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# POSTPONEMENT OF COROLATION

With Dramatic Suddenness King Edward is Stricken on the Eve of the Event.

## THE SOVEREIGN IN A CRITICAL CONDITION

Operation Necessary for Relief Had Been Postponed too Long-At Last Accounts Hope Is Expressed That the King Will Tide Over the Effects of the Severe Operation, but He Will Be Unable to Stand the Strain of Complications Liable to not likely that any further bulletin of Follow-the Celebration in Whitechapel District Uninterrupted. Revellers Misled by Bulletins.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, June 24 .- With dramatic suddenness the king has been stricken down on the eve of his coronation. Tonight he lies in a critical state at Buckingham palace.

In spite of the intensity of this tragic interruption, the lower elements of London are "mafficking" through the flagdecked streets, and a portion of society in coronation gowns and jewels has gathered at what is called a gala coronation dinner at one of the fashionable hotels. Even at the gates of Bucking-ham palace, within which the ablest surgeons and physicians constantly remain in the hope of saving the sovereign's life, the tooting of horns and the sound of other reveleries can be plainly heard.' Wagon loads of boisterous rowdies are on the streets: they are driving all sorts of vehicles, and waving take place for at least two months, and, flags and hugging demijohns of liquor. They make their noisy way from the West End to Whitechapel. They represent that section of the British public which no tragedy can sober into decency. They have tasted license unrestrained by law in the celebration in connection with the war, and king or no king, they will celebrate the corona-

It must be admitted that the revellers have been misled by the technical language of the bulletins: they seem to visitors' book at Buckingham palace have no conception of the gravity of King Edward's condition. The thinking portion of the nation, however, has gone home numbed by the events which today has brought forth.

Indescribable consternation prevails throughout the country and this consternation is reflected in the cablegrams received from all the centers of the

If tonight's progress is maintained King Edward will probably tide over the effects of his severe operation, which has successfully removed the local

But should any complication occur such as septic, peritonis, or bloodpoisoning, it is feared his majesty's presphysical and nervous condition would prove unequal to the strain involved. There is consequently intense anxiety as to the outcome. The king's doctors believe that his majesty would of the isles and great steward of Scothave been dead before now except for the operation. His condition became so alarming last night that at one time it of Chester, and by patent. January 17 was feared death might ensue before 1850, Earl of Dublin, all in the peerage the surgeon's knife could afford him relief. Intense swelling of the extremities ain and Ireland. He ascended the throne accompanied by alarming symptoms of at the decease of Queen Victoria, Janumortification, constituted the emergency ary 22, 1901, when the dukedom of Cornwhich demanded an immediate operation.

## Objected to the Operation.

To the last the king tried to avoid this, and he was willing to be carried to the abbey for the coronation ceremony in order that it should occur as arranged. The influence of Queen Alexandra was enlisted, however, and at an early hour this morning the royal patient was prepared for the operation, which, even in the skillful hands of England's best surgeons, was fraught with grave danger. hortly before 2 o'clock this after-

noon his majesty was moved from his couch to the operating table and the anaesthetic was administered. Sir Frederick Treves made the incision near the 's groin and carried it upwards, outward slant, for nearly four The obstruction was removed and a tubing was placed in the affected

King Edward's first words, when he eturned to consciousness, were to ask r "George," and the Prince of Wales, who was waiting in the next room, was immediately admitted to his father's

While the operation was being performed the great central courtyard of Buckingham palace, so lately the scene of such brilliant gatherings, was utterly deserted, and an impressive silence reigned throughout the building. The equerries talked in whispers, servants tip-toed about and the tension grew al-Then the word was passed around,

"All had gone well."

## PHYSICIANS' BULLETIN.

Operation Was Attended by Alarming Complications.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, June 24 .- An operation for perityphlitis (inflammation at comcement of the large bowel in the region of the appendix) was performed occessfully on King Edward VII., at o'clock this afternoon. He fell asleep on after the operation. The corona has been postponed indefinitely. At 6.30 p. m. today the following bul-letin was posted at Buckingham Pal-lec:

His majesty continues to make satis
His majesty continues to make satisletin was posted at Buckingham Pal-

progressing satisfactory.

ingham palace all night.

fore 7 o'clock this morning.

