

FATAL HOTEL FIRE

Cedar Rapids Hostelry Cremates Nine Persons in Roaring Blaze

FRENZIED GUESTS LEAP FROM WINDOWS Many Escape Flames Only to Meet Death on Pavement Below.

Y. M. C. A. DELEGATES AMONG VICTIMS

Young Men Attending State Convention Caught in Holocaust.

NEBRASKA CITY SOLDIER BOY WILL DIE

Philippine Veteran Faces Bullets, but Succumbs to Fierce Flames While Peacefully Seating Hides as Drummer.

CEAR RAPIDS, Ia., Feb. 20.—Nine lives, according to the best information obtainable under difficulties, were lost in a fire which this morning destroyed the Clifton hotel in this city.

The fire started at 2:30 and at 10 the smoldering debris furnished so fierce a heat that search for bodies was impossible. The list of the dead may prove longer than the number given, but it is hoped that the information which accounts for all but this number is correct.

Two persons were fatally injured and forty-two more hurt more or less severely, mostly by jumping from windows. The work of identification is complicated by the loss of the hotel register, which was burned.

Hotel is a Fire Trap.

The hotel, a three-story veneer structure, is said to have been a veritable fire trap. The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement, presumably ignited by defective electric light wires.

The night clerk was on the third floor when the cry of fire, raised by a bell boy, startled him. He took up the cry and in an instant the hallways were choked with frightened guests. A rush was made for the stairways. It was then that the crowd already collected in the street heard heart-rending cries of anguish and desperation, for the fire, feeding ravenously on the flammable material of the lower floor, had completely cut off escape.

There followed a stampede for the windows, the only means of exit left. The street below was now filled with a crowd scarcely less frantic than the despairing ones in the fast burning building.

Like a Dore of Inferno.

"It was like a Dore picture of Inferno sprung to life," said one spectator in describing the scene. "The flames, looking blood-red from reflection against the snow, lit up the pale, drawn faces of the people in the windows, with a glow that was unearthly."

The victims were literally driven by the flames to jump. Nearly every one of them flung to the last moment, urged by the people below to wait as long as possible in the hope of escape.

Some of those who jumped were the guests of the hotel, and one after another jumped, some to the street and some, more fortunate, to the roofs of buildings adjoining. In a short space of time the street was filled with men and women, many of whom were battered with broken limbs and half crazed. All were in their night garments.

In an hour St. Luke's hospital contained fifteen injured, while many more, chiefly those who had escaped with comparatively slight burns, were being cared for in buildings near the scene of the tragedy.

Some who jumped owe their lives to the fact that their falls were broken by telegraph wires which interposed in their downward flight. A number of the guests who were able to converse calmly following their escape declared that they had stumbled over prostrate bodies as they rushed to the windows.

Literally Chased by Flames.

The flames literally were chasing them, and the smoke made it almost impossible to breathe. The proprietor of the hotel placed his estimate of the number of people in the building at between seventy and eighty. Many of them were delegates to the state convention of the Young Men's Christian association, which began here yesterday. Those who were first to escape, where they were not too severely injured, stood for some time bareheaded in the snow, chained to the spots and rendered unconscious of the cold by the horror of the scene. Many of them had to be led away.

Some of the Victims.

The dead: W. A. MOWREY, What Cheer, Ia. E. C. YOUNG, Minneapolis. TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN; bodies recovered.

Five bodies still in debris. The injured: Vina Burns, head waitress, jumped from third story.

L. C. Burnett, Nebraska City, Neb., badly burned. Stella Williams, waitress, face badly burned and leg injured.

Lizzie Kelly, waitress. F. C. Outing, Center Point, left arm sprained and hands burned. Emma Smith, waitress. H. W. Bremer, spouse, Ia. F. R. Moore, Chicago.

Beatrice Netelicky, Shuysville, Ia. J. O. Winninger, Waterloo, face burned and right wrist sprained.

R. E. Anderson, Chicago, back strained. A. S. Parsons, Boone, Ia. F. G. Gardner, Woodburn. F. F. Taylor, Davenport, head injured, elbow fractured, hip injured and badly burned.

