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MAJOR BROWN NOW SPEAKS HIS MIND

The Ex-Recorder of Pittsburg Explains in Detail His Official Course.

DENIES CHARGES OF GOVERNOR STONE

States That He Has Never Removed an Official Save for Cause—Removals Remarkably Few and Never for Political Purposes—The Old Soldiers Dismissed for Drunkenness and Laziness—No Protests from the Governor—The Situation Reviewed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Nov. 22—Speaking of his removal from office by Governor William A. Stone, Major Brown said:

When the position of recorder was first offered me by Governor Stone the governor told me that it was without any strings or conditions of any kind. He declared that he was glad to be relieved of the responsibility of the whole matter and that it was now committed to my care and that he would look to me alone for the results.

The charges against me contained in this statement of Governor Stone's are unqualifiedly false. Letters in my possession show this. The specific charge is made, I see, that I have repeatedly violated the new charter by the removal of men from office for political reasons. "These removals," says Governor Stone, "have been against my protest." Now, that charge of the governor's is without the slightest foundation in truth. Never once has Governor Stone protested, orally or in writing, against any removals or appointments that I have effected in the city of Pittsburg. On the contrary, and the letters to which I have referred show this, he has distinctly asked me for certain changes. Neither has the governor ever requested or demanded of me any reasons for any of the removals. After I had requested the resignations of certain officeholders and received them and filled their places with better men, I wrote to the governor, explaining just why I had taken this action. In reply I received a formal acknowledgement of the receipt of my letter, but not one word of protest or expression of displeasure.

The first intimation I have received that any removals I made did not receive his unqualified approval is contained in his statement to the people of Pittsburg.

Now, as to the removal of Messrs. Brown and Burleigh. I did have some correspondence with the governor on that subject and this is what he asked me to do: To reopen their removal and after the meeting of the Republican state convention. He did not ask this in any imperious or threatening tone, but requested it as a favor. In this correspondence the governor did not indicate that he was displeased with my political views; he merely asked that, for political reasons, it be delayed to a short time. Messrs. Brown and Burleigh were removed just when I, using the powers vested in me by charter, saw fit.

And now let me say that the removals from office have been remarkably few. Those changes that were made were prompted by actual necessity. Every removal, without a single exception, was made for cause, not political exigencies, but because the men held officeholders were absolutely unfit to fill the positions they held.

As to Old Soldiers.

The governor says that I have "omitted the removal of a number of old soldiers on political reasons, against his earnest protest for their retention." That statement, too, is absolutely false. A few old soldiers in the city employ were dismissed, but it was because they were utterly incompetent. Some were addicted to the immoderate use of alcoholic liquor, others were lazy, stupid or otherwise incumbrances upon the municipal pay-roll. The same reason that would have caused their discharge by any man of business by whom they might have been employed occasioned their retirement from the city's employ. But the governor has never once mentioned this matter to me, as he says in his statement that he has.

I see that the governor speaks of the "violation of the letter and the spirit of the law" by me. I had as much right under the "schedule" to dismiss those unfaithful employes as the governor has to remove me. The governor says I am ambitious to build up a political machine. That, also, is false. The removals from office that were effected during my administration not only seemed to be to be absolutely necessary for the good of the city and the proper dispatch of its business, but my opinion was shared, apparently, by the people of Pittsburg.

It was the governor who asked me to remove Director Wilson and reiterate Rigbee, Bigelow, and, as it seemed to me the best thing to do, I did so. Was this a case of his pleader against a removal from office?

To revert to the cases of Messrs. Brown and Burleigh. When I came into office I mentioned to the governor my intention to give them a trial in their offices. I said I had not decided whether to remove them or continue them in office or not. I was going to see what they would do. The governor said this was a good bit of advice that they would bear watching. After they had shown what they could do, and I had decided that the proper time had come for their removal, I issued the order to that effect. And not one word of protest from the governor.

In my administration of the duties of the office of recorder of Pittsburg I was guided solely by the best interests of the city. No removals were made on any other basis. Political favoritism did not enter the matter in any way. That is all I have to say now.

Pittsburg Without a Recorder.

