

The house took a recess until 3 o'clock.

Mr. Tiffany, of Susquehanna, introduced a bill empowering tax collectors to give statement to the amount of taxes charged against taxables named upon their duplicates to officers, members, clerks, managers or bookkeepers of corporations, and providing for the payment and settlement of taxes with taxables through corporations.

House Bills Passed Finally.

Providing that for the purpose of classification the population of townships may be ascertained by proceedings in the courts of quarter sessions and regulating such proceedings.

Senate bill authorizing school boards to grant the use of school houses for lyceums and other literary purposes.

Providing that there shall be kept at the bottom of every slope and shaft in the anthracite region a chest containing surgical appliances for use in case of accident.

Repealing the act of April 28, 1899, exempting pianos, melodeons and organs leased or hired from levy or sale on execution or distress for rent.

Providing a pension of $12 a month for Philip L. Brasington, late of the Sixteenth regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania.

Proposed Amendment to Constitution.

Mr. Hall, of Allegheny, introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution by striking out Section 16, Article 2, and inserting in place the following:

The state shall be divided into senatorial districts of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as may be, and each district shall be entitled to elect one senator. The senatorial ratio shall be ascertained by dividing the whole population of the state by the number fifty. Each county containing one or more ratios of population shall be entitled to one senator for each ratio and to an additional senator for a surplus of population exceeding three-fifths of a ratio, but no county shall form a separate district unless it shall contain four-fifths of a ratio except where the adjoining counties are each entitled to one or more senators when such county may be assigned a senator on less than four-fifths and exceeding one-half of a ratio, and no county shall be divided unless entitled to two or more senators. No city or county shall be entitled to separate representation exceeding one-sixth of the whole number of senators. No ward, borough or township shall be divided in the formation of a district.

The house adjourned at 10 o'clock until 8 o'clock Monday evening.

GENERAL WOOD ADVISES CUBANS

The Purpose of the Platt Amendment Is Explained Again—The Interviewers Satisfied.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Havana, April 4.—The so-called radical element in the Cuban constitutional convention, including Senors Juan Gomez, Portuondo Aleman and Manduley, held a conference today with Governor General Wood regarding the Platt amendment.

Governor Wood said that the United States government intended to deal justly and honestly by the Cubans and had no desire to retain possession of the island. He pointed out that the Platt amendment was drawn up primarily with the view to protecting a weak nation against outsiders as well as against internal strife and would not interfere with Cuban independence. He explained that the Washington interpretation of clause 3 of the scheme of relations was that the United States claimed the right to intervene solely for the purpose of preserving the independence of the island, maintaining an adequate force to protect life, property and individual liberty and completing the obligations imposed by the treaty of Paris upon the United States.

He expressed the opinion that, in drawing up a treaty, many points in the future relations of Cuba with the United States might be more clearly explained to meet present objections. The delegates retired apparently pleased with the interview.

Senor Portuondo said he thought everything would be settled satisfactorily. He is in favor of the appointment of a commission to go to Washington and expects favorable results from such a step. Orders were issued today directing the holding of municipal elections throughout Cuba June 1. There will be fifteen days for registration, beginning, April 19.

STOLEN MAIL DISCOVERED.

Package of 200 Letters from the West Found at Ocean Grove.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—A package of more than 200 letters from Chicago and other western points, addressed exclusively to persons or firms in this city, was found on Ocean Grove Beach, N. J., and sent to the postoffice in this city today. Checks and drafts to the amount of $200 were found in the letters. The finders, not realizing the value of these, mutilated them, but not hopelessly, as they tore only the stamps and monograms.

Afterwards they took the letters to Postmaster W. H. Hamilton, of Ocean Grove, who notified the postoffice authorities at Washington and New York and forwarded the letters here. None of the letters were dated later than March 29. One check bore the date of April 1. How the packages came to be on the beach is a mystery, but it is supposed to be a part of the contents of a mail bag that had been stolen from a train in transit.

