

**TORN BY GRAFT ARRESTS.**

**Conspiracy and Corruption in Deals Involving Pittsburgh City Funds.**

Seven members of the Finance Committee of Councils, including the president of the Common Council, were arrested in Pittsburgh charged with conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery. The accuser is Tensard De Wolfe, secretary of the Civic League of Allegheny County, which has been aiding Mayor Guthrie in gathering evidence. The accused are William Brand, president of the Common Council; Jacob Soffel, Jr., Hugh Ferguson, Captain John F. Klein, W. H. Melaney, Joseph C. Wasson and T. Ollis Atkinson. All are members of the Common Council except Atkinson, who is a member of the Select Council.

Information was also made against President W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, cashier of the German National Bank, by De Wolfe, charging them with conspiracy. Mr. Vilsack was arrested and his brother furnished \$15,000 bail. President Ramsey was arrested also. It is alleged that the German National Bank gave the members of the Common Council \$17,500.

Wasson, Soffel, Klein and Brand are members of the Common Council known as "The Big Six." They have been obstructing legislation.

So great a stir was caused by the arrest that the boards of directors of a number of banks were called into extra session to conceal the banks which are to be charged with bribing the Finance Committee in order to be selected as depositaries. This is one of the charges which will create the greatest stir because the banks will undoubtedly be dragged into the trials.

The charges against the seven men, stripped of legal phraseology, are as follows: That they offered bribes to obtain and influence the votes of a number of members of the Select and Common Council to secure the passage of certain ordinances designating the depositaries for the funds of the city, bridge ordinances, bond ordinances for freeing bridges, ordinances for filter beds, the Heberton Street Railway ordinance, resolution to pave Fourth avenue with wood blocks and other resolutions. The information says the charges referred to cover a period of two years. The amounts of money the members of the Council are said to have received are fabulous. They are alleged to have held up all city legislation against Mayor Guthrie.

**TO COMBAT MRS. ANNIS' STORY.**

**Lawyers for Hains Promise to Discredit Testimony of Widow.**

In the trial at Flushing, N. Y., lawyers for Thornton Jenkins Hains asserted that every effort will be put forth to shatter that part of Mrs. Helene E. Annis' testimony that the defendant beckoned his brother and the two men went to the boat, where Capt. Hains shot and killed William E. Annis.



MRS. WILLIAM E. ANNIS.

as he was making a landing with his boat. This evidence, Hains' counsel declared, was suggested to Mrs. Annis in order that her testimony might bring the statute that there must be some overt act to show that he induced or coerced his brother to commit the crime.

**DIVORCE DUE TO "MAN HUNTING"**

**Philadelphia Rabbi Deplores "Husband Catching" by Women.**

"Man catching" by frivolous women was deplored in a sermon by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf at Philadelphia. This, he declared, was responsible for a large portion of American divorces. The rabbi said: "From the day the daughter enters young womanhood the sole thought of many homes is man catching. No artifice is shunned that shall enable the gorgeously decked-out huntress quickest to entrap her victim. There is probably no thought which occupies a young society woman more than that of being married; there is probably no thought which occupies her less than that of being happy when married or making a husband happy."

**Sees Husband Buried; Drops Dead.**

Immediately after she had looked upon her dead husband, who was being buried from their home, Mrs. Catherine Moore, aged 62 years, dropped dead from heart disease in Philadelphia. The Moores had been married forty years.

**More Quakes in Frisco.**

Two slight earthquake shocks lasting three seconds, according to Forecaster McAfee of the United States weather bureau, were felt in San Francisco Tuesday afternoon. No damage was done.

**WOMEN AND FASHION**

**Next Mistress of the White House.**

The next mistress of the White House is as averse as is Mrs. Roosevelt to thrusting herself forward into public notice. Her lot as wife and mother is a proud and happy one, and her ambitions are all for her husband and children.