Major Brown was at the recorder's office for a short time today, closing up his affairs. Upon leaving, he said he was no longer in office, and that Pittsburg had no recorder.

"It is an interregnum," he said. "There can be no recorder until my successor takes the oath of office. I came to city hall this morning to see if there was anything I could do, but finding nothing, I left. Hereafter I shall be at my law office. I do not see that there is anything I can do in the recorder's office now."

The recorder's clerks were in the office during the day, preparing to follow their late chief in leaving the hall. It is possible that the office may be closed until next Monday.

Director of Public Works Bigelow, who last night declared he would not serve under J. O. Brown, made good his threat by tendering his resignation today.

Baier, Director of Public Safety Andrew Fulton and City Solicitor W. B. Rogers prepared their resignations and will present them to the new recorder as soon as he is sworn in on Monday.

A number of other resignations, it is said, will follow within a few days.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Discussed at Meeting of Cabinet. Will Contain 28,000 Words.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—President Roosevelt finished the reading of his message to congress to the cabinet members at their regular session today. It is understood to make between 28,000 and 30,000 words.

Secretary Root talked to the cabinet for some time about a feature of his annual message, which will provide for a board of instruction to supervise the work of the several schools of instruction for officers of the army. This system of higher instruction will, in effect, establish an entirely new branch of army education.

DICKINSON'S EFFORTS IN THE STONE CASE

He Will Return from Constantinople with 10,000 Pounds in Turkish Gold—Will Present Ultimatum to Brigands.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Sofia, Nov. 22.—Mr. Dickinson, the diplomatic agent here of the United States, started today for Constantinople, there to confer with Spencer Eddy, the secretary of the United States legation, as to the best means of hastening a solution in the deadlock which has arisen in the negotiations over the release of Miss Stone.

Mr. Dickinson will probably return here, bringing with him cash with which to pay Miss Stone's ransom, as her kidnappers insist this payment be made in Turkish gold.

Mr. Dickinson is considering the advisability of presenting an ultimatum to the brigands, in which he will fix ten days as the period within which £10,000 must be accepted by the brigands as Miss Stone's ransom. If this proposal is not accepted by her captors, all dealings with the bandits, so far as the United States is concerned, will cease.

If these conditions have not already been dictated by Mr. Dickinson, the ultimatum comprising them will almost certainly be delivered as soon as the American diplomatic agent returns from Constantinople.

According to the latest information received here, both Miss Stone and Madame Tsilka continue in rather good health. They are concealed in a large village near Dubnitza, whither they were taken blindfolded, and where only rude comforts are obtainable.

According to the statement of a person who arrived from Dubnitza last night, the captives have been removed from a village near Dubnitza to a point near the frontier, and Miss Stone got wet while crossing the river Struma.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF WILHELMINA

Illness of Holland's Queen Said to Have Been the Result of a Quarrel with Prince Consort.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—It is learned that the present condition of Queen Wilhelmina is more serious than was anticipated. It is hoped by careful nursing to assist the queen to recover her health, but there is considerable anxiety that her illness will create endless succession difficulties. If the queen remains childless the crown will revert to the Duke of Luxemburg, who is unpopular in Holland and distasteful to the powers.

The stories that the prince consort is inconsiderate and that his quarrel with Queen Wilhelmina, which only the intervention of the Dowager Queen Emma stopped, caused Wilhelmina's illness, continues to gain currency. The Volksdagblatt alleges that the couple are now completely estranged. The nobility, who are devoted to the queen, are becoming more and more alarmed by the stories, and should they prove true, the people are prepared to wreak their indignation on the prince consort.

Sea Captain's Suicide.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 22.—The British bark Bergen Wood, from Rio Janeiro, in charge of Mate Poe, arrived today, and reports that the Norwegian captain, named Morris, killed the vessel's steward. The body was buried at sea. The captain kept his cabin, pacing up and down. When informed that Natal island light was sighted Nov. 20 he gave the mate his revolver, picked up a sea lead, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Ex-President Cleveland Ill.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 22.—Reports come from Princeton to the effect that ex-President Grover Cleveland is ill in his home at that place. Mr. Cleveland recently ventured from a sweeping trip and was taken ill with a cold and threatened with pneumonia. Inquiry at his home tonight elicited the information that he is very much improved. Mr. Cleveland's condition is not considered to be dangerous.