Peanut Market Cornered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—It was announced today that a firm in Hoboken, N. J., had cornered the peanut market, having purchased all the nuts in the Chicago, Boston and New York markets, as well as having secured, this week, 125 carloads from Norfolk, Va. There has been an advance in price from 70 to 90 cents a bushel lately, and a member of the firm says this has been due to the corner and expresses his opinion that it will go still higher.

Everything Harmonious.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Indianapolis, April 4.—President Mitchell today expressed himself as satisfied with the settlement reached by miners and operators in the black coal and bituminous districts of the state. Mr. Mitchell said that the report that the anthracite miners of Pennsylvania were dissatisfied with the recent settlement there was based on misinformation, for everything in that region was harmonious and there was so far as he knew, no thought of a strike.

Misappropriated Bacon.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, April 4.—Lieutenant Boyer, of the Thirty-ninth volunteer infantry, chief commissary for the second district of the department of southern Luzon, has arrived at Calamba, province of Laguan, where he has been charged with misappropriating fifty cases of bacon and with other irregularities. It is alleged that the shortage in the commissary depot in Manila aggregates $185,000.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Professor Francis Aristides Jackson, the oldest teacher in point of service in the University of Pennsylvania, died today at his home in Overbrook, a suburb, aged 75 years. Professor Jackson was one of the originators of the Boston Symphony concerts.

Anniston, Ala., April 4.—General George T. (Tige) Anderson, the famous Confederate brigade commander and a veteran of the Mexican war, died here this afternoon, aged —. He served under Longstreet in the Virginia campaign.

THE CHINESE INDEMNITY

Ministers Are Considering Proposals Submitted by Financial Experts.

SIR ROBERT HART'S PLAN

Director of the Imperial Maritime Customs Suggests Levying of an Annual House Tax of One-Half a Month's Rent—Some of the Powers Are Averse to Contract a Loan for the Payment of the Indemnity.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pekin, April 3.—The ministers are considering proposals submitted by financial experts for raising a sum sufficient to pay the Chinese indemnity. It is probable that some arrangement will be arrived at on the basis of the plan of Sir Robert Hart, director of the imperial maritime customs, which provides for the handing of the salt and likin taxes over the maritime customs administration and the levying of an annual house tax equal to one-half a month's rent, which, it is calculated, will provide 20,000,000 taels yearly, sufficient to pay 5 per cent. interest on 250,000,000 taels and clear off the whole of the principal in less than forty years. Two hundred and fifty millions taels is equivalent, roughly estimated to 36,000,000 pounds, but the total amount of the indemnity is likely to be much more than that.

Some of the powers are averse to compelling China to contract a loan for the payment of the indemnity. It is believed that the increased cost of raising the money required in that way is likely to hamper the commercial development of China, and it is therefore believed to be desirable to have the money raised internally in China.

Collapse of Concert Predicted.

Vienna, April 4.—A correspondent of the Neues Wiener Journal has had an interview with K. P. Pobyedonostseff, procurator general of the Holy Synod and councillor to the czar. The procurator general, speaking of Russia's foreign policy, said that an attempt to interfere with Russia's plans was doomed to failure. The situation in China would soon develop in such a way as to make a break-up of the present council inevitable. Russia, added Pobyedonostseff, despises England and other rivals.

IRON MANUFACTURERS MEET.

They Discuss Measures Looking Toward Securing Higher Prices.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—About a dozen men representing the various iron industries in the Eastern Bar Iron Manufacturers' association met today. The session in this city was adjourned from one held in Philadelphia last week. The association includes many of the large furnaces and iron mills outside of the United States Steel corporation. Among the institutions represented were the Jones & Laughlin company, of Pittsburg; the Cambria Steel and Iron company, of Johnstown; the Pennsylvania Steel company, of Steelton; the Lackawanna Steel and Iron company, of Scranton, and others.

