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LIVELY SESSION IN THE HOUSE

Representative Wheeler of Kentucky Indulges in Wild Flights of Oratory.

A FIERY SPEECH UPON FOREIGN FLUNKEYISM

The Orator Severely Scores Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote, and Protests Against an Official Reception of Prince Henry—The President Also Criticized for His Reported Intention to Send His Daughter to the Coronation of King Edward—Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Boutelle Defend the Head of the State Department and Criticize the Member from Kentucky for the Latter's Inopportune Speech.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The monotony of a private pension day of the house was enlivened today by a very sensational speech from Mr. Wheeler (Kentucky), in denunciation of what he denominated "flunkeyism" to foreign countries. He took the recent statements emanating from continental cabinets regarding the attitude of Great Britain during the Spanish war, as a text for a wholesale attack upon the trend of our recent diplomacy. He severely scored Secretary Hay, and declared that if Lord Pauncefote had sought, as was alleged, to circumvent us during the war of 1898, the sooner he will be shipped across the seas the better. He also criticized the president for his reported intention to send his daughter to the coronation of King Edward, and protested against the official reception of Prince Henry. His speech aroused the house to a high pitch of excitement and elicited from Mr. Boutelle (Ill.) a spirited defense of Secretary Hay, whom he eulogized in high terms. Several other members on the Republican side took a hand, and later in the afternoon Mr. Grosvenor (Ohio) took Mr. Wheeler to task for his "inopportune protest," and rehearsed the history of the visit of the Prince of Wales to this country in 1860 and his reception by President Buchanan. During the day, 125 private pension bills were passed in thirty-seven minutes.

Mr. Wheeler excoriated what he termed the modern disposition toward "European flunkeyism." Until 1896, he said, all Americans had gloried in the splendid isolation of the republic and its determination to hold aloof from foreign entangling alliances. Less than five years ago, he declared, a president, "egged on by the pitiable flunkey in the state department," had stretched his arms across the seas in adulation to the people of Great Britain, and today the government was hugging to its bosom a nation that since the battle of Yorktown had systematically and persistently plotted our downfall. He sneered at the "shoulder-strapped, gold-lace flunkeys" who were to be dispatched across the Atlantic to bend the knee to and kiss the hand of the English king, whose government, he declared, had attempted to form a coalition of European governments to thwart us while we were seeking to strike the shackles from Cuba. Honest, straightforward American diplomacy, he declared, had given way to European diplomacy. He said he respected the present occupant of the white house. He was, he said, too straightforward for many of his party colleagues, slightly quixotic, perhaps, and hasty tempered, but honest and brave enough, he thought, to "boot out that man in the state department who had brought us to this humiliating position."

Respects to Pauncefote.

Turning to England's war in South Africa, he denounced her tyranny and the part we had in it in allowing war material to be shipped from our shores. If half that was said of "this man Pauncefote" was true, he declared, he ought to be shipped across the water and "the sooner the better." Referring to the report that a member of the president's family was to attend the coronation, Mr. Wheeler said it was perhaps unbecoming to allude to it. Nevertheless, he said, he considered it "most unfortunate and unprecedented and to be lamented by every liberty-loving American." It was but one more link in the chain. Mr. Wheeler then turned to the prospective visit of Prince Henry. With a gesture of contempt, he declared that the "European maniacs were 'falling over each other' to see the 'little Dutchman.'"

There were a thousand Americans following the plow he said, "who were as honest and as noble as he," why, he asked, "should the American people give heed to this flunkeyism of the present administration. We should treat our visitors politely, but why fall down and worship them?"

The whole house was aroused by Mr. Wheeler's philippic. Several times the Democratic side burst into applause. As he was concluding, Mr. Grosvenor, of Ohio, asked if Mr. Wheeler had been living at the time of the visit of Lafayette as the representative of the king of France, whether he would have opposed the reception accorded the Frenchman by Washington.

"I should have been proud to receive the Marquise de Lafayette," replied Mr. Wheeler. "He helped to fight for our liberties. (Democratic applause).

Mr. Gillet, of Massachusetts, called attention to the fact that President Buchanan, a Democrat, had received the Prince of Wales.

"That was a different thing," retorted Mr. Wheeler, amid Republican jeers. "He came in an official capacity as the heir to the British throne."

Condemned Buchanan, Also.

