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THE SCHLEY CASE AGAIN AGITATED

Southern Members of The House Desire Still Another Investigation.

CUMMINGS PROPOSES A SCHLEY MEDAL

Mr. Wheeler, of Kentucky, Introduces First Resolution—Provision Is Made for a Report to the House of Representatives and Authority Given to Send for Papers and Persons—The Views of Maryland Are Presented by Mr. Schrim. Representatives Gaines, Bell and Others Suggest That Thanks of Congress Be Tendered Admiral Schley.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Wheeler, of Kentucky, a member of the house committee on naval affairs, today introduced a resolution in the house for an investigation of the Schley case. The resolution recites the results of the recent court of inquiry and adds:

Whereas, Admiral George Dewey, recognized as the foremost naval officer of the republic, entirely disagrees and dissents from the opinion of his colleagues on said board of inquiry, and

Whereas, The American people desire that the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley should be investigated and passed upon by citizens of the republic in nowise connected or identified with the navy department; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the committee on naval affairs of the house of representatives be directed to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley from the time he assumed control of the flying squadron up to and including the engagement with the Spanish fleet off the coast of Cuba.

Provision is made for a report to the house of representatives, and authority [illegible] persons and papers.

Representative Griffith, of Indiana, introduced a resolution for an investigation of the navy department and the Schley case. The preamble expresses confidence in Admiral Schley, recites the allegation of the Machay history and refers to reports that Captain Crowninshield and other naval officers were furnished proofs of this history. The large amounts of prize money received by Admiral Sampson and Captain Chadwick and the small amounts received by Admiral Schley and the captains of the ships participating in the Santiago battle are set forth as among the subjects to be investigated.

Views of Maryland.

Representative Schrim, of Maryland, introduced resolutions which, it is said, to a considerable extent represent the views of the Maryland delegation in congress. After reciting the opinion of Admiral Dewey in the recent court of inquiry, the resolutions recite as follows:

That the opinion and finding of Admiral George Dewey be and it is hereby endorsed as the only opinion and finding justified by the evidence adduced and pertinent facts established before the court of inquiry.

That the thanks of congress are hereby extended to the said Rear Admiral Schley, retired, and to the officers and men under his command for their brave and efficient conduct in achieving the victory over the Spanish fleet under the command of Admiral Cervera.

That Rear Admiral Schley be placed upon the list of retired rear admirals of the United States navy with the full rank, grade, privileges, emoluments and pay of officers of said rank in active service.

Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, introduced a resolution reciting the "unparalleled achievement of Admiral Schley in destroying the entire Spanish squadron with consummate skill and terrible celerity."

The resolution makes the opinion of Admiral Dewey the opinion of congress.

Representative Ball of Texas, introduced a resolution directing the secretary of the navy to present a sword of honor to Admiral Schley and to present "Schley medals" to the officers and men who participated in the battle of Santiago. An appropriation of $10,000 is made.

Mr. Butler, of Missouri, introduced a resolution providing that the views of Admiral Dewey be accepted as the verdict of congress.

SCHLEY'S COUNSEL BUSY.

Preparing a Statement of Objections to Findings of Court of Inquiry.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Mr. Isidor Rayner and Mr. Teague, counsel and assistant counsel, respectively, for Admiral Schley during the court of inquiry, have gone to Baltimore, and are busily engaged in that city today with the preparation of the statement of objections to the court's findings, which Admiral Schley has been granted permission to file with the reviewing authority, Secretary Long. This work is expected to occupy them for several days.

Senator McComas, of Maryland, called at the navy department today and had a long talk with Secretary Long before the latter departed for the cabinet meeting. It is understood that the senator came to the department for the purpose of securing an extension by several days of the time allowed by Secretary Long for the submission of the statement, if it appears that the admiral's counsel cannot properly prepare their document in time.

Representative Norton, of Ohio, today introduced a resolution proposing the restoration of Admiral Schley to the active list.

Secretary Long this afternoon informed Mr. McComas that he would grant Admiral Schley's attorneys an extension of twenty-four hours of the time originally allowed them for the submission of their statement. This will make the time expire Thursday at 4 o'clock.