"The only lines in her face," says one writer, "are the relics of habitual smiles." Life has been good to her, and the world a good place to live in. She, as well as her husband, has kept young, clear-eyed and clear-skinned. She reads much, speaks French excellently, is passionately fond of good music and is a fine entertainer, though not in a lavish and sensational way. Halie Erminie Rives says of her:



Mrs. WILLIAM H. TAFT

"William Taft and Helen Herron must have started life even. She has the same straightforwardness, the same honesty, the contempt of tinsel and sham and pretense. Her worst enemy, if she could have one, would call her 'genuine.' She has no affectations, no surface veneer, no 'isms.' She has always remained the sweetheart of her husband; the playmate and confidant of her children. In the best sense, she is a woman of the world. She knows the big business of statecraft and the smaller diets of society. By reading and studying she has kept pace with her husband, till, possibly, there is no woman in American life who is better qualified to discuss the real questions of the day."—Current Literature.

Most of the skirts are long, narrow and high-waisted. The fashion of bloomers for the small girl is an increasingly popular one. Bloomer petticoats have considerable favor because of the closeness of the skirts. The lace coat figures as a part of many of the dressy frocks of this season. An important feature this winter is the knitted vest. It is being done in all colors. Schoolgirls are showing a decided inclination for plaids. Some of them are quite chic. An entire crown representing a great size is one of the novelties encountered among hats. Braided cheriot and serge have regained their popularity for separate coats and suits. There has been some change in the calling cards of women. In shape they are almost square. Sleeves now reach to the wrist and show the shape of the arm with sometimes unflattering faithfulness. The majority of the hats worn this season are of dark color. Some of the shapes are wonderful to behold. Furs in the fashionable taupe and London smoke shade are being shown, made possible by dyeing white fox. Dainty evening dresses are made of silk Brussels net dyed in the evening colors and trimmed with satin to match. Fish nets continue to be much used for blouses and any beautiful models are made over a chiffon cloth or mouseline lining. Tosea nets when embroidered in pastel colors are very rich for entire waists. The embroidery need not be very elaborate. The variation of the usual pierrot ruff is one composed of white and gray maline, from the collar of which spring minute tails of brown fur. The deep, narrow yoke is an insistent feature of this season's modes and is in perfect harmony with the tendency toward tall, slender effects. Directoire embroidery flouncings are the latest—fifty-four inches wide, to permit the making of the long, clinging

underskirts necessary for present dress skirts.

In this day of slashed skirts and petticoatless ankles both slippers and stockings have assumed a place of luxury and importance undreamed of in other times.

The fashionable coat is long, form revealing, but not tight fitting, hipless in effect, with small sleeves and some touch in the form of buttons or revers to suggest the directoire.

Crystal headwork is found upon very dressy evening frocks, but the style is not so well received as satin flower decorations. Persian bandings are used under slashed waist seams.

A reaction is already setting in against the much-trimmed tailored suit. The cut is still in the hipless effect, but trimmings are omitted, the collar is mannish and the sleeves suggestive of those of a man's coat.

**The Chattering Woman.**

Many offshoots of the suffragette movement are found in England, and one of the most amusing is a campaign against the wife who pesters her husband about trifles in the household. Many leaders in the suffragette cause assert wives must talk politics, instead of household cares, with their husbands. Probably the most interesting contribution to the discussion has come from Canon Horsley of London, who says there are three classes of "chattering women," all responsible for many evils. "First of all, there is the woman who has no sense of proportion," says the analytical canon. "She chatters away about insignificant little things. This kind of woman in the upper classes drives her husband to the club. Among the poor she drives her husband to drink. The second chattering woman is the wife who harps away on one string. Here again the husband goes to the club or to the bar. The third class of chattering women is the one who cannot express herself with directness. She wanders from one point to another, and it is impossible to bring her back to the main topic. The husband is lucky who is not driven by her to insanity." There is truth in what the canon says, but he does not point out a remedy. It is significant, too, that not one engaged in the discussion has prescribed a plan for the muzzling of the chattering woman. Evidently in that respect she is looked upon as beyond reform.