London, June 25., 4.45 a. m .- Sir Fred-

The Associated Press learns that

about midnight last night his majesty

enjoyed some refreshing sleep. It is

the king's condition will be issued be-

London, June 25, 4.50 a. m.—At twenty

minutes past four o'clock this morning

the officer of the guard at Buckingham

palace informed a representative of the

Associated Press that he understood

that there was no new development in

the king's condition. At that hour the

palace was everywhere closed and there

were no signs of life about the building

except the sentries outside and a small

CORONATION POSTPONED

Nearly All of the Foreign Represen-

tatives Will Leave for Their Re-

spective Countries Today.

Washington, June 24.-Henry White,

secretary of the United States embassy

at London, has cabled the state de-

partment that the coronation could not

except the dinner which was arranged

to be given in the king's name to the

poor in London at the end of the cere-

monjes, all festivities connected with

the coronation have been definitely

London, June 24.-Before the end of

the afternoon over 2,000 callers, who in-

cluded nearly all the foreign represen-

tatives in London and members of the

house of lords and the house of com-

mons, had inscribed their names on the

All the royal princes called personally

good-bye. The majority of them will

leave London tomorrow for their re-

KING EDWARD'S CAREER.

Twice During His Life Have Public

Prayers Been Offered for Him.

Edward VII., the second child and

eldest son of Queen Victoria and the

prince consort, was born in Bucking-

ham Palace on November 9, 1841. He

was baptized in St. George's chapel.

ceeded at his birth to the dukedom of

Windsor, on January 25, 1842. He suc-

the dukedom of Rothesay, the earldon

of Carrick and the barony of Renfrew

in the peerage of Scotland, and as lord

land. He was created by patent, De-

of the United Kingdom of Great Brit-

his only surviving son, while his titles

Windsor, March 10, 1863, Alexandra, eld-

ence and Avondale, born Jan. 8, 1864.

dled Jan. 1, 1892; George (created

Prince of Wales by patent, Nov. 9, 1901).

born at Marlborough house, June ?

1865; Alexander, born April 6, 1871, diec

April 7, 1871: Louise, born Feb. 20, 1867:

Victoria, born July 6, 1868, and Maud,

Twice in his career have public

orayers been offered for him, and once

a public thanksgiving for his recovery.

On his return from America in 1860 his

ship, the Hero, was delayed by storms.

Anxiety was so great that special ser-

vices were held in all the churches of

the kingdom. In the latter part of 1870

he contracted typhoid fever, and for

Jan. 14, 1871, his recovery was an-

nounced as certain, and a national

thanksgiving was ordered for Feb. 27

following. A special service was held

in St. Paul's. The queen went in state

to it, and a Te Deum, specially com-

posed by Arthur Sullivan, afterward

Sir Arthur Sullivan, was sung in the

PRESIDENT'S SYMPATHY.

Mr. Roosevelt Sends Message to

King Edward.

Washington, June 24.-The president,

just before leaving the white house for

the railroad station today, sent the fol-

I ask your majesty to accept my sin-

Theodore Roosevelt.

cere assurances of sympathy and wishe

Victim of an Exploded Lamp.

Lancaster. June 24.-While dressing her-

self at her home in Columbia this morn-ing. Mrs. Joseph Kopsky, aged 24, acci-

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

lowing cablegram to King Edward:

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

presence of 13,000 persons.

for speedy convalescence

weeks his life was despaired of.

born Nov. 26, 1869.

abandoned.

spective countries.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

lot of messengers and reporters.

Sir Thomas Barlow remained at Buck-

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 25, 1902.

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### Confesses That She Has Killed Thirty-one Human Beings. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, June 24.-Suspected of the

death of eleven persons, but indicted for murdering only three, Miss Jane Topsane, has confessed that she has killed during her career as a professional nurse no less than thirty-one human factory progress and has been much re-This statement was made to lieved by the operation.
Lister, Treves, Smith, Laking Bartow. Judge Fred M. Bixby, of Brockton, senfor counsel at the trial at Barnstable London, June 24.-The Lancet says yesterday, when Miss Toppan was the operation was performed by Sir found not guilty by reason of insanity on the charge of murdering Mrs. Mary Frederick Treves, that the anaesthetic administered by Dr. Frederic William Hewitt (anesthetist to his majesty). D. Gibbs. Judge Bixby said also that Miss Toppan had admitted that she had and that the treatment was borne well, his majesty recovering consciousness set fires and committed other serious without any ill effects. No complica-tions attended the operation. A large acts. She said she could not help committing the crimes. She argued, more abscess was found and evacuated. over, that she was not insane. She said London, June 25 .- At 1 o'clock this she knew she was doing wrong when morning the Associated Press learned she administered poison to her victims, that King Edward was as well as could and she asked Judge Bixby how, under such circumsances, she could be of unbe expected and that everything was

