



FAVORABLE REPORT ON CUBAN BILL

The Payne Bill Approved by the Ways and Means Committee by Vote of 12 to 5.

A TWENTY PER CENT. TARIFF CONCESSION

Two Republicans of the Committee Vote Against the Report—Great Interest Is Attached to the Meeting, Which Is Regarded as the Culmination of the Long Struggle Over Cuban Reciprocity—the Measure Will Be Called Up in the House One Week From Today—Other Business Transacted in Senate and House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—The ways and means committee, by a vote of 12 to 5 today ordered a favorable report on the Payne bill for 20 per cent tariff concession to Cuba. Eight Republicans voted for the bill. Two Republicans, Tawney of Minnesota and Metcalf of California, voted against it. No amendments to the reciprocity feature were made, but by general consent the United States contract labor laws were included with the naturalization and exclusion laws as applicable to Cuba. A series of Democratic amendments for general tariff revision were defeated on strict party votes. Another series of amendments by McClellan (Democrat), of New York, changing the reciprocity rate to 50 per cent, 40 per cent, 33-1/3 per cent and 25 per cent, were defeated successively, 2 to 13. An amendment by Mr. Tawney, striking out the differential on sugar, was ruled out by Chairman Payne as not germane, and on an appeal from the decision of the chair, the latter was sustained, 9 to 6. The final vote in detail was: Yeas—Payne, Dalzell, Grosvener, Russell, Steele, McCall, Long and Babcock, Republicans; Richardson, Swanson, McMillan, Newlands and Cooper, Democrats—5. Nays—Tawney and Metcalf, Republicans; Robertson, Newlands and Clegg, Democrats—5. Although the actual vote was 11 to 5, by general consent, Mr. Hopkins, who was absent, was recorded in the affirmative, making the recorded vote 12 to 5. Great interest attached to the meeting today, which was regarded as the culmination of the long struggle over Cuban reciprocity. The full strength of each side was present except Mr. Hopkins (Rep., Ill). Mr. Payne announced to his colleagues that the reciprocity bill would be called up in the house one week from tomorrow.

The Oleomargarine Bill. During the entire session of the senate today, the oleomargarine bill was under consideration. Three speeches were delivered in support of the measure and one against it. Mr. Simmons, of North Carolina, made an extended argument in opposition to the bill, re-asserting cogently points heretofore made against the proposed legislation, and adding some new and forceful arguments. This was Mr. Simmons' maiden speech in the senate and he was cordially congratulated at its conclusion. Mr. Dillingham, of Vermont, presented a strong legal argument in support of the measure and vigorously arraigned the manufacturers of oleomargarine for imposing, as he said, a fraud upon the people. In supporting the pending bill, Mr. McCumber, of North Dakota, expressed the belief that the farmers of the country were entitled to the protection afforded by the bill. Incidentally, he advocated general pure food legislation. The house today began consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill, completing the general debate before the close of the session. Little of the speech making today was pertinent to the bill. Messrs. Williams (Mississippi), Pea (North Carolina), and Splitt (Mississippi), spoke on the proposed investigation of the Southern franchise question. Mr. Bell (Colorado) discussed the financial bills before the house. Mr. Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported the Cuban reciprocity bill, and gave notice that he would call it up a week from tomorrow.

Opposition Conference. Following the action of the ways and means committee in reporting the Cuban reciprocity bill, the Republican members who oppose that measure held a conference in the committee room of Representative William Alden Smith, of Michigan. About thirty members were present, representing the various states interested in beet sugar production. No formal action was taken, but the discussion was in the line of continuing the contest on the floor of the house. It is expected, however, that the opposition will be from members individually, rather than from a compact and organized opposition. After the meeting, it was claimed by those present that about thirty Republicans would speak and vote against the bill. The ways and means leaders feel confident that the bill will pass, probably by Republican

REVOLUTION IN SANTO DOMINGO

The Town of Barahona Attacked and Captured by the Rebels After a Severe Fight.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 31.—The town of Barahona, on the south coast, was attacked and captured by the revolutionists after a severe fight, in which forty were killed or wounded. Later a government gunboat bombarded Barahona and landed troops, who took the town. The revolutionists retired to a stronghold in the neighborhood. The Dominican minister of war has proceeded to Barahona with other troops, and will take severe measures to re-establish order. This revolutionary activity is, for the present, confined to Barahona. The Dominican congress has decreed that martial law be re-established throughout the whole republic, and that the constitutional guarantees be suspended.