**A White Closet.**

It was a sensible woman who had the large closet under the hall stairs papered in white and the floor covered with white oilcloth. On the wall were hung black iron dress hooks, which could easily be found, and the most convenient article in it was an electric light bulb on a long cord, which could be taken in hand when looking for boxes packed under the lower stair steps. These boxes were all white, the nature of the contents being shown by a printed label across one end in black letters. Over the door was hung an old portiere, which was hidden by the closet door, but it kept out considerable dust. The shelves were painted white and the boxes that were stored away were all wrapped neatly in white paper and packed in boxes.

**Big Hat for a Child.**



Youngsters are wearing immense hats this winter in keeping with the fashion for grownups. The one in the sketch shows the fashionable size and shape. It is of soft chamois-colored felt, trimmed with a crown band of black satin, which has a streamer and tassel at the left side.

**Guest and Host.**

To one who is in the role of host there can be no more bitter rebuke than to have any guest, or even chance caller, go out from the portals with the feeling that he is sorry he came—that he is depressed rather than uplifted, saddened rather than gladdened, and in a mood of discord rather than harmony. For all personal association should leave behind it a lingering charm, as of something sweet and gracious. When a meeting does not do this some one is to blame.

**New Woman in China.**

China is beginning to have its mild excitement over women's rights. In Canton a strong idea of emancipation has taken hold of the Chinese women. They are running away in increasing

numbers from their homes and husband bands, and if the police try to make them return to their duties of hearth and home, they refuse to return to slavery, as they call it. The poor husbands base their claims for the return of their lawful spouses on the plea that, after all, they have bought them and paid for them, and therefore, as their goods and chattels, the wives had in shadow of claim on their liberty.

**Navy Blue Broadcloth.**



New colors may come and go, but there is nothing to eclipse the tried and satisfactory navy blue. One always looks well dressed in a suit of this color and there is nothing more serviceable. Above model suggests a charming design for a gown of navy blue chiffon broadcloth cleverly designed and simply trimmed with black buttons and simulated buttonholes done in black santonche. The little round yoke and stock are heavy corn lace and on either side of bodice there is a braided design in black santonche.



HEALTH BEAUTY

A walk in the fresh air will do common headache lots of good.

Don't eat your meals quickly; this causes indigestion and a red nose.

If people laughed more they would all be happier, healthier and handsomer.

Too heavy bedclothes are often the cause of that tired feeling in the morning.

Don't expect tonics to keep you well if you neglect the laws of health and hygiene.

For unbroken chilblains rubbing with damp salt is one of the best remedies known.

Never eat your meals in the sick room. It annoys the patient and is not wholesome for you.

A small onion eaten raw before retiring will often result in a restful sleep, as onions are excellent nerve soothers.

When using hair tonic part hair in strands and apply with toothbrush. In that way one can get at roots of hair and scalp without a particle of waste.

When the hands get hot and uncomfortable moist it is a good idea to wash them in hot water and then rinse them in tepid water to which a dessert spoonful of borax has been added.

The perfect feminine face should measure exactly five times the width of an eye across the cheekbones. The eye should be exactly two-thirds the width of the mouth, and the length of the ear exactly twice that of the eye. The space between the eyes should be exactly the length of one eye.

**Placing Ostrich Feather.**

The quills of plumage do not show this season. Because of the fondness for marabou, the plumes now start off from a little bed of it. The marabou is made into a fluffy rosette and is laid all over the quill part of the feather. It is a good trick and one that should be followed.

**Don't Bite Thread.**

Whenever you start to bite off a piece of thread remember that it scrapes the enamel off, which exposes the nerve and causes suffering, which results in a siege at the dentist's and means a big bill to pay. All this is a heavy penalty, self-imposed, for a moment's thoughtlessness.