It was stated tonight by a member who was present that the reason for the meeting was to discuss measures looking towards the securing of higher prices for bar iron. It was denied that the meeting was to formulate a plan of combination against the United States Steel company. A report was current that some of the mills and furnaces outside of the United States Steel corporation and particularly those in the Eastern Bar Iron Manufacturers' association, which include mills and furnaces in eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and New England, would organize to compete with the new United States Steel corporation. Other rumors were afloat relative to the absorption of the smaller mills and furnaces by the United States Steel corporation. It was stated positively that such firms as the Jones and Laughlin company and one or two others would under no consideration join any syndicate. There will be another meeting of the association tomorrow.

YOUNG DOCTOR IN TROUBLE.

He Is Accused of Having Assaulted a Patient.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, April 4.—Dr. H. L. Falk, a young physician of this city, was arrested today, charged with committing a criminal assault on the wife of Samuel Salsberg, a merchant of this city. Falk, it is said, was attending the woman professionally. The husband came home unexpectedly and did not like the doctor's actions in the house. He pulled a revolver and shot the doctor in the arm. The wound is not a serious one. The husband then went before Magistrate Donohue and had a warrant issued for Falk's arrest. Mayor Nichols went to the physician's house and accepted bail in the sum of $5,000 for his appearance at court.

Falk has brought a counter suit against Salsberg. He claims his accuser has slandered him and he wants $7,000 damages. The papers will be served on Salsberg tomorrow.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—Arrived: Germanic, Liverpool; Rhein, Bremen. Cleared: Rotterdam, Rotterdam; Deutschland, Flushing. Sailed: Grosser Kurfurst, Bremen via Southampton; La Bretagne, Havre. Naples—Arrived: Aller, New York (and sailed for Genoa). Queenstown—Sailed: Majestic (from Liverpool), New York. Rotterdam—Sailed: Amsterdam, Boulogne and New York.

Successor to Col. McClure.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Dr. Alfred C. Lambdin has become the editor of the Philadelphia Times, succeeding Alex. K. McClure, who retired from the paper a few days ago. Dr. Lambdin has been Mr. McClure's associate in the editorial direction of the paper from its first issue. He was its first managing editor.

Boy Killed While Stealing a Ride.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 4.—News was received here tonight that a boy aged about 15 years, supposed to be James Selbits, of Harrisburg, Pa., was killed on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore today near Elkton, Md. He was stealing a ride on a freight train and fell between two cars and was instantly killed.

GENERAL BOTHA'S LETTER.

Contains No Clue to the Reason for Failure of Negotiations.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 4.—The letter of General Botha, the Boer commander in chief, to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in South Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meeting, casually referred to in Lieutenant General Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hope to obtain some clue to the reason for the failure of the conferences, was published as a parliamentary paper today. It is dated at the commandant general's camp, Feb. 13, and begins with a reference to "the verbal message from your excellency," continuing as follows:

"I have the honor to inform your excellency that no one desires more than I to bring this bloody strife to an end. I would also very much like to meet your excellency for the purpose of mutual discussion, to see if it is not possible to discover terms under which this can be done."

The remainder of the letter is of no importance. It merely suggests a place of meeting and arrangements for the guarantee of safe conduct.

VERDICT OF THE JURY IN BORDENTOWN CASE

Engineer Thompson and Conductor Sapp Held Guilty of Negligence.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trenton, April 4.—The coroner's jury which is inquiring into the cause of the collision between the Nellie Bly and a local train between Bordentown and this city, on Feb. 21, concluded the taking of testimony today and rendered its verdict.

The witnesses on the stand today were Conductor Sapp, of the local train, who was recalled, and Edward G. Garwood, the fireman of the local.

Sapp repeated his former testimony and assumed all responsibility for the collision by admitting that he had overlooked the order.

Fireman Garwood testified that Engineer Thompson read the orders aloud when he got them and said nothing about a third section.

The jury deliberated for two hours. They held Engineer Thompson and Conductor Sapp, of the local train, guilty of negligence in failing to obey orders. The verdict also censures the railroad company for not having a double track.

The closing portion of the verdict says that contingencies of human mistakes should mitigate the blame of Thompson and Sapp to some extent.

