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treasury, and was absolutely necessary before Mr. Treat could be relieved of the responsibilities of the office. The count included 156,521,317 silver dollar pieces."

What is called the National Anti-trust League was organized in Washington City. The Associated Press describes the purpose of this league in this way: "Members of congress are interested in the new movement and immediate steps will be taken toward perfecting state organizations. Then, when prices soar, the league members, by stopping the use of such articles or commodities as have gone above a certain level, will try to put them back by refusing to furnish a market. The plan was tried in Germany a few years ago, and, according to a report, broke up a combine that had raised the price of coffee to an almost prohibitive point. The meeting was informal and no final organization was effected. It was agreed, however, that the crusade just beginning should go under the name of the National Anti-trust League, and that the organization should be non-political. The women of the United States will be taken into membership on equal terms with the men, and will have equal voice in the campaign. The women, being the housekeepers of the country, the pioneers of the plan believe their assistance is vital to success. 'We furnish the purses,' said one of the speakers, 'but our wives and sisters and mothers make the disbursements from them. We've got to have the women with us.' Accordingly, when congress meets, the league will work through the representatives, and in some cases through the senators with a view of having them interest themselves in the organization of state branches. A nominal fee will be charged each member, probably not exceeding 25 cents a year, to cover the cost of mailing proclamations against certain articles of goods that have been pushed too high in the market. A national charter will be sought and the head offices will likely be in Washington."

President Taft announces that he will push his plan for the conservation of natural resources regardless of the Ballinger inquiry.

Colonel Ralph W. Hoyt, governor of the Moro province of the Philippines, recommends that the people of the southern Philippines be given a separate government because ninety per cent of them are barbaric tribes.

Representative Dwight of New York, republican "whip" of the house, held a conference with the president and then gave out an interview that the ship subsidy bill will be passed by congress.

Admiral George Dewey celebrated the seventy-second anniversary of his birth December 26.

A dispatch to the Omaha World-Herald says: "The tests of the great fourteen-inch naval gun, recently completed for experimental purposes by the ordnance authorities of the navy, have already gone far enough to assure that they will start a most important discussion in naval circles of both this and other countries. Will the new gun render obsolete the ships and guns now in service, provided it is declared a success? And will it necessitate the building of still larger battleships to carry it?"

SURE

She—What do they make in a chafing dish?
He—Indigestion.—Smart Set.



At a conference of state bankers held at Guthrie, Okla., resolutions were adopted praising Governor Haskell and Bank Commissioner Young for the manner in which they handled the failure of the Columbia bank and Trust company of Oklahoma City.

Prominent railroad men speaking before the American Economic association in New York objected to what they called "government by commissions."

Frank B. Smith, president of the Crucible Steel company, one of the largest independent steel manufacturing corporations, died of apoplexy.

A LaPorte, Ind., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Ray Lamphere, thirty-eight years old, slayer of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her children, died of tuberculosis in the Michigan City penitentiary, where he was serving an indeterminate term for arson. Lamphere, on April 23, 1908, set fire to the Guinness home near LaPorte, and incinerated the family."

The parents of Alma Kellner, the Louisville, Ky., girl who was abducted, have received a letter promising return of the girl upon payment of \$5,000.

A Kansas City, Mo., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "Judge L. C. True of the district court in Kansas City, Kan., declared that the Traders Live Stock Exchange association, operating at the Kansas City stock yards, is a trust whose methods violate the Kansas anti-trust law and ordered the association dissolved in rendering a decision in a suit brought against the association by the attorney general of Kansas. The Traders Live Stock Exchange association is composed of 185 members, who deal principally in stockers and feeders, cattle not fat enough for slaughter. The state brought a suit against the association two years ago, alleging that the methods of the concern placed such restrictions on trade and commerce as to violate the anti-trust law. The Co-operative Live Stock Commission company, also at Kansas City stock yards, filed the original complaint against the Traders' Live Stock Exchange association. In this complaint it was alleged that the association boycotted the members of the Co-operative Live Stock Commission company, of whom there are more than 400. The defendant association will appeal the case to the supreme court. An action similar to the one brought against the Traders' Live Stock Exchange association is pending against the Kansas City Live Stock exchange."

The high protectionists in the French chamber of deputies passed a tariff bill by a vote of 365 to 42. The new tariff will go in force March 31, 1910, provided the bill finally becomes a law.

Leslie M. Shaw, formerly secretary of the treasury, delivered an address to the Indiana teachers' association, saying: "If direct primary laws are safe and can be operated wisely, then their scope can be extended. If the electors of a given party can wisely choose a candidate for governor in a great state under the direct primary system, then the

electors of a given party with equal wisdom can select a presidential candidate. If Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft and William Jennings Bryan were to die today and candidates for the presidency were to be nominated under the direct primary system, Robert M. LaFollette would be the candidate for the majority party and William R. Hearst of the minority party. What their platforms would contain, the most imaginative and radical, not to say revolutionary, I would not dare to predict."

Judge Hough in the federal court at New York denied Charles W. Morse, banker, a new trial. Morse's attorney asked for it on the ground that some of the jurors drank to excess during the Morse trial. The court held that under existing law jurors need not be teetotalers.

Mrs. Gaynor, wife of the mayor-elect of New York, declares that she is in favor of woman's suffrage.

Former United States Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, who is in an Omaha hospital, is improving.

William J. Bryan sailed from Santiago, Cuba, December 29, for Jamaica.

Here is an Associated Press dispatch from Topeka, Kan.: "There are two things I want from President George Gould of the Missouri Pacific and two things I propose to get if there is power in the state to get them," said Governor Stubbs today, to George J. Markham, a representative of President Gould, who had been called to Topeka by the governor. "I demand to know how much money the financiers will get for floating this proposed nineteen million dollars bond issue for the Missouri Pacific, and I demand to know how much of the money realized from the sale of these bonds is to go into improvement of Kansas properties of the road." The conference today followed an exchange of telegrams between Governor Stubbs and President Gould of the Missouri Pacific, which Governor Stubbs declared was unsatisfactory.

Captain Joe Wyman with a crew of five men lost their lives when the coal barge, John A. Bridge, sank off Point Pleasant, New Jersey, coast.

Thomas C. Harden was elected state senator to succeed the late Patrick McCarren.

The New York World presents Judson Harmon of Ohio, Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton College, and William J. Gaynor of New York as its preferred candidates for the democratic nomination for the presidency in 1912.

Miss Louise W. Taft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, and niece of the president, was married in New York City to George W. Snowden, of Seattle, Wash. The president attended the wedding.

Madison Square Garden has been sold to a real estate syndicate and the building will be replaced by a modern office structure. The property sold for \$3,000,000.

George P. Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix Fire Insur-

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