This statement Mr. Grosvenor denied, declaring that the prince came incognito and was received and entertained at the white house by a Democratic president. "If the gentleman is correct," announced Mr. Wheeler, "then I condemn the action of President Buchanan."

Mr. Boutelle (Ill.) vigorously defended the head of the state department. No man in recent years had reflected such credit upon our diplomatic affairs as he. He referred especially to the Chinese crisis and said his acts throughout that time had won the commendation of the world. Mr. Boutelle said he could not sit silent while such an attack was made upon a man who had shed lustre upon our diplomacy.

The excitement then subsided, and consideration of the pension bills was resumed.

Later in the day Mr. Grosvenor replied at some length to the speech made by Mr. Wheeler, severely criticizing the Kentucky member for what he termed the latter's "inopportune speech." He said this speech would be read at Kiel tomorrow morning, on the eve of Prince Henry's departure, as the message of the American people.

Mr. Wheeler, at the conclusion of Mr. Grosvenor's remarks, made an impassioned response, protesting against the official reception of Prince Henry.

WIDOWER KILLS HIS HOUSEKEEPER

Robert Kilpatrick Shoots Mrs. Eliza Baymore Because She Refused to Marry Him.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 14.—Robert Kilpatrick, a widower, aged 54 years, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Eliza Baymore, his housekeeper, today, at 217 Central avenue. Kilpatrick, who is an insurance agent, lives in the northern section of the city and yesterday he came home intoxicated whereupon Mrs. Baymore left the house and went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Matthew Craft, on Central avenue.

Later in the day Kilpatrick sent a carriage for her and she returned, but finding him still under the influence of liquor she went back again to the daughter's house.

This morning Kilpatrick entered the house with the announcement "I'm here for business," but was led out of the house by a son of the housekeper. In a few hours Kilpatrick came back and immediately opened fire upon Mrs. Craft, shooting at her three times. All of the shots went wide of the mark. Then he fired at Mrs. Baymore, the bullet entering her heart and killing her instantly.

Kilpatrick fled, but about an hour later was arrested on the street. Kilpatrick said he killed the woman because she refused to marry him after having promised to do so. An immense crowd gathered about the city hall station house and a special reserve force was placed on duty to prevent any attack on the prisoner.

Kilpatrick was committed to the county jail by Magistrate Hare this evening on the charge of murder. The hearing and inquest were held at the same time, Coroner Fry conducting the inquiry. The testimony of Mrs. Craft, Titus Baymore and Annie Baymore at the hearing showed that the murder was deliberate and when Kilpatrick entered the house the second time that he held a postal card to Mrs. Baymore's face to conceal the pistol that he was drawing at the time from his overcoat pocket. In the scuffle between Titus and the murderer the pistol was discharged and the bullet passed through Kilpatrick's coat. In the city hall cell Kilpatrick told Chief Leary that he killed the women because she stole the marriage license and that she had to marry him or die. The murderer acted with the greatest show of indifference at the hearing.

Fitz Offers to Fight Jeff.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 14.—Robert Fitzsimmons said today that he would accept a proposition made by James J. Jeffries for a finish contest between them, the winner to take 60 per cent., and the loser 40 per cent. of the purse. Fitzsimmons said he was willing to sign articles at any time, and the only stipulation he wished to make was that the winner should have all of the picture privilege proceeds. Jeffries expresses himself as well pleased when informed of Fitzsimmons' intentions. He arranged to meet Fitzsimmons tomorrow to sign articles. He said he would be ready to fight in April or May. The battle ground will probably be on the Pacific coast.

Senator Hoar's Tariff Amendment.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Hoar today offered the following amendment to the Philippine tariff bill now pending in the senate, the provision to be inserted at the end of the bill: "No person in the Philippine islands shall, under the authority of the United States, be convicted of treason by any tribunal, civil or military, unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or an confession in open court."

Debut of Hugh McGovern.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—"Kid" Broad, of Cleveland, and Young Mowatt, of Chicago, fought six fast and clever rounds to a draw tonight at the Illinois Athletic club. Hughey McGovern, Terry's brother, celebrated his professional debut in the ring by winning a decision over "Dusty" Miller, a local 115-pounder in a six-round bout.

