

SENATE WILL VOTE ON SHIP SUBSIDY

In Accordance with Agreement the Ballot Will Be Taken at 3 O'clock Today.

OTHER MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED

The Bill for Better Protection of the President Will Assume Next Place on the Calendar—Chinese Exclusion and Oleomargarine Bills May Run Along Side—The House Will Pass the River and Harbor Bill—Friends Hope for Better Fate for Revenue Cutter Service Bill.

Washington, March 16.—In accordance with the agreement reached a week ago, the senate will begin voting on the ship subsidy bill and amendments tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be no speaking after the voting begins. The senate will meet at 11 o'clock, an hour earlier than usual, in order to give senators who may still wish to be heard, an opportunity to speak on the bill before the time to vote arrives. With the subsidy bill disposed of, the bill introduced by Senator Hoar, for the protection of the president of the United States from assassination, will assume first place on the calendar, having been made the unfinished business. It is not expected, however, that there will be prolonged debate upon this bill, and there is more real interest among senators as to which of several measures will be next referred.

The Republican steering committee probably will meet Monday to consider this matter. Either the oleomargarine bill or the Chinese exclusion bill doubtless will be made the unfinished business to succeed the presidential protection measure, though the Nicaragua canal bill also is pressing for attention. The canal bill, however, according to present understanding, will be compelled to wait on both the other bills. There is a suggestion, which members of the steering committee are considering, to allow the Chinese bill and the oleomargarine bill to run along side by side, one of them occupying the morning hour and the other taking the time after the expiration of that hour. Senator Proctor, who will have charge of the oleomargarine bill, and Senator Penrose, who will lead the fight for the Chinese bill, are equally confident of the outcome.

River and Harbor Bill. The house during the present week will pass the river and harbor bill, which will decide the contested election case of Moss vs. Rhea from the Third Kentucky district, and will consider the bill for the retirement of officers at the revenue cutter service. Such is the programme of the house leaders. The report in the contested election case is against Mr. Rhea, the sitting member, who is a Democrat, and it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that he will be unseated. The revenue cutter service bill was defeated in the last congress, but its friends claim to have hope that it will meet a better fate now. It is believed that the river and harbor bill will not consume more than two days. A few members who are dissatisfied with appropriations for improvements in their districts, will make an effort to amend it on the floor to meet their individual wishes, but the committee believe they will have strength enough to prevent any attempt to amend it, and that it will pass in the form in which it was reported from the committee.

WAYNE COUNTY PRIMARIES.

Homer Green—Will Control Convention Today—State Delegates for Watres.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Homeade, March 16.—The primaries in Wayne county on Saturday resulted in a lively contest between Homer Green and Colonel Cole for delegates to congress. Delegates of the thirty-two districts in the county, four have not yet been heard from.

LEDGER COAL ARTICLE.

Philadelphia, March 16.—The ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: "The anthracite coal trade is anticipating an early spring opening of navigation on the lakes, and consequent stimulated movement of coal to that extensive region whose ports have been so long closed up by ice. The coal fields have been after another getting into working condition after the storms and floods so that the output in the Schuylkill and Wyoming districts is being arrested or checked. The anthracite coal is given a better supply. All the coal mined that can be shipped under the restrictions imposed by the car shortage is being readily taken, and the demand is unsatisfied. The large orders, about a consequence of retarded deliveries will occupy the dealers a good while to fill, and the scarcity in the steam is unaltered. There is, however, hopes of much better conditions in the future. The belief is strong that in a little while the full output of the mines will be available, and that labor troubles this spring may be avoided, though there is some uncertainty in the anthracite fields. The February shipments were 2,742,253 tons, against 4,125,504 in February, 1901.

Regret Mr. White's Retirement.

Berlin, March 16.—With expressions of regret the newspapers here print a dispatch from Washington to the effect that Andrew D. White, the American ambassador to Germany, will retire next November.

THE NEW PENSION BILL.