**WORK OF CONGRESS**

The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate Thursday for over an hour. Senator Burkett of Nebraska making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage. The Senate listened also to the reading of a message from the President recommending a change in the form of government of the District of Columbia, by which a single executive head would take the place of the board of three commissioners who now jointly act as a governing board. At 2:30 o'clock the Senate adjourned until Saturday. By unanimous vote the House adopted a resolution presented by the special committee of five calling on the President for proof of his charge that members were fearful of an investigation by the secret service agents. The remainder of the day was given over to consideration of bills on the private calendar, a large number of which were passed.

The Senate was not in session Friday. Because of the general exodus of members for their homes for the Christmas holidays, the attendance in the House was far short of a quorum. Nevertheless a good deal of business was transacted. This consisted mostly of the passage of war claim bills, some of them giving rise to considerable discussion.

A brief Senate session was devoted to routine business in accordance with the agreement reached before the adjournment Thursday. Several messages on minor legislation were received from the President and bills and other measures were introduced. At 12:50 o'clock the Senate adjourned until Jan. 4, 1909. After passing a bill granting the Southern Pacific Railroad Company a right of way across the Fort Mason military reservation in California, the House, on motion of Mr. Payne, of New York, adjourned at 12:14 p. m. till Monday, Jan. 4, 1909.

**Progress of Surgical Grafting.**

During the sessions of the American Philosophical Society at Philadelphia, Dr. Carrel told of the wonders of medical surgery now being performed at the Rockefeller Institute of New York. Recently the leg of a dead dog was grafted on the body of another dog so that in three weeks the wound had healed and the dog was able to use the new leg with perfect control. Dr. Carrel also told of the transplanting of cats' kidneys, even after the organs had been in storage sixty days. Human arteries and jugular veins have been interchanged and the patients have not been able to tell the difference. The chief difficulty in the way of applying these methods to saving human life is to find healthy organs to transplant. Dr. Keen suggested that when a healthy man died his kidneys and other organs be kept in cold storage until some patient should be in need of them. Already the knee joint from the leg of a dead man has been used to replace an injured joint in a living person.

**Lockjaw Sensations Described.**

Dr. F. W. Grundman of St. Louis, who has recently recovered from the dreaded disease, lockjaw, which he contracted as the result of a cut on the knee, caused by a fall from a street car, gives an interesting account of how he followed the symptoms from the first indication. About a week after the accident, when the knee was all healed, he noticed that he had a slight fever and that the muscles of his neck pained and were contracted. Spasmodic jerkings of the limbs followed, and soon the muscles of the jaw began slowly to contract. He sent for a doctor and used all his will power to control the muscles until the physician arrived with the antitoxin serum. In one day about a fluid ounce was injected, and though the jaws continued to lock, a victory was finally won and the doctor lives to tell the story.

**A Post Card Panic.**

The post card business is seriously depressed at present, while some of the great foreign markets are bordering on panic. Over-production and wild speculation in the commodity are the causes. The public has watched the gradual encroachment of the souvenir post card with surprise, perhaps, but without realizing the enormous proportions of the industry. In order to supply the little stands in every store, at every cross roads the country over, an immense industry has been developed in practically all civilized lands. Incidentally the United States imported from Germany in a single year more than \$6,000,000 worth of the bits of cardboard. The post card panic is most acute at present in Germany. The card industry lost heavily, as large orders were canceled.

**NEWS OF MINOR NOTE.**

Twenty men were hurt in a railroad collision near Brussels, Belgium.

Trustees of Columbia university, New York, decided to give the alumni representation on the board.

Several persons were hurt in a clash between artillery men and citizens at Port Townsend, Wash.

Reports from Hawaii indicate a record pineapple crop for 1908 far in excess of any production yet recorded.

Woman suffragists are said to be preparing for a crusade at Albany when the New York Legislature assembles.

Rear Admiral Mason, chief of ordnance, in his annual report, says the big guns on American warships are the equal of any in the world.

Frederick J. M. Rhodes, cousin of Cecil Rhodes, in an interview at Mexico City, said he considered war between England and Germany certain.

