FOAM OF POLITICAL BREW

Explanation of the Attitude of H. J. Penfold on Mayoralty.

ROENTGEN RAY ON NINTH WARD SITUATION

Interesting Gossip of the Impending City Campaign—Forces Are Lining Up for Hot Primary Fights.

Speaking of the use of his name in connection with the mayoralty, H. J. Penfold says:

"Probably no true republican who takes pride in his citizenship of Omaha, who would like to see the city's municipal affairs honestly and capably administered and who has at the same time the interests of the republican party at heart, could fail to keenly appreciate such an honorable distinction as a selection by his party as its nominee for mayor. It is especially an honor when such selection is conferred upon a man who has made no active effort to compass the result. Under circumstances such as these I do not well see how any citizen could well decline the honor. In the sense that he would not decline such a preferment if it were offered him, every man who deems himself adapted to the administration of municipal affairs may be deemed a candidate for office. It has been said that the office should seek the man, rather than the man the office. I believe it was wisely said. There is a wide distinction between the man who feels that if preferment is offered him by his party he would feel it an honor which he could not well decline and one who is actively and anxiously importuning his party friends to tender him such preferment. My name has been mentioned as that of a candidate for the republican nomination for mayor. In the sense that I am seeking the nomination I do not wish to be considered a candidate, but without putting myself in the attitude of accepting or declining what has never been offered me, I can say, I think, with propriety that I am a republican, that I am proud of my citizenship of Omaha and am zealous for the city's growth and prosperity, that I am among those who favor a good, clean administration of municipal affairs and that if the republicans of Omaha should select me for their nominee I should not decline. Having been so selected, I should exert every honorable effort to secure my election. I have no ambition to be mayor that can arise from being out of a job."

"What will the republican party do without Stuht? It will probably do the same as it did when he turned populist once before," said a well known city politician. "Stuht must think people's memories are short in this neck of the woods when he talks about being a republican for thirty-four years and being crowded out of the party. He forgets that it was only in 1893 that he turned a voluntary somersault out of the republican ranks simply because he could not get the nomination for the city council and became a full-fledged populist in order to have a populist nomination. In 1893 Stuht ran for the city council against Pete Back, who was nominated on the republican ticket, and his popularity was evidenced by the returns. I happen to have looked them up and they show that Stuht, populist, running at large, received 2,183 votes, as against 6,861 for Pete Back. His antics this year are simply a duplication of his performance seven years ago. Whenever he finds he cannot hold office on his republicanism he climbs into somebody else's wagon in the hope of catching on. As a matter of fact he ought to have been shut out long ago when he had his little difficulty about accounting for the funds entrusted to him as treasurer of the republican city committee. Stuht as a populist will be the same office-seeker he was as a republican."

A number of secret meetings have been held by certain Fourth ward republicans during the last week or so, chiefly at the invitation of R. C. Patterson. At one of the recent meetings a document was produced, said to have been drafted by T. W. Blackburn, which it was proposed to have signed, pledging the signers to exert themselves in behalf of an independent delegation at the republican primaries opposed to the interests of Mayor Moores. The plan is to secure 200 signers, if possible, with the avowed object of turning down everyone who is in any way friendly to the present city administration. One of the members at the secret meeting gave himself away by warning them against doing anything that would hurt John L. Webster in getting the legislative delegation from this county next fall. At last accounts the invitations were many, but the acceptances few and the meeting poorly attended. Mr. Patterson's interest seems to be particularly to dislocate Tax Commissioner Sackett from his position.

OMAHA, Jan. 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: I see that your paper is just getting onto the real facts relating to the Ninth ward situation in which G. S. Benawa is being used as a dummy candidate for mayor in the interest of A. G. Edwards for city treasurer. The chief pushers of this boom are Charley Unitt, Andy Wiggins and G. W. Wattles. In the hands of a steering committee, guided by Wiggins, Wattles and Unitt, Benawa has no more chance to be nominated mayor of Omaha than he has to become governor of Nebraska. The real object of this coterie is twofold. Unitt wants to land somewhere where he can trade himself into holding his present job as city boiler inspector and continue to draw a fat salary for doing nothing. Wattles, on the other hand, has been enjoying the cream of the city treasury deposits through his bank by favor of City Treasurer Edwards, and all he wants is to get a delegation he can swap for a third term for Edwards and a continued bank deposit. No intelligent Ninth ward republican should be fooled for a moment by the Benawa blind, nor can they enthuse over the scheme to keep Mr. Edwards at the public crib for three years more. Edwards has had enough.

Yours for a clean ticket and a new deal all around. NINTH WARD REPUBLICAN.

SECOND WARD REPUBLICANS

Enthusiastic Meeting at Headquarters on South Sixteenth Street is Largely Attended.