ound mind. Morphine was Miss Toppan's agency for producing death. Many of her viceric Treves, Sir Francis Laking and tims were unsuspecting and most intimate friends; others were the patients of reputable physicians who employed her on account of her ability as a nurse Miss Toppan was so expert in her knowledge of how to employ drugs and poisons that she was able to escape deection for years. In the detailed story as told to Judge Bixby, Miss Toppan did not enumerate her many victims, although she did admit the killing of died at Cataumet last summer. Miss Toppan was indicted last December for hese three murders, the state electing to try her on the Gibbs count yesterday.

Miss Toppan was taken to the Taunton Insane hospital today to begin her life sentence.

#### PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR BOSTON Will Witness the Boat Race Between Harvard and Yale.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 24. - President Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou, Dr. J. F. Urie, of the navy, and M. C. Latta, stenographer, left here at 4.50 this afternoon on a special train regular train for the president and

party.
On Thursday the president will witness the boat race at New London beween Harvard and Yale, and will leave soon after for Washington, arriving probably Friday night. His proposed

# rip to Oyster Bay has been abandoned.

#### NATIONAL WATER COMPANY. New Corporation Com pally of Scranton Capitalists. on the Prince of Wales and bade him By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Trenton, N. J., June 24.-The Naional Water Works and Guarantee company was incorporated here this afernoon with \$1,000,000 authorized capial to construct and operate water works, gas works and electric light

The incorporators are Charles F Welles, James J. Williams, James A. Linen. Frank M. Lynch. Thomas E. Iones, Charles P. Matthews, John T. Porter, J. J. Jermyn, Cyrus D. Jones, George G. Brooks, Edward S. Jones, R. James D. Stocker and Frank Stocker, Cornwall in the peerage of England to of Jermyn, Pa.

## FIRE AT STEELTON.

#### The Old Bessemer Mill at Pennsyl vania Steel Works Destroyed.

cember 8, 1841, Prince of Wales and Earl by Exclusive Wite from The Associated Press. Harrisb" June 24.-The old Besemer mil. the Pennsylvania steel works, Steelton, was destroyed by fire early this morning, involving a loss of 25,000. A huge steel ingot that was wall and his Scottish honors passed to being handled by a crane fell to the ground, through the breaking of the created by patent merged in the crown. hain, and the white hot metal was He married in St. George's chapel, thrown in all directions, some of it landing on the roof of the Bessemer est daughter of Christian IX., King of mill. T' building and a large num-Denmark. Six children were born of dable patterns were burned, that marriage, three sons and three t being impossible to save anything, daughters, Albert Victor, duke of Clarowing to the high wind. The burned building was one of the first to be rected at the works.

## MR. BRYAN DECLINES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Grand Island, Neb., June 24.-William Jennings Bryan had a conference Democrats and Populists shortly b oon and urged upon them that his name be not brought before the conventions. Senator Allen also declared himself emphatically against accepting a nomination. The Democratic convention thi evening nominated Constantine J. Smyth for governor, and at 10 p. m. the Popu-ists convention nominated M. E. Harrington for governor.

Democrats are staying by Smyth Both conventions will continue to ballot on governor until Smyth or Harrington received a majority of the votes of both conventions. This arrangement has een agreed upon by the conference mittees of both conventions and may result in a long drawn out session

## Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 24.-Arrived: Steamers Cronprinz Wilhelm, Bremen; Allerm Naples; Koenigin Luise, Bremen; Ken-sington, Antwerp, Cleared; Steamer Oceanic, Liverpool; St. Paul, Southamp ton, Sailed; Steamer Kaiserin Maria Charses Bremen, Outconstown Arrival Steamers Theresia, Bremen. Queenstown—Arrived: Steamer Teutonic, New York. Bremen— Arrived: Steamers Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York via Plymouth and herbourg. Plymouth-Arrived: Steamer Auguste Victoria. New York for Cherourg, and proceeded. Boulogne Sur Mer Arrived: Steamer Rotterdam, New fork for Rotterdam, and proceeded.