Coroner Bower said this afternoon that Sapp would be arrested and held for the grand jury to answer a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Thompson died recently in the St. Francis hospital as the result of injuries received in the wreck.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORMERS VISIT THE PRESIDENT.

They Discuss Alleged Violations of the Civil Service Laws.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—Richard Dana, of Massachusetts; W. D. Foulke, of Indiana, and John Joy Edson, of this city, a committee representing the National Civil Service Reform league, called upon the president today by appointment and talked more than an hour with him about civil service matters. The alleged violations of the law, irregularities and many other features were under discussion.

The committee, by direction of the league, is investigating a number of alleged violations of the law. The committee has gone far enough in its work to be able to report some facts to the president. It is understood that the committee gave the president information regarding the case of Postmaster Hicks, of Philadelphia, who some time ago discharged a number of clerks, it is said, in violation of the principles of the law. The president was much interested and kept the committee in consultation so long that a number of callers left without seeing the president.

AIDING AGUINALDO.

Gen. MacArthur's Secretary Assisting to Draw Up Manifesto.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, April 4.—Aguinaldo has the assistance of Chief Justice Arellano and of Mr. Fisher, General MacArthur's private secretary, in preparing his manifesto. The work is not completed and the tenor of the contents is not divulged.

Chief Justice Arellano had a long conference with Aguinaldo today. The ex-rebel is realizing the futility of further resistance and is desirous of sparing the Filipinos additional distress, trusting to the justice and generosity of the American people. He urges the insurgents to cease fighting and American sovereignty.

Guffey Has Another Gusher.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, April 4.—Colonel J. M. Guffey, of this city, has drilled in another gusher near Beaumont, Texas. The oil, when struck, shot up in a solid column 100 feet above the top of the derrick, but a gate valve had been put on so that the flow of oil was readily shut in. This new gusher is the equal of the famous Lucas well and makes the third this company has had shut in awaiting the completion of the pipe line to Port Arthur and additional tankage.

To Tax Railroad Earnings.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Paul, April 4.—A bill increasing the tax on gross earning of railroads from 3 to 4 per cent, passed the senate today and went to the governor. It provides that the proposed increase shall be put before the people at the next election in the shape of a constitutional amendment and if favorably acted upon it will mean an increase of several hundred thousand dollars in the taxation of railroads in the state.

Dead Bodies on the Tracks.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Brunswick, Md., April 4.—The dead bodies of two men were found along the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Williams' Point tunnel, two miles east of Brunswick, this morning. From papers found on the bodies it is believed the dead men are Joseph Ryan and Kenneth Cobb, of Boston.

West Virginia Coal Plant

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Clarksburg, W. Va., April 4.—W. B. Maxwell and Hugh Jarvis, wealthy citizens of this place, have purchased 1,000 acres of coal adjacent to the city's southern limits for $100,000. A $225,000 plant will be put in at once.

VON WALDERSEE FEARS TROUBLE

Sends Telegram Imploring Emperor William to Remove Troops as Soon as Possible.

THE SOLDIERS QUARREL

He Believes That Serious Complications May Result—Moscow Correspondent of the Graphic Says That the Russian Army at Manchuria Will Soon Number 300,000 Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, April 5.—The Daily Chronicle publishes the following dispatch from Berlin:

"Count Von Waldersee has sent an urgent telegram to Emperor William imploring him to endeavor to hasten the negotiations for the withdrawal of the allied troops, on the ground that it is impossible to prevent quarrels between the soldiers of different nationalities, which might at any moment lead to serious trouble."

London, April 5.—"By the end of May," says the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Graphic, "the Russian army in Manchuria will number 300,000 men.

"It is understood that the Russian minister of war (General Kouropatkin) reckons upon the possibility of having to dispatch an army corps southward into Korea."

London, April 5.—The Reuter Telegram company has received the following dispatch from Pekin, dated April 4:

"China's rejection of the Manchurian convention appears to be of a rather temporizing nature, leaving the matter still open to future discussion."

London, April 5.—"The Italian minister in Pekin telegraphs," says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that M. De Giers has threatened that Russia will leave the concert if the powers continue to oppose the Manchurian convention."