The Second Ward Republican club held an enthusiastic meeting at its hall, 1443 South Sixteenth street, Wednesday night. Interest in the cause was given substantial demonstration by the liberal manner in which the members and spectators contributed when a collection was taken up to defray incidental expenses.

Speeches were made by George W. Holbrook, Beecher Higby, George Anthes, W. W. Bingham, Fred Behm, Michael Lee, C. H. Kessler, John Yarak, Fred Hoye, A. C. Harte, A. Hald and others. All of the speeches were brief and strictly informal. Those of the speakers who are candidates for city offices at the coming election solicited the support of Second ward republicans and each one suggested party harmony as essential to victory at the polls.

A. C. Harte, county commissioner, deviated from politics to the extent of suggesting that Vinton street should be improved and that the Forest and Vinton schools should be combined into one district and that the proposition of issuing bonds for the erection of a sixteen-room school building should be submitted to the voters.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to select a candidate to represent the Second ward on the school board reported progress and asked for further time. The Second ward has no school board representation at present and it is the intention to spring a candidate whenever a vacancy occurs.

It was decided to ask the city central committee to furnish prominent speakers for the next meeting of the club, which will be Wednesday night.

NEGRO SHOOTS A WRESTLER

Porter of the Windsor Hotel Fires a Revolver Shot Into Louis Baptiste.

Louis Baptiste, a wrestler, was shot this morning shortly after 1 o'clock by Ed K. LeStone, night porter at the Windsor hotel. The bullet went through the fleshy portion of the right leg and the wound is not considered serious.

According to the porter's story the trouble began in Baptiste's room, where several men were drinking heavily and inclined to be troublesome. The porter says he was called to the room, but on going up was told that there was nothing wanted. Two men followed him downstairs and went into the bar for a short time. When they came out they hunted up the porter, who was in a rear room at work, and began quarreling with him. They exchanged a number of words when suddenly Baptiste rushed to LeStone and dealt him a heavy blow in the face. The porter recovered as quickly as possible and before the man could strike again he pulled his revolver and shot twice. Only the first shot took effect.

Baptiste claims the porter was entirely to blame. He says LeStone came to them while they were at the bar and attempted to pick a quarrel. Afterward they met him in the rear room and the porter, he says, called them more names than Baptiste would allow and he struck him. He says the negro jumped quickly back and fired three shots at his legs. Baptiste says that he does not think the negro intended to do more than wound him. All parties were taken to the city jail.

Maccabees Install Officers.

A crowd of nearly 500 people gathered in the Ladies of the Maccabees' hall, Seventeenth and Douglas streets, Tuesday night to witness the installation of officers and listen to an excellent program presented by Hollister hive No. 21. The officers installed were as follows: Lady commander, Martha B. Walker; past lady commander, Lina M. Dickson; lieutenant commander, May Neilson; record keeper, Harriet Height; assistant record keeper, Mrs. Turnbull; finance keeper, Eliza Black; chaplain, Rachel Evans; lady physician, F. M. Larkton; sergeant, Mrs. Anna Hammock, mistress-at-arms, Mrs. Boyden; sentinel, Mrs. Shuman; picket, Miss Sarah Church; captain of the guards, Mary Holmes. Deputy State Commander Louise M. Bouk acted as installing officer. The program that followed was led by an invocation by Rev. M. W. Chase of the Methodist church. An address was delivered by Mrs. A. D. Burr. Carl Weston rendered a splendid solo on the autoharp. Captain Cross of the Third Nebraska spoke on the benefits of the order. A solo by Irene Liddell followed a recitation by George Plantine. Instrumental music by Mrs. Barnam and a recitation by Maud Butler. The program ended by Lillian Emslie singing as many songs as the audience could encore from her. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. The retiring commander, Mrs. Dickson, was presented with a handsome Maccabee pin by the order. The commander-elect received a large bouquet. The hall was handsomely decorated with the colors of the order.

Ice Harvest Commences Today.

The icemen postponed their operations another day. They want to get the ice frozen to a thickness of eight or ten inches and then they expect to put a large force of men at work gathering in the harvest. The Cudahy company may begin cutting ice at Seymour lake today. Swift will begin taking ice from Cut-off lake Friday or Saturday and the Reservoir ice company will probably begin cutting this morning unless the indications warrant a sufficient extra thickness to make it an object to defer operations for another day or two.

Famous Paintings Sold.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Ninety pictures, comprising about one-third of the collection of W. T. Evans of New York, were sold at auction at the American Art association galleries tonight, bringing $47,690. The bidding was spirited and some of the prices were high. "Westchester Hills," by Homer D. Martin, brought $4,750. A number of paintings were sold with the understanding that they shall be loaned to the United States commissioners to be exhibited at the Paris Exposition as exhibits of American art.