Senators and Congressmen Hope to Obtain Relief from the Law. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—Senators and members of congress are very much interested in the fact that the pension appropriation bill soon will become a law, because they hope to obtain from it some relief from the pressure on them to secure private pension legislation. The bill provides a provision making it a criminal offense for attorneys, claim agents or other persons to receive compensation for services rendered in connection with the passage through congress of private pension bills. They say there are now many times as many bills before congress as possibly can receive attention during the session. They recognize that many of the bills represent just claims, but they also feel that claim attorneys have been more active than they were called upon to be. It is also declared that claimants have been imposed on, in many cases, and persuaded to pay money for the introduction of bills, which stand no chance of becoming laws. The bill is now in the hands of the president.

KIDNAPPERS ACTIVE AT PITTSBURG

They Threaten to Abduct the Children of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Peacock—Detectives on Case. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 16.—The Dispatch today publishes the following: "Repeated threats to abduct his three children, unless a ransom of \$25,000 will be left in a certain spot and a warning that murder would follow the placing of detectives on the case, have caused Alexander R. Peacock, formerly first vice-president and general sales agent of the Carnegie company, to remove his little family temporarily from his Lexington avenue home to the Holland house, New York.

"The case was put in the hands of detectives, and it is said arrests of the guilty parties is now practically certain. About two months ago, during his absence from home, a letter was received at the Lexington avenue house, through the mail, addressed to him. Mrs. Peacock opened the envelope, and the letter enclosed was found to be a warning that the three bright little children of the family, aged respectively 14, 10 and 7 years, would be kidnapped unless Mr. Peacock deposited at a certain appointed spot on North Highland avenue \$25,000 in money. The letter was unsigned. Not many days later a second letter was received by Mr. Peacock, stating that Mrs. Peacock had been put on the case, and that if the money was not deposited in the designated place the writer would steal the children, but would murder them. This second letter produced consternation in the family. Mrs. Peacock became ill, and thinking it necessary that his wife should have the services of distinguished New York physicians removed her, together with the children, to New York city, where they have resided since.

WATRES CAUSES ARRESTS.

Charges the Publishers of an Altoona Newspaper with Libel. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoona, Pa., March 16.—Last night at 10 o'clock Colonel Watres made an information charging H. and W. H. Ship, publishers of the Altoona Mirror, with criminal libel in publishing an article in which it was asserted that Watres was connected with company stores and was attorney for several coal companies. The warrants were served and the Sheps gave bail for their appearance at court.

GIVERA'S PROCLAMATION.

Announces Himself as Successor to General Lukban. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, March 16.—Givera, the insurgent leader, has issued a proclamation in the island of Samar declaring he has succeeded General Lukban, who was captured by the Americans and that consequently all orders now standing in the name of Lukban are void.

Dock Laborers Satisfied.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. La Rochelle, France, March 16.—A meeting of the employers of the striking dock laborers and delegates from the strikers tonight resulted in the acceptance of the demands of the latter. The strikers number 800 men.

Schley Leaves for Boston.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Buffalo, March 16.—Rear Admiral Schley left here tonight for Boston, where he is to attend the celebration incident to the evacuation day ceremonies. Congressman Napan accompanied him.

Deadly Duel with Winchester.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Reno, Nev., March 16.—Horse Evans and A. A. Smith fought a duel with Winchester at eight feet distance yesterday at Purdy station. Both received injuries from which death resulted. The quarrel was over a strip of worthless land.

Bodies of Providence Victims.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Vicksburg, Miss., March 16.—The bodies of nineteen of the twenty victims of the steamer Providence disaster have been recovered from the waters of Lake Pontchartraine. The body missing is that of Dr. N. A. Lancaster.

POWDERLY'S REMOVAL

The Commissionership of Immigration Has Been Offered to Frank P. Sargent.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT SARGENT WILL ACCEPT

Commissioner Fitchie of New York, and His Assistant, E. F. McSweeney, Also Marked for Decapitation. President Roosevelt's Decision Not to Reappoint Mr. Powderly Is Recent.