CHARGES AGAINST REV. DR. SWALLOW

According to Reports from the Trial at the Conference Prevarication Seems the Only Allegation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bellefonte, Pa., March 31.—At the opening of the Methodist Episcopal conference this morning, Dr. Fowick, counsel for Dr. Swallow, asked that in the case of the charges preferred by Presiding Elder Yocum against Dr. Swallow a committee of inquiry be appointed to ascertain if the charges warrant a trial by a select number, instead of referring the case to a presiding elder, as had been done in executive session. On motion a committee of inquiry was appointed. The committee on necessitous cases reported that during the year there had been paid to supernumeraries and superannuated ministers \$2,614, and to general secretaries, \$5,185. The list of supernumeraries and superannuates was called and passed. W. H. Sanford, of Patton, presented fraternal greetings of the laymen's association. On invitation of Secretary T. S. Wilcox, the conference voted to hold the next year's session in the Eighth avenue church, Altoona, Pa. Official visitors presented were Rev. S. L. Baldwin, secretary of Missionary societies; Dr. W. P. Thirkield, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society; Dr. James McClellan, secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible society; Dr. George E. Reed, president of Dickinson college; Frank L. Hart, of Chicago, and several local pastors. This afternoon the conference held memorial services in honor of those who died during the year. The list included Gleason H. Day, Finley B. Kiddle, Henry Treverton, Andrew W. Decker, William H. Stevens, Reuben E. Wilson and L. L. Logan. Late tonight it was learned that the charge preferred by Dr. Yocum against Dr. Swallow was that of lying. There was no other charge. The charge was supported by nineteen specifications and were based on publications in the Pennsylvania Methodist, made subsequent to the hearing at Harrisburg. The committee appointed to investigate the charges made by E. H. Yocum, secretary of the conference, is composed of the following members: Revs. Richard Hinkle, of Everett; C. T. Dunning, of Mechanicsburg; G. D. Penepacker, of Williamsport; O. S. Metzler, of Emporium; J. H. Price, of Mt. Holly, and R. H. Wharton, of Lehigh.

The committee met at once. The star witness was Dr. George Edward Reed, the state librarian. He testified under the specification charging Dr. Swallow with having published a falsehood in the Pennsylvania Methodist concerning Dr. Yocum. Dr. Swallow presented his case against Rev. Mr. Hartzel before the proper committee this morning. He submitted the editorial published by Hartzel in a Harrisburg paper in regard to the McKinley incident, and also the circular which Rev. Mr. Hartzel sent out to clergymen attacking Swallow. At this afternoon's session in the case of Hartzel against Swallow, all of Dr. Swallow's depositions and affidavits were thrown out on a technicality. Dr. Swallow testified in his own defense.

Admiral Sampson's Condition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—Reports were in circulation today that Admiral Sampson's condition had taken another turn for the worse and that the end was near, but it was learned upon inquiry that his condition is unchanged, and he takes his outdoor exercise regularly, weather permitting, as has been his custom for some months. At his residence tonight it was stated that he was down to dinner. It is conceded that he never regained his health, but no new developments have occurred very recently.

Washington Union Depot.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—The senate committee on the Philippines today completed consideration of the bill prescribing a form of government for the Philippine islands and authorized Senator Lodge to report it to the senate after voting down the Democratic substitute by a party vote.

NO MOVE IN DICKINSON CASE.

Our Consul Will Simply Stay-Away from Sofia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—It is stated here that there will be no move in the case of Consul Dickinson by our government in the immediate future. He will simply stay away from Sofia, and as the Bulgarian government has no representative here, there can be no negotiation in the shape of an invitation to him to depart.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AGAIN UNDER WAY