Stayton & Moore, who appeared before the court of inquiry as attorneys for Admiral Sampson, have applied to Secretary Long for permission to be heard in protest against the approval by the secretary of the minority report written by Admiral Dewey and appended to the majority report of the court of inquiry. The secretary has consented to receive any papers they may care to submit.

It is understood that Admiral Sampson's attorneys will be given the same time for filing their protest against the approval of Admiral Dewey's report as Admiral Schley's attorneys have for filing objections to the conclusions of the majority report. This will be until 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The attorneys decline to discuss what standing, if any, protest on behalf of Admiral Sampson may have in the present instance.

WHO SHOULD PAY THE M'KINLEY PHYSICIANS

Dr. Mann Has Consented to Make a Statement — Thinks Congress Should Make Appropriation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 17.—In view of the wide discussion incidental to the question of who should pay the physicians who attended President McKinley, Dr. Matthew D. Mann consented to make a statement today, setting forth the attitude of himself and his assistants.

Dr. Mann, in reply to questions by a News reporter, said:

"We feel that when we operated upon the president of the United States that we operated for the American people, in view of saving their president for them; that we were not called by the family of President McKinley, but by the authorities, the cabinet, and others to take charge of the president and we feel, therefore, that we have a right to look to congress and the nation for our remuneration. We took a tremendous responsibility, because we took in our hands the life of the most prominent man in the world; and we feel that in taking such a responsibility we ran an immense risk. Had the autopsy showed that we made any serious mistake, we would have received unlimited condemnation—we might even have been ruined professionally. From all these facts, we feel that we should not be called upon to render bills to the family. Any bill which we might render to the late president's estate would be larger than Mrs. McKinley ought to be called upon to pay.

"If we should render such a bill as she could properly pay, we should feel that we would be very imperfectly remunerated. We feel, therefore, that congress should take up the matter and make an appropriation such as it may see fit, and save us from becoming the objects of criticism by sending in a bill. For no matter what bill we might send in, we would receive a certain amount of abuse. We feel also that the dignity of the medical profession demands that congress should pay this bill and that the services should be handsomely rewarded. The medical profession all over the world is writing with great interest to see how this affair will turn out, and we do not propose to do anything, if we can avoid it, which will lay us open to criticism."

TWO MORE FLOOD VICTIMS.

The Death List at Towanda Reaches Five—A Coal Famine Feared.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Towanda, Dec. 17.—One of the most disastrous storms and floods that has visited this section since 1865 has caused the loss of thousands of dollars' worth of property, including buildings, bridges, lands and live stock. The Susquehanna got on its rampage during the heavy downpour of Saturday night and on Sunday night the river was nearly twenty feet above low-water mark. The flats along the Lehigh Valley were covered with water for miles, and the greatest damage, as far as heard from, is in South Towanda and Monroe township. In Monroeton the borough was nearly under water. At this place the Lehigh Valley railroad bridge was entirely washed away, also other small bridges, and on the Barclay miles of telegraph wire and track and bridges were washed away. Between Towanda and Monroeton, about one and a half miles of the Barclay company's tracks are completely washed away.

Mrs. Hattie Fessenden, who resided with her brother, near the railroad bridge, was drowned while endeavoring to escape from the high water. At Greenwood, only a few miles distant, two lives were lost, Charles Merritt, a young man, who was found frozen in a tree, and an old man named Reynolds. All three bodies were recovered. The loss of stock is heavy, and also the same can be said of the sheds of tobacco, grain and farming tools. Many families were compelled to move out in the night and on Sunday. At North Towanda much damage is reported, but no lives are reported lost, although many buildings were wrecked. In Eastern Bradford and in the vicinity of Rome, especially, considerable loss is caused to bridges and roads. Bradford county in general, including Wyalusing, Albany, Troy, Canton and Athens township, will lose heavily in the tearing out of bridges.