Caucus to Select White's Successor.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The call for a caucus of members of the republican majority of the senate and assembly will meet Thursday evening to agree upon a candidate for the United States senate to be voted for Tuesday next is being signed by all factions with but one or two exceptions. None have refused to sign it and the caucus is now assured. It will take 43 votes, a majority of the republican majority of 85, to nominate or carry any motion at the meeting.

American Scouts with British.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A special dispatch from Capetown says 150 American scouts who arrived there as muleteers have enlisted in the British forces.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Wednesday, January 31, 1900:

Warranty Deeds.

F. W. Fitch and wife to Rudolph Thiem, lot 5, Yates & R's subdiv.	$ 1,600
D. C. Kingman and wife to Hilma Olsen, sly lots 11 and 12, block 1, subdiv of J. I. Redick's add	3,100
J. M. Westerfield and wife to D. E. Preston, lot 14, Westerfield's add	300

Quit Claim Deeds.

W. H. Norton and wife to John Waybright, and ½ lot 8, block 49, Omaha	1

Deeds.

I. D. Clark, guardian, to C. M. Avery, und ½ lot 2, block 203, Omaha	2,833
Total amount of transfers	$7,834

White Bread

Starves Many People

The Reasons are Told Below

A piece of bread that is dry, white and very light in weight seems to the thoughtful person like so much foam or other useless and non-nourishing product.

If one rolls a piece of moist, light bread or the interior of a biscuit between the fingers, a ball of dough is the result, with an appearance of solidity that makes one question how the gastric juices of the stomach can dissolve such a wad.

It is small wonder that such food creates havoc in the way of fermentation and gas, and consequent disorders.

Many dyspeptics will find great help by leaving off the ordinary bread entirely and using in its place Grape-Nuts, in which the starchy and nitrogenous substances have been thoroughly and perfectly cooked at the factory before being sent out.

There is possibility of the food assuming the form of wads of dough. On the contrary the food is already predigested, the starch of the grains has been changed into grape sugar in the process of manufacture and passes quickly and directly into circulation.

Grape-Nuts furnish the elements needed by the system to rebuild, particularly the soft gray matter in the brain and throughout the nerve centers in the body. This statement will be verified by use of the new food. It is delicious enough to recommend itself upon trial.

All first-class grocers sell Grape-Nuts and the Postum Co., at Battle Creek, Mich., make them.

UNABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH

Novel Reason Leads to Dismissal of Criminal Charge Before Judge Vinsonhaler.

SOUTH OMAHA POLICEMEN PLAY IN LUCK

Witnesses Pour Out a Fusillade of Strange Language Which the Interpreters Fail to Interpret—No Prosecution.

Because none of the prosecuting witnesses could talk English plainly enough to make themselves understood and because of failure to provide interpreters who could interpret, the larceny charges against Captain Allie and Patrolmen Montague and Morrison of the South Omaha police force were allowed to go by default. Frank Jackson, the complainant, alleged that the accused officers took $85 from him when they arrested him in South Omaha for alleged peace disturbance a few weeks ago. The case was called before Judge Vinsonhaler Wednesday afternoon.

Jackson had made himself sufficiently well understood in the beginning to secure a warrant for the arrest of the policemen, but he seemed to have lost his vocabulary when he took the witness stand.

Despite the fact that he has a straight United States name he talks a mixture of foreign languages. But his witnesses were worse. They were absolutely powerless to talk English. They were presumed to be Polanders and a Polish interpreter was secured, but he said he had never encountered any such words in his native tongue. Another interpreter was tried, but he had no better success. It was the second time the accused had been arraigned for preliminary examination and the state, having failed to be ready on either occasion, the charge was dismissed and the South Omaha officers left the court house in high glee.

At the time of their arrest they each pleaded not guilty to the charge preferred by Jackson.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Charles Zuck, a stranger in the city, became seriously ill Tuesday in a saloon at Tenth and Dodge streets. He was taken to the county hospital.

John O. Yeiser is preparing to file with the supreme court a transcript of his initiative and referendum suit which he recently lost in Judge Slabaugh's court.

Jack Nugent stole a guitar belonging to E. J. Thompson and pawned it for 50 cents with which to buy whisky. In police court yesterday he was given ten days.

Daisy M. French has been granted a divorce from E. C. French, the allegation being cruelty. Her maiden name, Daisy Oxford, was restored by order of court.

"Mice and matches" were responsible for a fire in a cottage owned and occupied by Jacob L. Jacobson, 3816 Franklin street, at 10:22 a. m. yesterday. The damage did not exceed $10.

William Redmond, colored, was fined $5 and costs in police court Wednesday for assault and battery. His victim is Clara Manderson, also colored, whom he hit in the face with a brick.

