

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1902.

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## SCENES AT THE BIRTH OF A NEW REPUBLIC

### American Flag Lowered and Cuban Flag Raised—General Wood Sails for Home.

### PRESIDENT PALMA PLEDGES GOOD FAITH

### In Person General Wood Hauled Down the Stars and Stripes, and Assisted by General Gomez, Elevates the Lone Star Emblem of Cuba Libre—Letter from President Roosevelt Read—Prompt Embarkation of American Forces at Other Points in the Island.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Havana, May 20.—The government of the republic of Cuba was installed today with impressive ceremony. Promptly at noon Senator Palma, as president of the new nation, affixed his signature to a document prepared by the United States war department and read to him by General Wood, pledging the new administration to immediately proclaim the constitution, the Platt amendment thereto, and to undertake all obligations assumed by the United States in respect to Cuba by the treaty of Paris. The following letter from President Roosevelt was then handed to President Palma by General Wood:

White House, Washington, May 19, 1902.

To the President and Congress of the Republic of Cuba:

Sirs:—On the 20th of this month the military government of Cuba will, by my direction, transfer to you the control and government of the island of Cuba, to be henceforth exercised under the provisions of the constitution adopted by your constitutional convention, and under the terms of the Platt amendment, and will thereupon declare the occupation of Cuba by the United States to be at an end.

At the same time I desire to express to you the sincere friendship and good wishes for the stability and success of your government, for the blessing of peace, justice, prosperity and freedom among your people, and for enduring friendship between the republic of the United States and the republic of Cuba.

Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.

### Our Flag Hauled Down.

After an exchange of congratulations, General Wood and the veteran, General Gomez, ascended to the roof of the palace. He was instantly recognized and met with a great demonstration of welcome. General Wood, himself, undid the halliards from the flagstaff and lowered the American colors. As they fluttered down, the cavalry below saluted their flag and, like an echo of the cheers that arose, came the distant boom of the great guns of Cuban forts, across the bay. The ensigns of Great Britain and Italy had recognized the republic. The demonstration was still in progress when the cavalry wheeled and marched to the wharf, where they immediately embarked on the Morro Castle.

### Cuban Flag Hoisted.

In the meantime a Cuban flag had been bent on the halliards of the palace flagstaff and by his own hand, General Wood raised it, as an act of the United States, General Gomez assisting him.

As the flag flew free, the streets below fairly waved with the cheer that arose. It was caught up by the people on the roof, and rolled over the city. Again the cavalry below saluted, and again the guns of Cuban forts spoke, this time with a national salute of twenty-one guns. The foreign warships hoisted the flag of Cuba to their mast heads and bestowed upon it the honors due to nations. The ensigns of Great Britain and Italy had recognized the republic.

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### Wood Sails for Home.

General Wood and his adjutant general, Colonel Scott, with two aides, after a last exchange of good wishes, were driven to the pier, where they entered a launch and were flicked away to the Brooklyn. Both ships got under way as soon as possible, and steamed out of the harbor. The man at the taffrail of the Brooklyn was kept busy dipping the flag in answer to the salutes of the thousands upon the water front who watched her departure. A large flotilla of various water craft escorted the Brooklyn to sea.

While this was occurring at Havana, a similar scene was being enacted at Santiago, where General Whiteside, at noon, turned over the authority to his Cuban successor and sailed away with two troops of the Big Bear cavalry.

Only eight battalions remained on Cuban soil. A chapter of American history was ended, and the first chapter of the history of the Cuban republic was begun.

### Festivities Resumed.

Before the Brooklyn was down on the horizon, the Cubans resumed the festivities. This afternoon there was a yacht regatta in the harbor, and on shore there was a review of 14,000 school children, by President Palma.

At noon today a solemn high mass in honor of the new republic had been celebrated in all the churches of the island and at 4 o'clock a Te Deum was sung at the cathedral. At the same hour the Cuban congress proclaimed the constitution.

Tonight the whole city was illumined and a great pyrotechnic display was made from the walls of Morro castle and Cuban forts.

Mrs. Wood and the children sailed for Spain on the steamer Alfonso XII, this afternoon. They will spend the summer there and in France.

### From President Palma.

Washington, May 20.—President Roosevelt this afternoon received the following cablegram from the president of the new republic:

Havana, May 20.