New York, March 16.—A Washington special to the Times speaks of the contemplated removal of Mr. Powderly as follows: "Terence V. Powderly, commissioner general of immigration, is to go, and Frank P. Sargent, grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, is slated to succeed him. President Roosevelt has offered the position to Mr. Sargent, who has it under consideration. Some time ago the president tendered Mr. Sargent the position of commissioner of immigration at New York, to succeed Thomas Fitchie, who has been stated in the Times, is marked for decapitation. It is understood that Mr. Sargent declined that office, but it is believed that he will accept this one. Mr. Sargent was among a number of labor leaders who took lunch with the president a few months ago. President McKinley once offered him the position of director of the bureau of engraving and printing, but he declined it.

"Commissioner Fitchie refused yesterday to discuss the report from Washington that he is soon to be superseded as the head of the immigration department. At any rate, the president's decision not to reappoint him is comparatively recent. At the time when the president decided to let Fitchie go he had no intention of dispensing with the services of Powderly. "Commissioner Fitchie refused yesterday to discuss the report from Washington that he is soon to be superseded as the head of the immigration department. At any rate, the president's decision not to reappoint him is comparatively recent. At the time when the president decided to let Fitchie go he had no intention of dispensing with the services of Powderly.

WAR IN COLOMBIA.

Approaches to Colon Are Guarded by Detachments of Troops—Provisions Becoming Scarce. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Colon, Colombia, March 16.—All the approaches to Colon are now guarded by small detachments of troops. The government is throwing up embankments at certain advantageous points in the center of the town and from 200 to 300 troops are kept on foot up and down the railroad line. These are necessary precautions to avoid an insurrection and attack similar to the one of last November.

Fire in Jute Factory.

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MANILA MILITARY POST

General Chaffee Signs an Executory Contract for Purchase of a Site on the Pasig River. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, March 16.—General Chaffee has signed an executory contract for the purchase of a site for an army post at a point seven miles up the Pasig river. The site is a mile and a quarter wide by two miles in length. It is bounded on one side by the Pasig river and on the other by the Laguna de Bay. It is on high ground and overlooking Manila. Building on this site will commence as soon as the purchase has been approved by congress.

Valparaiso Arsenal Burned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Santiago de Chile, March 16.—A section of the naval arsenal at Valparaiso has been destroyed by fire. The loss is believed at \$1,000,000.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 15.—Arrived: Pinosola, Hamburg and Bosphorus; Sir Mer; La Gasconne; Haver; St. Louis, Southampton and Chertsey; ago.

MILES' PLAN REJECTED.

President and Secretary Root Believe That the War in Philippines Is Ended. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—The Post tomorrow will say: "Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, of the army, made a specific request to the war department to be sent to the Philippines, and in connection therewith, submitted a plan by which, in his opinion, the war could be brought to an end without further loss of life to either side. He proposed to employ small detachments to those used by him so successfully in his Indian campaigns.

Secretary Root, after due consideration, denied General Miles' request and disapproved the plan submitted. The papers, so endorsed by the secretary were sent to the white house, and the president subsequently concurred in the secretary's action. The four military and diplomatic of the matter is said to bear date, March 5, 1902. In effect President Roosevelt and Secretary Root hold that the war is already at an end, and that the adoption of General Miles' plan, involving a change of policy in dealing with the inhabitants of the archipelago, would be tantamount to a complete military and civil, whose work has brought about almost complete pacification.

BLIZZARDS SWEEP THE NORTHWEST

The Worst Snow Storm in Many Years in Dakota and the Canadian Northwest. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. St. Paul, March 16.—North Dakota and the Canadian northwest has experienced the worst snow storm in many years, and railway traffic is practically paralyzed. The Northern Pacific and Great Northern have not moved a wheel for nearly thirty-six hours in the blizzard-stricken districts, and have abandoned all efforts to do so until the fury of the storm shall abate. The high wind has piled the snow in mountainous drifts and packed it in solid masses, many deep cuts being entirely filled.