Two vags, known to the police as "Hittem" McGinn and Roy Ford, alias "Oysters," will not be included in the Omaha census. In police court yesterday they were given time to leave town.

Minor Shannon, colored, was arrested yesterday, charged with looting the room of A. Shoot, also colored, 1214 Chicago avenue. At the time of his arrest Shannon was wearing a pair of trousers said to belong to Shoot.

Frank Pennell pleaded guilty in police court Wednesday to taking a watch from the pocket of J. W. Dermody while the latter was asleep in a saloon. He was placed in jail to await the filing of a formal charge of larceny from the person.

Sam Stonestreet and Joe McAdam were arraigned in police court yesterday on a charge of being drunk on the street. Both had been found, stupefied by liquor, lying on the pavement near Ninth and Dodge streets. They were discharged.

Police Judge S. L. Gordon, who has been ill for the last ten days, is much improved and will resume the police court bench today. William R. Learn, justice of the peace, who has been acting as police judge, will return to his court in the Paxton block.

A series of success revival services is in progress at the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, 515 North Eighteenth street. Rev. Peter Munson, presiding elder of Nebraska district, is assisting the pastor and there is every indication of a great spiritual awakening.

The Home patronage bureau of the Commercial club has engaged Edwin G. Anderson, who will call upon the manufacturers of Omaha and arrange with them for their exhibits at the exposition of home products to be given in the Commercial club rooms February 15 to 25.

Yesterday Mrs. Susan S. Hillis was sworn in as deputy clerk of the United States circuit court. Mrs. Hillis is the widow of the late Oscar B. Hillis, who was clerk of the same court at the time of his death. Mrs. Hillis has been an employe of the office since November 1.

Edson Rich of this city has been selected as the assistant to John N. Baldwin in the legal department of the Union Pacific. He will assist in legal affairs of the Union Pacific relating to the state of Nebraska. Mr. Rich succeeds E. P. Smith, who recently died at his home in Wisconsin.

The Associated Charities has received from the United States government through the kindness of Senator Thurston 350 packets of garden seed, for distribution among the poor who will cultivate their yards and vacant lots. The seeds will be given out as soon as the weather opens up enough to allow planting.

Friends of Rev. George A. Joplin, formerly general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association of this city, were grieved to learn of the sudden death of his wife at Shelbyville, Ky. Mr. Joplin at the time was in Mount Sterling, Ky., where he recently accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church.

Dick Allen, after a hearing in police court Wednesday, was bound over to the district court under $1,000 bonds on a charge of burglary. He is accused of entering the house of Mrs. Wilhelmine Schourup, 60 South Seventeenth street, January 19, and stealing a gold watch and a pair of gold-rimmed eyeglasses.

Thomas Barlow and Edwin Cranston have filed suits against the Chicago House Wrecking company for damages arising from injuries alleged to have been received while the petitioners were employed in wrecking the exposition buildings. Barlow seeks judgment for $5,000 and Cranston asks for $25,000 damages.

J. B. Masby, a "dope fiend," was given thirty days in police court yesterday for stealing a copy of "Peck's Uncle Ike or the Red Headed Boy" from the news stand in the Burlington depot. Asked why he stole the volume, Mosby said he hadn't had any opium for three days and felt the need of something to put him to sleep.

In attempting to thaw out a water pipe yesterday workmen in the store of Oscar Milisap & Co., 1414 Harney street, set the stove too low and the floor was ignited. An alarm was sent in, but while waiting for the department to arrive a clerk went upstairs and threw two dipperfulls of water on the fire, extinguishing it.

After waiting a week for expected instructions regarding the new mail route over the Illinois Central between Omaha and Fort Dodge, Ia., the superintendent of the railway mail service at Omaha announces that the new route will not be established for some time, as the arrangements seem to be "hung up" in the higher departments.

John Cutright, a laboring man residing at 1947 South Nineteenth street, suffered serious injury Wednesday morning while assisting in moving a house at Thirty-second and Corby streets. He was struck by a windlass and an examination at the Clarkson hospital developed that he had sustained a compound fracture of the skull and a dislocated knee.

The county commissioners at their next meeting will probably take some action on the proposition to build a bridge across the Platte river in Waterloo precinct. A petition, bearing the signatures of sixty-six residents of the county, is on file with the commissioners. It is set forth that a bridge is needed at the location designated, and it is said it will be of great convenience to farmers who come to the Omaha markets.

About twenty democrats residing in the First ward met in the hall at Tenth and Hickory streets Wednesday night. It was originally intended that at this meeting delegates for the city convention should be selected to be voted on at the primaries, but action in this matter was postponed until Tuesday night, when a meeting for that especial purpose will be held. Sheriff John Power attended the meeting and opened up a box of cigars. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his courtesy.

