

# HARRISBURG LETTER.

Measures That Occupy the Attention of the Lawmakers.

## RELATIONS OF MINE OFFICIALS.

**Do Damage Suits They Shall Be Considered Representatives of the Companies Rather Than Co-Workers of Persons Injured.**

Harrisburg, Feb. 26.—In the senate last night Hon. William H. Keyser, was sworn in as senator from the Third Philadelphia district to succeed the late Francis A. Osbourn. Judge Weiss, of Dauphin county, administered the oath.

Among the bills introduced were: By Mr. Stiles, Lehigh, providing for the construction and maintenance of sidetracks in the townships for the use of bicycles and pedestrians, and authorizing county commissioners to levy an annual tax of \$1 on each wheel; by Mr. Quail, Schuylkill, to provide for the burial of indigent soldiers so as to extend the provisions to soldiers who served in the Spanish and Philippine wars; by Mr. Vaughan, Lackawanna, defining the relationship between mine bosses, superintendents and foremen of coal mines and the persons, firms or corporations owning or operating the same, and providing that in damage suits for injuries these persons shall be considered as representatives of the company, and not co-employees of persons injured.

The governor sent to the senate the nominations of G. Chalmers Fort to be coroner of Huntingdon county, vice F. L. Schum, resigned, and Henry L. Harland to be justice of the peace of Bensalem, Bucks county, vice J. G. Vandegrift, deceased.

Joseph Call, of the Nineteenth Philadelphia district, and Richard Curry, Sixteenth Philadelphia district, who were elected at the late election to fill vacancies, were sworn in at last night's session of the house by Judge Weiss.

Among the bills read in place were: By Mr. Palm, of Crawford, to enforce article 17 of the constitution to prevent discrimination by railroads and the issue of free passes; by Mr. Ulrich, Dauphin, limiting the amount of loans to officers and directors of banks, trust companies and savings institutions; by Mr. McAnlie, Lawrence, making it unlawful for first cousins to be joined in marriage and declaring void all marriages hereafter contracted in violation of this act; by Mr. Wadsworth, Philadelphia, providing that the wages of laborers or the salary of any person in public or private employment shall not be liable to attachment in the hands of the employer, but this provision shall not apply to the wages or salary of persons not residing in this state.

In the senate Thursday of last week Senator Focht, of Union, chairman of the committee on elections, introduced the ballot reform bill which has the indorsement of the state administration. The bill provides that all nominations made by political parties shall be known as party nominations, and that such nominations for public offices can only be made by a delegate or mass convention, primary election or caucus of voters having a national or state organization. Blank forms of certificates of nomination shall be furnished by the secretary of the commonwealth and no other form than those so furnished shall be used. All nominations other than party nominations shall be known and designated as independent nominations. Independent nominations of candidates for public office may be made by nomination papers signed by qualified electors of the state or of the election district or division thereof for which the nomination is made. Blank forms shall be furnished as in the case of regular party nominations. No person shall accept more than one nomination for the same office, and whenever any person shall receive two or more nominations for the same office he shall be deemed to have accepted the first one made, unless he designate within a given time which one he prefers. The bill adopts the Australian group system ballot.

The senate amendment to the bill relative to the acquisition of state forest reservations, providing that advertisements shall be inserted in the newspapers nearest the land to be purchased, was concurred in.

Bill providing for the removal of judges on account of mental or physical disability was introduced by Mr. Harrison, of Philadelphia, last Friday. If a judge becomes unable to perform his official duties for a year the governor shall appoint a commission of three physicians to examine him. If they report that he is permanently disabled the governor shall notify him, and if he shall resign within 30 days of such notice he shall receive for the balance of the term for which he was elected the salary which he would have received if he had not resigned, and the governor shall appoint his successor.

Mr. Scott, of Allegheny, introduced a bill amending the marriage license act by increasing the fee to be paid for such license from 50 cents to \$1.

Mr. Garner, of Schuylkill, offered a resolution calling upon Governor Stone to remove James E. Roderick, chief of the bureau of mines, for making the remark in the presence of several members of the house that "it does no matter what the miners want nowadays; their hands are raised against every man and every man's hand is raised against them." The resolution was referred to the committee on mines and mining.

The state authorities are paying the way for their proposed bill to make up the \$1,000,000 deficiency in the school appropriation caused by Governor Stone's veto by paying off the districts earlier than usual.

The bill has been prepared by Attorney General Elkin and will probably be introduced in the house by ex-State Treasurer Beacom.

Governor Stone says he will not appoint the judges of the Philadelphia fifth common pleas court until he has heard the friends of the applicants who have asked for a hearing. There are numerous applicants, in spite of the fact that the governor is almost certain to appoint Col. Robert Ralston, J. Willis Martin and Maxwell Stevenson

# GOLDEN GATE WRECK.

Steamer Rio de Janeiro Went Down With 127 Souls.

## CONSUL WILDMAN A VICTIM.

He and His Family Went Down With the Ill-Fated Vessel, as Did Captain Ward, Her Commander—Only Seventy-four Rescued.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—The Pacific Mail steamer Rio de Janeiro ran on a hidden rock while entering the Golden Gate early yesterday morning in a dense fog. She sank a few minutes after striking. The latest figures place the loss at 127 persons, most of whom were Chinese and Japanese.