"Cadet" Kohn Gets Justice.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 22.—Oscar Kohn, an 18-year-old "cadet," whose visiting was much Henrietta, 16 years old, was today sentenced to ten years imprisonment by Judge Cosby, of general sessions court. Kohn not assaulted the girl and then placed her in a disreputable home.

Eddie Connolly Went Down.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 22.—Eddie Connolly, of New Brunswick, went down before "Spike" Sullivan, of New York, in the eighth round of what was to have been a fifteen-round battle before the St. Patrick's T. A. B. society tonight.

TICKET SCALPING IS LEGAL IN NEW YORK.

Court of Appeals Declares the Law Against It Unconstitutional.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Albany, Nov. 22.—The law passed by the last legislature prohibiting ticket scalping was today declared to be unconstitutional by the court of appeals. The decision was rendered in the case of Clarence Fleischman, a ticket broker of Buffalo vs. Sheriff Samuel Caldwell of Erie county.

In affirming the judgment of the court below the court of appeals stands upon a decision rendered in the case of a like statute declared to be unconstitutional two years ago.

REPORTS FROM SAMAR ARE ENCOURAGING

Patrolling Gunboats Capture $20,000 Cash and $100,000 Worth of Hemp.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Nov. 22.—News received here from the island of Samar is encouraging, although up to the present time there have been no wholesale surrenders of natives. The Filipinos captured there by our troops show evidences of suffering and hunger. The coasts of the island are closely patrolled by gunboats and the use of the searchlight makes it almost impossible for the natives to land food on the island for the insurgents. The patrolling gunboats have captured over $20,000 in cash and $100,000 worth of hemp upon which a tax had been paid to the insurgents, has been confiscated. The system of taxation and the collection of taxes maintained by the insurgent leader Lukban was perfect and exhaustive in every particular and produced revenue from births, marriages, deaths, cockfights, and from the fish ponds of Samar. Hemp was the most important feature of commerce. Two per cent. of its price was given to the local presidents who collected the majority of the island's revenue from those natives who had sworn allegiance to the United States and turned it over to the rebel authorities.

Smallpox is raging in the southern islands of the archipelago. The United States Philippine commission is preparing an act to compel everybody to be vaccinated.

ATHENS CROWDS ARE AGAIN RESTLESS

The Funeral of Dead Rioters Attract Large Numbers to the Streets—Shops Closed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Athens, Nov. 22.—At noon it was announced that the obligation of the government to preserve order prevented the ministers from attending the chamber of deputies today, but that they would attend tomorrow and ask a vote of confidence. In the absence of a quorum, the chamber adjourned.

In the course of the afternoon, the growing crowds and the increasing excitement heralded the hour fixed for the funeral of the victims of yesterday's riots. The bulk of the troops were confined to barracks. The shops along the route were closed by police orders.

At 5 o'clock the cortege left the cathedral for the cemetery, dense crowds following. The seven coffins, covered with white flags, were preceded by students carrying a black banner.

The procession halted for some minutes before the palace, but no cries were raised. The populace, going to and returning from the cemetery, maintained a silent and restrained demeanor.

At the cemetery, M. Levidis delivered an oration, in the course of which he attacked the government and declared that the people ought to erect a monument over the "Victims of duty and patriotism."

The city resumed its normal aspect as the evening wore on. The students, however, still remain in occupation of the university. The rector, at the head of thirty professors, endeavored to persuade them to retire, but they declined to comply unless given guarantees that no legal proceedings would be taken again them, that the translators of the gospels would be excommunicated, and that the university would not be occupied by troops.

Strike at Paris.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Paris, Nov. 22.—There is little change today in the number of strikers in the departments of the Nord and Pas De Calais. On the other hand, the committee of the department Du Nord have issued a manifesto deprecating the partial strike in the textile and promising another report of the miners' federation to determine on general action. This proposal has been referred to the committee of other regions, which further retards the proposed general strike.