Tom Jenkins Defeats Parr.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Buffalo, Feb. 14.—Tom Jenkins, of Cleveland, the champion American wrestler, tonight defeated Jim Parr, the champion of England, in a match announced to be for the international championship. Jenkins won two straight falls.

FLURRY IN THE SENATE.

Employment of Extra Clerks Evokes Charges of Extravagance.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—A little flurry was created in the senate today over the employment, since the beginning of the session, of a score or more of extra clerks and messengers to committees. The charges of extravagance made induced the reference of the whole subject of clerical employment to a committee for investigation. The bill creating a permanent census office was under consideration for a time, but was not disposed of finally. After the passage of a large number of private pension bills, the senate eulogized the life and character of the late Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Penrose (Pennsylvania) presented resolutions expressing the sorrow of the senate at the death of Mr. Brosius. Eulogies were pronounced by Mr. Penrose, Mr. Gallinger (New Hampshire), Mr. McComas (Maryland) and Mr. Spooner (Wisconsin), and the senate, at 5 o'clock, adjourned.

TRIESTE IN HANDS OF THE RIOTERS

The Austrian City Practically in the Hands of an Unruly Mob—Factories and Stores Closed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trieste, Austria, Feb. 14.—This city is practically in the hands of riotous strikers. All the factories are closed, and the few stores which opened for business were compelled to close, owing to the mobs which paraded the streets. Traffic on the street railroads was suspended.

The headquarters of the Austrian Lloyds Steamship company, whose firemen were first to strike, were protected by a strong force of police, who repeatedly charged and attempted to drive back the rioters. The military have occupied the public square and other points of vantage. The mobs frequently stoned the police and some shots were fired.

ANNA GOULD MUST PAY.

The Countess of Castellane Ordered to Satisfy Judgments.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 14.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit court, handed down an order in the suit of Eugene Fischof, of Paris, France, against Anna Gould, Countess de Castellane, and George J., Howard, Edwin and Helen Gould, as executors and trustees of the will of the late Jay Gould. The judge's order recited that certain judgments had been obtained in Paris against the countess, and ordered the trustees to pay over to the parties mentioned in the orders as creditors, out of certain money that they held as income of the Countess de Castellane, certain monthly installments until the judgments are satisfied, or an order of the court is issued directing otherwise. The first creditors named in the order are Charles Manheim & Co., of Paris, who obtained judgment August 16, 1901, aggregating $27,451. They are to have $891 monthly from November, 1901, to February, 1902, and $1,960 per month thereafter until paid in full.

Vincent & Co., of Paris, who obtained a judgment August 18, 1901, for $2,156, are to be paid $360 per month from September, 1901, until fully paid, or otherwise ordered by the court.

Redmond & Co., of Paris, are to be paid $5,437 in satisfaction of judgment obtained October 22, 1901.

The tax office of the French republic is to be paid $16,440 for duties due on judgments obtained in the court of the first instance of the department of the Seine.

A decision was handed down today by the appellate division of the Supreme court, affirming the decision of Justice Scott, who last October dismissed the complaint of Anton J. Dittmar, a London bric-a-brac dealer, who sought to recover alleged debts of the Count de Castellane.

PRESIDENT'S SON IMPROVING.

Uneventful Day at Groton School. Dr. Shuttuck Discontinues Visits.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Groton, Mass., Feb. 14.—This was an uneventful day at the Groton school. Theodore Roosevelt, jr., has improved very rapidly, and for the first time since his illness he partook of solid food, meat being included in the diet. The Gammell and Potter boys also partook of meat.

The boys rested comfortably all day. Mrs. Gammel read aloud to them for some time and they were eager to have her continue at length. Dr. Shuttuck, of Boston, has discontinued his visits, leaving Dr. Warren, of Groton, in charge. Dr. Jewett, of Boston, spends his time at the infirmary, carrying out the orders of Dr. Warren. At each taking of the chart, the respiration, pulse and temperature of the patients were normal, and from all appearances the convalescence is uninterrupted. It is hoped the boys will be able to sit up by Monday. Young Roosevelt's lungs are rapidly clearing, with the possibility of restoration being complete in a very short time. All the out-of-town newspaper correspondents have left Groton.