Kruger, Leyds and the Boer Delegates to Europe Will Hold a Meeting at Utrecht.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. The Hague, March 31.—Dr. Leyds and the Boer delegates in Europe, are expected to hold an important meeting at Utrecht, April 2, to consider the situation in view of acting on President Schalk-Burger's peace move. Well-informed people here say General Schalk-Burger was evidently influenced by the receipt of the news of the result of the Dutch note to Great Britain on the subject of peace in South Africa, and other dispatches sent him from here. It is known that his communications with President Steyn and General De Wet, which have heretofore been easily carried on, were interrupted by the recent British military movements, and as it was necessary to communicate with Mr. Steyn and General De Wet before any peace proposition could be formulated, General Schalk-Burger had to apply to Lord Kitchener for a safe conduct. Considerable surprise is expressed here at Schalk-Burger's delay in getting in touch with De Wet, and it is thought that something unusual must be behind it. But even if the Orange Free State and Transvaal officials agreed to peace terms it would be necessary for both republics to call a general meeting of the commanders and submit the proposals to the burghers before they could be submitted to Lord Kitchener. In any case unconditional surrender, it is declared, is out of the question.

CARTER'S CONFESSION IMPLICATES TIFFANY

A Former Scranton Physician Accused of Instigating Murder at Port Crane, N. Y.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Binghamton, March 31.—William Carter, a half-breed Indian, who is under arrest for the murder of Charles Carman, at Port Crane, five days ago, made a confession under oath today, in which he admitted the crime, and completely wrecked the shed at the mine entrance. Three men were killed while standing outside the mine, and two seriously and fatally injured. Former Explosions. This mine has been the scene of two serious explosions in the past. In 1889 four men were killed and eight seriously injured by an explosion of gas. Later, in 1895, an explosion of mine dust occurred in which twenty-eight lives were lost. In May, 1901, an explosion of a similar nature occurred in the Shallduff mine, operated by the same company, in which twenty-one lives were lost. The force of the explosion in the Nelson mine today literally mangled and tore the bodies to pieces. The company says that there were only seventy-five men at work in the mine today. Most of them, it is claimed, were out of the mine when the explosion occurred.

DEATH OF A SOMNAMBULIST.

George Clark's Dead Body Found at the Bottom of a Stairway.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Stroudsburg, Pa., March 31.—George Clark, a bachelor, aged 41 years, fractured his skull and broke his neck by falling down a pair of stairs in his home in Middle Smithfield township. Clark's body was not discovered for several hours, he lying alone. His brother came to visit him, and upon entering the house found the dead body of his brother, the head doubled under, lying in a pool of blood. It is thought the man got up during the night, and making a misstep in the dark, fell headfirst down the old-fashioned, spiral stairway.

Revenue Tax Reduced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 31.—The treasury department at Washington has notified the adjutant general's department that heretofore the direct revenue stamp on the indemnifying bonds of national guard officers will not be required. These indemnifying bonds must be furnished by companies in the amount of \$2,000, lieutenants in the amount of \$1,000, and regimental headquarters in the amount of \$5,000.

Engineer Died at His Post.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, March 31.—Engineer George Hoover was killed this morning on a runaway train on the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He struck the train and tried to stop it. It jumped the track at a sharp curve and the engine and a score of cars were wrecked. The fireman, George Kreidler, escaped with slight injuries.

TENNESSEE MINE HORROR

As a Result of Gas Explosion Twenty-Two Are Known to Be Dead.