CLARK TO TAKE THE STAND

Only Two Witnesses to Be Heard Against the Senator Before Defense Opens.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Under an agreement between counsel on the two sides in the Clark case the senate committee on privileges and elections today adjourned until Friday next, when the defense will begin its presentation of evidence. Mr. Campbell, speaking for the remonstrants, said that he had but two more witnesses to call to complete the presentation against Mr. Clark, and that only one of them was in the city. He preferred to examine the two together, and for this reason was willing to rest with the understanding that the two men should be called later.

To date thirty-seven witnesses have been summoned in behalf of Senator Clark, including most of those whose names have been mentioned by the witnesses of the prosecution as being connected with any efforts at bribery in Clark's behalf. The committee has not allowed the defense to call men whose names have been merely incidentally brought into the controversy, but has asked that only those be sent for against whom positive charges have been made. On this account only three members of the legislature have so far been summoned. They are Messrs. Cullen, Jacquett and Bywater.

It is understood that Senator Clark will himself take the stand.

FAVOR A PANAMERICAN CONGRESS.

Secretary Hay Receives Favorable Responses from Diplomats.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Secretary Hay has received assurances from all the South American countries which have diplomatic representatives in Washington, of the most favorable reception by them of President McKinley's suggestion that a congress of pan-American nations be reconvened, this time preferably at the City of Mexico, because the first congress was held in Washington.

The next step toward the execution of the project probably will be the extension by Mexico of invitations to the nations of North, South and Central America to participate in such a congress.

It is the president's expectation that aside from the great political advantages that may be expected to follow a closer association of the nations of the three Americas, import commercial and business opportunities may be opened to the merchants of the United States through the deliberations of the congress.

It is the intention of this government to earnestly forward the project for the establishment of an international bank; to adopt, if possible, measures to simplify the customs practices of the various nations; to secure the universal acceptance of the system of commercial nomenclature and perhaps to push the construction of the international railways. There are other vast projects, too, such as a universal arbitration scheme and a uniform set of extradition laws and treaties which may be expected to come before the congress.

MASON CALLS UP PEACE TREATY.

His Boer Resolution to Be Turned Down by the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—In the executive session of the senate today Senator Mason called up The Hague peace treaty, but owing to the absence of Senator Davis, who is in charge of the measure, the Illinois senator was prevailed upon to allow it to go over.

The Mason resolution in the interest of the Boer republic received attention at the hands of the senate committee on foreign relations today. There was not a full attendance of members and definite action upon it was postponed. The sentiment of the committee, as expressed by those present, was practically unanimously opposed to action, because of the effect upon other nations than the two involved in the African war. This expression was so general as to make it quite certain that no affirmative action will be taken on the resolution.

PENSIONS FOR WESTERN VETERANS

Survivors of the Civil War Remembered by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—These pensions have been granted:

Issue of January 16:

Nebraska: Original—David Ackerman, Grand Island, $6. Increase—Vance J. Cross, Harrisburg, $6 to $8; William M. Fletcher, Neligh, $8 to $12; Charles E. Wills, Cambridge, $6 to $8; Monroe Helter, Aurora, $6 to $12.

Iowa: Original—George W. Brown, Iowa City, $8; Theodore W. Orvis, Perry, $8. Restoration and additional—Lewis Kohn, deceased, Burlington, $2 to $8. Increase—Robert Hammond, Malvern, $6 to $8; William Waskow, Sumner, $6 to $8; William Meher, Paullina, $8 to $10. Original widows, (special accrued, January 18—Mary E. Price, Lee, $8; Serepta Yarger, Shenandoah, $8; Martha A. Morgan, Cumberland, $12.

South Dakota: Original—William A. Field, Beresford, $6; George W. Peck, Kimball, $6.

Colorado: Original—Fountain P. Neal, Piedra, $6. Increase—Antonio Quintana, Aguilar, $6 to $8.

Japanese Shipbuilders Active.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—A Japanese concern has just turned out a 12,000-ton steel, twin screw steamer, the Awa Maru, which, according to United States Consul Harris at Nagasaki, who reports the fact to the State department, is equal in every respect, including cabin accommodations, to the best class of Atlantic steamships. Material has been ordered for two other steamers of the same size for the same line, four more are under construction for another line, and altogether the new industry in Japan appears to be flourishing.

Roberts Wants Salary and Mileage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—B. H. Roberts of Utah, who was recently excluded from membership in the house, has made a formal demand on the sergeant-at-arms of the house for his salary and mileage, amounting in all to about $2,000. The demand was accompanied by the presentation of papers relating to the claimant's rights and also, it is said, with the suggestion that suit would be begun to enforce the claim in case it was not paid. The sergeant-at-arms declined to accept service of the papers.

