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CONGER RESIGNS.

Senator Forestalls Action For His Expulsion.

EXPLAINS ACTION IN SPEECH.

Judiciary Committee at Albany Was to Have Given Him a Hearing Today on Charges in Allis Case.

Albany, N. Y., April 5.—Senator Benn Conger has forestalled hostile action in the senate by filing his resignation with the secretary of state, as follows:

Hon. Horace White, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York and President of the Senate: Sir—I, Benn Conger, do hereby resign the office of senator representing the Forty-first senatorial district of the state of New York, which I now hold.

This resignation to take effect immediately. BENN CONGER.

Had Senator Conger resigned before April 1 Governor Hughes would have had the power under the law to issue a call for a special election in his district. The senate judiciary committee was to have met today to hear Senator Conger on the charge that he gave a bribe of \$1,000 to Senator Allis.

Shortly after the senate session opened Senator Conger entered the senate chamber for the first time since Jan. 19, when he and ex-Senator Allis voluntarily retired from the senate sessions pending the ending of the Allis trial. He announced his resignation in a speech in which he first narrated the circumstances of his charge against Allis. Then he continued:

"This statement became known to Mr. Allis on the following morning. On Jan. 19 on this floor he denied the truth of those statements and demanded an investigation thereof. Thereupon this body ordered an investigation and called upon me to present proof.

"I determined that the only thing I could do and retain my own self respect was to speak the truth whatever the cost. That I have done, and forty of your number by your votes have certified thereto.

"The one great and sorrowful regret of my brother was that he had submitted to the demand of that, the worst gang of plunderers that ever infested this or any other capital, and my wrong, and for it I have always been ashamed and sincerely sorry, was in standing by and permitting the thing to be done instead of then and there denouncing it.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the transaction occurred nearly nine years ago, since which time I have been elected to my present position in this body and so under the precedents cannot be removed therefrom, and notwithstanding the fact that it is contrary to sound public policy and is in the interests of wrongdoers that any one who makes known or assists in bringing to punishment official wrongdoing shall be punished, I am informed that it is now proposed by some of your members to appoint a committee which shall prepare and present to this body charges against me ostensibly because of my connection with the transaction in the year 1901, but in truth and in fact because of what I have done this year at your request and at the instigation of one who at the time was a member of this body, and that a trial of such charges is now proposed to be had and an attempt made to expel me as a member of this body.

"I am also informed that some of your number profess to feel that they cannot remain in the senate if I am to be here, and yet some of these same senators have been members of the legislature for years and as such had come to know the reputation and the true character of the senator who has but so lately left us and to know the workings of the regime of which he was a part and, knowing of the charge against him, which has now by you and their votes been declared true, nevertheless took pleasure on Jan. 5 last in voting to elevate him to the high and honorable office of senate leader, the second in succession to the governorship of this great state.

"I have no desire to remain a member of this great legislative body if my presence is to give offense to any of its members. I realize and from the beginning have fully realized that with the feeling here as it is my usefulness to my district as a member of this legislature is at an end."

\$15,000 For Fish Culture Station. Washington, April 5.—A bill appropriating \$15,000 for the establishment of an auxiliary fish culture station in connection with the fish station at Nashua, N. H., passed the senate.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Senator Allis was found guilty of the Conger bribery charge. Senator Percy of Mississippi is being investigated by Governor Noel on charge of paying for his senate seat. Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court died. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the south pole explorer, is being honored in this country. Catherine Manz, sixteen years old, is under arrest at Massillon, O., for the murder of her sister Elizabeth. Tom L. Lewis and "Mother" Jones are heading the striking coal miners. W. H. Buckley continued his testimony as the king of lobbyists in the fire insurance graft scandal of New York. Albert W. Wolter is charged with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a sixteen-year-old stenographer.

MARCH WEATHER.

Mr. Theo. Day Knows, and He Tells Us What He Knows.

Total rainfall with melted snow, measured on four days is 43 inches, which is 2.80 inches less than March average of 3.23 inches for 42 years; from 43 inch this year to 5.78 in March, 1871. Last year it was 2.70 inches on nine days. Snow measured a half inch the 17th, with traces four other days. Total for the winter 72.5 inches, last year 53.5 inches for the same time; average for March 13.7 inches for 56 years; from a trace in 1903, and half-inch this year, to 38 inches in March, 1875.

March Temperature—1910, highest was registered from 23 degrees 14th, to 89 degrees 30th; average 50.9 degrees, is 12.7 degrees higher than last year. Highest on my record in March before this date, for 51 years was 79 degrees, 23rd 1855, 29th 1907, and 29th, 1910. Lowest was 45 degrees 25th, down to 7 degrees 18th; average 25 degrees. Last year lowest was 7 below, 6th; and lowest on my record in March was 23.5 degrees below zero the 18th, 1900. Range this year was five degrees 1st, to 48 degrees 24th; average 25.9 degrees; last year 17.8 degrees.