The most prominent passenger on the steamer was Rounseville Wildman, United States consul at Hong Kong, who was accompanied by his wife and two children. The ship was in command of Pilot Frederick Jordan when she struck. He was rescued. Capt. William Ward went down with his vessel.

As near as can be learned there were 201 people on board the Rio de Janeiro, as follows: Cabin passengers, 29; steerage (Asiatic), 58; second cabin, 7; white officers, 30; Asiatic crew, 77.

The saved number 74, classified as follows: Cabin passengers, 12; white officers, 12; steerage (Asiatic), 13; crew (Chinese), 37.

The lost number 127, classified as follows: Passengers, 24; officers, 18; crew (Chinese), 39; steerage (Asiatic), 46.

The following cabin passengers are lost: Rounseville Wildman, wife two children and nurse; Mrs. K. West, J. F. Seymour, H. C. Mattheson, Mrs. and Miss Wakefield, Miss Rewena Jehu, Zong Chong, Dr. Okawhara, Dr. Dodd, O. H. Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth, C. Dowdell.

The Rio de Janeiro was three days overdue from Hong Kong via Honolulu when she arrived off the Heads Thurs-



CONSUL GENERAL WILDMAN.

day night, and the dense fog prevailing at the time induced Pilot Jordan to bring her to anchor until he could see his way clear through the gateway. She laid to until about 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, when the atmosphere cleared, and she was started under a slow bell toward Point Bonita. All went well until 5:40 o'clock, when she struck. Most of the passengers were below at the time, and it is believed that many of them were drowned in their berths.

The first news of the disaster reached here at 7:30 o'clock, and soon afterward a boat load of rescued passengers and petty officers arrived at the mail dock.

Tugs were immediately dispatched to render any service that might be needed, but no living persons were afloat when they reached the wreck. A number of drowning people were rescued by Italian fishermen, and the bodies of two white women, three Chinese and a Japanese were brought in by the tugs.

From all accounts it appears that the officers were cool and gave the necessary orders with the least possible excitement.

Capt. Ward, who was on deck when the vessel struck, at once gave orders to the crew on watch to hurry the passengers to the forward deck. At the same time the quartermaster on duty sounded the signal for fire drill, and within five minutes all the men were at their stations. There was not much confusion until 15 minutes after striking, the bow of the vessel suddenly plunged under water. Then there was a wild rush for the boats. The Chinese crew, to the number of more than a hundred, was terrorized. Some of them huddled in little groups, chattering in fear. Others crouched close to the deck, moaning pitifully. Many jumped into the sea.

Capt. Ward remained on deck until the vessel had settled to such an extent that the water was engulfing him. Then he went up on the bridge and from there continued to issue his directions, although by this time the confusion was so great that few paid any attention to his commands.

That the steamer sank almost immediately after striking is the report of a majority of those rescued. Some of the passengers say that she instantly listed forward and that in five minutes she went down, while others declare that she stayed afloat for half an hour after she struck. The confusion occasioned by such an incident is intense, and it is not surprising to find that there is a lack of unanimity.

The wreck lies about three-fourths of a mile south of Fort Point and about a thousand yards off the rocky shore. The smokestack and a portion of the upper works of the ill-fated steamer are visible.

There are several conflicting stories concerning the fate of Capt. Ward. The steward of the Rio says that he stood beside the captain when the vessel went down. Two other survivors say that they also saw the captain to the last, but Frederick Lindstrom, the quartermaster of the Rio, emphatically declared that Capt. Ward, Admiral Tyron, of her jesty's ship Victoria, in his cabin, where he had a locked door.

# STEEL CONSOLIDATION.

The Monster Combine Files Articles of Incorporation.

## FOREIGN BANKERS MAY INVEST.

It is Said That the New Corporation, Nominally Capitalized at \$3,000, Will Have \$1,100,000,000 of Capital Stock—Morgan Predicts Big Savings.

New York, Feb. 26.—Official announcement of the Morgan steel combine will probably be made this afternoon. Up to a late hour yesterday afternoon it was expected that the statement would be made public in time for this morning's newspapers, but after a protracted conference at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. Robert Bacon, a member of that firm, declared that the official news would have to be withheld for another day.

Articles of incorporation of the United States Steel corporation were filed yesterday at Trenton, the incorporators being Charles C. Cluff, William J. Curtiss and Charles MacVeagh, all of Hoboken, N. J.

The nominal capitalization of \$3,000,000,000 is understood to mean that the incorporation had simply taken the precaution to file papers before anyone else might have a chance to use the name. The incorporators include ex-Judge Curtiss, who is a partner of William Nelson Cromwell, of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell.

Mr. Cromwell, President Gary, of the Federal Steel company; Max Pam, representing the American Steel and Wire company, and Francis Lynde Stetson, who is one of Mr. Morgan's confidential legal advisers, were in conference the greater part of the day. With these gentlemen from time to time were representatives of the various concerns which are to form the great combine. There were unconfirmed statements that committees representing these companies had prepared circular letters to be sent to their stockholders; that these letters gave exact terms and all details, and that the shareholders would be urged to accept the terms set forth. A director of the American Steel and Wire company said of this:

"I don't know what the directors of the other companies interested may have done, but I can say that as yet we have prepared no letter for our shareholders."

