

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Measures That Occupy the Attention of the Lawmakers.

CONSOLIDATION OF RAILROADS.

A Senate Bill to Enforce the Provision of the State Constitution—The Amended "Ripper" Bill—The Quay County Bill Reported Adversely.

Harrisburg, Feb. 12.—Senator Sprout, of Delaware county, chairman of the senate committee on railroads, introduced a bill into the senate last night which is of great importance, considering the various consolidations and schemes for consolidating railroads having lines through this state. The state constitution adopted in 1874 expressly forbids railroad corporations from absorbing or acquiring parallel or competing lines, and the Sprout bill looks toward providing in the statutes the constitutional provisions and putting them in distinct form. The bill provides that such an acquisition may be attacked in proceedings at law upon the instigation of the commonwealth, and makes any violation a misdemeanor, for which the officials of such offending corporations may be indicted and punished individually or collectively.

In the house a resolution was offered by Mr. Bliss, of Delaware, and adopted, making a special order for the bill appropriating \$35,000 to the Keystone state commission to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.

The sub-committee of the municipal affairs committee held a meeting last night and decided to report the new charter bill for second class cities, known as the "ripper" bill, to the senate, with amendments. Nearly every section of the bill was amended, the most important change being that portion of the measure which relates to the office of mayor. This office is abolished, and in its place provided a "city recorder." The duties of the new office in nearly all particulars will be the same as that of mayor. The bill as amended retains the delinquent tax collector, and provides for the appointment of the city treasurer, board of assessors and city controller. The section relating to city councils was also changed to meet the objections of citizens of Allegheny. The "ripper" clause in the bill remains practically the same.

A bill introduced yesterday in the senate by Senator Grady, of Philadelphia, prohibiting the publication of certain crimes before the law has passed upon them, is causing much discussion, and it is likely a strong fight will be made against its enactment. The bill provides that nothing shall prevent the publication of the facts where persons so accused shall have become fugitives from justice. The parties wishing to publish the news, however, must first obtain the written consent of court.

Democratic State Chairman Rilling arrived here yesterday for the purpose of urging Democratic members of the legislature to take up the matter of ballot reform. Last night he issued a statement in which he says: "Notwithstanding the great, important and universal demand for ballot reform, a month has gone by since the meeting of the legislature and yet we find practically nothing done towards meeting the great demand of the people. Independent Republicans here is the most important matter before us for our consideration. You said you were in favor of such a measure. Now stand by us and help us pass it."

In the house on Wednesday last Mr. Benson, of Westmoreland, introduced a bill to amend the Brooks high license law to provide for the appointment of three license commissioners for every county in the state, who shall be appointed by the courts for one year, and who shall grant all licenses and hear all petitions, remonstrances, etc. The bill goes into effect Jan. 1, 1902, but licenses previously granted shall continue in force until they expire by the lapse of the time for which they were granted.

Mr. Chew, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill providing the death penalty for kidnapping for the purpose of extorting money, but giving the trial judge discretion to substitute a sentence not exceeding 20 years at hard labor.

The senate Wednesday concurred in the house amendment of the senate bill which creates an additional common pleas court in Philadelphia. The bill now goes to the governor.

A bill creating in the banking department a bureau of building and loan associations was introduced in the house by Mr. Calder, of Dauphin county. The bill creates the office of superintendent of building and loan associations, who shall be appointed by the superintendent of banking and receive a salary of \$3,000 annually, and shall have two clerks. The bureau shall have supervision of all domestic and foreign building and loan associations doing business in Pennsylvania.

An employer's liability bill similar to the Massachusetts law was presented by Mr. Jones, of Philadelphia. The bill provides that where personal injury is caused the employer shall have the same right of compensation and remedies against the employer as if the employer had not been an employee.

A bill creating a department of mines was presented by Mr. Phillips, of Lackawanna. It provides for a chief, whose salary shall be \$4,000 a year, and two assistants, one of whom shall be a mining engineer.

Mr. Bricker, of Beaver, introduced a bill to prevent burgesses and councilmen of boroughs from soliciting or receiving bribes and to punish by a fine of \$5,000 or five years' imprisonment any person who may offer to bribe the same.