Traffic on this section was at a standstill all day Sunday and mostly yesterday, only the local trains being able to run on irregular time. It will be several days before trains will go out on the State Line and Sullivan branch. The carriers on the rural delivery routes were unable to make trips yesterday. The scarcity of coal is being feared in Towanda, as the factories and electric light and steam heating plant were supplied with coal from Bernice and Long Valley mines. The water main burst in Monroe township, and as the reservoir will supply enough water for only a few days, it has been ordered that takers be as careful of the supply as possible, in order to avoid a famine before the breakage is remedied.

Two more deaths from the flood are reported tonight, making five lives thus far known to be lost in this (Bradford) county. A telephone message from Austinville, in the western part of the county, states that Mr. and Mrs. Abner Richards, well-to-do residents of that place, aged about 50 years, were swept down the stream, while endeavoring to save their poultry from the rushing water. Their bodies were found a half-mile from their house, half buried in the sand and debris.

MAJOR BROWN A CANDIDATE.

Will Endeavor to Become Secretary of Internal Affairs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 17.—Major Isaac B. Brown, of Corry, deputy secretary of internal affairs, today formally announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination in 1902 for secretary of internal affairs. In a circular addressed "To the Republican Voters of Pennsylvania," Major Brown gives reasons why he should have the nomination to succeed General James W. Latta.

He has been deputy secretary the past twelve years and urges that he is qualified by his experience, acquired in this position, to fill the office of secretary. Accompanying his letter is a circular signed by survivors of General Hartranft's division in the Civil war, endorsing Major Brown's candidacy.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS SELECT COMMITTEES

At the Caucus Places Are Provided for Senators McLaurin and Wellington.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Republican senators in caucus today adopted the report of the committee on Republican membership of the committees. Senator Quay is made chairman of the committee on organization, conduct and expenditures of the executive department and has a place on the following committees: Appropriations, Indian affairs, agriculture and forestry, territories, irrigation and reclamation of arid land.

Senator Penrose is made chairman of the committee on immigration and has a place on the following committees: Coast defenses, education and labor, national banks.

The committee provided places for Senators McLaurin, of South Carolina, and Wellington of Maryland. McLaurin is placed on the following committees: Indian affairs, claims, manufactures' organization, conduct and expenditures of the executive department, transportation, routes to the seaboard, and industrial expositions.

Senator Wellington is placed on the following committees: District of Columbia; public building and grounds; coast and insular survey; coast defenses; corporations in the District of Columbia; to establish the University of the United States and industrial expositions.

The Democratic senators also agreed upon their committee assignments today. Senators McLaurin and Wellington are given no assignments by the Democrats.

TRACTION CO. CONVICTED.

The Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company Violated Labor Laws.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 17.—The testimony in the trial of the case of the people against the Brooklyn Heights Railroad company, on an indictment for misdemeanor for violation of the labor law, requiring that no employe shall be compelled to work more than ten hours within a period of twelve consecutive hours, and that one-half hour daily be allowed employes for luncheon, was closed today before County Judge Aspinall. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The Kings county grand jury brought the indictment on evidence furnished by Joseph Cooper, who alleged that on July 15, 1899, he was employed as a conductor on the defendant's road in Brooklyn, and that he had reported for duty at 2.46 p. m., and remained continuously under orders on his car till 2.04 a. m. the day following, a stretch of eleven hours and twenty-eight minutes. He declared that in all that time he was allowed but fifteen minutes for dinner, which had to be swallowed unreasonably fast, while a boy held his pail. He added that Barnmaster Brownell declared that he would have to submit to the alleged violation or leave the employ of the company. The penalty under the law is a fine of not less than $500 or more than $1,000 for each offense committed.

Corporations Chartered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 17.—Charters were issued by the state department today to the following corporations: Clearfield Trust company, Clearfield; capital, $150,000. The City Realty Trust, Pittsburg; capital, $25,000. The Reynoldsville Light and Power company, Reynoldsville; capital, $20,000. The Buckwhila Water Storage and Supply company, Little Gap, Carbon county; capital, $12,000.

No Postponement of Cuban Election.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Root has addressed a letter to Sidel G. Pierr, the representative of the Maso party in Cuba, who is at present in this city, denying his request for a postponement of the Cuba elections.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A pension of $8 has been granted to Minerva Brown (widow), of Pittston.