The U. P.'s at Atlantic City.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—The University of Pennsylvania and Yale played their annual game of football at Atlantic City today, while the players will remain for three or four days. The men have been worked pretty hard of late and the trip to the seashore was taken with the idea of giving them a thorough rest. The players, however, will be drilled in signals and new formations, in preparation for the final game of the season with Cornell on Thanksgiving day.

Fatal Fall of an Elevator.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 22.—The elevator in the dry goods store of Townsend & Wyatt, fell from the third floor today, probably fatally injuring John Bandom, salesman, Helen Ryan and Lillian Moylan, saleswomen, and accidently injuring Arthur Burns, elevator boy. Bandom's body was badly crushed. Both the women were injured internally and suffered broken limbs.

Cortelyou at Canton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Secretary to the President George B. Cortelyou and Mrs. Cortelyou left the city tonight for Canton to pay a brief social visit to Mrs. McKinley.

THE INDIAN QUESTION

A Policy Calculated to Settle the Entire Problem in a Generation.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Plan of Mr. Jones Is to Give the Indian Opportunity of Self-support and Enforce Upon Him the Realization of Dignity of Labor—Cutting Off of Rations Has Good Effect on the Reds.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—A policy which it is contended will settle the entire Indian question within a generation, is announced by Commissioner of Indian Affairs William A. Jones, in his annual report, made public today. His plan is to give the Indian opportunity of self-support; the same protection of his person and property as is given others, throw him upon his own resources and to enforce upon him a realization of the dignity of labor and the importance of building and maintaining a home for himself. Mr. Jones says that at the outset the Indian must have aid and instruction and necessaries doubtless will have to be furnished him until his labor becomes productive. Until the Indian has become a part of the community in which he lives, day schools, the commissioner says, should be established at convenient places, where the Indian may learn enough for ordinary business transactions. The key to the whole situation, the commissioner suggests, is the home. The larger and more powerful tribes, he adds, are located in an arid region, on unproductive reservations, often a rigorous climate, where there is no chance to make even a living. In these cases something should be done quickly toward placing such Indians in a position where they can support themselves.

Cutting Off of Rations.

Commissioner Jones says the cutting off of rations from all Indians except those who are incapacitated from earning a support, has had very gratifying results, and if followed up ultimately will lead to the abolition of the reservation and the absorption of the Indian into our body politic. He makes the emphatic statement that the present Indian educational system, taken as a whole, is not calculated to produce the results that were anticipated so hopefully, and may be added to the obstacle to independence and self-support under which class Mr. Jones has placed indiscriminate issue of rations, periodical distribution of large sums of money and the general leasing of allotments. In the last thirty-three years, the report says, over $240,000,000 has been spent on an Indian population not exceeding 180,000. Notwithstanding this, the Indian is still on his reservation, being fed, money is still being paid him, he is still dependent on the government for existence and he is "little, if any, nearer the goal of independence than he was thirty years ago, and if the present policy is pursued he will get little, if any, nearer in thirty years to come."

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Never Before Were There So Many Great Reasons for a Day of National Thanksgiving.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Never before in the history of the United States was there such great reason for a day of national Thanksgiving. This country has made unprecedented strides toward a position of international supremacy not only in commerce, but also in finance. To a marked degree business enterprises have proved successful. An idle wheel, mills or factories is the exception, while labor is so well employed at high wages that consumptive demands sustain market values of all staple commodities. Transporting facilities have been unable to keep pace with the nation's requirements, many complaining of tardy deliveries, which alone act as a brake on commercial progress. By closing lake navigation, lower temperature will relieve the railway situation, thousands of cars being restored to inland traffic. This same factor of seasonable weather stimulates retail dealings and prompt collections swell bank exchanges.

Careful search discloses few unfavorable factors in the iron and steel situation. Probably the least satisfactory conditions are found at plate mills, which report an uneven distribution of orders. A few large concerns appear to secure the bulk of new business, but heavy orders for cars will largely expand the buying, while the new combination will put this class of mills on a stronger basis.