WRECK AT ELIZABETH.

Fireman and Engineer of a Passenger Train Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—John Cronin was killed, Frank Mahon severely injured and a score of passengers were bruised and shaken in a wreck on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, near Elizabeth, N. J., tonight. Cronin was fireman, and Mahon engineer of a passenger train. Both lived in Jersey City. The trains in collison were a passenger from Newark to Perth Amboy and a coal train. The coaler was on a siding and as the passenger approached on the main track the former train moved out on the same track. Mahon tried to stop the passenger, but was unable to do so, and both reached the frogs at the same moment. Mahon and Cronin stuck to their posts and both engines went over. All the passenger coaches left the rails and every passenger in them was more or less bruised.

Mahon is believed to be internally hurt. There were about forty passengers on the train.

THE BIRDS WERE SLOW.

Rain Made the Fast Flyers Easy for the Marksmen.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—The shoot for the grand American handicap which was postponed from yesterday began this morning and was continued up to dusk this evening. With the exception of a brief interval in the middle of the day shooting at live birds was kept up without any interruption and nearly 5,000 birds were trapped. The weather conditions were anything but conducive to the comfort of the gunners, 20 of whom tried conclusions for championship honors. During the entire shoot rain fell continuously and this made what would otherwise have been fast flyers very slow birds indeed.

All told there were twenty-two entries for the event, ten of which were post entries. Twenty-one men failed to toe their marks when their turns came and those absentees forfeited $10 each which went to swell the purse. The entire amount of money which will be distributed among the forty-four high guns when the event is concluded tomorrow is $5,355. When the shooting was discontinued this evening there were forty men with straight scores of twenty kills each and fifty-three with nineteen each. During the day several were forced out of the contest after having had five misses scored against them. Among those who missed one bird are J. A. R. Elliott, Captain Money and E. D. Fulford.

The conditions of the grand American call for twenty-five birds for each man and the contest will be resumed at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Among the forty who killed twenty straight are the following Pennsylvanians: E. Emmers, Royersford; H. Schimmell, Easton; H. Trumbaer, Royersford and C. E. Geikler, Philadelphia.

METAL TAGS FOR SOLDIERS.

Recommended for Identification Purposes in Philippines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—Chaplain Charles G. Pierce, who is in charge of the United States morgue at Manila and of the work of identifying the American dead in the Philippines, has recommended to the war department, in order to facilitate identification, the issue to all officers and men of a small tag of aluminum, bearing the name, rank and regiment, to be worn constantly around the neck.

End of Quarrelsome Couple.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Adrian, Mich., April 4.—Darius C. Bachelder, a horse breeder, shot and killed his wife in their house and then retiring to an upstairs room, shot himself through the temple, dying instantly. The couple had quarreled a great deal.

BASE BALL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

At Lexington, Va.—University of Pennsylvania, 5; Washington and Lee University, 4.

At Chester—Princeton University, 7; Montreal, 0.

At Washington—Georgetown, 8; Yale, 1.

At Charlottesville—University of Virginia, 13; Lehigh, 2.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

FAIR; WESTERLY WINDS.

1 General—Mode of Paying Chinese Indemnities. Work of the State Legislature. Waldersee Fears Trouble in China. Lawyer Patrick May Go Free.

2 General—Carbondale Department.

3 Local—Banquet to Firemen of the L. C. S. Scrantonians Plead for Local Charities. Court Proceedings.

4 Editorial. Note and Comment.

5 Local—Director of Public Safety Clemons Had to Quit. Reorganization Ordinance Tampered with.

6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.

7 General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.

8 Local—Live Industrial Notes.

IN PATH OF THE BIG SNOW STORM

Much Damage in Maryland on Southern Pennsylvania—The Peach Crop Injured.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hagerstown, Md., April 4.—This section of the Cumberland valley is walled in with snow, which covers mountain ranges north and south to a depth of from three to five inches, as a result of yesterday's storm. The rainfall was heavy, causing a sudden rise in the Potomac river and Antietam and Conococheague creeks. The Potomac is swollen about six feet and is still rising with every indication of the stream getting wild and doing damage. The banks of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal are being watched at points where the river bounds the towpath. Other streams are nearly out of banks, but no damage is reported.