Mr. Smythe, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill repealing the 12th section of the act of June 18, 1895, relative to the vaccination of school children. The introduction of the repealing bill is the outgrowth of a case of exclusion of a young girl from the public schools in Philadelphia which has attracted a great deal of attention and given rise to a protracted controversy and much litigation.

The measure known as the Quay county bill, to create a new county, with Hazleton as the county seat, was reported adversely in the house last Friday.

WILHELMINA A BRIDE.

Holland's Young Queen Wedded to Prince Henry.

BELIEVED TO BE A LOVE MATCH.

The Ceremonies Were the Same Simple and Unritualistic Rites by Which the Humblest of Queen Wilhelmina's Subjects Are Married.

The Hague, Feb. 8.—Queen Wilhelmina's marriage to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who yesterday became Prince Heinrich of the Netherlands, by royal decree, was a huge family affair. All Holland that could, came to The Hague to participate. Those who stayed at their homes in other cities and villages of the kingdom celebrated with parades, decorations and banquets.

Never was seen a more beautiful and happy wedding. The popular belief is



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

that it is a love match, like that of Victoria and Albert, and this gives a romantic coloring to the event which is generally lacking in royal marriages. The ceremonies were the same simple and unritualistic rites of the Reformed church by which the humblest of Queen Wilhelmina's subjects are married. The whole spirit of the affair was plain and democratic, although the costly gowns and jewels and the showy uniforms of distinguished personages, high officials of the kingdom, the army and the navy, and representatives of the people in parliament and the municipalities, furnished a regal state setting. The venerable pastor administered to the bride and groom a caution that their high positions would not shield them from the common sufferings and sorrows of humanity.

Queen Wilhelmina made a very winning and human bride. She blushed and became confused over the ceremonial with the ring, as all brides are supposed to do, while her happiness and pride over the enthusiasm of her people were plainly deeper than a mere matter of form.

Prince Heinrich was an awkward, but stalwart and manly figure. Either



DUKE HENRY OF MECKLENBURG-SCHWERIN, he was forgetful or badly trained in the part for the pastor had to give him two or three hints as to how to carry himself. Those sitting near enough to hear the responses describe him as saying "Jah, mein Herr," when he should simply have replied "Jah."

The scene, as the royal couple stood with clasped hands before the chaplain, in a circle of brilliantly arrayed personages, including their relatives and people composing the highest families of Holland and the neighboring German principalities, was wonderfully gorgeous, the masses of variegated coloring rendering more effective the blue, gold and white banded up high against the walls of the church. The building itself is a cathedral in size, but is as plain as a Quaker meeting house in its furnishings.

The queen and Prince Heinrich have bound themselves by the contract, in accordance with the statutes, to recognize the husband as the head of the matrimonial union and to provide for and educate the children of the union. The husband assumes the responsibility of representing the wife in all civil actions and of administering her property, except as he is restricted by the marriage contract, by the terms of which he renounces any right to sell or mortgage her landed property. The wife promises to obey her husband, but, by a special recent act of the Dutch parliament, she is exempted from the usual promise "to dwell with him wherever he deems it best to live." The contract also provides that the queen shall allow the husband interest on 50,000,000 guilders and that he shall receive no income from the state except in the case of the queen's death. It is further provided that the queen shall yield obedience to the husband as wife, but not as queen, and the husband relinquishes the right to administer the wife's property.

THE BIG STEEL COMBINE.

Contradictory Reports Regarding the Plans of the Magnates.

New York, Feb. 12.—The arrival of Henry C. Frick in this city yesterday started the gossips in Wall street discussing afresh the steel trade negotiations, and the prospects of bringing them to an early and satisfactory conclusion. Mr. Frick was reported to have had conferences with several persons interested in railways, iron mines and steel mills, but no positive official information could be had on this subject. Mr. Morgan himself, when seen, reiterated with some emphasis that he had nothing to say and that when he did have anything to say he could be relied upon to say it.