Favorable weather during the closing days of corn harvesting failed to bring any reaction from the highest price level in many years and the market was equally oblivious to Atlantic exports for the week of only 459,424 bushels as against 3,838,666 a year ago. Wheat holds at about 3 cents above last year's price despite the marked difference in size of crops. Receipts for the week were 7,481,529 bushels against 4,728,160 a year ago, while the export movement is equally gratifying especially from ports on the Pacific. Total shipments from the United States for the week were 5,040,417 bushels against 2,066,776 last year.

Failures for the week numbered 218 in the United States against 238 last year and 31 in Canada against 29.

INJUNCTION ASKED IN CROWLEY'S CASE.

The Excommunicated Priest Accused of Disturbing Services.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, Nov. 22.—A bill was filed in the Cook county Circuit court here today by Rev. Michael J. Fitzsimmons, pastor of the Holy Name cathedral, asking that Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley, the excommunicated priest, be restrained from entering the cathedral or attending divine worship there.

The bill states that every time the deposed priest has entered the church since his excommunication, the services have been interrupted.

PROGRESS IN TRIAL OF MRS. BONINE

Testimony Regarding the Position of Murdered Man's Body Given. Accused Displays Emotion.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Five witnesses were heard today in the trial of Mrs. Lola Ida Bonine, for the murder of James S. Ayres, jr. Four of these witnesses were police officers, who had gone to Ayres' room after discovery of the body by employes of the Kenmore hotel, and the fifth was W. W. Warfield, who was proprietor of the hotel at the time of the tragedy. The policemen testified to details of the wounds, position of the body and arrangement of the furniture in the room. Mr. Warfield's testimony was very brief. In response to a question by Attorney Fulton, of Mrs. Bonine's counsel, he said that Mrs. Bonine had made arrangements to leave the hotel before the tragedy occurred, but both question and answer subsequently were ruled out. It is understood to be the intention of the defense to re-call Mr. Warfield later for the purpose of eliciting information from him upon this and other points in Mrs. Bonine's behalf.

Mrs. Bonine's party in the court room was increased today by the addition of her brother, Grant Henry, who lives at St. Joseph, Mo. Only once during the day did Mrs. Bonine display emotion and that was when the bloody undershirt which had been worn by Ayres on the night of the killing was identified by Officer Brady.

The court adjourned until Monday, to give the attorneys in the case an opportunity to prepare themselves for the work in hand. Justice Anderson expressed the opinion that the adjournment would expedite the trial.

THE ENGLISH LABOR DELEGATES LAND

They Will Attend the Annual Convention of American Federation of Labor at Scranton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Frank Chandler, of Manchester, England, and Ben Tillett, of London, England, fraternal delegates from the British Trades Union congress to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, at Scranton, Pa., which opens Dec. 5, arrived here this afternoon. They will remain here several days.

Before going to Scranton, Delegate Chandler will visit Buffalo and Chicago, and Mr. Tillett will go to Philadelphia. Between 200 and 300 delegates are expected at the Scranton convention. President Gompers, of the Federation, in his annual report, will announce that the membership of the order has increased by half a million persons during the year and will vigorously urge the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law, which expires May 5, 1902, and legislation extending the eight-hour law to all workmen engaged on all government work, whether by contract or not.

RABBIT HUNTER KILLED.

Benjamin Burkett Receives Contents of a Shotgun.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 22.—Benjamin Burkett, aged 23 and B. J. Stackhouse, were hunting rabbits in Newport township this afternoon when Stackhouse, who was walking behind his companion, slipped and fell. The hammer of his gun was raised and when it struck the ground it was discharged. The load of shot entered Burkett's thigh, inflicting a frightful wound.

Stackhouse carried the wounded man a distance of two miles to a farm house. A physician was summoned but Burkett had lost too much blood and he died at 9 o'clock tonight.

Father Godfrey Recalled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Father Godfrey, the missionary of the Fathers of the Holy Land in the United States and the superior at Mount St. Sepulchre since its foundation, has been recalled from the Brooklyn monastery, near this city. His successor is expected to be appointed in a few days. The appointment is made by the general of the Franciscan order.