TEN DEAD BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED

Burning Gas Ignites Dry Coal Dust and Causes Terrific Explosion. Most of the Men Were Out of the Mine at the Time of the Disaster. The Remains of Twelve Victims Yet in the Mine.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chattanooga, Tenn., March 31.—At 4:45 o'clock this afternoon, an explosion of gas in the Nelson mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron company, at Dayton, Tenn., ignited the dry coal dust in the mine and caused a terrific explosion. Twenty-two men are known to be dead. Ten bodies have been recovered, and twelve bodies are reported to be yet in the mine. The Dead. James Franklin, Tom Shaver, James Harris, P. G. Travis, all white; George Griffin, Ben Griffin, Reese Dean, Norris Piersoll, Morgan Smith, John Robertson, all colored; Lark Hunter, white; John Harney, white; J. E. Hill, colored; Bryant Smith, colored; Mack Foust, colored; Alex. Toffer, white; six others, names unknown. Gas exists in the Nelson mine and the men are required to use safety lamps. It is the rule of the company for the miners to place their fuses ready to be lighted for blasts just before quitting work each day, and there are workmen, known as "firemen," who go through the mine after all the miners are out, and set off these blasts. The miners quit work at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. It takes them about forty-five minutes to get out of the mine. The two "firemen" today, who are supposed to have caused the explosion, are Lark Hunter and John Harney. They shot the blasts about 4:45 o'clock, before all the miners could get out of the mine. It is supposed one of the fuses was defective and resulted in what is known as a "blown blast." The flame shooting out from the blast ignited the gas, which, in turn, ignited the accumulation of dry coal dust in the mine. The explosion that followed was horrible in its intensity. It shot out of the mouth of the mine, and completely wrecked the shed at the mine entrance. Three men were killed while standing outside the mine, and two seriously and fatally injured. Former Explosions. This mine has been the scene of two serious explosions in the past. In 1889 four men were killed and eight seriously injured by an explosion of gas. Later, in 1895, an explosion of mine dust occurred in which twenty-eight lives were lost. In May, 1901, an explosion of a similar nature occurred in the Shallduff mine, operated by the same company, in which twenty-one lives were lost. The force of the explosion in the Nelson mine today literally mangled and tore the bodies to pieces. The company says that there were only seventy-five men at work in the mine today. Most of them, it is claimed, were out of the mine when the explosion occurred.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, March 31.—Arrived: Lahu, Genoa and Naples, Sailed: Liverpool, Liverpool, N.Y. mouth—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York for Bremen via Chesburg, Gibraltar—Sailed: Trave (from Genoa and Naples), New York, Chesburg—Sailed: Friedrich der Grosse (from Bremen), New York—Arrived: Koenigsberg, New York, Gibraltar—Arrived: Heuseneller, New York for Naples and Genoa (and proceed).

Wall Artists Will Strike.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 31.—Ninety-eight painters and thirty paper hangers of this city will go on strike tomorrow for higher wages. For some time efforts have been made looking to a settlement of this condition, which has been scheduled to take place on April 1. The Master Painters' association has refused to concede the demands of the painters, who want \$2.25 for a 9-hour day's work.

FOUR THOUSAND HOUSES ARE BURNED IN JAPAN.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Yokohama, March 31.—A fire at the silk manufacturing town of Fukui, has destroyed four thousand houses.

Increase of Wages Granted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lebanon, March 31.—An increase of wages of 25 cents per ton has been granted the publishers of this condition, which has been scheduled to take place on April 1. The publishers asked for an increase of 50 cents per ton. The men are now receiving \$4 per ton, but want \$4.50, and it is said they will refuse the 25-cent advance.

Government for Philippines.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—The senate committee on the Philippines today completed consideration of the bill prescribing a form of government for the Philippine islands and authorized Senator Lodge to report it to the senate after voting down the Democratic substitute by a party vote.

SUICIDE SUGGESTED.

The Body of Mrs. Mary Clements Found in Decomposed Condition.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, March 31.—A woman known as Mrs. Mary Clements was found dead today in her home, a fine residence on North Broad street. The body was badly decomposed and it is supposed the woman had been dead for nearly two weeks, as she had not been seen during that period. A rubber hose, fastened to an open gas jet, lay near the body, suggesting suicide. Little was known of the woman. She is said to have been twice married, her first husband's name being Smith. She is alleged to have separated from her second husband about a week ago. Mrs. Clements was reported to be wealthy.

THE DANISH SCANDAL TO BE INVESTIGATED

Minister Brun Has Conference with Secretary Hay—Representative Dalzell Seeks Information.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—Mr. Brun, the Danish minister here, called on Secretary Hay today, with reference to the pending investigation by Mr. Gron, of the charges preferred by Mr. Gron, in connection with the acquisition of the Danish West Indies by the United States. There is every reason to believe that there has been received from Denmark a sweeping denial by Captain Walter Christmas of any attempt on his part to corrupt American legislators and newspaper men. It is not certain whether Secretary Hay will appear in person before the house committee appointed to investigate the charges. He will submit a written statement of what he knows of the case, or he will appear in person before the committee, whichever it requires. In view of the fact that these allegations were known in Denmark when the following, or lower branch of the Danish rigsdag, ratified the treaty of cession, it is believed by the officials here that the present agitation in Washington of this subject will not affect the consideration of the treaty by the landsting, or upper house of the Danish parliament, where, from last accounts, there was an assured majority of two votes for the treaty. This document will be taken up for consideration before the landsting next Thursday. Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the special committee to investigate charges in connection with the Danish West Indies purchase, has written to all the parties whose names were brought into the matter with a view to securing all information they may be able to give to the committee.