## Miners Return to Work

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Cumberland, Md., June 24.-The miners of the Austen Coal and Coke company, at Newburg, W. Va., who struck yesterday, returned to work today. Dixie and Vulcan mines will resume tomorrow, leaving only two small mines idle in the New-burg field.

## JANE TOPPAN'S AWFUL CAREER CHANCES FAVOR MR PATTISON

pan, who was yesterday declared in- He Will Undoubtedly Be the Choice of the Erie Gonvention for Governor.

## OTHER CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD

Ex-Congressman James Kerr Is Regarded as the Most Formidable. George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburg, and Col. John A. Woodward, of Bellefonte, Apparently Have Little Show for Success-Pattison's Managers Make Overtures to Guthrie-No Contest for the Other Offices.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Erie, June 24 .- The result of the contest for the nomination for governor by tomorrow's Democratic state convention is still in doubt, with the Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Harry Gordon, of Chi-cago, and Alden P. Davis, all of whom

E. Pattison, of Philadelphia. Patti-E. Pattison, of Philadelphia. Pattison's most formidable rival is ex-Congressman James Kerr, of Clearfield whose adherents are making an active canvass and profess to be confident of the outcome.

The other candidates are George W Guthrie, of Pittsburg, and Colonel John A. Woodward, of Bellefonte, neither of whom is thought to have much show for the nomination. National Committeeman James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, whose adherents claim holds the balance of power in the convention, today declared for Pattison, and predicted his nomination on the first ballot.

Pattison's managers have made overtures to Guthrie to support him for lieutenant governor, if his delegates over the Pennsylvania railroad for Bos- will vote for the Philadelphian, but all ton, where the president will attend the their offers have been declined. Guthcommencement exercises at Harvard rie said again tonight that he was in university and deliver an address. Two the fight to stay and under no circumspecial cars will be attached to the stances would be accept the nomination for second place.

Ex-Judge John Reyburn, of Arm-strong county, will probably be nominated for lieutenant governor if Guthrie persists in his refusal to become a candidate for that office. There are no aspirants for secretary of internal affairs, and it is not unlikely that Mayor Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, will be nominated. The platform was drafted by Robert E. Wright, Allentown, and approved at a conference tonight of the party leaders The platform makes no mention of the Chicago and Kansas City platforms and deals almost entirely with state

Aside from the contest for governor general interest centers in the contro versy over the number of delegates to which Philadelphia is entitled. State Chairman William T. Creasy claims that that county is entitled to twentynine delegates under the party rules, and he is sustained by the state executive committee. Sixty delegates have been elected in Philadelphia, and 3. Brooks, all of Scranton, Pa., and under the leadership of ex-Judge James Gay Gordon, they claim the right to seats in the convention.

A majority of these delegates are friendly to Kerr and if the sixty are scated, it may make a material change in the gubernatorial situation. Ther are contests from the Fourth and the Eleventh Philadelphia districts, and two districts in Luzerne county and two in Schuylkill county. The Philadelphia controversy will be carried into the convention, and the followers of both Pattison and Kerr are striving hard to secure control of the creden tials committee.

A caucus of the Philadelphia delegates was held tonight, at which it was decided by a vote of 58 to 2, to vote as a unit on all questions.

Word was received here tonight from Harrisburg that Mayor McCormick would not accept the nomination for secretary of internal affairs. Senator William Miller, of Carlisle, will probably be nominated. His friends say he will accept, and the indications are he will be the unanimous choice of the convention.

## BUSY DAY FOR MANAGERS.

Kerr Supporters Make a Good Fight. Attempt to Arouse Prejudice. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Erie, Pa., June 24.-This has been a busy day for the managers of the rival candidates for governor. With the exdates have headquarters. Woodward is not making an active campaign, and if more than one ballot is taken he may withdraw after the first ballot. He has neither headquarters nor shouters, outside of a small delegation from his home county of Centre.

Kerr and Guthrie are directing their campaign from adjoining rooms at the Reed house, and nearby, on the same floor, are the Pattison headquarters Pattison is in personal charge of his forces and predicts he will be nominated on the first ballot. James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia, is one of Kerr's most active supporters and will probably present his name t the convention. Guthrie's support seems to be confined to the thirteen delegates from Allegheny county, although it is claimed the delegates from Fayette and other western counties will vote for him on the first ballot.