MR. SMITH HAS RESIGNED

The Postmaster-General Will Retire from the Cabinet on January 15th.

MR. PAYNE TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR

The Popular Official Has Relinquished the Cabinet Portfolio in Order to Resume His Editorial Duties Upon the Philadelphia Press—Resignation Accepted with Regret by President Roosevelt. No Other Changes Are Liable to Occur in the Cabinet—Mr. Smith Anxious to Return to Active Journalism.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, has tendered to the president his formal resignation as postmaster general, to take effect early next month, and Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, vice chairman of the Republican national committee, has accepted the tender of the office, to which he will be nominated immediately after the holiday recess. Mr. Smith has agreed to remain until January 15, if necessary, but will return immediately thereafter to Philadelphia to resume the editorship of the Philadelphia Press.

This change in the cabinet was formally announced at today's session of the cabinet. All of the members of the cabinet expressed their profound regret, and the president paid a very impressive tribute to the services and personality of the retiring member of his official family. He said that he had sought to persuade Mr. Smith to alter his determination and to remain in the cabinet, but without success, and he had finally accepted Mr. Smith's reasons as decisive.

Mr. Smith first announced to the president, the latter part of last month, that he had decided to return to his editorial duties. The president at that time urged him to remain. Mr. Smith, however, had been frequently reminded by his business associates of the editorial duties devolving upon him, and was anxious to return to them. He had several talks with President Roosevelt on the subject and finally, on Saturday afternoon last, formally tendered to the president his letter of resignation.

No Other Changes.

It is stated that no other changes in the cabinet are at present contemplated. Mr. Smith has been postmaster general since April 21, 1898, succeeding James A. Gary, of Maryland, virtually at the outset of the Spanish war. Mr. Gary had been one of President McKinley's original cabinet appointees but felt himself physically unable to bear the strain of cabinet duties during the war.

Mr. Smith, in an interview tonight said:

"The president was exceedingly gracious and strongly urged me to stay, but finally accepted my reasons as conclusive of my duty to myself. My relations with the president have been of the most cordial character and have strengthened as we have worked together. We have been in thorough accord in all matters of policy. I have formed the highest estimate of his lofty and patriotic standard of administration, and it has been a great pleasure to co-operate with him. My successor, Mr. Payne, is a man who by ability, experience and knowledge of public affairs is admirably fitted for the place, and I am glad to surrender the trust to such excellent hands. I return to active journalism with a feeling of great satisfaction."

All of the assistants of the postmaster general were summoned by Mr. Smith late this afternoon and his announcement of the change was a distinct surprise to them. He gave assurance that his action meant no changes among his assistants.

Mr. Payne's Career.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Henry C. Payne, who succeeds Charles E. Smith as postmaster general, has been a citizen of Milwaukee for many years and has been prominent in political circles of Milwaukee for over twenty-five years. For several years past he has been Republican national committeeman from Wisconsin and during the last two national campaigns he was vice chairman of the Republican national committee. Mr. Payne was postmaster of Milwaukee for ten years, serving under Presidents Grant, Hayes and Arthur. He was one of the receivers of the Northern Pacific in the nineties, when that property was in the courts. Later, Mr. Payne became connected with various large interests, including the old Milwaukee and Northern Railroad company, now a part of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system; the Wisconsin Telephone company and street railway properties. He is now president of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company.

Mr. Payne has been in the east for several days, but is expected to reach home tomorrow.

To Honor McKinley's Birthday.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative William Alden Smith, of Michigan, introduced a bill today, making the birthday of William McKinley, Jan. 29, a national holiday.

Hart Knocked Out.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—"Wild Bill" Hanrahan knocked Marvin Hart out in the first round tonight.

ITINERACY OF LIBERTY BELL.

Special Escort to Charleston Where It Will Be Exhibited.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—The joint special committee of city councils on the South Carolina inter-state and West Indian exposition today announced the official escort and the itinerary of the old liberty bell which will be placed on exhibition in the Philadelphia building at Charleston.