Reports from the famous south mountain peach belt indicates that injury has been done to the early fruit by the freezing weather of yesterday. The early buds had been forced almost open by the recent warm weather and the sudden change, with the temperature falling to freezing, came at such a time as to do considerable injury. Up to this time there was every prospect of a large crop of peaches this summer.

Uniontown, Pa., April 4.—Reports from over Fayette county indicate that the snow storm which has been raging for forty hours, and is still snowing, has done great damage. The telephone and telegraph wires, electric light wires and poles suffered everywhere, and communication with most points in this section has been lost. No communication for two days, either by telephone or telegraph, has been had with Pittsburg. In the mountains east of here snow has been falling since 2 a. m. Wednesday and is still falling. The snow has melted a great deal and yet lies three feet deep. The trees are covered with the wet snow, which froze as it fell, and the limbs of the trees touch the ground all around from the mass of snow piled on them. The streams are all high, and when the mass of snow lying in the mountains melt they will be swollen beyond their banks.

NO INVITATION TO AGUINALDO.

Administration Does Not Favor His Plan to Visit This Country.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—President McKinley has not invited Aguinaldo to visit the United States nor has he any intention of doing so. The report from Manila was erroneous, and was probably based upon Sixto Lopez's despatch to Aguinaldo from Boston, suggesting that he should request the American authorities to send Malolos and himself to this country. It is known that Aguinaldo is eager to visit the United States. He so expressed himself during his talk with Chief Justice Arellano, which resulted in his taking the oath of allegiance.

The government officials are not disposed to encourage Aguinaldo's desire. He is still a prisoner, and has yet to prove his good faith in submitting to American authority. He is still under suspicion, and the charges against him that he violated the rules of war must be investigated.

Senor Arellano says that Aguinaldo's manifesto is not yet prepared for publication and that he is unable to furnish the text. The authorities assert that a formal announcement will be made when anything definite is accomplished.

MRS. M'PHERSON'S FUNERAL.

Remains of Widow of Former New Jersey Senator Are Cremated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, April 4.—Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. John R. McPherson, widow of the former senator from New Jersey, were held at the Oak Hill cemetery chapel today.

The body was then returned to an undertaking establishment and cremated. The ashes will be placed in the casket which contained the body when brought here from New York last night and buried at Oak Hill tomorrow afternoon in the family lot. It was Mrs. McPherson's expressed wish to be cremated. An attorney for Mrs. Joseph Muir, the dead woman's daughter, protested in New York yesterday in her name against removal of the remains here, pending Mrs. Muir's return from abroad, but Mr. Gregory, a brother on the dead woman, and A. S. Baldwin, executor of the late senator's estate, declined to wait.

Exceptions to Magee' Certificate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, April 4.—Exceptions here filed today in the Dauphin county court by James A. Stranahan, of Harrisburg, to the certificate of nomination of W. A. Magee, jr., of Pittsburg, Republican nominee for senator in the Forty-third district to succeed the late C. L. Magee. The exceptions aver that the certificate is illegal for the reason that it was not filed within the time required by the ballot law. The court fixed Saturday morning for a hearing.

Meyer Admitted to Bail.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—Morris Meyer, charged with forgery in the first degree and a co-defendant with David Short, accused of witnessing the so-called "Patrick will" of W. M. Rice, which, it is alleged, was forged, has been admitted to bail in $5,000.

Furnacemen's Wages Reduced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Middlesborough, England, April 4.—It is announced that the wages of the blast furnacemen will be reduced 21 per cent. for three months, and that the wages of the Northumberland miners will be reduced 1½ per cent.

PATRICK MAY YET ESCAPE

Evidence of Jones Will Not Be Accepted Unless Corroborated by Other Testimony.

