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A Great Fight All Over But Recording the Votes.

INSURGENTS ARE DEMORALIZED.

Senator Penrose Calls Their Bluff and Wants an Investigation Which Will Show Where Over a Million Dollars Spent Against Quay and Himself Have Gone.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.--Col. Matthew Stanley Quay has won his fight and he will be the next United States senator from Pennsylvania.

He has scored one of the greatest victories in American politics. His candidacy for re-election, while supported by the votes of a large majority of the delegates to the last Republican state convention, which made him the candidate of the party organization for senator, has been opposed by a combination of political bosses of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and a few other disgruntled Republicans who seek to benefit themselves at the expense of the party, and a faction of the Democratic party controlled by Col. James M. Guffey.

ENOUGH VOTES PLEDGED.

The vote on the United States senatorship will be taken in the general assembly at Harrisburg on the 15th instant, when it will be shown that Col. Quay has a majority of the members of each branch of the legislature. He has already enough votes publicly pledged to him to make his election a certainty.

The fusionists are dying very hard, but they will have to die all the same. Flinn and Martin have been repudiated by the Republicans of Pennsylvania, and no deal they may enter into with the Democrats can possibly let them out of the hole they have gotten into.

Members of the legislature who persist in following them will find their mistake when it shall be too late to remedy the evil they have done. Already sentiment among Republicans is so pronounced against them that it will mean political suicide for any Republican to continue to violate the rules of his party and attempt to override the will of the majority.

BIG MAJORITY PROMISED.

Col. Quay will have at least 130 votes when the ballot is taken on the senatorship. There were 123 votes recorded in the caucus of the senators and members, and to these votes must be added the votes of Representatives Haldeman of Montgomery, Thompson of Centre and Neebe of Allegheny, who were at home confined to their rooms with sickness, and Representatives Beaver of Juniata county and Welby of Franklin, who have since the caucus declared publicly that they propose to vote for Col. Quay. These make 128 votes, or one more than enough to elect if the highest number possible be required shall be necessary. There are at least two or three others who have privately said they are going to vote for Col. Quay. It would not surprise the party leaders if Col. Quay gets 135 votes or more.

COOPER ROASTS INSURGENTS.

The Republican caucus at which Col. Quay was nominated was an interesting gathering. Perhaps one of the most notable speeches delivered there was that by former State Chairman Thomas V. Cooper. Among other things Mr. Cooper said:

"Six years ago the great municipal rings of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh conspired with the executive power of the state to drive from politics one who was then at peace with the entire party. This was but a selfish grab for power. Who does not recall the fight of '95, the Harrisburg Opera House crowded with Pittsburgh thugs, with bloodshed threatened until the hour of a caucus which showed a majority for Col. Quay. The result was accepted, and quiet followed until '97, when old and new ambitions struggled for the succession to Senator Cameron. Penrose proved the choice, and that result was accepted. In '99 and its preceding election Col. Quay won a great majority of the Republican party, and lacked but a dozen of a majority over one great party and the self-called insurgent wing of another. The legislature was deadlocked upon the written statement by insurgents that they could not support a candidate until cleared of the charges then pending. Col. Quay was entirely cleared of the charges, made only to block his election, but his opponents violated the pledge so conveniently framed. In the contest before the people in 1900 the more honorable yielded, and nearly all of the Republican counties elected senators and representatives known to favor either Col. Quay or the rule of the majority.

OPPOSITION WEAK.

The papers which have represented a faction have not analyzed the Republican vote of the state. Their friends carried but three counties--Lebanon, Somerset and Washington--while the fusion which they promoted carried but three districts, one in West Philadelphia and one in Union.

"The self-called insurgent wing, in open and fair contest at the primaries,

nominated their candidates in the Flinn part of Pittsburgh, the Martin corner of Philadelphia, in Bradford, Bucks, Juniata, Perry, Somerset, part of Luzerne, part of Westmoreland and one in Armstrong, in all less than one-tenth of the state. Now the candidates elected by the entire Republican party, by Quay and anti-Quay votes alike, are asked to ally themselves with a party which opposed their election to the end that they may divide the spoils with the common enemy. Men who do this thing in war are shot; in politics they die young.

"I can see how in Lebanon, Somerset and Washington independents should act separately and hold a little caucus of their own; I can see how the three fusion members should openly ally themselves with the Democrats who promoted their election, but these paths are not open to others.

"The Republican force comprises fully 180 senators and representatives, elected by the entire Republican party, and elected for the purpose of abiding by its counsels.

CAUCUS SHOULD BIND.

"Whatever portion of this overwhelming total fall in this, at least a great part of those who elected them will stand stripped of representation. I can see how gentlemen can refuse to abide a caucus upon a principle, but the right of refusal never goes to a personal preference as to a party candidate. When that becomes the rule chaos will have to come, and we will be unfit for self government.

"I need not speak personally of Col. Quay. If I knew him less and liked him less, he should still have my hearty support in deference to the will of the majority. If I had no knowledge of him at all, and could scan the vote recorded in the United States senate, to give him the seat upon the appointment of the governor, I would see in the list of the yeas the noblest names of that body--able, fearless, conscientious, the very highest in its roll of honor. This was after 12 years of senatorial service, and after political activities beyond the career of any other Republican leader. This was after hatred had shot its poisoned arrows, and after the spite which led to his trial had been spat from the mouths of an American jury.

QUAY, THE BELOVED.