The government of the island of Cuba having been transferred to us, as chief magistrate of the republic, faithfully interpreting the sentiments of the whole people of Cuba, have the honor to send you and the American people testimony of our profound gratitude and assurance of an enduring friendship, wishes and prayers to the Almighty for the welfare and prosperity of the United States.

(Signed) T. Estrada Palma.

### Notice to the World.

Washington, May 20.—Secretary May, according to the plan arranged some time ago, took his final step today of acquainting the nations of the globe that the United States government has redeemed its solemn pledge to make a free people in the island of Cuba.

This was done by the dispatch by cable to every capital where there is a representative of the United States minister for the United States, of an identical note informing our representatives that the military occupation of the island of Cuba by the United States has this day ceased, and that an independent government, republican in form, has been inaugurated there, under the presidency of Tomas Estrada Palma.

The ambassadors and ministers are instructed to convey this information to the government to which they are accredited.

## INJUNCTION AGAINST BEEF TRUST GRANTED

### Issued by Judge Grosscup on the Bill Filed by District Attorney Betha on May 10.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Chicago, May 19.—The temporary injunction asked for by the government against the members of the so-called packers' combine is now in force. It was issued this evening by Judge S. Grosscup, after the close of arguments in the United States circuit court room.

The order gives the relief prayed for in the bill filed by District Attorney Betha on May 10. It is so wide in its scope that if the packers or their agents continue with their present alleged uniform arrangements, they will be taken into court on contempt proceedings. The affidavit covered all of them to show that they have not violated the order in any particular.

Unless the defendants decide to make a fight at an early date in an effort to have the order set aside, they will have until August 4 to make reply to the complaint. Attorney Miller said tonight that he cannot tell whether a demurrer, a plea or an answer will be filed, though the first named is the most likely to be the form of the packers' defense. At the same time the order was entered, numerous affidavits and other exhibits were filed for the government.

The most important affidavit submitted is that of Daniel W. Meredith, of Jersey City, N. J. For six years he was manager for Armour & Co. at Milwaukee and manager in Philadelphia at one time. He had been with Swift & Co. at one time. Since 1883 he declared six general managers for the big companies have been accustomed to meet at least once a week in the city of New York to reconcile the differences between themselves concerning the operating of their business and also to consider the prices which they should place for the ensuing week, on the meat products which should be sold in that territory, and for the purpose of considering the quantity of meats which each concern had on hand and "when the necessities of the trade would require they would agree to curtail their shipments of meat from Chicago. Their design and purpose being to limit the quantity of meats in sight at New York and adjacent points and to raise the price. The affidavit covered at considerable length the manner in which the alleged meetings were conducted.

Kansas City, May 20.—Judge John Whitney, in the Circuit court here today, issued a temporary order, at the request of Attorney General Brown, restraining Nelson Morris & Co., packers, from fixing the price of meats or from working in conjunction with the so-called beef trust. The order was sought because the attorney general doubted whether the quo warranto proceedings instituted last night at Jefferson City against other packers could be maintained against a co-partnership, such as the Nelson Morris company.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 20.—Attorneys for the Cudahy, Hammond, Armour and Swift Packing companies have filed a motion in the Supreme court to quash the alternative writ of quo warranto issued several days ago by the attorney general. They allege the writ was issued irregularly because it is made returnable at a time when the court will not be in session. The court will pass on the motion June 4.

### Encampment at Indianapolis.

Oaksho, Wis., May 20.—W. C. Miller, of Pennsylvania, national adjutant general of the Spanish American War Veterans, while on an official visit to Major J. A. Nemita, of this place, department commander, announced that the third national encampment of the organization will be held from Sept. 15 to 18, in Indianapolis, Ind.

### Boers Were Reappraised.

Middleburg, Cape Colony, May 20.—The town of Aberdeen, about 75 miles south of here, was attacked on Sunday last, by 120 Boers, who were repulsed. Commandant Van Heerden was killed.

## THREE MORE FOR ELKIN.

### One Dauphin Delegate Given to Quay for Courtesy's Sake.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 20.—S. A. Reem, J. H. Stroup, George S. Keen and J. G. Effendoff were elected by acclamation state delegates from the Second Dauphin county district today by the Republican county convention. The first three delegates have signed a written pledge to vote for Attorney General Elkin for governor and the fourth, by a concession to the federal office holders, will be controlled by the wishes of Senator Quay. The three delegates elected by the Republican county convention, held last evening, have signed a similar pledge.