Attempt was made today to array the delegates from counties having a large laboring vote against Pattison by circulating a small card on which was printed these words "Vote for Hon. Robert E. Pattisor

the hero of the Homestead strike. Nineteen workingmen's graves attest his courage and fidelity in suppressing the uprising of virulent labor. When Kerr learned that such a card

word to the Pattison headquarters that he was not responsible for it and did not believe in that kind of politics Kerr started in this morning to break in the delegates instructed for Pattison before the Clearfield candidate entered the contest and this evening he claimed to have made inroads on a number of such delegates. The Philadelphia delegation, 400 strong, arrived here this morning in a special train, and its leaders were working for Kerr. This afternoon a special train bearing 700 Guthrie shouters from Pittsburg arrived and marched in a body from the station to the headquarters of their favorite, where a levee was held by the candidate and his managers. George E. Mapes, of Philadelphia, sec

retary of the state committee of the Union party, is here to attend the conention. Mr. Mapes says the committee will meet in Philadelphia next week to determine its policy in the gubernatorial campaign. It is within the power of the committee to determine whether or not to call a state convention for the nomination of a ticket or the endorsement of any of the candidates already nominated or to be nominated. The convention will be held in the

Park Opera house and will be called to order by State Chairman Creasy at noon. A. B. Osborne, of Erie, will be temporary chairman, and Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, permanent chairman. John S. Rilling, of Erie, was selected by the state executive committee for temporary chairman, but declined on account of illness. The chairman of the resolutions committee and other standing committees will be chosen at a conference of the party leaders before the convention convenes.

Frank J. Fitzsimmons, of Scranton, will make the nominating speech for Pattison. Charles A. Fagan, of Pittsburg, will nominate Guthrie; David F. Fountney, of Bellefonte, will name Woodward.

Should Kerr's managers decide upon ex-Judge David L. Krebs, of Clearfield, to nominate him, his nomination will be seconded by Judge Gordon. The nominating speeches for lieutenant governor and secretary of internal affairs will be very brief.

## AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

Two Changes of Importance Adopted. Protest from Philadelphia. Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Erie, Pa., June 24.-Two important mendments to the rules adopted by he state committee, at its annual meeting in Harrisburg last April, will be aken up by the convention for final One fixes the basis of representation

in the convention on the vote for the Democratic candidate for president instead of the Democratic candidates for state offices, as now required by the rules. The other provides that in case of a deadlock in a senatorial, legislative or congressional district, the state chairman shall appoint a representative, who shall make the nomination om and among the candidates. The Hasson committee, created by the last state convention to investigate party conditions in Philadelphia, at a meetng this afternoon decided to make no formal report to tomorrow's convention. The committee may file a written report later with Chairman Creasy. The Philadelphia delegation has prepared a formal protest against the acion of Chairman Creasy in apportioning twenty-nine delegates to that county and refusing to recognize the sixty delegates elected at the recent primaries. The Philadelphians protest against the apportionment as made by the state chairman, for the following

First-Because it is in violation of th rules of the Democratic party of the

state.

pute.

is based upon and in recognition of votes ust in the Democratic column by organization not then in accord with the Democratic state organization. Third-Because it fails to recognize and compute in ascertaining the proper repesentation of Democratic votes cast in e Union column, as ordered and directed y the Democratic state organization. Fourth-Because it is illegal.

Fifth-Because it is unwise, impolitic without reason and detrimental to the inerests and welfare of the Democratic party in state and city.

Sixth—Because if the chairman's ap-

tionment is permitted to stand. Philalelphia will be without representation as it is impossible, legally or otherwise to designate which twenty-nine of the sixty delegates are entitled to recogni-Seventh-Because the apportionment

made by the chairman throughout the state is not uniform and is inconsistent in that representation is given countles to some who voted for the Democratic candidates, but who are not Democrats, while in Philadelphia representation is denied to Democrats who voted for the Democratic candidates ac-cording to and in obedience to the order and direction of the state organization.