ROOT WILL ARRANGE THE CUBAN TRANSFER

Expects to Visit Governor Wood at Havana About the Middle of April.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—Secretary Root, accompanied by Mrs. Root and the other members of his family, expects to leave here about the middle of April for a visit to Governor General and Mrs. Wood at Havana. They will remain in the Cuban capital for a week or ten days, and so far as can be ascertained there is no political significance in the secretary's visit. The probability is, however, that he will improve the opportunity while on the ground to arrange with Governor General Wood the final details connected with the formal transfer of the government to the Cuban people, May 20, in accordance with the plan agreed upon by the president-elect, Estrada Palma.

FIRE IN MUSIC HALL.

At 3:20 this morning the overturning of an oil stove caused a fire in Music hall, where a dance was being conducted by the P. O. S. of A. Drum corps, of South Carolina.

The stove was located behind the bar in a room adjoining the ball room, and when the cry of fire was raised there was great excitement among the dancers. An alarm was sounded from Box 15, but the fire was extinguished without the aid of the firemen. Teamster's Skull Crushed. Lancaster, March 31.—John Martin, a teamster, 46 years old, engaged in unloading a stone wagon at Harrisburg today, was handling a stone weighing 150 pounds, when he lost his balance and fell from the wagon. He landed on his head, crushing the skull and killing himself instantly.

Baltimore's New Outfielder.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Baltimore, March 31.—James Sheekard, the outfielder, has signed a contract to play with the Baltimore American League club during the coming season, and is on his way to join the club at Savannah. Sheekard, it is said, had previously signed with the Brooklyn National League club.

Potomac Monumental Bridge.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—Senator Martin, from the committee on the District of Columbia, today reported favorably the bill authorizing the erection of a monumental bridge across the Potomac at Washington. It places the ultimate cost at \$3,000,000 and makes a present appropriation of \$200,000.

Phillips Kills His Wife.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Easton, Ga., March 31.—W. J. Phillips, a man of good family, shot and killed his wife yesterday, near Easton. She had been quarreling with him for some time. Phillips is said to be large.

THE COLOMBIAN PROTOCOL HERE

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. JOHN O'HARA

She Was Stricken in the Home of Thomas J. Thomas, on North Hyde Park Avenue.

Mrs. John O'Hara, of 1827 Lafayette street, aged 23 years, died while sitting in a chair at the home of Thomas J. Thomas, 137 North Hyde Park avenue, last night at 9 o'clock. Mrs. O'Hara asked admission at the home of Mr. Thomas, saying that she was ill and unable to continue her way. She was taken to a small room in a chair. She asked for water, but before it could be brought, her head fell on her breast and, with a gasp, she passed away. Mr. Thomas notified Patrolmen Evans and Jones, who sent for Dr. D. M. Evans. When the latter arrived he pronounced the woman dead. Coroner Saltry was sent for, and upon his arrival permission was given to remove the body to the home of her husband. Mrs. O'Hara had been working during the day on Hyde Park avenue, and after going home to supper she started to return to the house where she was residing in a chair. She was asked for water, but before it could be brought, her head fell on her breast and, with a gasp, she passed away. Mr. Thomas notified Patrolmen Evans and Jones, who sent for Dr. D. M. Evans. When the latter arrived he pronounced the woman dead. Coroner Saltry was sent for, and upon his arrival permission was given to remove the body to the home of her husband. Mrs. O'Hara had been working during the day on Hyde Park avenue, and after going home to supper she started to return to the house where she was residing in a chair. She was asked for water, but before it could be brought, her head fell on her breast and, with a gasp, she passed away. Mr. Thomas notified Patrolmen Evans and Jones, who sent for Dr. D. M. Evans. When the latter arrived he pronounced the woman dead. Coroner Saltry was sent for, and upon his arrival permission was given to remove the body to the home of her husband.

EDGAR MACHETTE MAKES A CONFESSION

Stories He Told About Being Robbed Were Falsehoods—Crimes He Admits Having Committed.