One of the rumors growing out of the movements of the steel magnates was to the effect that a sale of the Carnegie company was not contemplated, but that rather a division of territory was planned on a pooling basis and that peace negotiations between the great steel companies was what was really aimed at. Upon this subject there is no information available save the recent statement from ex-Judge E. H. Gary, president of the Federal Steel company, who gave out a typewritten statement to the effect that J. P. Morgan & Co., are considering plans for the acquisition of some of the largest iron and steel companies of this country.

DEATH OF EX-KING MILAN.

The Former Monarch of Serbia a Victim of Pneumonia.

Vienna, Feb. 12.—Ex-King Milan, of Serbia, died of pneumonia yesterday. On Sunday evening he received Adjutant Popovias, who had been sent by King Alexander. The interview excited him somewhat, but he recognized and talked with the adjutant. From that time his strength failed rapidly and the difficulty of breathing rendered further conversation impossible. At noon yesterday he again received the adjutant. He was then in full possession of his faculties and seemed to have no idea that his life was in danger. Consciousness was retained until within a quarter of an hour of his death, which came quietly in the pres-



THE LATE EX-KING MILAN.

ence of his uncle, Col. Constantinovic, and his friend Count Ziehy. "A Belgrade, Serbia, dispatch says: 'King Alexander, who was at Nish when he received the news of the death of his father, immediately summoned the members of the cabinet to meet at Konak, where he communicated the information to them officially. The king and queen left Nish last evening for Belgrade, not going to Vienna. The remains will be brought here.'"

A Training School For Beggars.

New York, Feb. 11.—It developed during a hearing before Magistrate Pool yesterday that there has been conducted in this city a school for training wayward boys to beg under the pretense of selling court plaster. This school for juvenile mendicants was located on the top floor of a tenement, and Wells Marshall filled the role of tutor. The boys were given lessons in begging and then furnished with letters purporting to come from the superintendent of a "waifs home" in Philadelphia. Marshall, who has been reaping a harvest through the boys, was held in \$1,000 bail.

Lattimer Strikers to Resume Work.

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 12.—The Lattimer strikers, who went out three weeks ago because of the alleged unwarranted discharge of two drill runners, decided last night to return to work, and operation will be resumed at the colliery as soon as the mules are taken back into the mines and necessary repairs now in progress are finished. The drill runners will not be reinstated, as at first demanded by the mine workers, but will be supported by the latter until they secure other work. The strikers, it is estimated, lost about \$27,000 in wages during their idleness.

The New Brigadier Generals.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The senate held two brief executive sessions yesterday for the consideration of the nominations for the office of brigadier general sent in by the president under the army reorganization act. At the second closed session they were all favorably reported. These favorable recommendations included not only the nominations heretofore reported, but also the nominations of Gens. Wood, Grant and Bell, which had been previously passed over, and also those of Gens. Fitzhugh Lee and James H. Wilson.

All Topeka Joints Closed.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 12.—As a result of the meeting of the citizens of Topeka all the joints of the city are closed. The citizens made the peremptory order that the sales be discontinued by noon yesterday, and so far as known the order was regarded. Topeka is practically a dry town, so far as the joints are concerned. Some of the drug stores are said to be doing a thriving business, but the condition is much different from a week, or even three days ago, when there were about 80 joints running openly.

One Year For Contempt of Court.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—In the contempt proceedings against Receiver Alexander McKenzie, of Nome City, in the United States circuit court of appeals yesterday, McKenzie was sentenced to serve one year's imprisonment on two counts and Judge Noyes, who appointed McKenzie to his office, was severely censured by the court for alleged complicity in the scandal.

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6 Overcoats for 4.50	3.50 Overcoats for 1.50	2 Overcoats for .99	Flush Caps 50c Caps for 35c
55c Caps for 19c	Underwear \$3 Suit for \$2	2 Suit for 1.25	Children's Underwear for 10c.
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2.50 Shoes for 1.50	1.75 Shoes for .99	Gloves \$2 Gloves for \$1.50	1.50 Gloves for 1
1 Glove for .50	.50 Gloves for .25	Neckties 50c and 75c Neckties for 39c	39c Neckties for 19c.

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