## DYERS READY TO SETTLE. Strikers Committee Instructed to

Make Concession to Employers. ly Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paterson, N. J., June 24 .- At a meetng of the dyers helpers today, committees of three from each shop were appointed to wait upon the employing lyers to effect an arrangement by which the strike may be ended. The committee were told to make concessions when necessary, and try to bring about a friendly settlement of the dis-

Garibaldi Castolopi, a weaver, 21 rears old, of this city, was arrested last night on a charge of having shot Harry L. Harris, a newspaper reporter. who was attacked by the mob

## Murdered by Insane Watchman.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Edinburgh, Scotland, June 24.-Daniel McClinton, a porter at Surgeons hall, in a insanity today shot and instantly killed Dr. Ivison McAdam, professor of chemistry, and James Forbes, the pro-fessor's assistant. McClinton was over-powered after he had fired five shots from a rifle

## Boxing in London.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press London, June 24.-Frank Erne, of Buf-falo, defeated "Jim" Maloney, of England, in the seventh round. "Tommy" Ryan, of Chicago, defeated "Johnny" Gorman, of New York, in the was in circulation he immediately sent third round

# **BREAK IN RANKS** OF THE STRIKERS

OPPOSE REDUCTION OF FEE. Resolutions Adopted by the Central W. C. T. U.

The Central Woman's Christian Tem-

perance union held an interesting meeting in the Guernsey building yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Downing, was joyfully welcomed by her coworkers after several weeks' absence from the city. The subject of the Scripture reading was "Help Those Women." Reports from the meetings held by Mrs. Rounds showed them to have been very successful. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution in regard to the efforts of the Liquor Dealers' association, now in convention in this city, to have the license fees for secondclass cities lowered, Mrs. DeGraw. Mrs. Margaret Roberts and Mrs. Yost

were named as that committee, The topic for discussion was "The Power of the Press." A tribute was paid to the usefulness and power of the temperance matter published in the daily press and the fact deplored that temperance workers did not more frequently avail themselves of these avenues to reach the people. Mesdames Reynolds, Bean, Yost, Hiorns, Van Wormer and others participated in the discussion. The committee presented the following resolutions, which were

Whereas. We, as temperance workers and members of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, are and must always unalterably opposed to license, high

Whereas. The legislature of Pennsylvania have in their wisdom seen fit to fix the license fee of liquor sellers in second class cities at \$1,000 or thereabouts, we hereby protest against any lowering of this fee or any special legisuation for any special class and hereby call upon all thinking, law abiding and Christian citizens to arouse themselves upon this subject, and oppose any action which may be taken having such object in view.

# DAY'S DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Senate Passed Bill to Preserve Forests-Business in the House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington June 24.—The senate to day passed bills creating a national forest reserve in the southern Appalachian mountains and ratifying the agreement between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, of the Indian territory, and the United States.

The first bill provides for the purchase of four millions of acres in the southern Appalachian region at a cost not to exceed \$10,000,000. The secretary of agriculture is to designate the lands to be purchased and is to take measures to preserve the hardwood forests which they bear.

Mr. Quay, of Pennsylvania, was unable today to secure consideration for his motion to discharge the committee on territories from further consideration of the omnibus statehood bill, but gave notice that he would demand that it be taken up tomorrow.

General debate on the Philippine civil government bill in the house was closed today. Mr. Ball (Texas) made a gen eral onslaught upon the Republicar policies and charged the president and administration with hypocrisy. If the president would dissolve the firm of 'Havemeyer, Root, Wood, Thurber & Co." and strike a blow at the sugar trust by agreeing to accept the house Cuban reciprocity bill, he said, the bill would pass the senate by the aid of a solid Democratic vote in twenty-four hours. The responsibility for the failure to do our duty by Cuba, he insisted, rested upon the president.

He also charged the administration with hypocrisy in regard to trusts. Mr. Landis (Indiana) made an earnest speech in support of the policy of retaining the Philippine islands, and Mr. Williams (Mississippi) spoke at length in behalf of the policy favored by the minority and against the administration's policy. The other speaker today were Messrs. Ball (Texas), Jones (Virginia), Shafroth (Colorado), and Crumpacker (Indiana). The latter closed the general debate for the bill with a strong

## STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Twenty-five Attendants at a Funeral Are Instantly Killed. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Madrid, June 24.-While a funeral was being held in a church at Pine Rio, in the province of Orense, today, the building was struck by lightning, and as a result twenty-five people were killed and thirty-live injured.