Another bit of gossip was to the effect that both the American Bridge company and the National Tube company would be left out of the combination. These concerns are credited with being dominated by Morgan interests, so that the rumor that they were not to go in was accepted with much reservation. None of the principals or officers of the companies would discuss the matter at all.

Morgan & Co. are declared to have made all arrangements for financing the combination. They have also, according to reports, completed the details necessary to the exchanging of old securities for new. As to the flotation of the company, a prominent bank officer was quoted as saying that not more than \$15,000,000 of actual cash would be necessary, and that this sum had already been put aside by the underwriting syndicate. Speedy application will be made, it is said, to list the shares of the company here and on the London Stock Exchange. The underwriting syndicate is said to have offers for the shares of the new company aggregating about \$100,000,000. It is reported that London, Paris, Berlin and Frankfurt bankers have taken kindly to the advances of the underwriters.

From a well informed source comes the statement that the United States Steel corporation will have \$1,100,000,000 of capital stock. Of this \$300,000,000 will be 5 per cent general mortgage bonds, \$400,000,000 of 7 per cent preferred stock and \$400,000,000 of common stock.

The corporation will take over the Carnegie, Federal Steel, Steel and Wire and other companies by an exchange of stock. The value of the subsidiary concerns has been arrived at by a close examination of their assets, as well as of their earning power. Mr. Morgan is said to have declared that without a combination the companies to be absorbed in one would have spent for betterments at least \$50,000,000 a year for the next five years. With the element of competition eliminated it is figured that all or nearly all of this will be saved.

The objects of the corporation are to manufacture steel, iron, copper and other materials, and to own, operate and develop mines, and to own lines of transportation. The provision is made that the corporation shall not own a railroad in the state of New Jersey.

## Haytiens and Dominicans Fighting.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Feb. 26.—A skirmish has taken place between Haytiens and Dominicans at Phitobert, on the northern frontier. A party of Haytiens was suddenly attacked by a number of Dominicans. The Haytian consul at Dajabon sought refuge at Ouananlathe, Hayti, about five miles from the frontier. The Dominican consul at Cape Haytien has received orders from his government to repair immediately to the scene of the disturbance and endeavor to put an end to the fighting and cause the Haytian consulate at Dajabon to be respected.

## Babies Ate Poison For Candy.

Pittsburg, Feb. 26.—Martha and Florence Spangler, aged 3 and 2 years, respectively, died last night from the effects of an overdose of morphia. The children, who were the daughters of Arthur Spangler, airbrake inspector of the Fort Wayne railroad, during a short absence of their mother from the room secured a box of morphine pills from the dresser, and thinking they were candy ate five of the quarter grain pills.

## Gayners Must Be Tried in Georgia.

New York, Feb. 26.—United States Commissioner Shields yesterday decided that Benjamin D. Green and John F., Edward H. and William T. Gaynor, indicted for conspiracy to defraud the United States government, should be removed to the jurisdiction of the United States court in Georgia.

## Republican Standing Committee.

Chairman—C. F. Bingham, J. D. Sipe.  
Members—Charles Dwyer, Elmer Wetzel, George W. Tamm, Herbert Jackson Baker, George W. A. Napp, F. H. Stone, Chapman—Peter Shaffer, C. H. Updegrave, Franklin—John Hochberg, Geo. F. Butler, Jackson—J. Harvey Meyer, S. A. Brown, Middleburg—F. W. Specht, Frank Reitz, Middlebrook—D. F. New, Geo. C. Stuck, Monroe—W. L. Young, D. P. Hitter, Parris—Harry L. Eagle, Geo. M. Wilmer, Perry—F. E. Boyer, Allen Valentine, Perry W.—Josiah Wiley, C. S. Sprinkle, Selinsgrove—J. A. Lumbard, J. F. Keller, Spring—Chas. E. Kline, D. H. Snook, Union—Jacob Stahl, A. J. Stroh, Washington—Myron Meyer, W. F. Brown, A. Lumsden, Secretary, Lewis Charles, Treasurer, J. Frank Reitz, Treasurer.



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5 Overcoats for 2.90	Children's Underwear for 10
Men's Suits	Men's Pants
\$18 Suit for \$12	\$5 Pants for \$3.50
14 Suit for 10	3.50 Pants for 2.40
9 Suit for 7.50	2.50 Pants for .50
Men's Overalls reduced to 25c.	Men's Shoes
Boys' Suits	\$3 Shoes for \$2.25
\$10 Suit for \$7.50	2.50 Shoes for 1.50
2 Suit for 1.10	1.75 Shoes for .99
2.50 Suit for .75	Boys' Overcoats
Boys' Overcoats	\$10 Overcoats for \$6
\$10 Overcoats for \$6	6 Overcoats for 4.50
6 Overcoats for 4.50	3.50 Overcoats for 1.50
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