"Surely, fellow Republicans, the career of one who was a faithful soldier, beloved by every veteran in the state; who has, from first to last, been a true Republican, ever favoring peace in his party's ranks, and free alike from malice even when assailed; who as a national leader won the greatest battle of the century, enabling Harrison to break the chain of Cleveland victories; who, as senator, saved the industries of his state when most threatened, and who has twice in succession been certain for re-election--surely he will not be denied the heartiest support of all who desire to reflect in their votes the popular will.

"I look about me, Mr. Chairman, and pay a humble tribute to men who I know will stand 'from night till morning and from morning till night again' for the best principle upon which our government rests--which the pindar fathers employed when they laid the which governs every American institution--the will of the majority shall be the law of all."

INVESTIGATE INSURGENT "RE-FORM."

Since their ignominious defeat at Harrisburg the insurgents, whose campaign was largely a case of prostitution and debauchery, are charging that they lost through bribery and are suggesting an investigation. Senator Penrose is the first to come out and meet them on that issue. In a public statement made at Washington a few days ago Senator Penrose announced that he would be pleased to offer a resolution in the United States senate calling for an inquiry into the political campaigns in the state. He would cover not only the present contest for United States senator, but also the Wanamaker-Penrose campaign. The people may get some information as to where the more than a million dollars spent to defeat Penrose and Quay has gone, who got it and what they got it for.

"Insurgent reform" in Pennsylvania may be uncovered at last.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.--Just at the close of the market on Saturday Wall street received the startling news that J. Pierpont Morgan had bought the Central Railroad of New Jersey and sold it to the Reading railroad. When the market opened this morning, it was confronted with the additional news that Mr. Morgan had secured the controlling interest in the Lehigh Valley also, and this interest will probably be offered to the Reading at the meeting of the directors which has been called to complete officially the purchase and arrange for the formal transfer of the Jersey Central stock to its new owners.

Thus the two long strides which bring the Morgan following into practically complete control of the coal carrying railway situation in the east have been made in a quick succession.

Other probabilities of the not distant future are an alliance between the Ontario and Western and the Delaware and Hudson. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western is also regarded by some as game for Mr. Morgan's basket. It is controlled by Vanderbilt and First National bank interests, which are both favorable to him.

The Lehigh Valley railroad's main line extends from Jersey City 442 miles to Buffalo. Its branches and subsidiary lines bring the total mileage up to 2,178. It owns 3,619 acres of coal land and all the stock of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, which holds in fee or under leases about 35,000 acres of coal lands and collieries with a total daily capacity of 30,000 tons.

To Depart Insurgent Leaders.

MANILA, Jan. 8.--The action of General MacArthur in ordering the deportation to Guam of 26 Filipino insurgent leaders is enthusiastically indorsed by law-abiding citizens. It came as a thunderbolt to the insurgents, and their sympathizers feel that a climax is approaching. The average rebel leader dreads obscurity as much as he does death, and the families of the men condemned to exile until peace is established are preparing a petition to General MacArthur to reconsider his action. The indications are that there will be a general stampede to enter the American lines and take the oath of allegiance.

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CAPE COLONY NEWS.

Editor Arrested Charged With Seditious Libel.

BOERS THREATEN SEVERAL TOWNS.

Appointment of Hutchinson to Succeed Milner as Governor Not a Popular One Among the British Loyalists.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 8.--Mr. P. H. Mahan, editor of Ons Land, the principal Afrikaander newspaper here, has been arrested on the charge of seditious libel, consisting of reflections upon the conduct of General French and his troops. He is a member of the Cape parliament, and his arrest has long been demanded by the extreme loyalists. The authorities accepted bail in the sum of £500.

At a meeting of Afrikaander members of the Cape parliament yesterday it was resolved to send Messrs. J. X. Merriman, former treasurer of Cape Colony; J. W. Sauer, former commissioner of public works, and J. H. Hofmeyr to England to represent the state of affairs in South Africa to the government, parliament and people of Great Britain.

General Brabant has arrived here to complete the organization of the colonial forces.

It is reported that 1,500 Boers are nearing the town of Sutherland and that other parties are close upon Richmond.

The invaders have reached Calvinia and are expected at Clanwilliam within a few days.

Scouts report that the Boer commandos under Delarey and Steinkamp in the Bufferspoort district number 5,000.

The appointment of the Hon. Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson, the governor of Natal and Zululand, to succeed Sir Alfred Milner as governor of Cape Colony is not a popular one among the British loyalists. Governor Hutchinson is not regarded as a strong man, and the attitude he took after the Jameson raid is still remembered against him.

It would be hard, however, to appoint any man who would suit the Cape loyalists so well as Sir Alfred Milner, who has been appointed governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony.

The Cape Times, the British organ, is significantly silent regarding the appointment of Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson as governor of Cape Colony.

Several contingents of the colonial defense force entrained Saturday night for the Piquetberg road. It is intended to utilize the services of the town guard as far as possible in garrison duty and thus release the regulars for duty at the front.

The naval authorities at Simons Town are busy making preparations for mounting big guns for the defense of the Cape peninsula. The dockyard men were busy all day Sunday on this work.

Four Children in a Year. NEW YORK, Jan. 5.--Marie, wife of Matthias, surnamed Tomasi, of Unionport, has had four children within a year, and three of them came together on Thursday night. Of the triplets two were girls and one was a boy. The boy came six minutes behind his younger sister.

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