Edgar Machette, an 18-year-old youth residing with his mother on McKenna court, is a man of many talents. She had suffered with heart trouble for years, and this was probably the cause of death. Funeral Director Wymbs took charge of the remains, and Coroner Saltry will hold an inquest on the body tomorrow. She had suffered with heart trouble for years, and this was probably the cause of death. Funeral Director Wymbs took charge of the remains, and Coroner Saltry will hold an inquest on the body tomorrow.

THE DOCUMENT IS DELIVERED TO SECRETARY HAY BY MINISTER GONCHA.

TERMS OF THE PANAMA CANAL CONCESSIONS

It Is Understood That Colombia Gives Unqualified Consent to the Sale of the Rights of the New Panama Canal Company to the United States Government and the Consummation of Its Offer of \$40,000,000—The City of Panama Is Withheld from United States Sovereignty—Compensation for Canal Rights in Shape of an Annual Rental of About \$750,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—Senator Goncha, the Colombian minister, today delivered to Secretary Hay a definite protocol between the United States and Colombia, embodying the terms under which Colombia will agree to concede the rights necessary for the construction of a Panama canal. It is understood that Colombia gives unqualified consent to the sale of the rights of the new Panama Canal company to the United States government and the consummation of its offer of \$40,000,000. It is stated that the protocol embodies adequate and satisfactory provisions for the completion, maintenance, operation, control and protection of a Panama canal by this government. In view of certain allegations to the effect that the Colombian government was endeavoring to bargain with the Panama Canal company for a portion of the \$40,000,000 which it would receive from the United States, it was stated most positively today that beyond the \$40,000,000, which (about \$1,000,000) in stock, which the Colombian government holds in the Canal company, no portion of the \$40,000,000 will revert to Colombia. It has been made clear that the protocol delivered today withholds the city of Panama from United States sovereignty. Panama city is practically the state of Panama, for there is no other town of importance within the state. The administration of justice within the canal belt is provided for in the shape of mixed tribunals, and the right to pursue criminals charged with crimes committed within the limits of the belt, to any part of Colombia, is bestowed. Compensation for the canal rights is desired to be in the shape of an annual rental of about \$750,000. Secretary Hay will give the protocol his careful consideration and confer with President Roosevelt in regard to its provisions. If they are found to be sufficiently explicit and concrete, the convention will then be referred to congress.

CORPORATIONS CHARTERED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, March 31.—Charters were issued at the state department today as follows: Hall & Kull Co., of St. Mary's; capital, \$100,000. Great Lakes Coal company, Pittsburg; capital, \$1,000. Eastvale Water company, Eastvale, Beaver county; The Valley Water company, Rochester; Hadon Water company, of Baden; Fallston Water company, of Fallston; East Side Water company, of Bridgewater, with \$1,000 capital each. Sheridan Alloying and Loan association, of Sheridan, Allegheny county; capital, \$1,000,000.

EFFORTS TO RELEASE RATHBONE.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, March 31.—Efforts are being made by the friends of James G. Rathbone, convicted of postal embezzlement in Cuba to secure a pardon for him from the sentence of the Havana court. Senator Hanna has requested the president to issue a pardon for Rathbone, but this the latter has declined to do. The president, however, has promised to send for the papers in the case as he has them thoroughly reviewed. It is stated the unless he finds something really wrong he will allow the verdict to stand.

BASE BALL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. At Georgetown, N. C.—Georgetown, 10; Durham, 6. At Charlottesville, Va.—University of Virginia, 2; Yale, 2 (ten innings). At Winston, N. C.—University of North Carolina, 14; Lehigh, 5. At Richmond, Va.—University of Pennsylvania, 3; Richmond college, 5.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Berlin, March 31.—Dr. Ernst Lieber, the core leader in the Reichstag, is dead. He was born in 1858.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for March 31, 1902. Highest temperature ..... 44 degrees. Lowest temperature ..... 24 degrees. Relative humidity ..... 72 per cent. 8 a. m. ..... 78 per cent. Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m., .06 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Wednesday, March 31, 8 p. m.—Forecast—Clearing in south. Thursday, April 1, 8 p. m.—Fair, with occasional showers. Friday, April 2, 8 p. m.—Fair, with occasional showers.