Mr. Elkin before the county convention and made a short speech in which he said that he was confident of his nomination.

## ELKIN TO SPEAK IN TIOGA COUNTY

### Would Be Pleased, He Says, If a Joint Discussion Could Be Arranged with Other Candidates.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Harrisburg, May 20.—Attorney General Elkin stated tonight that he had received and accepted an invitation signed by 88 Republicans of Tioga county inviting him to visit there before the Republican primaries on May 23. He said he would accept the invitation if a joint discussion of the campaign could be arranged with the other candidates.

The name of Judge Pennypacker will be submitted along with that of Mr. Elkin to the popular vote at the primaries and the latter states in his formal acceptance of the invitation that he believes in giving the people the fullest opportunity to decide between candidates for public office and would be pleased if a joint discussion of the campaign could be arranged "with the other candidates."

## ERIE CROWDED.

### Odd Fellows State Convention Is a Strong Attraction.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Erie, Pa., May 20.—The crowd in attendance at the Odd Fellows' state convention continues to grow and the second day ended with fully 2,000 strangers in the city. The grand lodge held its first session in the opera house this afternoon. Addresses of welcome were given by Mayor William Hartwick, and County Judge Emery A. Walling. The response was made by Grand Master Wilson K. Mohr, of Erie, and Master Samuel A. Steel, of Pittsburgh; grand warden, Robert Graham, of Philadelphia; grand secretary, Joseph H. Mackey, of Williamsport; grand treasurer, Charles Muckle, of Philadelphia; representative to S. G. L. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown. The delegates took a lake ride this afternoon and were entertained at a special performance at the opera house this evening.

## FLORENCE BURNS FREE.

### Verdict of Coroner's Jury Assures Her No Further Trouble.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 20.—Florence Burns, who was accused of the murder of Walter S. Brooks, a prominent lawyer, was today found a verdict as follows:

We find that Walter Brooks came to his death at the hand of some person or persons unknown to this jury.

This verdict means the failure of the district attorney's office to fasten the murder of Brooks on Miss Burns or any one; that the case will never go to the grand jury, and that the whole matter will be dropped.

## OIL MEN BRING SUITS.

### Say the Railroads Have Not Treated Them Justly.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Pittsburg, May 20.—The long threatened suits of the independent oil operators against the railroads operating in the oil country, to recover damages for illegal discrimination in freight rates, were placed on trial in the United States circuit court today. The suit of the Penn River circuit company and affiliated lines to recover \$8,000 was selected as a test case and was first called.

## Mine Fire at Mahanoy City.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Mahanoy City, May 20.—Early this morning fire was discovered in the mammoth vein of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company's colliery at Gilberton. The fire started in one of the mine tracks. Several streams of water were played on the flames and men were detailed to excavate about it with the hope of preventing it from communicating with other seams. Nothing is known of the origin of the fire.

## Pops to Meet in Erie.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, May 20.—At the meeting of the state executive committee of the People's party today, Erie was selected as the place, and June 25 as the date for the party's state convention.

## Japan's Naval Programme.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Tokyo, May 20.—The programme of Japanese naval extension for six years, beginning in 1904, will comprise the building of four 16,000-ton battleships, two 10,000-ton cruisers, four 3,000-ton cruisers, fifteen torpedo boat destroyers and fifty torpedo boats.

## Investigating Officers' Arrest.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Naples, May 20.—A commission met today on the United States cruiser Chicago, to organize a court of inquiry to investigate the arrest of officers of the Chicago at Venice, on April 25.

## Queen Wilhelmina Gets Up.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

The Hague, May 20.—Queen Wilhelmina is now able to leave her bed for a short time each day.