The report from the sick rooms tonight at 9 o'clock showed all three boys asleep. From now on they will not be awakened for the administration of medicine, as it is believed sleep will be the most beneficial thing for them.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 14.—Arrived: Graf Waldersee, Hamburg; Cassel, Bremen. Cleared: La Gascogne, Havre; Lucania, Liverpool; Massdam, Rotterdam. Havre—Arrived: L'Aquitaine, New York. Rotterdam—Arrived: Amsterdam, New York via Boulogne Sur Mer. Boulogne Sur Mer—Sailed: Rotterdam (from Rotterdam), for New York.

Miss Roosevelt Enroute for Groton.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Miss Alice Roosevelt left Washington at 4.50 for Groton, Mass. She was accompanied by the white house steward.

THE REPLY OF ENGLAND

Responsibility for Incidents at the Beginning of the Spanish War Disavowed.

PAUNCEFOTE ACTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE

Lord Cranbourne So Informs the House of Commons—The British Ambassador as Dean of the Corps Called a Meeting at the Suggestion of Other Diplomats—All Opinions by Lord Pauncefote Were Personal to Himself and Not Pursuant to Instructions from Her Majesty's Government.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

London, Feb. 14.—The parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Lord Cranbourne, replying in the house of commons today to a question of Henry Norman (Liberal) on the subject of the action of the British ambassador at Washington, Lord Pauncefote, April 14, 1898, said:

"The meeting which occurred April 14, 1898, was convened by Lord Pauncefote, as dean of the ambassadors, at the verbal suggestion of some of his colleagues. Whatever opinions were expressed by Lord Pauncefote during the discussion, which was of an informal character, were personal to himself, and not pursuant to instructions from her majesty's government. The discussion resulted in an agreement to forward an indentical telegram to their respective governments, suggesting a further communication to the United States government. On receipt of this message, her majesty's government immediately replied by objecting to the terms of the communication as injudicious. Two days later Lord Pauncefote was informed that her majesty's government had decided to take no action. We, at the time, had no information of the attitude of the German government."

TRADE UNAFFECTED BY THE ELEMENTS

Business Continues to Progress Notwithstanding Heavy Losses by Floods, Snow, Fires, etc.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 14.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Business continues to progress notwithstanding heavy losses through the elements. The new year has been unusually handicapped in this way, floods and snow blockades being closely followed by fires and explosions, destroying much property and retarding traffic. The labor situation has distinctly improved during the past week. Disputes at woolen mills were adjusted except as to the weavers, threatened disturbance in coal mines averted while some railway employes received voluntary advances in wages.

In the iron and steel industry it now being demonstrated that there is such a thing as too much prosperity. During the last few years there has been such a marvelous expansion in domestic business that the capacity of furnaces and mills as well as transporting facilities have failed to keep pace. The result is a gradual falling behind with deliveries, and a tendency of buyers to send orders abroad whenever needs are urgent. One case is now in evidence of steel rails to be delivered at a Florida port, which after paying the duty, will cost about $5 a ton more than the regular domestic price. Yet home producers are fully sold up to about September 1. According to the Iron Age, pig iron production during January was at the record breaking record of 1,670,000 tons and the reduction in furnace stock indicated that consumption was still greater. It is remarkable that these stocks are now only 154,200 tons against 670,531 tons on October 1, 1900, while during that time the weekly output increased from 225,100 tons to 340,612 on February 1, 1902. Unfortunately the present production is below these record breaking figures, because the recent storm disorganized the freight movement and many furnaces are now banked through lack of coke.

Higher prices were the rule in the markets for the leading agricultural staples.

Failures for the week numbered 240 in the United States against 257 last year, and 33 in Canada against 40 last year.

TO WAGE WAR ON BANDITS.

Sheriffs in New Mexico to Unite in Hunting Outlaws.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

El Paso, Feb. 14.—Pursuant to instructions from Governor Otero of New Mexico, the sheriffs of Guadalupe, Union, Lincoln and Chaves counties are organizing posses of picked men to hunt down Jack Musgrove's band of bandits, which has recently terrorized that region.

The order means that a war of extermination will be waged against the outlaws and exciting times are expected in the portion of New Mexico to which the bandits have retreated. They are said to be in the fastness of the wild Capitan Mountains.

Eddie Kennedy Victor.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—Eddie Kennedy, of Pittsburg, had the better of the six-round go with Nelson Hall, of Camden, N. J., at the Central Athletic club tonight. The bout was a particularly fast one, each man doing good execution. In the fourth round Kennedy almost had Hall out.