The escort will be headed by Mayor Samuel H. Ashbridge, and will include a number of city officials and representatives of the business interests of the city. The old revolutionary relic will leave here on a special train on Monday, January 6, at 8 a. m. and is due to arrive at Charleston Thursday, January 9, at 10 a. m. The train will pass through Harrisburg, Pa., Hagerstown, Md., Charlestown, W. Va., Bristol, Tenn., Asheville, N. C., Columbia, S. C., and Savannah, Ga.

PHILIPPINES REVENUE BILL IS DEBATED

Several Lively Exchanges and Impassioned Speech by Mr. DeArmond Among the Features.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The bill to provide temporary revenues for the Philippine islands was debated in the house today and will be voted on tomorrow at 4 o'clock. It was the first debate of the session and was conducted calmly and without display of temper. Several lively exchanges and an impassioned speech by Mr. DeArmond, of Missouri, who has just returned from a trip to the Philippines, in opposition to the retention of the islands, were the features. Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, opened the debate. Owing to the indisposition of Mr. Richardson, the duty of opening for the minority devolved upon Mr. Swanson, of Virginia.

The other speakers were Mr. Grosvenor (Republican, Ohio) and Mr. Robertson (Democrat, Louisiana) for the bill, and Messrs. Shafrots (Silver, Colorado), DeArmond (Democrat, Missouri), Mr. Thayer (Democrat, Massachusetts) and Mr. Patterson (Democrat, Tennessee) against it. Mr. Robertson said he would support the bill because free trade with the islands and reciprocity with Cuba, which was threatened, would destroy the sugar interests of his state. Tomorrow Mr. McCall, a Republican member of the ways and means committee, from Massachusetts, will oppose the bill, time having been granted him by the Democrats.

QUADRUPLE SUICIDE.

Two Young Women and Two Men Die in a Boarding House From the Effects of Chloroform.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—Two young women and two young men were found dead tonight in rooms at a boarding house, 52 East Russell street, and evidence points to a quadruple suicide, deliberately planned.

The dead are:

Pearl Warner, aged 28, second cook at the Manhattan restaurant.

Louise Kline, age 18, third cook at the same restaurant.

Sherman Lothouse, cab driver.

John Jacobs, chief cook at the Manhattan restaurant.

The two couples went to the boarding house Sunday and secured adjoining rooms, claiming they were married. Today nothing was seen of them and though the rooms remained locked and no response could be secured to repeated calls, suspicion was not aroused until tonight. Finally the doors to the rooms were forced and the occupants were discovered lying on the beds dead. The key holes and cracks around the doors had been closed with rags and the fumes of chloroform filled the rooms, disclosing the cause of death. It was evident that both couples had planned suicide but the motive is not known.

TRACTION MEN MAY STRIKE.

Voting on the Issue Began at Midnight at Philadelphia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—A general mass meeting of the employes of the Union Traction company, which controls all the street car lines of this city, is being held tonight to decide by vote whether or not to inaugurate a strike. The men have made demands on the company, which have been refused. Two organizations of employes are represented at the meeting and they are not a unit on the matter of suspending work.

The voting began at midnight, and the indications are that the men will decide against a strike by a large majority. Voting will continue until 3 a. m.

JUDGE ARCHBALD CONFIRMED.

Other Nominations Approved by the Senate.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The senate today confirmed the following nominations: Robert W. Archbald, United States District judge, Middle district of Pennsylvania.

S. P. Stone, United States marshal, Western district of Pennsylvania.

Postmasters—Pennsylvania, J. J. Jenkins, Edwardsdale; T. P. MacFarlane, Kingston; S. Powell, Nanticoke; Clayton McMichael, Philadelphia.

Island of Kent Disabled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The British steamship Island of Kent of Newcastle, England, from Savannah for Bremen, put in here today with her bows crushed in and her stem battered. She brought the entire crew of the Spanish steamer Amesti, bound from Bilbao, Spain, for Philadelphia, the latter vessel having sunk in half an hour after a collision with the Isle of Kent on Saturday last when about 328 miles east of Cape Cod.