The temperature has been gradually falling, and is now at or below the zero mark. Not a trans-continental train has arrived at St. Paul since Friday, and none is expected for several days. Reports received at the general offices tonight indicate that the gale has somewhat subsided, but that the snow still continues to fall. The branch of the Great Northern running to Winnipeg is also tied up. No trains have been started northward since Friday night, and those that were caught out on the road near the border have been held at the station near the border. Winnipeg is reported entirely cut off from railroad communication with the outside world. The Canadian Pacific trans-continental trains are snowed out somewhere west of there, and no prospects of relief is yet in sight.

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METHUEN'S TROOPS FOUGHT BRAVELY

BURGLARS AT WORK. Three Residences and Two Hotels in Minooka Broken Into—One Family Probably Chloroformed.

Minooka was visited by a burglar or gang of burglars Friday night last, who broke into three residences and two hotels, but who failed to secure plunder of any very great value. The places broken into were as follows: Charles Delmuth's hotel, Christopher Barber's hotel, Michael Gibbons' residence, Michael Henry's residence and Peter Mullen's residence. It is believed that Mr. Gibbons and his six children were chloroformed by the housebreaker as every one in the family complained of feeling dizzy and sick in the morning when they awoke. The house had been ransacked from top to bottom. Two gold watches and a considerable quantity of clothing were found to be missing.

Nothing of value was taken from Michael Henry's residence, but the place was thoroughly ransacked. A window in the rear of Peter Mullen's house was found pried open, but there was nothing to show that it had been entered. It is believed that the burglars were scared away while just about to enter this place. The cash register in Charles Delmuth's hotel was taken outside, behind a barn, and was smashed open. The small amount of money which it contained was taken.

It is believed that four strange men, who were seen about Minooka, Friday, and who were supposed at first to have been detectives investigating the burning of the street cars, are the guilty persons. The local police have been asked to assist in locating them.

REGIMENT HAS BEEN FORMALLY ORGANIZED

J. F. Phillips, of Wilkes-Barre, Elected Colonel and Walter McNicholls, of West Scranton, Major.

Delegations representing nine societies, whose members form the nucleus of the proposed first regiment of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of America, met in St. Leo's hall, West Scranton, yesterday afternoon to further the plans under the Drill Order. Reports were received from the following societies already organized: St. Paul's Pioneer corps, West Scranton, 52 members; Father Whitty society, North Scranton, 42 members; with two more companies forming; St. Leo's Battalion, West Scranton, 20 members; St. Aloysius society, South Scranton, 31 members; St. John's society, Minooka, 25 members; Young Men's Drill order, Wilkes-Barre, 50 members; St. Aloysius society, Plains, 42 members; Father Mathew society, Plymouth, 50 members; West Scranton Drill Order cadets, Wilkes-Barre, 45 members.

This makes a total membership of 275 already, but does not represent the full quota of members that will go to make up the entire regiment. Several of the societies already organized will form additional companies, and others will recruit their companies to the limit. In addition to the nine companies already organized, there will be companies formed in the Knights of Father Mathew, Carbondale; St. John's Battalion, West Scranton, 20 members; St. Aloysius society, South Scranton, 31 members; St. John's society, Minooka, 25 members; Young Men's Drill order, Wilkes-Barre, 50 members; St. Aloysius society, Plains, 42 members; Father Mathew society, Plymouth, 50 members; West Scranton Drill Order cadets, Wilkes-Barre, 45 members.

The question of admitting the St. John's society, of South Scranton, was discussed, but, inasmuch as they are not now identified with the Scranton Diocesan union, it was deemed advisable to defer action until they make formal and official application for membership. The meeting was presided over by Major Phillips, of Wilkes-Barre, and Thomas Early, of West Scranton, acted as secretary. After the business of the meeting was concluded, the delegates adjourned sine die.