## RESCUERS IN DIRE DANGER

### Another Eruption by Mont Pelee Almost Causes Their Instant Destruction.

### THEY GET AWAY JUST IN TIME

### The Party from the Potomac Succeeds in Bringing Away the Casket Containing the Remains of United States Consul Prentiss—American Sailors Exhibit Characteristic Gallantry—Severe Inundation at Basse Pointe—Relief Movements.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Port de France, Island of Martinique, Monday, May 19.—The expedition sent to recover the bodies of the American and British consuls at St. Pierre today, nearly resulted in a fearful horror. The vessels taking part in the expedition were the United States steamer Potomac and the British cruiser Indefatigable. The Potomac, under the command of Lieutenant Benjamin B. McCormick, arrived there first at 11 o'clock in the morning and landed working parties. One party went to the site of the American consulate, and the other, headed by Lieutenant McCormick, went to the north end of the town, to the spot where the British consulate stood, from where the American could see Mont Pelee, and noticed that a huge column of smoke and gas was pouring out of the crater, in a manner similar to the eruption of May 8 last. He thereupon rushed to the site of the American consulate and ordered all hands to the boats. The American sailors picked up a heavy, metallic coffin in a wood case, containing the remains of the United States consul, Thomas T. Prentiss, and carried it to a boat. The American party was in imminent danger.

## Headed for the Sea.

In the meanwhile the Indefatigable had arrived off St. Pierre, but left the shore party was exceedingly narrow. At that time a huge stream of molten matter was pouring into the sea, raising columns of steam, and the whole sea was hideous, having turned a yellow-green color, while what was apparently smoke was rushing from the mountain. The detonations were continuous and were accompanied by a fearful storm of lightning, thunder and rain. The flashes were of terrific brightness and during the storm, new craters opened in Mont Pelee.

Fortunately the wind kept the clouds of smoke and gas from enveloping the American and British warships, or the working party. The coolness and courage of the American sailors were most noteworthy.

## Will Be Buried Ashore.

The body of Mr. Prentiss is now here. There will be a funeral service on board the United States cruiser Cincinnati, tomorrow, the 20th. The burial will take place ashore. There will be no special ceremony.

The volcanic mountain is apparently in greater activity, and the escape of the steam vessels, and particularly of the Indefatigable, is a matter of grave concern. This morning at half past five, a thick heavy cloud, lit up by flashes of lightning and the rising sun, rose from Mt. Pelee. The people of Port de France at once became panic-stricken and in scant attire rushed excitedly through the streets to the town. The eruption of the volcano as big as hazel nuts fell in the streets. Many of the inhabitants hurriedly embarked on the vessels in the harbor and it was with difficulty that they were eventually reassured. At 7 o'clock, however, the eruption was over and the people became calm.

## Phenomenon of this Morning.

The phenomenon of this morning was similar to the eruption of Thursday, May 8, but not so severe. Governor L'Huere will leave here on the French cruiser Suchet to form himself of the situation at St. Pierre.

## Report to Adjutant General.

Washington, May 20.—Adjutant General Corbin today received the following message from Captain Crabbs, who went from San Juan on the Sterling, in regard to the situation in Martinique:

Port de France, May 20.—Report present distress exaggerated. Devastated district lies north of line drawn from La Trinite to Carbet with center St. Pierre, which is completely destroyed; no relief necessary; inhabitants left place all killed, but our supplies at present in port will relieve all suffering for next two or three weeks. All department supplies from San Juan landed and turned over to governor today with exception of about one thousand suits clothing delivered to the captain of the English ship Indefatigable for relief sufferers at St. Vincent. Authentic reports later place greater immediate distress than here; violent volcanic disturbance still continues here, but it is thought because of our relief will have passed within next month. Leave tomorrow San Juan.

## Relief Fund Closed.

Philadelphia, May 20.—The joint relief committee of this city met today and authorized the closing of the Martinique and St. Vincent relief fund. No further subscriptions will be accepted. The cash donations received by Drexel & Co. up to the close of business today amounted to \$15,671.

## Former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, chairman of the committee, left for Washington late today. He will confer with the government authorities concerning the disposition of the funds.

## Steamship News.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

New York, May 20.—Arrived: Steamers Aller, Genoa and Naples; Kensington, Antwerp, Clared; Vandalund, Antwerp; Testonic, Liverpool via Queenstown; St. Louis, Southampton, Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, Bremen via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Celtic, Liverpool; Graf Waldersee, Hamburg; Bealogue—Arrived: Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam.

## FRANCE'S ENVOYS ARRIVE.

### Cruiser Gaulois Passed in Cape Henry Yesterday Morning.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Baltimore, May 20.—The French cruiser Gaulois, which was sent to this country in connection with the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue at Washington, passed in the Virginia capes early today. She was accompanied by the special squadron of reception, consisting of the battleships Keokuk and Albans and the cruiser Olympia, which met her outside. The customary salutes were exchanged between the squadron and the visitor, and the four ships after passing in Cape Henry headed up the Chesapeake bay for Annapolis.