Lyons Gets Decision.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Baltimore, Feb. 14.—Harry Lyons, colored, of this city, was given the decision tonight over Jack Lourey, of Brooklyn, in their twenty-round bout.

REICHSTAG MEMBERS QUARREL

Split in the Customs Committee. Chairman Resigns.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The frequent differences of opinion in the customs committee of the reichstag culminated this morning, after several disturbing incidents, in an open split and in the resignation of the chairman, Baron von Kardorff, one of the Agrarian leaders.

Although Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, the imperial secretary of state for the interior, declared the government could not accept the suggestion, the committee, by a large majority, adopted a motion to the effect that the tariff bill should become effective January 1, 1905, at the latest. That was followed by several Liberal motions, which Baron von Kardorff refused to entertain. The Liberals and Socialists violently denounced the chairman's ruling, and the committee subsequently overruled the chair. The chairman's resignation followed.

DUMONT'S BALLOON SINKS IN THE SEA

The Aeronaut Has a Narrow Escape from Drowning in the Mediterranean Sea.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Monaco, Feb. 14.—Santos-Dumont's dirigible balloon collapsed at sea this afternoon. Santos-Dumont was rescued unhurt.

The aeronaut started at 2.30 p. m. and was proceeding in the direction of Cape Martin. When opposite the Casino at Monte Carlo a rent occurred in the balloon, and in less than ten minutes all the gas had escaped and the balloon fell into the sea. Several boats, including the Prince of Monaco's launch, were following the balloon, and Santos-Dumont was rescued. The balloon sank.

NEW POLICY FOR THE POSTMASTERS.

No Removals in the Fourth Class Except for Cause.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—An official statement of the new policy that hereafter will govern appointments of fourth-class postmasters was made today by Postmaster General Payne, who said:

"The policy of the administration is not to make removal of fourth class postmasters without cause. The removal of an officer is a proposition entirely different from the naming of a successor at the expiration of a postmaster's commission. It is therefore decided that removals be not made except for some good reason which affects the service, or at the request of a senator or representative endorsing the petition for such a change made by the patrons of the office in question. In some sections of the country, notably in the South, not represented by Republican representatives in congress, these demands for changes in fourth class postoffices are made not for the good of the service or for any proper purpose, but to subserve the interests of rival factions. The administration does not believe that the officers of the government should be used to subserve the interests of any petty faction in states where there is hardly a semblance of organization in the party. To prevent this abuse, it is necessary to discourage these arbitrary removals. No order on this subject, however, has been issued."

VON BAUDISSIN IN NEW YORK.

Rear Admiral Enjoys the Hospitality of the Island.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 14.—Rear Admiral Count Von Baudissin accompanied by his aide, Lieutenant Rebensburg, made a formal visit today to Adolph Lankering, mayor of Hoboken. Mr. Lankering went on board the Hohenzollern yesterday afternoon to pay his respects to the German admiral, but Admiral Von Baudissin was absent.

Major General Brooke called officially on Admiral Von Baudissin shortly after 12 o'clock. He was received aboard the Hohenzollern with the honor due his rank.

Admiral Barker, commandant of the navy yards, accompanied by his aide, Commander West, visited Admiral Von Baudissin this afternoon and was welcomed warmly. After remaining on the yacht about 20 minutes he returned to the navy yard.

This evening Count Von Baudissin dined informally with Alfred C. Johnson, his brother-in-law. The other officers of the Hohenzollern were guests at a dinner given by Captain Hegeman on board the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse. Tomorrow six of the Hohenzollern's officers will leave for Niagara Falls and will stay there until Sunday. On their return six others will visit the falls. Admiral Von Baudissin said that he would not be able to go to Niagara. He will go to Shooters Island tomorrow to inspect the yacht Meteor, now being built here for Emperor William.

Walking Match Score.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 14.—The midnight score in the six-day team walking match was: Hegeman-Cavanaugh, 685 miles; Shelton-Guarrero, 662; Fahey-Methus, 655; Golden-Tracy, 620; Gilck-Howarth, 618; Noremac-Cartwright, 590; Feeney-Feeney, 581; Fraser-Sullivan, 577; Davis-Carroll, 569; Dean-Campbell, 557. Best previous record for 120 hours, 545 miles.