NERVE OF THE PRISONER

He Volunteers to Read Portions of a Document Being Used Against Him—Rulings by Judge Jerome. The Indifference of Patrick Explained.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, April 4.—There were at least two incidents during today's cross-examination of Charles F. Jones, the valet-secretary of Millionaire William Marsh Rice, which rose above the ordinary. One was a remark made by Justice Jerome, who presides at the hearing, and which probably shows why Lawyer Patrick, accused with Jones of the murder of the former Texan, has all along taken the accusations of Jones against himself with a demeanor almost bordering on contempt.

Attorney Moore, for the defense, had asked that when the hearing closed for the day it be not resumed until Tuesday. Justice Jerome seemed willing, and then added:

"It is necessary that Jones' testimony as to this murder should be corroborated. He being a self-confessed accomplice, his testimony alone is not enough upon which to hold Patrick."

Attorney Moore tersely added to this: "We understand that, and we suppose the district attorney does, too."

Tonight those who are watching the case closely are wondering what corroborative testimony the state will introduce to sustain the statements of Jones.

The other incident brought out in the clearest light the indomitable nerve of Lawyer Patrick. In the face of the reiterated story of Jones that Patrick had instigated the forgeries and the actual murder, the latter took his place in the court proceedings with the utmost nonchalance. At one point it became necessary that a statement made by Jones be read, and it was given into the hands of one of the counsel for the defense for that purpose. This was the statement in which the valet claimed Patrick killed Rice, and which he has since denied. The reader hesitated and stumbled over the written words. Suddenly Patrick spoke up, exclaiming: "Here, I guess I can make it out; I'll read it."

Patrick Reads Statement.

This was agreed to, and in a loud, clear voice he rad:

"'P' got a towel and sponge and saturated the sponge with a colorless liquid he had in a bottle. Then he went into the room where 'R' lay in bed. I (Jones) was not in the room, but opened the door and peeped in.

"'P' was standing over 'R' with the cone-shaped towel in his hand, and he pressed it down over 'R's' face."

Patrick was still reading, with no show of emotion, when Justice Jerome ordered a recess for luncheon.

The "P's" and "R's" in the statement stand for Patrick and Rice.

At another point in the proceedings, Justice Jerome gave his estimate of Jones with characteristic terseness.

Attorney Moore had been racking the witness with questions, all tending to bring out the valet's lying propensities. He showed that Jones had lied to and deceived his own father when the latter called on him in the hospital after he had attempted suicide; that he had told untruths to Assistant District Attorney Osborne, and that he had lied to his own counsel. Here Justice Jerome struck in with the remark:

"This witness is a weak, wicked and unfortunate man. He is a self-confessed murderer and deserves contempt, but I won't allow you to insult him."

There was very little new matter brought out at today's hearing. The whole of the cross-examination of Mr. Moore, who is Patrick's personal counsel, was confined to showing up Jones as a man who could not be believed. When court adjourned it was until next Tuesday.

KENTUCKY EDITORS FIGHT.

The Duel Is of the French Variety, Marked by Absence of Bloodshed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Louisville, April 4.—General John B. Castleman, who was colonel of the First Kentucky regiment, and was later appointed by President McKinley to be a brigadier of volunteers, and Walter B. Forester, managing editor of the Louisville Commercial, fought on the street today. No blood was shed and the affair was quickly over.

There had been bad feeling between them since the Spanish-American war when Forester was assistant adjutant general of Kentucky. They met face to face on Fourth avenue today and General Castleman struck Forester in the face. Forester returned the blow and General Castleman fell in a half recumbent position. Friends interfered and separated the men.

Killed by a Freight Train.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Mrs. James W. Pepper, wife of the well known musical instrument manufacturer, was struck by a freight train on the North Penn branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railway today at Oak Lane, a suburb of this city. She died almost instantly.

New York Charter Amendment.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Albany, April 4.—The bill amending the charter of the city of New York, as completed by the conference committee, passed both houses of the legislature today.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, April 4.—Forecast for eastern Pennsylvania: Fair Friday; fresh westerly winds; Saturday warmer and cloudy, probably rain.