## THEY GET AWAY JUST IN TIME

Philadelphia, May 20.—The members of the French commission, en route to Washington, stopped in this city for a few hours this morning. Count and Countess de Rochambeau attended a luncheon given in their honor at the Hotel Bellevue, and others of the party took in the sights of the city, visiting Independence hall, the city hall, the new United States mint, Fairmount park and other points of interest. The commission left for Washington at 6:35 p. m.

## GREATNESS OF THEIR WORK

### President Roosevelt's Tribute to Work of Missionaries in This Country.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 20.—Carnegie hall was crowded to the doors this evening with an audience eager to hear the address of President Roosevelt in the interests of Presbyterian home missions, the occasion marking the close of the centennial celebration. Many of the audience remembered that Presidents Cleveland and Harrison had made addresses from the same platform on the same subject.

In the parquette sat the commissioners of the general assembly with as many of their friends as could be crowded in. The two tiers of boxes were filled with men and women who are leaders in metropolitan Presbyterianism and others interested in the meeting. There were about 400 men and women on the platform. There was not a vacant seat, not a bit of standing room left in the entire auditorium. Hundreds were turned away.

The president arrived from Washington early in the evening. When he took his seat on the platform at Carnegie hall he received a great ovation. When the applause died away, Mr. Roosevelt took his seat between the Rev. Dr. Van Dyke and the Rev. Dr. Stuart Dodge, D. D., who was presiding.

## President Introduced.

Dr. Dodge said that no man knew better than the president the importance of the nation of the good work of the home missions. The president in his address said, in part:

It is a pleasure on behalf of the people of the United States to bid you welcome on this hundredth anniversary of the beginning of organized home missionary work by the Presbyterian church. In one sense, of course, all fervent and earnest church work is a part of home missionary work. Every earnest and zealous believer, every man every woman, every child, who has the moral earnestness to lay down the work and not a hearer only, is a lifelong missionary in his or her field of labor—a missionary by precept, and by what is a thousand fold more than precept, by example.

## Reservoir Breaks.

White Run Valley Flooded and Many Houses Swept Away.

Conneville, Pa., May 20.—The Breakeck reservoir, four miles from here, in the mountains, broke early this morning and the five million gallon lake flooded White Run valley, sweeping away houses, railroad bridges, barns, fences and crops.

As far as known there were no lives lost, but there were many thrilling escapes. The damage is estimated at \$200,000. The break was caused by a cloudburst.

## FUEL IS GROWING SCARCE.

Industries at Mahanoy City May Have to Shut Down.

Mahanoy City, May 20.—Scarcity of fuel threatens a shut-down of the several local industries in operation in this city. Today the United Mine Workers organization took exception to the action of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company in leasing the culm banks to these concerns and an investigation was ordered that is likely to result in the shutting down of the mills, thus throwing several hundred people out of employment.

## Deadlock Remains Intact.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Shuquehanna, May 20.—After an adjournment of several days the Republican annual conference for the Shuquehanna-Wayne district again met here today. Several ballots were taken, but without result. The deadlock remains intact. It is believed that no nomination will be made until after the congressional conference to be held at Wilkes-Barre, May 27. The conference adjourned tonight to meet here Wednesday morning.

## Excited Sailors Drowned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, May 20.—While the tug Charles Kittam was proceeding down the Delaware river today her machinery became unmanageable. In the excitement, William Trullit, the fireman, and William J. Minford, the cook, jumped overboard and were drowned.

## A Place for John J. Coyle.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, May 20.—Among the nominations to the senate by the president today was that of John J. Coyle, of Pennsylvania, to be assistant agent at the salmon fisheries of Alaska. The senate later in the day confirmed Coyle's nomination.

## ANOTHER CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW YORK

### Secretary Easley of Civic Federation Meets a Representative of the Operators.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, May 20.—Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa. It is said he refers some doubtful points concerning the peace negotiations in South Africa to the home government. The belief is general that a favorable outcome to the negotiations will be announced in a few days.

### SEVENTY BODIES RECOVERED.

Hurried Burial of Victims of Coal Creek Disaster Necessary.

Coal Creek, Tenn., May 20.—The bodies of seventy victims of the explosion at the Fraterville coal mine yesterday, this morning lay in an old supply store ready to be dressed for burial today. All of the bodies will be buried in the Leach cemetery, just east of the town, on a little mound where the United Mine Workers of America have purchased a section. They propose to erect an investigation.