#### Thomas Crommel Hanged By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Lebanon, Pa., June 24.—Thomas Crom mell, allas George Clarence Washington was hanged today for the brutal murder of Jacob C. Schmidt, a young German laborer, about fourteen months ago, at Colebrook furnaces. The drop fell at 10.09 a. m. The condemned man bid fare-well to all three times, and said he forgave everybody. He thanked the sheriff and said he died the death of the right-

#### Colonel Pratt for State Senator. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Susquehanna, Pa., June 24.--At a meet ing of the Republican senatorial conferces this afternoon the deadlock was broken and Colonel Charles C. Pratt, of New Milford, Susquehanna county, was nominated for state senator, for the Susquehanna-Wayne district, to succeed Hon. E. B. Hardenbergh, now auditor general. Colonel Pratt is a member of general. Colonel Prat Governor Stone's staff

## Engineers, Firemen and Pump Runners Return to Work at Some of the Nanticoke Gollieries.

## MOST OF THE MEN ARE MEMBERS OF UNION

The Susquehanna Coal Company Secures a Partial Victory-The Exact Number of Men at Work Cannot Be Ascertained-The Strike Leaders Evidently Affected by the Action . of the Men - President Nicholls Visits Nanticoke.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 24.-The Susquehanna Coal company, which is controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad, scored a partial victory today, when it

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

succeeded in getting some engineers, firemen and pumprunners to return to its collieries at Nanticoke. The men held a secret meeting yesterday, and most of them decided to return. The exact number who went to work is not known at this time, because the company officials will not discuss the matter, but it is believed to be about fifteen. A few of the men went in on the night shift last night. The men were distributed among the four or five collieries located in and about the bor-

ough. Most of those who went back were members of the union. President Mitchell had nothing to say regarding the slight defection in the ranks of the men at Nanticoke, beyond that it was insignificant, and would have no influence on the other men. He takes no stock in the reports that attempts will be made to start up collieries, and reiterates the statement that he fears no break among the

The defection at Nanticoke gave rise to a rumor that the company intends to start a colliery in the early part of July, but this cannot be confirmed.

The Susquehanna company has been more aggressive than the other companies, and an attempt to start up in a week or two would not be surprising to those who have been watching the situation. While the leaders at strike head Nanticoke does not amount to anything, when it is remembered that more

than 147,500 men are on strike, the actions of the union officials did not show it. District Board Member John Fallon spent almost the entire day there and tonight District President T. D. Nicholls arrived here and held a conference with President Mitchell. Later in the night he went to Nanticoke, There will be a meeting of the night shift of engineers, firemen and pumprunners at that place tomorrow, which President Nicholls will attend. said the action of the night shift, if any is taken, will be binding upon the day shift. The Susquehanna Coal company officials still refuse to talk, but it s learned from a trustworthy source that all of the pumping machinery at the collieries is working, with a full force of men.

## Action at the Convention.

A prominent district officer, in discussion of the probable action of the special national convention, said:

"The anthracite delegates will go to the convention instructed to vote solidly for a general strike of the soft coal miners. The Hazleton convention, composed of the three districts, so decided. and the anthracite miners will not change their action. I am of the opinion that the convention will order a general strike. It only takes a majority vote to order one, and I think we have enough votes to carry the day. The West Virginia and Virginia strikers, the Maryland, Kentucky and Michigan miners and those at other places where dissatisfaction exists will surely join the hard coal mine workers for a general suspension. In brief, it will be a struggle of all mine workers who are not working under yearly agreements against those who have agreements with their employers."

When asked to explain why the anthracite miners are requesting the western miners to break agreements when the hard coal men are fighting for such agreements here, he said: "We are not talking about that."

## The Teamsters' Part.

At a mass meeting of workmen held here tonight, Jasper Clark, president of the teamsters' national union, made the statement that in a short time all international and national unions would levy an assessment of five cents on every member for the benefit of the He informed the teamsters strikers. they may haul coal from any of the yards of dealers to any of the local industries, but they should not handle any coal from the mines.

## YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Local data for June 24, 1902. Relative humidity: m. .....70 per cent Precipitation, 24 hours ended 8 p. m.

### ...... WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, June 24.-Forecast Wednesday and Thursday Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and warmer Wednesday: Thursday probably showers: light variable winds mostly southwest.