President Takes a Holiday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by the children, left here this afternoon on the Sylph for a sail down the Potomac. A presidential salute of twenty-one guns was fired as the president went aboard the yacht. The president and his family will be gone a day or two.

Armour Packing House Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Huntington, W. Va., Nov. 22.—The packing house and office of Armour & Company were totally destroyed by fire today. Over a score of box cars and the Cincinnati and Ohio railroad depot were badly damaged by the flames. Total loss, $50,000.

Archbishops Adjourn.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The annual meeting of the archbishops of the United States, which has been in session at the Catholic university for several days, adjourned today. It was announced that there was nothing to give out. Most of the archbishops left for their homes this afternoon.

THE ISTHMUS IN GREAT DANGER

FIRE AT GLEN LYON SHAFT.

Many Men Have Narrow Escapes. Explosion at West Pittston.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 22.—A fire broke out in No. 6 mine of the Susquehanna Coal company, at Glen Lyon, this morning. The 200 employes were gotten out alive, but some of the men had narrow escapes. Jacob Sager and John Sisko were rendered unconscious by the smoke and are reported in a serious condition. A large army of men were put to work to fight the fire, and this evening it was reported that it was under control.

An explosion of gas occurred in the slope of the Stevens Coal company, at West Pittston, this afternoon. Eight men, including Henry Powell, the fireboss, were badly burned. The injured men were removed to the Pittston hospital. The victims, with the exception of the fireboss, are Slavs and Poles.

LOST IN THE WEST MINE

Eight Officials of Prominent Coal Companies Have Undoubtedly Perished.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 22.—At 11 o'clock this morning, Superintendent Walter O'Malley, of the Pocahontas Colliery company, along with State Mine Inspector William Priest, A. S. Hurst, chief coal inspector for the Castner, Curran & Bullitt Co., of Philadelphia; Robert St. Clair, chief coal inspector; Morris St. Clair and William Oldham, substitute coal inspectors; Frazer G. Bell, mining engineer, and Joseph Cardwell, manager of the Shamokin Coal company, of Maybury, W. Va., composing a party of eight, entered the west mine of the Southwest Virginia Improvement company's collieries for the purpose of examining the true situation in regard to the recent explosion and fire in the Baby mine, and up to this hour, 12 o'clock midnight, have not been heard from. It was supposed that the Baby mine proper had been cut off from the West mine for the purpose of operating the West mine.

The large fan in West mine had been started at an early hour this morning and at 11 o'clock today it was thought that all gasses originating from fire in Baby mine had been forced from the main portion and it was considered safe to enter. At 6 p. m. a party consisting of experienced miners led by Assistant Superintendent King entered the mine to rescue the lost party of eight, but at 6.45 they returned, having encountered such quantities of black damp as to make it impossible to enter any distance into the mine. Assistant Superintendent King was completely overcome by the gas encountered and is now in a critical condition. All efforts are being used to recover the bodies of the inspecting party but no hopes are entertained that any of them will be recovered alive.

The secretary and treasurer of the Southwest Virginia Improvement company, C. S. Thorne, of Philadelphia, is directly in charge of all movements at the mines. The fire that originally started in the Baby mine last Thursday morning and which was supposed to have been under control is now burning furiously. All the members of the lost party are prominent in the coal field and the excitement now prevailing at Pocahontas is intense, business having practically been suspended. All the members of the party are married, some having large families.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 22.—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, Hamburg; Bretagne and Plymouth, Cherbourg; Etruria, Liverpool; La Champagne, Antwerp; Statendam, Rotterdam, via Boulogne; Cuba, Bismarck, Naples, Queenstown—Arrived: Umbria, New York for Liverpool, Pacific Point, Puget; Potsdam, Rotterdam, for New York; Lloyd Bassel, Southwark, New York, for Antwerp.

Victims of Telluride Disaster.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Telluride, Col., Nov. 22.—The work of recovering the bodies of the victims of the disaster in the Smuggler-Union mine progressed slowly today. The last body brought to the surface was found in one of the shafts of the seventh level. The death list now numbers twenty-five, the eighteenth who perished himself in an effort to rescue his comrades, having died this afternoon.