New Year's at Chinese Legation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Chinese flag, showing a huge dragon on a yellow field, was hoisted to full mast over the Chinese legation today in honor of the Chinese New Year. The appearance of the flag at full mast was also taken as evidence that the Chinese officials do not accept the report that the emperor of China is dead. Minister Wu and his staff are observing the New Year's season in a quiet manner, a dinner being given today to the members of the household and a public reception occurring on next Saturday.

News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain James P. Kimball, surgeon, U. S. A., has been relieved from duty at Fort Columbus, N. Y., and ordered to Omaha for duty as chief surgeon of the Department of the Missouri, to relieve Lieutenant Colonel Egan A. Koerper, deputy surgeon general, who will proceed to his home and await retirement.

Morgan Would Change Finance Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Mr. Morgan of Alabama has offered a substitute for the senate financial bill providing that the fixed policy of the United States is to pay off the national debt as rapidly as possible, that the specie basis consisting of gold or silver or both is the only true basis of bank bills; that it is unjust to change the present financial system.

Names a Nebraska Postmaster.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The president today sent to the senate the following nomination: J. H. Crowder, postmaster, Gordon, Neb.

THURSTON ON FOREIGN POLICY

Addresses Board of Trade and Transportation at Annual Banquet

DRINK TOAST TO PRESIDENT STANDING

Senator Perkins Responds to Toast, "California and the Commerce of the Pacific Coast"—Many Notable Guests.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Three hundred members of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation and guests sat down to the twenty-eighth annual dinner of the organization at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight. Prior to the assembling of the guests, United States Senators John M. Thurston of Nebraska, William Lindsay of Kentucky, George C. Perkins of California and M. A. Hanna of Ohio held a reception.

The guests' table was a perfect bower of roses and ivy, and the balconies and walls were likewise hung heavily with cut flowers.

The guests of honor were the senators named and Morris K. Jessup, General Egbert L. Vielé, General Samuel Thomas, former Mayor William L. Strong, Congressman John M. Allen, Major General Francis V. Greene, William H. Parsons, Rev. R. S. McArthur, Congressman Charles N. Fowler, Warner Miller, Darwin R. James, Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott and Comptroller Bird S. Coler.

The toasts were:

"The President of the United States."

"The State of New York."

"Our Foreign Policy," Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska.

"Our Commercial Supremacy," Charles N. Fowler of New Jersey.

"The Coming Century," Senator William Lindsay of Kentucky.

"California and the Commerce of the Pacific Coast," Senator George C. Perkins of California.

"Trade and Transportation in the State of New York," General Francis V. Greene.

"The Humorous Side of Politics," Congressman John M. Allen of Mississippi.

Drink Toasts Standing.

The toasts to the president and the state of New York were drunk standing. John M. Thurston of Nebraska, who responded to "Our Foreign Policy," said:

In part Mr. Thurston said:

The onward march of liberty never stops and with every advance in civil station and freedom comes new responsibilities and duties to the nation which stands in the forefront of political progress.

The time has come when, whether we seek it or not, we must have a foreign policy, must assert it and must maintain it.

I am not here tonight assuming to formulate for my country this foreign policy, but I am here to insist that every act so far done by this administration in meeting the unexpected and colossal emergencies of the last two years and every future purpose so far avowed to maintain the honor and dignity of the American flag are right and should receive the unqualified support of every loyal American citizen. It has remained for the united people of this great republic to give to the world the new testament of national duty; the first assertion of the right of a great free people to extend the blessings of liberty and justice to their less fortunate neighbors.

It has been urged by some that we should have taken the Philippines under the same conditions we took Cuba—in trust for the people of the islands and in aid of the formation of an independent government. The careful student of the situation will readily see that it was impossible for us to take anything less than complete title and sovereignty to the Philippines.

Situation in Cuba Different.

As to Cuba our situation was different. Our Monroe doctrine, long asserted and impliedly conceded by the world, made it impossible that any foreign nation should undertake to occupy the island of Cuba under any circumstances. But we had no Monroe doctrine to apply to the Philippines. Title and title alone gave us the right to hold those islands against all the world.

I do not believe we are yet prepared to definitely decide as to the future of the Philippine islands. There are world-wide problems to be considered. We are in a great measure responsible for the welfare of the Filipinos and, on the other hand, we cannot lightly deprive our own people of the great advantages given us as a nation by the possession of the islands.

If we are to seek a great foreign market for our surplus products; if we are to realize the dream of a great American merchant marine; if we are to construct a canal across the Isthmus, making a new highway around the globe; if we are to see San Francisco become another New York; if we are to accept our destiny as a world-wide power and hold our own in the struggle for commercial supremacy, Western Asia we must not and, in my judgment, we will not refuse to accept what the fortunes of war have given us—the key to the Orient, the Gibraltar of Asia.