CAPITAL AND LABOR CONFERENCE CLOSED

LEHIGH VALLEY ROAD RESUMES TRAFFIC

Trains Now Running Between Wilkes-Barre and Buffalo.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 17.—At 10 o'clock tonight, the Susquehanna river at this point was twenty-one feet above low water mark, a fall of six feet since Monday at midnight. Most of the lowlands on the west side of the liver are clear of water and communication with suburban towns has again been established.

The Lehigh Valley railroad is now in a position to run passenger train between Wilkes-Barre and Buffalo on schedule time, the northern divisions of the road being in good shape. But the repairs to the roadbed on the Lehigh division have not yet been completed and, as a result, trains from the east are several hours late. At the office of the company, the information was given out that after midnight all trains would again be running on schedule time.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey expects to have all its trains running on schedule time some time tomorrow.

KRITZINGER CAPTURED BY KITCHENER

The Most Troublesome and Barbarous of the Boer Guerillas Now in the Hands of the British.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Belfast (about half way between Pretoria and the frontier of Portuguese, East Africa) received here today, announces that Commandant Kritzinger, the famous Boer commander who has figured so prominently in connection with the invasion of Cape Colony, has been captured, badly wounded, by General French.

Kritzinger was trying to break the block house cordon at Hanover road.

London, Dec. 17.—The capture of Commandant Krinzinger, who has been styled the De Wet of Cape Colony, is regarded as very important. He has been a troublesome and energetic invader of Cape Colony and is credited with more barbarities than any other commandant except Scheepers. In a recent proclamation, he called himself the chief commandant of Cape Colony.

During the last few days, most persistent reports emanating both from South Africa and from Boer headquarters in Europe, of an approaching crisis in South African affairs, have been current. It is alleged that Mr. Kruger will abandon his demand for independence and that the Boer leaders in the field are inclined to cease fighting and seek the best terms obtainable.

In a speech yesterday at Cape Town, Sir J. Gordon Sprigg, the premier of Cape Colony, declared that the outlook had never been brighter than at the present time.

Commandant Kritzinger is described as a leader of exceptional ability, not second even to Christian DeWet. He has been repeatedly referred in dispatches from South Africa as being hotly pursued, cornered or crushed up against the Orange river in flood. But, he is always escaping through some gap in the uncertain British line. At one moment he has been reported as having 1,000 men with him, and a day or two later, when the British had centered, his force has been broken up into small bands and had disappeared among the mountains, where pursuit was useless. Once no fewer than seven British columns were in hot pursuit of him and drove him towards the Orange river, which was then unfordable. But when the British thought they had him caught they discovered that he was fifty miles in their rear, threatening the railroad, after having divided his command into two sections.

NEW IMMIGRATION BILL.

Joint Production of Senator Penrose and Commissioner Powderly.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A new immigration bill, which is the joint production of Senator Penrose and Commissioner General Powderly, today was introduced in the senate by Mr. Frye. The bill provides an educational test, and in addition to the present system of domestic inspection of immigrants, authorizes the appointment of inspectors at the principal ports from which immigrants sail, with instructions to exercise special scrutiny of the police records of immigrants, with the view of excluding anarchists.

The bill also provides for the deportation of aliens who prove to be anarchists.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 17.—Arrived: Vaderland, Antwerp. Cleared: Southwark, Antwerp; Teutonic, Liverpool; St. Louis, Southampton. Bremen—Arrived: Bremen, New York. Plymouth—Sailed: Patricia, from Hamburg and Boulogne, New York. Southampton—Sailed: Kron Prinz Wilhelm (from Bremen), New York via Cherbourg. Queenstown—Arrived: Oceanic, New York for Liverpool. Boulogne Sur-mer—Arrived: Potsdam, New York for Rotterdam.

Irish Agitators Home Again.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Queenstown, Dec. 17.—The steamer Oceanic from New York, Dec. 11 having on board Messrs. Redmond, McHugh and O'Donnell, the Irish members of parliament who have been visiting the United States in the interests of the United Irish league, arrived here this afternoon. A delegation from the United States league went out on the company's tender to meet Mr. Redmond and his companions. They were accorded a most enthusiastic reception when they landed.