Cold Wave at Kalamazoo.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Kalamazoo, Mich., March 16.—Within the past few days there has been a drop in temperature of nearly 40 degrees. A gale is blowing and a blizzard is raging throughout southern Michigan.

Cecil Rhodes Weaker.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cape Town, March 16.—Cecil Rhodes took some improvement during last night, but was decidedly weaker this morning. At 4 o'clock this afternoon his condition was unchanged.

Tommy Hall in Training.

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Lord Kitchener Sends Additional Intelligence Concerning the Recent Engagement.

Surprised at Dawn AND OVERWHELMED. Lieutenant Neasham Refused to Surrender and Was Killed—Lord Methuen Yields After His Supply of Ammunition Had Been Exhausted—The Boers Were Disguised in Khaki Uniforms and Even Wore British Badges. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, March 16.—The war office has received the following from Lord Kitchener at Pretoria: "Lord Methuen has sent me a staff officer with a dictated dispatch, from which it appears that certain particulars previously given are inaccurate. The rear screen of mounted troops was rushed and overwhelmed at dawn. There was a gap of a mile between the ox and the main convoy. The mounted supports to the rear of the screen, with General Methuen immediately reinforced by all the available mounted troops and a section of the Thirty-eighth battery, maintained themselves for an hour, during which the convoy were closing up without disorder.

"In the meantime, 200 infantry were being disposed by Lord Methuen to resist the Boer attack, which was outflanking the left of the rear guard. The Boers possessed the attack and the mounted troops, attempting to fall back on the infantry, got completely out of hand, carrying away with them in the rout, the bulk of the mounted troops. Two guns of the Thirty-eighth battery were thus left unprotected, but were in action until every man, with the exception of Lieutenant Neasham, was hurt. Neasham refused to surrender and was killed.

"Lord Methuen with 200 of the Northern fusiliers and two guns of the Fourth battery, then found himself isolated but held on for three hours. During this period the remaining infantry, namely 100 of the Lancashires, with some forty mounted men, mostly cape police, who had occupied the kraal near the wagons, also continued to hold out against the repeated attacks of the Boers.

"By this time, Lord Methuen was wounded and the casualties were exceedingly heavy amongst his men. Their ammunition was mostly expended, and the surrender was made at about half past nine in the morning. The Boers in the kraal still held out and did not give in until two guns and a pom-pom were brought to bear upon them at about 10 o'clock, making their position untenable.

"It is confirmed that most of the Boers wore out khaki uniforms. Many also wore our badges. Even at close quarters they could not be distinguished from our own men. "It is clear the infantry fought well and the artillery kept up the traditions of their regiment. In addition to the forty members of the Cape police already mentioned, a few parties of imperial yeomanry and Cape police continued to hold their ground after the main had swept the bulk of the mounted troops off the field."

CHARLES ROLLO SURRENDERS.

Batavia Wife Murderer Unable to Longer Dodge the Police. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Findlay, O., March 16.—Charles Rollo, a man first arrested by the police yesterday, has confessed to a Chief of Police Ramey in which he stated that he was until a year ago a married gardener in Batavia, N. Y., and that in a quarrel with his wife last August he had struck her a blow that had caused her death.

MISS STONE GRATIFIED.

Surprised at the Universal Manifestation of Joy at Her Release. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Schuylkill, March 16.—A representative here of the Associated Press has received a letter from Miss Stone, the American missionary, in which she expresses her surprise and gratitude at the universal manifestations of joy at the release of herself and Miss Terkila.

Miss Stone also conveys her heartfelt thanks to all those who by their labor, their money and their prayers cooperated to the release of herself and companion.

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WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, March 16.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania, clearing and colder Monday; Tuesday, fair, colder with a cold wave in north portion, fresh to brisk with a cold wave shifting to west.