Dr. Cyrus Northrop, president of the University of Minnesota, will retire at the end of the present college year. He has held the position twenty-five years.

**DARES DEATH TO TELL NIGHT RIDER SECRETS**

Horrors of Crimes Related in Detail by Man Who Risks Avenger.

**DENOUNCES OLD COMRADES.**

Woman Whipped by Masked Desperadoes—Story of Torture in Tennessee Trial.

The secrets of the night riders who have so long terrified the South were laid bare in Union City, Tenn., Monday at the trial of the eight men charged with being in the mob that killed Captain Quentin Rankin at Reel Foot Lake on the night of Oct. 19 by Frank Fehrlinger, confessed night rider, who turned State's evidence. Fehrlinger's dramatic evidence was given under a guard of half a dozen militiamen with drawn revolvers, while a squad of other militiamen with loaded rifles were stationed in the court room. Fehrlinger entered the court room under a guard of troops, cool and apparently thoughtless of his danger, while the crowd in the room strained toward him and was restrained with difficulty, even under the guns of the militiamen. The secrets, oaths, passwords, leader's name, as well as the places and times of meetings of the marauder bands were exposed in full by the witness before he left the witness stand. He positively identified four of the eight men on trial as members of the band that murdered Captain Rankin and implicated all of them. Judge Jones presided at the trial.



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Fehrlinger stated that there were thirty-five masked men in the party that made the assault on the two men. "We took them out and walked them up the slough. Garrett Johnson talked to them and said that every time he thought of their taking money from us and using it to buy shares in the company we were fighting he felt like shooting them. When we got to the tree we threw the rope over the limb. As the rope was pulled Bob Huffman shot him. Several more shots followed, and Mr. Taylor, who had been sitting there, jumped into the slough. We shot at him and I struck a match to see if I could find him. Some one took a stick and poked around in the water. We thought he must be dead."

The cruel whipping of Mrs. Emma Johnson, because she would not drop the divorce suit against her husband, was also told by Fehrlinger. Without a show of emotion he told how the woman was dragged from her home and lashed until she was unconscious.

**FIRE IN NEW YORK THEATER.**

Herald Square Playhouse Burns Shortly After Audience Leaves. Just after the curtain went down on the last act of "The Three Twins," at the Herald Square Theater in New York Tuesday night smoke began pouring from the wall back of the first balcony. There was a cry of "fire" and a confused rush for the exit doors by about 200 men and women left in the house, who were standing in front of their seats arranging wraps and coats. They all got out safely, but not a moment too soon, for about three minutes after the alarm flames burst through the wall back of the balcony and swept across the balcony seats. In ten minutes more the whole rear part of the theater, from orchestra to gallery, was ablaze.

At midnight the fire was about under control, but the theater was practically gutted. All the auditorium part was gone, and the flames had penetrated into the section back of the stage. The girl members of the company were the last to leave the place. Some of them fled to Broadway and to 35th street in their costumes and ran into adjoining buildings. Bessie McCoy, the star, fainted on the stage when she saw the flames break through the balcony wall. Some of the other dancers carried her off. Had the fire burst through into the balcony ten minutes sooner or even five minutes, there might have been terrible loss of life. But most of the audience of 1,000 or so of men and women were out of the theater or in the lobby leading to Broadway when the cry of "fire" arose. Lee Shubert, one of the lessees of the Herald Square Theater, said that the damage was about \$30,000 to the building and \$10,000 to the interior. The properties and scenery of "The Three Twins" were not injured.

**G. A. R. WILL NOT GO WEST.** Refusal of Rail Rate Keeps Encampment in the East. J. Cory Winans, chief of staff of the National Grand Army of the Republic, says that from all present indications the next national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will not be held at Salt Lake City, but at Cincinnati or Pittsburgh. This is because of the refusal of the traffic association which met in Chicago recently to grant a rate of 1 cent per mile to the veterans.