Decision to Give the Plan to Harmonize the Interests a Practical Test.

MATTER TO BE LEFT TO COMMITTEE

The Details of the Scheme to be Perfected by 36 Men, Chosen in Equal Numbers from the Ranks of Organized Labor; the Industrial and Finance Leaders and Public Men Not Identified with Either of the Two Interests—The Committee Will Meet Today for Organization.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 17.—The conference between the leaders of labor and capital closed today with a decision to give the plan to harmonize their divergent interests a practical test. It was unanimously agreed that the working details of the scheme shall be perfected by an executive committee of thirty-six to be chosen in equal numbers from the ranks of organized labor, the great industrial and financial leaders and such of the public not identified with either of the two interests.

In the afternoon Chairman Oscar C. Strauss and Secretary Ralph E. Easley, with Archbishop Ireland, Senator Hanna, Samuel Gompers, President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers; Frank P. Sargent, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and others who had taken part in the conference met to select the members of the executive committee. After several hours of consultation the following names were announced:

The Executive Committee.

To represent the employers and capitalists—United States Senator Mark A. Hanna; James J. Chambers, president American Glass company, Pittsburg; William H. Pfahler, president National Association of Stove Manufacturers; S. A. Gallaway, president of American Locomotive works; Lewis Miyen, president and owner of the Crescent Ship yard, Elizabethport, N. J.; Chas. M. Schwab, president United States Steel corporation; H. H. Vreeland, president Metropolitan Street Railway company; Charles A. Moore, president of the Machine Manufacturing company; John D. Rockefeller, jr.; E. D. Ripley, president Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad; Marcus M. Marks, president National Association of Clothing Manufacturers; Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager Southern Pacific railroad.

To represent organized labor—Samuel Gompers, president American Federation of Labor; John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers; Frank P. Sargent, grand master Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; Theodore J. Shaffer, president Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers; James Duncan, secretary Granite Cutters' union; Daniel J. Keefe, president International Association of Longshoremen; James O'Connell, president International Association of Machinists; Martin Fox, president of Iron Molders' union; Edward E. Clarke, grand master Brotherhood of Railway Conductors; Henry White, secretary Garment Workers of America; Walter MacArthur, editor Coast Seamen's Journal, San Francisco.

To represent the public—Ex-President Grover Cleveland, Archbishop John Ireland, Bishop Henry C. Potter, Charles Francis Adams, Boston; Cornelius N. Bliss, ex-secretary of the interior; Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard university; Franklin McVeagh, Chicago; ex-Comptroller of the Currency James A. Eckels; John J. McCook, a lawyer of this city; John G. Milburn, of Buffalo; Charles A. Bonaparte, Baltimore.

Chairman of the Conference Oscar C. Strauss and Secretary Ralph M. Easley are ex-officio members of the committee.

A sub-committee of three, to consider plan, scope and procedure, was appointed.

The executive committee will meet tomorrow for organization, the election of officers and the drafting of a plan upon which to work.

The principal officers of the American Federation of Labor attended the closing session of the conference and gave the project their commendation. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, disavowed antagonism on the part of the Federation of Labor toward organizations of capital, and said that he welcomed them industrially. He protested, however, against their alleged interference with the political affairs of the country and notably with the national judiciary.

ASSOCIATED PRESS CASES DISMISSED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 17.—Upon its own motion, the Supreme court today dismissed the three cases of the Chicago American, New York Journal and the people against the Associated Press. The court was of the opinion that, where there is a local court having jurisdiction, it will not step in and take jurisdiction in such cases.

Bill to Pension Old Soldiers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A bill was introduced in the senate today by Mr. Penrose, authorizing the payment of per diem pensions to all officers and enlisted men of the United States army who served in the Civil war.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for Dec. 17, 1901:

Highest temperature ..... 25 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 12 degrees
Relative Humidity:
8 a. m. ..... 62 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 60 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., 0.01 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Snow in early morning, followed by fair and cold Wednesday. Thursday, fair and cold; fresh northwesterly winds.