An Engineer Insane.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Pittsville, Feb. 14.—Coatless and hatless, William Bevan, the engineer, through whose mistake three men were fatally injured at Boston Run colliery yesterday, was found today, wandering on Broad mountain. When Bevan learned of the terrible result of his mistake, he gave a shriek of agony and darted out of the engine house over the hills. It is thought his reason is dethroned.

Handler Knocked Out.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—Jimmy Handler was knocked out in the second round by Joe Walcott tonight at Industrial hall. It was to have been a six-round bout.

RUNAWAY TRAIN CAUSES WRECK

One of the Most Disastrous Accidents in History of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

THREE TRAINMEN ARE INSTANTLY KILLED

Eight Others Injured—Train Gets Beyond Control in the Gallitzin Tunnel on Account of Frozen Journal Boxes and Brakes and Descends the Mountain at a Frightful Rate of Speed—Three Trains in a Smashup.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 14.—This morning a runaway coal train on the Mountain division of the Pennsylvania railroad caused one of the most disastrous and damaging wrecks in the history of the road. Three trains were involved, and the property loss will reach $100,000. The killed were:

SAMUEL GROVE, conductor, aged 50 years, married; residence Altoona.
N. W. WERTNER, brakeman, aged 22, single; residence Altoona.
T. W. COONEY, brakeman, aged 26 years; residence Altoona.

The injured are:

R. M. Kinkead, engineer, Altoona; fracture of left arm, serious contusions of head and face.
Thomas M. Stewart, brakeman.
Simon Frederick, brakeman.
William W. Hartman, flagman.
J. W. Fluke, engineer.
A. B. Homan, fireman.
E. F. Langdon, fireman, all of Altoona.
J. Croft, firemen, Derry; hurt by jumping.

An east-bound coal train made of steel and wooden cars, and hauled by two locomotives, got beyond control in the Gallitzin tunnel, on account of frozen journal boxes and brakes, and descended the mountain at less than a mile a minute till it reached Allegrippus tower, seven miles west of this city, where it piled into another east-bound freight train, which had been stopped by the operator on account of trains ahead. The two huge locomotives went into the rear of the forward train, smashing the cabin and instantly killing Brakemen Wertner and Cooney, who were riding in the cabin.

The first engine and several coal cars left the track and plunged down the mountain side about two hundred feet, Conductor Grove going down to death with them.

The other locomotive remained on the roadbed, although twelve cars behind it were wrecked. Four cars in the train ahead were wrecked. The broken cars, falling upon the west-bound tracks, struck another freight train, west-bound, and smashed four cars loaded with merchandise. The wreckage covered all of the four tracks and stopped traffic from the time the accident occurred, 4.55, till 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

All of the injured men saved themselves from death by jumping from the runaway train just before the collision.

THE BETSEY ROSS HOUSE PURCHASED.

Dwelling Where First American Flag Was Made to Be Preserved.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—The American Flag House and Betsey Ross Memorial association today purchased the historic dwelling on Arch street, in which was made the first American flag. The purchase price was $25,150, of which $19,150 was paid, a mortgage of $6,000 remaining.

The association was incorporated four years ago and the money to effect the purchase was raised by individual subscriptions of ten cents. It is expected that the amount of the mortgage will be secured in a short time by similar methods.

REGARDING HOTEL HOURS.

Courts Cannot Fix Time When They Shall Be Kept Open.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Feb. 14.—Judge Simonton decided today that he had no power to restrict the hours which hotels and other licensed places shall remain open. The judge said that all he could do was to enforce the law as enacted by the legislature and that he could not add to its terms.

He has recently received a number of inquiries from people asking him to issue orders restricting the hours during which these places shall remain open. The judge said that for the benefit of these persons he would say that he had no power to make such an order.

DUNLAP FOUND GUILTY.

Sentenced to Two Years for Part in Abduction of Mrs. Goodrich.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.—Oscar Dunlap, was found guilty today of conspiring with Howard A. Sloan and D. Knight Finley, to abduct and rob Mrs. Mabel Goodrich. Sloan and Finley recently pleaded guilty of robbing Mrs. Goodrich and are now serving a term of imprisonment. Dunlap was sentenced to two years in the Eastern penitentiary.