An Unsolicited Increase.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Louisville, Nov. 22.—The Louisville and Nashville railroad, without notice, has advanced the wages 20 per cent. of all the employes in Louisville who formerly drew $1.25 a day or over. About one thousand men will be benefited. The increase was unsolicited.

Harvard Law School Defeats Yale.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 22.—The Harvard law school eleven defeated Yale law school this afternoon on Soldiers' Field by 29 to 0. Harvard won by superior weight and better team play.

Conspiracy Case Nipped in Bud.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Johnstown, Nov. 22.—Another conspiracy has been nipped in the bud. Threats against men made at midnight Thursday by letters to various parts of this locality. A grand operation followed.

Pension Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—A pension of $12 has been granted to Hannah Conway, mother of Scranton.

Lunched with President.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Archbishop Corrigan lunched with President Roosevelt today.

The Colombian Government Has Notified the United States of the Fact.

THE DUTY OF OUR GOVERNMENT

With the Formal Acknowledgement of Helplessness on Part of the Colombian Government It Becomes the Duty of the United States to Maintain Communication—Liberals Claim Two Victories Over General Alban's Troops—Four Hundred Men Said to Have Deserted Him and Gone Over to Revolutionists. Government Commander Returns to Panama.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 22, 5 p. m.—The latest news obtainable here is to the effect that the Liberal general, Lugo, has arrived at Empire station, distant about twelve miles from Panama, with a force said to number 1,000 men. The Liberals are gaining and arming many recruits along the entire length of the railroad, and now control the line up to within a point two miles from Panama. An attack on that city is expected momentarily, and much uneasiness is felt there. The Liberal leader, Domingo Diaz, is expected shortly to arrive at Colon.

It is rumored here that Buena Ventura, (a Columbian port on the Pacific coast, about 400 miles south of Panama), has been taken by the Liberals. Confirmation of this report is lacking.

Marines from the gunboat Machias will guard the station and property of the railroad here.

The battleship Iowa will land forces at Panama when the necessity arises.

The Liberals here have already given notice that the ad valorem duty on goods disembarked at Colon will henceforth be ten per cents, not twenty per cent, as formerly. All the stores in Colon are open today and business has been resumed.

The Colombian gunboat General Pinzon is believed to be along the coast somewhere near Colon, as when she left here she was short of coal. Transit across the isthmus is still free and uninterrupted.

It is reported that the government has addressed a communication to the United States consul setting forth that it cannot guarantee protection for isthmian transit.

Two sailing boats having seventy-five soldiers on board, which left Panama with General Alban, returned to that place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, having left the troops at Chame, near Chorrera, General Alban and fifty soldiers subsequently returned to Panama on board the gunboat Boyaca. The Liberals here assert that General Lorezo attacked General Alban's force, after it had landed and defeated it, only General Alban and a few of his troops escaping.

It is also asserted by the Liberals that the other division of General Alban's army was routed by General Lugo, when four hundred of Alban's troops joined the Liberal ranks.

The Liberals at Colon are jubilant and assert that they expect General Lugo to arrive at Colon momentarily. Further details of the decisive fighting are expected at Panama at any moment.

Senor Salas has accepted the appointment as mayor, which had been offered to Dr. Valverde.

The United States gunboat Marietta is expected here, but has not yet arrived.

The Marietta, which left Key West for Colon Nov. 18, was reported from Colon last night to have been signalled in the offing.

Duty of the United States.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The answer of the Colombian government to the representations of Consul General Gudger, to the effect that the government was unable to guarantee the integrity of the railroad communication across the isthmus was purposely developed in order to make perfectly plain the fact that the United States was thoroughly justified in landing its forces at Colon. With this formal acknowledgment from the Colombian government of his inability to maintain communication, it becomes, it is said, not the privilege but the duty of the United States under the treaty of New Granada to guarantee that communication even though the use of force is necessary.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Nov. 22, 1901.

Highest temperature ..... 41 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 21 degrees
Relative Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 87 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 64 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., none.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Forecast for Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy Saturday, probably rain, Sunday, rain or snow and colder; fresh southerly winds and shifting to northerly.