Senator Lindsay made no reference to the turbulent politics of his state.

Senator Perkins of California responded to the toast, "California and the Commerce of the Pacific Coast."

General Francis V. Greene spoke on canals.

Hanna Called Out.

Congressman John M. Allen did not speak at much length, owing to the late hour. When he sat down there were loud cries for Senator Hanna. The Ohio senator did not rise until the crowd grew demonstrative.

He finally said he would not at so late an hour speak at great length, but there was one burning question about which perhaps he ought to say a few words. He said this question grows day by day, year after year and will soon be far greater than our citizens realize. The commerce of a nation follows its flag, hence our flag should be sent to other lands. The door has been opened in China. We must see to it that no nation closes it. Nevertheless with all our prosperity there was a missing link, the absence of American ships to carry American products. Time had been when American ships carried 93 per cent of our trade; now they carry less than 8 per cent.

People understanding the proposed subsidizing of ships know very well, the senator said, that there is no politics in it; there is only a desire to benefit all the country. Our duty is to go forward. He had been mentioned in connection with the bill which had in error been named the Hanna-Payne bill. It was Senator Frye who was the father and the grandfather of the measure.

England, Germany, France and even South American republics have followed the subsidy policy and proved its wisdom.

Suppose England were to get into war with a first-class power like Germany. It might lose its merchant marine. It largely carries our products. What is to become of our trade in such an event? We must have vessels for peace and provide for the contingencies of war, the senator said. It costs 25 per cent more to build and 22 per cent more to operate American than foreign ships. The difference must be met or American labor reduced. Surely no American wanted to reduce labor's wage.

Senator Hanna closed by saying this measure would be enacted into a law. It would be a fitting climax to the era of prosperity now blessing the land. Within ten years the United States would have the grandest fleet of merchant ships in the world. The senator sat down amid thunderous applause.

ULTIMATUM TO THE PORTE

Italy Demands the Release of a Girl from a Turkish Officer's Harem.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31.—Owing to the refusal of the minister of justice, Abdurrahman Pasha, to hand over the 15-year-old Italian girl, Sylvia Gemeli, who had been placed in a harem of a Turkish officer, the Italian ambassador, Signor A. Panzi, has sent an ultimatum to the porte, declaring that unless the girl is surrendered to the Italian embassy today diplomatic relations between the two governments will be ruptured. Although the minister of justice contends that the girl has embraced Islamism, it is believed that the porte will yield to the ambassador's demand.

REPORT UPRISING IN SOUDAN

Rumor Starts in Paris and Not Traceable to Authentic Source.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—There is a rumor in official circles, but not traceable to authoritative sources, that a rebellion has occurred among the Soudanese troops in Khartoum. There are only 150 white British soldiers there, under command of a major. The Soudanese force consists of two battalions with a total of 1,500 men.

More Armament for Hungary.

BUDA PEST, Jan. 31.—The lower house of the Hungarian Diet today approved a supplementary credit of 30,000,000 florins for the purchase of rifles, artillery, ammunition, etc., after the premier, Baron Banffy, had explained that "in view of the obscure position in the Balkans" it was necessary to prepare the army for possible partial mobilization. He denied that the fortification of Cattaro implied the least suggestion of a demonstration against Italy, which he classed as "a valuable and generally esteemed member of the dreibund."

Russian Women Sign Memorial.

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BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 31.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Countess Schuvaloff of St. Petersburg has forwarded to the International peace bureau a memorial signed by 40,000 Russian women, asking that President McKinley should tender good offices to contending parties in the Transvaal war for the purpose of ending the war. Similar action is said to be on foot among women of the Netherlands.

Zola Acquitted of Libel Charge.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The court before which the case was tried today acquitted M. Zola in the libel suit brought against the novelist by Ernest Judet of the Petit Journal, arising from Zola's declaration, in reply to M. Judet's accusations against Zola's father, that the letters published in the Petit Journal were forgeries or willfully garbled. Zola was fined in default, at the first hearing of the suit, during his flight to England.

Queen Inquires About Phelps.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The queen today sent to the American embassy to inquire as to the condition of Former United States Minister Phelps. A cable message from Mrs. Phelps was communicated to Osborne house this afternoon informing her majesty that Mr. Phelps is recovering slowly, but is still very weak.

Canadians Reach Cape Verde.

ST. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, Jan. 31.—The Allan line steamer Laurentian, from Halifax January 21, for Capetown, arrived here this afternoon. It carries the first artillery section of the second Canadian contingent of volunteers for service in South Africa.

Storms Throughout Spain.