He is allowed five months off which he has served in jail while awaiting trial, making his term of imprisonment one year and seven months.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for February 14, 1902:

Highest temperature ..... 25 degrees
Lowest temperature ..... 14 degrees
Relative humidity—
8 a. m. ..... 76 per cent.
8 p. m. ..... 66 per cent.
Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., trace.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania, fair Saturday and probably Sunday; fresh northwest winds becoming variable.

WOULD NOT MEET THEM.

General Manager Silliman Refuses to Deal with the Executive Board Members.

P. J. Shea, T. R. Edwards and Andrew Lavelle, of the executive board of the street car strikers, waited on General Manager Silliman again yesterday, to negotiate further for a settlement of the strike. Mr. Silliman handed them the following note:

P. J. Shea, T. R. Edwards, A. Lavelle, Committee, and to All of the Members of Division 168, A. A. of S. R. E.

Gentlemen: I beg to notify the committee addressed that I will not have any further conference with reference to the settlement of the strike with this committee or any other members of the executive board. Yours truly,

Frank Silliman,
General Manager, Scranton Railway Co.

The committee withdrew and negotiations are off. A large body of the strikers will, it is said, return to work Monday.

ELEVEN MEN KILLED.

At Least Fourteen Were Seriously Injured by a Huge Boulder Weighing Fifteen Tons.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 14.—Seven men were killed and at least fourteen were seriously injured by a huge boulder, weighing fifteen tons, which crashed into the caboose of a work train on the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gutherie railway, twenty miles west of Little Rock, today.

The dead are: Samuel Simon, white, Booneville, Ark.; B. L. Jones, white, Booneville, Ark.; Orange Foster, colored, Little Rock; John Williams, colored, North Little Rock; Henry McGee, colored, Little Rock; two unknown men.

The train was passing under the high bluffs bordering the river, two miles west of Little Mauwello, when a heavy rock, which had been loosened by the rain, rolled down the steep declivity and crashed through the roof of the caboose.

SCHLEY CASE IN CABINET.

One of the Principal Subjects for Discussion Yesterday.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—One of the principal subjects discussed at the cabinet meeting today was the reply which the president will make to the appeal of Admiral Schley. The president has given a good deal of attention to the matter and it is understood that in the course of a few days, probably by the middle of next week, he will be ready to announce his conclusions.

Members of the cabinet are extremely reticent as to what the president's views are beyond the statement that his decision undoubtedly will clear the atmosphere somewhat upon many of the involved questions. The cabinet also talked over the coming of Prince Henry and Secretary Hay referred incidentally to the Japanese-English alliance.

The president outlined his views on the Schley case by reading the first draft of his decision. Some modifications were made in it today and in view of the fact that it is subject to further and possibly important changes in text, members of the cabinet back their indisposition to discuss it by the assertion that it is unsafe at this time to predict what its exact effect will be. It is a long document and one of its features is the clear and concise presentation of the facts regarding the Santiago fight as given the president by the captains engaged in that battle, who recently were summoned to the white house to confer with him. The decision is couched in the president's characteristic vigorous tone.

WU TING-FANG SHAKEN UP.

Car Containing Chinese Minister Derailed at Fort Wayne.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 14.—Minister Wu Ting-fang passed through here last night accompanied by several senators and representatives en route from Grand Rapids to Washington. In coming into the station his car jumped a switch and turned sideways on the track. The air brake hose broke, setting the brakes, and the car, ploughing into the ties, stopped abruptly, giving the distinguished passengers a shaking up.

No one was injured, however, and in an hour the party proceeded on its way east.

MISS STONE'S RANSOM PAID.

Release of the Missionaries Expected Hourly.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Constantinople, Feb. 14.—The ransom of Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Tsilka, has been paid. The limit of time allowed for the release of the captives has not expired; but their delivery to the American agents is expected hourly.

Pensions Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Charles H. Grest, of Wilkes-Barre, has been granted a pension of $8.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from the Associated Press.

Stroudsburg, Feb. 14.—Alexander Fowler, aged 83 years, a leading Friend and life long resident of this section, died of general disability early today. Decedent's parents were among the earliest settlers, forming part of the colony of Friends that came to the county from New York state. Deceased, when about forty took hold of the Scranton-Henry iron foundry, then located at Forge Cut, but only operated it for a short time.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 14.—Professor James Bradley Thayer Weld, professor of law at Harvard, died suddenly from heart disease tonight, aged 71 years.