Warmest day, 30th, mean 61.5 degrees, last year 19th and 28th were warmest days with means 40 degrees.

This year coldest day was 14th, mean 19 degrees, and last year, 6th, 16 degrees. Mean for month 37.9 degrees is 8.6 degrees higher than last year, and 7.5 degrees above March average of 30.4 degrees for 46 years; from 19.5 degrees in 1885, to 41.2 degrees in 1903.

Fifteen days were clear, fourteen fair and two cloudy; average 67 per cent. of sunshine, nearly as much as we have during some of our dry, hot summer months. Prevailing winds northwest.

At close of first week in March plenty of robins came with a few bluebirds, and other summer birds followed, while nearly all our snow and ice melted without rain. Near my weather station, first snowdrop flowers opened the 18th, and first wild flowers the 22d, over a week before their regular time. At close of the month several kinds of early flowers were blooming freely, showing hundreds of bright flowers of many shades of colors.

THEODORE DAY, Dyberry, Pa., April 1.

CAUSE OF THAT EXPLOSION.

Three Hundred Pounds of Erie's Powder at Black Rock.

Many persons of Port Jervis were awakened at about 12:30 o'clock, Tuesday night, by a terrific explosion. The shock was more severely felt at farm houses along the Neversink, at Huguenot and Guymard. Persons in the employ of the Erie who were up at that hour saw a flash in the eastern sky followed by a heavy explosion and trembling of the earth.

It was not known what caused the explosion until the following morning, when Erie employes discovered that the company's powder house at Black Rock had exploded. The building was situated in the woods back from the track and contained upwards of 300 pounds of blasting powder and dynamite, used for blasting purposes on the mountain by the Erie.

The forest fires raging in the vicinity for several days past had reached the magazine and exploded the powder, the jar of which set off the dynamite. Nothing was left of the building, and a big hole was found on the spot where it stood. Trees and brush in the vicinity were torn out by the roots by the force of the explosion and heavy boulders thrown in every direction.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION AT JERMYN POWDER MILL.

With a rumbling report and jar that was distinctly felt for miles around, wheel mill No. 1 and the press mill at Rushdale plant of the Du Pont Powder Company, at Jermyrn, near the Archbold and Jermyrn borough line, exploded at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning last, killing two men and badly injuring another who died later. The press mill was the first to go up.

Two minutes after the first explosion the wheel mill also blew up, flaming boards having pierced the structure and started a fire. Elias Cobb and Alfred Moon were at work in the press mill, which is about fifty feet distant. All three men were blown up. Moon and Cobb both landed in the Lackawanna river, which runs alongside the press mill. Moon landed on a large rock in the middle of the stream, and was rescued shortly afterwards. He was burned from head to foot, and was removed to the Emergency hospital at Carbondale, where he died on Saturday. The body of Cobb sank in the river and was not found until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

William Arthurs, who was at work in the other mill, landed on an embankment seventy-five feet from where the accident occurred. Every stitch of his clothes had been blown from the body, and he was also burned about the head and body. He died at his home a short distance from the plant, several hours after the accident.

The two buildings where the explosion occurred are isolated from the rest of the plant owing to the large amount of explosives they contain. It could not be learned the exact amount of powder in the mills, but owing to the force of the explosion it is thought there were several tons. The buildings were considered fireproof and had an outer covering of sheet iron. This iron, as also the machinery in the mills, weighing thousands of pounds, was thrown high in the air. A large piece of machinery weighing in the neighborhood of five tons was thrown a distance of about two hundred feet on the other side of the river. Trees were torn up by the roots and scattered in all directions. An embankment about thirty feet high was torn out for a distance of about fifty feet and hundreds of tons of dirt and rock were carried away.

Small chips, none of which were more than three inches in length, were picked up two miles from the scene. The river for about half a mile was littered with broken timbers and twisted iron and machinery, and the stone and concrete foundations of the buildings were broken clean through. A heavy timber was buried in the embankment about five feet.

Fire immediately followed the explosion, but owing to the efficient fire service at the plant, the fire was confined.

Hundreds of windows in Jermyrn and Mayfield were shattered by the force.

The cause of the explosion is unknown and perhaps will never be ascertained. Many theories are being advanced, some claiming it was caused by spontaneous combustion while others believe that it was due to a jar. There is little left of the building by which to investigate to any advantage, and the cause of the sad occurrence will probably always remain a mystery.

TO CALIFORNIA and PACIFIC COAST POINTS \$49.50 Via Erie Railroad. Ask Ticket Agent for particulars. 1wto Ap. 9.

OBITUARY.