MADRID, Jan. 31.—Terrible snow storms prevail throughout the peninsula. In some places the snow is yards deep. There have been a number of wrecks on the Atlantic and Mediterranean coasts. There are 5,000 cases of influenza in this city.

Secret Decree of Empress Dowager.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—The Lokalanzeiger reprints an alleged secret decree issued by the empress dowager of China to the governors of the provinces exhorting them to strong measures against foreigners and even to war. The language is very violent.

Continues to Issue Edicts.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: Emperor Hwangsu continues to issue edicts in his own name. Nanking and Wu Chang officials consider that his immediate retirement is probable.

Spain's Former War Minister.

MADRID, Jan. 31.—General Corru, formerly minister of war, is dead.

KITCHENER TO TRY IT

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big news is expected to be furnished by the Boers. They have doubled their energy in the siege of Kimberley and may be expected to close in on Ladysmith. There is no sign, except the anxiety of the British cabinet, that any hostile demonstration against England is contemplated. Russia and France are sure to take advantage of England's helplessness by grabbing territory in Asia, but the czar is living up to his reputation as the foe of war.

When the nation had almost resigned itself to the fall of Ladysmith there comes from all quarters today an indication that General Buller will make another attempt to relieve the besieged place. If the Daily Mail's report of General Buller's statement, that he hoped to be in Ladysmith within a week, could be implicitly relied upon, news of further serious fighting would be expected shortly. But the papers are loath to believe what the St. James Gazette characterizes as "unwarrantable boasting," if true. Moreover, the War office throws cold water on the dispatch this afternoon, by issuing a statement that it has no news confirmatory of such a move as General Buller's reported speech indicates. Yet today's dispatches from Ladysmith and Capetown give a strong impression that there is something more than rumor in all these reports. So, while all definite opinion must await further news, it does not seem at all unlikely that another desperate effort will be made to succor General White. A dispatch from the Associated Press representative at Spearman's farm, dated Tuesday, January 30, describing the fight and retirement from Spionkop, says:

"We fled down sadly, but in perfect order. The Kings Royal Rifles' colonel was struck down at the moment a heliograph message ordering the retirement was handed to him. The enemy is holding thanksgiving services tonight.

"The surgeons who ascended the hill were allowed to remove our wounded. The scene at the top was a fearful and terrible witness to the destructiveness of the artillery. All day our stretcher bearers were busy carrying down men."

DEBATE ON QUEEN'S SPEECH

Balfour Defends the Intelligence Department of the War Office.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The House of Commons today resumed the debate on the amendment of Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, liberal, to the address in reply to the queen's speech. Replying to the criticism of Francis S. Stevenson, liberal member for the Eye division of Suffolk, Government Leader A. J. Balfour said thus far nothing had occurred to convince him that information given by the Intelligence department regarding the Boer guns was erroneous.

Sydney Charles Buxton, liberal member for the middle division of Lanarkshire, referred to the charges brought against the chancellor of the exchequer, whereupon the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, hotly interrupted, saying: "From the very beginning neither the treasury nor the chancellor have in any way stinted preparations or expenditure the cabinet thought necessary."

Sir Robert Threshie Reid, liberal member for the Dumfries district, bitterly arraigned the "government's recklessness and duplicity," which, he said, aroused the first misunderstandings with the Boers and which fostered and stimulated by the "wickedness and folly of a few men," resulted in the war.

Amidst opposition cheers and ministerial murmurs Sir Robert declared that, having regard for the general discredit attaching to Great Britain in the minds of foreigners by the events connected with the Jameson raid, it was the duty of the government to take up the broken threads and pursue the inquiry to its final end. The parliamentary committee of inquiry, he further asserted, was a scandal and a dishonor to the house and there was a suspicion that the raid was organized with the complicity of Mr. Chamberlain.

The afternoon newspapers, even the warmest supporters of the government, stigmatize the speeches of the unionist leaders as mere verbiage and as displaying an unhappy inability to realize the exceptional nature of the situation or devise means for retrieving it. Lord Salisbury's jocular references to the government's shortcomings are regarded as being in particularly bad taste and there is nothing but approval for Lord Rosebery's cutting criticism of them. With the exception of Lord Rosebery's speech even the apologists of the liberal opposition find little comfort in such academic panaceas as the liberal leaders were able to offer.

FORCE BRITISH TO ENLIST

Boers Make a Forced Levy on Queen's Subjects in Cape Colony.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 31.—Kimberley heliographed to the Modder river Friday, January 26, that all the British subjects in the Barkley West district had been ordered by the Boers to take up arms for the republic under a penalty of £37, or three months at hard labor. About 300 men are affected by this order.

DAVIS GOING TO LADYSMITH

With Consul Hollis and a Boer Official He Starts in President Kruger's Carriage.

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