

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8, 1902.

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FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Will Take Up the Statehood Bill, Which Will Remain the Unfinished Business.

STRONG OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS

New Mexico and Arizona May Not Have Smooth Sailing—The Immigration Bill Will Continue to Receive Attention—House Has Mapped Out Programme Beyond the Disposition of the London Dock Charge Bill.

Washington, Dec. 7.—In accordance with the unanimous agreement of last session, the senate will take up the statehood bill next Wednesday.

The committee's written report has not yet been submitted to the senate, and this probably will be put in on Wednesday.

Other members of the committee who agree with him will follow. All of them will give careful attention to the testimony taken by the sub-committee which recently visited the territories.

It is expected that the immigration bill will continue to receive attention on Monday or Tuesday, but the proceedings which will refer to this bill will consist largely in the reading of the bill and the consideration of amendments.

House Forecast. The house this week has no mapped out programme beyond the disposition of the London dock charge bill and the report of the election committee on the contested election case of Wagner vs. Butler, from the Twelfth Missouri district, on Wednesday.

The withdrawal last week from its advocacy of the Lumber Men's association, which was supporting the measure, will weaken it and its passage is considered doubtful.

George W. Childs, who is president of the Elk Tanning Company in the South, but upon being informed of the fire left for Ridgway today.

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TRIBUTE OF GRID N CLUB.

Session Ends in Sadness the Announcement of Mr. Reed's Death.

Washington, Dec. 7.—As a dinner of the Gridiron club was in progress last night, the announcement was made that Mr. Reed was at death's door.

TO SIGN PROTOCOL IN HAVANA.

General Bliss Clearing the Way for a Reciprocity Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It is learned that the document which General Bliss and the two Cuban commissioners are expected to sign in Havana tomorrow is really a protocol, giving the outlines of a reciprocity treaty which will be acceptable to the governments of the United States and Cuba.

RETURN OF THE PANTHER.

The United States Steamship Brigs Fever-Stricken Marines.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 7.—The United States steamship Panther, commander J. C. Wilson, reached Hampton Roads yesterday afternoon, bringing the fever-stricken marines who have been protecting the railroad property on the isthmus for more than a month.

BIG TANNERY BURNED.

The Eagle Valley Plant at Ridgway is Destroyed.

Ridgway, Pa., Dec. 7.—The Eagle Valley tannery at this place was destroyed by fire, early this morning, caused by an explosion of natural gas in the engine room.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Dec. 7.—Arrived: Umbria, Liverpool; Quatzenburg, Leuchsbund, Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg; Rotterdam, Rotterdam and Boulogne; Sailed: Rydam, Amsterdam; Southampton-Sailed: Bismarck, Hamburg and Boulogne; New York: Lizard-Passat; Rouland, New York for Antwerp; Havre-Arrived: La Gascogne, New York; Plymouth-Arrived: Pretoria, New York for Cherbourg and Hamburg; Liverpool-Arrived: Quatzenburg, Southampton-Sailed: Virginia, Liverpool.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPPELLE'S VISIT TO ROME.

Has Been Exceedingly Profitable for Settlement of Pending Questions.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Archbishop Chappelle, of New Orleans, and papal delegate to Porto Rico and Cuba, has gone to Genoa, where he will take passage on the steamer Leo XIII and sail for New York tomorrow.

TO REGULATE INSURANCE

Commissioner Durham Has Written an Important Letter on Subject.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 7.—Insurance Commissioner Durham has written a letter to Governor Stone recommending the enactment by the next legislature of such laws as would prevent the organization of mutual insurance companies for purely speculative purposes.

Mr. Durham also recommended that a law be enacted providing for the incorporation of societies for beneficial and protective purposes in the same manner as insurance companies are now chartered.

Such associations being purely mutual, the insurance commissioner believes that they should be prohibited from accepting as members any but those who are legally capable of making a contract.

Senator Hill Engaged. Will Be Attorney for the Schenectady Painter's Union in Potter Case.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Douglas H. Pratt, recording secretary of the painters' union, said tonight that the union has engaged Senator D. B. Hill to fight the action brought against it by William Potter, the expelled guardsman, who has procured an injunction restraining the union from considering him as not a member.

TO CONSIDER LABOR QUESTIONS

The Annual Meeting of the National Civic Federation at New York.

New York, Dec. 7.—The annual meeting of the national Civic Federation will be held tomorrow, continuing Tuesday and Wednesday.

THE STRONGS RETURN.

New York, Dec. 7.—Among the passengers who arrived on the Steamer Umbria, from Liverpool were Mr. and Mrs. Putnam Bradlee Strong.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT LEADVILLE.

Leadville, Col., Dec. 7.—A fire that originated in McPhee and McGarity's planing mill early today, destroyed property valued at \$120,000.

THE DEATH OF THOMAS REED

Ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives Passes Peacefully Away at Washington.

THE END IS QUIET AND PAINLESS

Mr. Reed's Wife and Daughter at His Beside During the Last Hours—Uraemia the Immediate Cause of Death—Many Sympathetic Callers at the Arlington Hotel During the Day—The Remains of Mr. Reed Now En Route for Portland, Maine, Where the Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Thomas Brackett Reed, former speaker of the house of representatives and for many years prominent in public life, died here at 12:10 o'clock this (Sunday) morning in his apartments in the Arlington hotel.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early yesterday morning. At 9:30 a. m. he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion.

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There was no fracture of the skull. The only physical evidence of any injury was a very slight bruise at the outer edge of the left eyebrow.

Had I seen this case before 1885 I would have been unable to explain why the spasms were chiefly manifested in the right arm. I would have been justified in inferring that probably the front part of his brain was injured at the site of the bruise.

REMAINS EN ROUTE FOR PORTLAND.

The remains of Mr. Reed left here this afternoon for Portland, Maine, his former home, where the interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

Reed's death, however, was not generally known that the body of the deceased would be taken from the city today and President Roosevelt's parliamentarian, Reed's daughter, to be his guests at the White House pending its removal.

BISHOP SPALDING'S LECTURE.

He Speaks on "The Meaning and Worth of Education."

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 7.—Bishop Spalding of the strike commission delivered a lecture in St. Mary's church, this city, this evening.

MR. KAOULTON'S CONDITION.

Morton, Mass., Dec. 7.—There was no apparent change today in the condition of former Attorney General H. M. Kaoulton, who was stricken with apoplexy yesterday.

SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

New York, Dec. 7.—Eight thousand persons saw the start of the six-day bicycle race, the tenth annual championship event, which started in Madison Square garden at 12 minutes after midnight.

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Local Data for December 7, 1902. Highest temperature 31 degrees. Lowest temperature 21 degrees. Relative humidity 81 per cent. Wind S. W. 8 to 10 miles per hour. Precipitation 2 1/2 hours ended 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 7.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair, colder Monday and Tuesday night; Tuesday day and night. Forecast for Wednesday: Fair, warmer.