MANATON—Mrs. Eliza J. Manaton, aged 69 years, six months and eighteen days, died of pneumonia, at her home on the Cherry Ridge road on Monday morning, April 4th. She was born in Wayne county and was a daughter of Nathaniel Reed. Besides her husband, James Manaton, one sister, Mrs. Wm. Bowen, of Honesdale, survives. Funeral was held Wednesday morning from the home.

HARRIS—William Harris, aged 81, died at his home in Burnsville on Sunday, March 27th. He had been ill with pneumonia. Mr. Harris was born in Paupack township and afterwards lived in Starucca. He was a candidate for Register and Recorder on the Democratic ticket at one time. He is survived by a widow, three sons, and two daughters, D. W. Harris of Carbondale, being one of his sons. Interment was made at East Ararat, Pa.

KINSMAN—William Kinsman, of Berlin township, one of Wayne's most respected citizens, died at his home on Smith Hill on Friday morning, aged seventy-three years, seven months and six days. Mr. Kinsman was a prosperous farmer and had lived at his late home all his life, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a sister, who lived with him and presided over his household. Mr. Kinsman had never married. Funeral services were held at his late home on Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. A. L. Whittaker of Grace church, officiated. Interment was made in Glen Dyberry.

ROBINSON—Amanda M. Stearns, wife of John Robinson, died of pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Smith, of Dyberry, April 2, 1910. Deceased was a representative of a very prominent family, her parents being Ira and Maria (Plumb) Stearns, natives of Massachusetts, the former of Attleboro, the latter of Westchester. Mrs. Robinson was the last survivor of a family of eleven children. She was united in marriage March 17th, 1859, to the husband who survives her, now in his 84th year. She leaves also to mourn her loss three sons and one daughter, namely, James A. and Frank M. of Honesdale; Fred J., who owns their fine homestead in Lebanon and Mabel F., wife of Frank L. Smith, of Dyberry. She is also survived by six grandchildren. The funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday, April 5th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Smith. Rev. J. B. Cody officiating. Her three sons and son-in-law acted as pall-bearers. Interment was made in the East Dyberry cemetery.

KINGSBURY—Glenn, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kingsbury, died at the family residence, in Buckingham township, Sunday evening, March 27, at 11 o'clock, aged 15 years. His death resulted from appendicitis. He was a student in Hancock High school and after returning home Wednesday afternoon of last week, complained of a pain in his right side. His father upon examination, Thursday, found a protuberance and at once telephoned for Dr. Lester Woolsey. The doctor diagnosed the case as appendicitis, and advised an immediate operation. Dr. W. Moore of Binghamton, was summoned, and assisted by Dr. Woolsey performed the usual operation on Friday afternoon. After the incision had been made no hopes of saving the boy's life were entertained, as the appendix was found to be ruptured and peritonitis had set in. Besides his

parents he is survived by one brother, Hale, and one sister, Hazel. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held at the house Tuesday afternoon, March 30th, Rev. Schultz of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment was made in Riverview cemetery.

MARSH—Charles A. Marsh, aged 38 years and 6 months, died at his home in Bunnelltown on Tuesday morning at 10 minutes after 11 o'clock, of Bright's disease followed by convulsions. He was an axe maker, having followed that trade for about twenty years. Deceased was a son of Lou Marsh, who married Minnie Long, and after his death, she married a Mr. Shaffer, and lives in Peckville. Besides his mother, Mrs. Shaffer, he is survived by his wife, Theresa Ackerman, and one son, Lewis Marsh; also two brothers, Guy and Ike, of Peckville, and two step-sisters, Mrs. George Spencer of this place, and Myrtle Shaffer, of Peckville, and one step-brother, Allen Shaffer of Peckville. Funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

HATHAWAY—Abraham L. Hathaway died on Friday, March 25, in the New York Hospital, New York City, where he went on the previous Tuesday for treatment. Although suffering from a complication of diseases, the primary cause of his death was pneumonia. Mr. Hathaway was born near Equinunk, Pa., Jan. 8, 1845, and was a carpenter by trade. About fifteen years ago he went to New York City, where he had since followed his vocation. About a year after going to the city he was incapacitated for a time by a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism, from which he never fully recovered. Being a man of great determination and nerve, he continued at his work many times when a man of less determination would have been in bed. He was a single man, and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Peter Aplanalp, of Hancock, and two brothers, John Hathaway of Equinunk, and Jesse Hathaway of Lookout, Pa. The Junior Order United American Workmen, of which deceased was a member, had charge of the service held at Englewood, N. J., Sunday. Sunday night his remains were taken to Equinunk, and the funeral held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the church at South Branch.