### SIX DEATHS DUE TO WIND AND RAIN STORM

Cincinnati Had a Terrible Visitation for Thirty Minutes—Damage Will Amount to \$1,000,000.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cincinnati, May 20.—A terrific wind and rain storm, accompanied by a waterspout, swept over this locality today, causing the loss of six lives and injuring many others. The fury of the storm continued only thirty minutes, but the damage wrought in that time will amount to more than a million dollars in the business section of Cincinnati and as much more in other parts of the city and its suburbs.

The dead: Clement Davier, Mrs. Flachner, Willie Wilten, aged 4; George Decker, Ferdinand Brown, D. W. Gilman. The waterspout rolled down the hills in a wave twenty feet deep in places and about 100 yards wide. The frame house of Edward Wohrley was carried away for a distance of over four blocks and finally dashed to pieces in the Covington ball grounds. The house was occupied by four families. Of these, Mrs. Flachner and Willie Wilten were drowned. The others narrowly escaped.

### Pardee Goes to New York.

Hazleton, May 20.—Frank Pardee, one of the individual operators in the Hazleton district, was in New York today, presumably attending a meeting of the presidents of the coal carrying railroads. Mr. Pardee represented all the individual operators in this region. The local operators have made preparations to resist any attempt on the part of the United Mine Workers to call out the engineers, firemen and pump men. There is a well grounded belief, however, that such drastic measures will not be adopted for the present. The joint committee will also take up the question of involving the bituminous miners, but in the absence of the petitions of two other districts not much can be done.

### Nicholls Is Hopeful.

Wilkes-Barre, May 20.—T. D. Nicholls, president of district No. 1, United Mine Workers, addressed a large mass meeting of miners at Pittston tonight. He was received with much enthusiasm. Mr. Nicholls said the outlook for the miners winning their battle was very hopeful.

### More Coal and Iron Polics.

Harrisburg, May 20.—Two hundred and thirty additional coal and iron polics were appointed by Governor Stone today on application of the coal operators in the anthracite district, for duty in the strike region. Over 500 policians were appointed on Saturday for similar duty.

### French Premier Resigns.

Paris, May 20.—The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, will resign before June 1, leaving President Loubet to form a new cabinet. M. Waldeck-Rousseau has declined his resignation.

### YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for May 20, 1902:

Highest temperature ..... 72 degrees  
Lowest temperature ..... 60 degrees  
Relative humidity: .....

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 20.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania and the United States: Light to fresh breeze from the west. Thursday, fair.

### WHAT TOOK PLACE NEITHER WILL SAY

President Mitchell in an Interview at Wilkes-Barre Says He Is Satisfied with the Situation—Coxe Bros. Order Shoes Removed from All Their Mules—More Coal and Iron Policians Commissioned at Harrisburg—Strike Meeting in Pittston—Other Developments of a Day in the Anthracite Situation.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, May 20.—It is evident that the civic federation has not abandoned its efforts to settle the strike of the anthracite coal miners. A conference was held here today between Ralph M. Easley, secretary of the federation, and a gentleman who is the recognized representative of the operators. Just what took place is a matter of speculation. Secretary Easley declined to make any statement, and the representative of the coal interests was equally uncommunicative, but both were in good humor. Mr. Easley had nothing to say regarding his recent conference with Senator Hanna in Washington and his subsequent visit to Harrisburg, where he had a long talk with President Mitchell.

### Mitchell Says He Is Satisfied.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 20.—In a talk with a representative of the Associated Press, President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, this evening briefly reviewed the progress of the strike up to date. He said he and his colleagues were well satisfied with the movement so far as it has gone. He expected a total suspension of mining and his expectations have been realized. The present conflict, he said, is the greatest in the history of the world in point of numbers. The union is strong and the miners are determined, he says, and he has no fears of a break in the solid stand of the men. When asked if he still had hope that the coal companies would voluntarily offer the men some concessions, he refused to commit himself, but said, "While there's life there's hope." He had nothing to say regarding the calling out of the bituminous men.

The principal matter to be considered at the meeting of the three executive boards tomorrow is that of calling out the engineers, firemen and pumpmen. No information as to the probable action of committees can be had. There is a well grounded belief, however, that such drastic measures will not be adopted for the present. The joint committee