METHODIST CONFERENCE. This district will be known as the Scranton District. The following are the appointments made in Wayne county and nearby places: SCRANTON DISTRICT. L. C. Murdock, Superintendent. Ariel—F. A. Van Selver. Beach Lake—W. J. Seymour. Bethany—W. B. Signor. Carbondale—T. F. Hall. Carley Brook—Supply. Cherry Ridge—Supply. Clifford—J. A. Tutill. Damascus—J. M. Coleman. Forest City—C. H. Sackett. Gibson—B. R. Hanton. Gouldsboro—Supply. Hamilton—J. H. Boyce. Hawley—B. P. Ripley. Honesdale—W. H. Hiller. Jermyrn—W. G. Simpson. Lackawaxen—Supply. Lake Como—Supply. Lakeville—Supply. Moscow—S. B. Murray. Narrowsburg—Walter Walker. Nicholson—B. W. Dix. Orson—O. G. Russell. Prompton—L. E. Sanford. Pleasant Mount—G. W. T. Schenk. Sterling—W. G. Begster. South Canaan—Supply. Uniondale—O. L. Buck. Waymart—R. C. Burch.

AGAINST DEADLY HATPINS.

Bill Makes It Misdemeanor to Wear One That Sticks Out Far.

Washington, April 5.—Washington will follow the lead of Chicago in prohibiting the wearing by women of long, dangerous and stylish hatpins if a bill introduced in the house by Representative Coudrey of Missouri becomes a law.

It makes it a misdemeanor for any woman to wear a hatpin the point of which sticks out more than one inch beyond the hat through which it is run.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Chris. Erk has returned from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Fred Hann, of Easton.

Margaret Greene, of St. Agnes School, Albany, N. Y., is spending her vacation at her home here.

Miss Dorothy Menner and friend, Miss Wing, left Saturday to resume their studies at Vassar College.

Mrs. O. L. Rowland and daughter Lucille, attended the Symphony concert in Scranton on Monday evening.

Earl Sherwood has returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C., in the interest of F. G. Farnham.

Misses Romaine and Olive Wrenn of Scranton, were guests of the Misses Eldred, of Eleventh street over Sunday.

ANGUS M. Lawyer, of New York City, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lawyer, of Thirteenth street.

Miss Gertrude Murrman, who has been teaching at Fairmont, Pa., left Monday for West Chester for the spring term.

Frank Walters, manager of the Maple City Green House, is entertaining his sister, Miss Henrietta of Wilkes-Barre.

Earl Mitchell and Jos. Schilling left Monday for Brooklyn, N. Y., where they have accepted positions at glass cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer and children have moved from Scranton to Honesdale where they will make their future home.

Mrs. G. S. Roos, of 1505 Mulberry street, Scranton, has returned home after spending a vacation in Honesdale.—Tribune-Republican.

W. B. Coleman, of Nyack, N. Y., who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Hawken and other Honesdale relatives for the past few days, will return home to-morrow.

Misses Margaret and Mary Mumford, Louise, Edgar and Mary Foster, left Saturday morning for Paterson, N. J., where they will be entertained for a week at a house party given by Miss Molly Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Locklin and daughter Marjorie, of Peckville, Pa., were guests of Mrs. George S. Spettigue on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Locklin returned home yesterday, while Mrs. Locklin and daughter will remain for a few days.

HYMENEAL.

Miss Grace Bailey of Willow Ave. was married on Saturday morning to Edward William McHale, a bridge building engineer of considerable prominence in Philadelphia. The marriage ceremony was performed at 6 a. m. by the Rector of Grace church, Rev. A. L. Whittaker. The happy couple left on the early morning train, and will make their home in Germantown, Philadelphia.

COURT NOTES.

Petition to continue the parole of George Reiffer, who was an inmate of the Asylum of Insane at Danville, was granted.

The petition of Albert T. Mitchell, guardian of Drusella Young, to amend the description of certain land ordered to be sold, was granted.

The petition of the Scranton Trust Company, as guardian of Wesley and George Adams, minor children for right to sell certain properties for \$1600, was granted.

In the matter of the account of May M. Foster, now May M. Davis, guardian of George O. Davis, minor child of C. M. Foster, O. L. Rowland appointed auditor to pass upon exceptions to guardian's account.

RUBE WADDELL WEDS.

Famous Pitcher, Recently Divorced, Takes Bride in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 5.—George Edward (Rube) Waddell, the St. Louis American's eccentric southpaw, secured a marriage license here upon his return from the training trip and was married to Miss Madge Maguire, aged nineteen, of New Orleans.

Rube fell in love with Miss Maguire when he attended her birthday party here May 18 of last year while she was attending school here, and they became engaged when he telegraphed her recently that he had divorced Mrs. May Wynne Waddell after he had been married to the latter five months.

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED ONE OF THOSE LITTLE ADS?