G. C. Thompson, Cedar Rapids, badly burned. A. M. Larsen, Oelwein, foot bruised and lungs burned.

C. W. Roberts, Cedar Rapids. L. O. Vernon, Delta, Ia., cut and right side burned.

M. E. Ryan, waitress, badly burned. M. P. Hoover, Tama, Ia. P. J. Daly, Canton, Ill. J. A. Elyer, Davenport, slightly hurt. C. L. Benedict, body burned. D. P. Haves, Decorah, Ia. F. O. Rodman, mail clerk, Tama, Ia. E. D. Tompkins, Monticello, Ia. George Taggart, St. Paul, hands and face burned. Jim Lewis, colored porter, slightly. H. W. Bremer, Lyons. J. W. Lewis, Ottumwa, bruised, not seriously. J. M. Dunbar, Monticello. Dr. S. C. Grove, Cedar Rapids, terribly burned while hanging to fire escape; probably fatal. F. E. Strickland, Clinton, Ia., jumped

BRITISH NAVY INEFFICIENT

Radical Leader in House of Commons Calls Attention to Condition of Ships.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—When the debate on the address in reply to the king's speech was resumed today in the House of Commons, Sir William Allan, advanced radical, who is largely interested in shipping, moved an amendment to the address, expressing regret at the fact that the speech made no reference to the inefficiency of the British navy.

Sir William vehemently attacked the admiralty's policy in regard to the engine boilers and declared that the ships fitted with Belleville boilers were unreliable.

Mr. Arnold-Foster, secretary of the admiralty, referring to the "extravagant statements" of Sir William, said the admiralty had discontinued the use of the Belleville boilers, now testing a new type of boiler and, following the lead of the United States, had adopted the McClausen type.

As to armament and armor, he continued, the latest British battleship, New Zealand, and the latest British cruiser, Duke of Edinburgh, would be without parallel in the world. On the subject of submarine torpedo boats the secretary of the admiralty informed the House that the result of experiments with five purchased submarine vessels, the British admiralty had produced a submarine boat of wholly British design, which was a great improvement on the originals.

Sir William Allan then withdrew his motion.

GOVERNMENT BARELY WINS

Balfour Intervenes at a Critical Juncture and by Promises Saves the Day.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The government narrowly escaped defeat in the House of Commons last night.

Mr. Lambert moved an amendment to the address drawing attention to the non-prosecution of the directors of the London and Globe Finance corporation. He suggested that the prosecution had been withheld because titled persons were connected with the affairs of the corporation and he read out a list of titled names in support of his argument.

This suggestion was repudiated with much vehemence by the attorney general and solicitor general, but their contention that nothing could be done in the matter deeply offended members on both sides of the house. It was evident that the set of opinion was very strongly against the line which the law officers of the crown had taken.

At a critical juncture, when defeat of the government seemed certain, Mr. Balfour intervened and by a promise of immediate legislation to cover future cases of a similar character he saved the situation and the government emerged from the division with a majority of 51.

REVOLUTION IS INCREASING

Numerous Outbreaks Are Reported to Have Occurred in Sections of Honduras.

PANAMA, Feb. 20.—The revolutionary movement in Honduras is increasing. At Choluteca, Macome, Pespire, Yucaran, Dauil and Gracias outbreaks have occurred against President-elect Bonilla.

General Herrera, chief of the presidential forces, who is now stationed at Olancho, General Sierra, president of Honduras, has since then assumed supreme command of the army.

General Fidel Bulnes, with the assistance furnished by General Regalado, president of the republic, has invaded Honduras by way of Ocotepeque with 2000 men and will support General Bonilla.

Fifteen congressmen of Honduras recently escaped from Tegucigalpa and fled to Salvador, whence they have left to join General Bonilla at Amapala island, his headquarters.

MAKES SENSATIONAL CHARGE

Polish Leader Accuses Prince Phillip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha of Crime.

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—Sensational charges against Prince Phillip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, a Polish noble and husband of the Princess Louise of Belgium, were made today in the Reichsrath during the debate on the army bill by Herr Daszynski, the Polish leader.

The leader denounced the prince as a criminal. Referring to the imprisonment of former Lieutenant of Hussars Matiaschek, who eloped with the Princess Louise of Coburg several years ago, and who was sentenced to four years' imprisonment last December for forgery, he asserted that while Matiaschek was in prison Phillip with force compelled the Princess Louise to elope with him in an asylum for the insane near Dresden some time after her elopement, to encourage the advances of the late Baron Hirsch and with compelling her to ask the baron for money.

EMPEROR EXPRESSES THANKS

Sends Cablegram to Commodore Scheder and Asks that It Be Made Public.

KIEL, Feb. 20.—On the occasion of the raising of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast by the allied powers Emperor William cabled Commodore Scheder, the German commander, as follows:

It is with satisfaction that I have gained the conviction from your reports that you, together with the commanders and crews of the blockade, did their duty and accomplished their task in every particular and under difficult conditions.

It is with gratification that I take the opportunity to express to you and the officers and men of your command my fullest satisfaction with the services you have rendered. I desire to make this known.

OIL IS FOUND IN DUBLIN

Hope is Raised that Bog Land Throughout Ireland May Be Productive.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—The discovery of oil near Mount Joy square, this city, has created great interest and has raised hopes that the old bog land throughout Ireland may prove similarly productive.

A sample of the Dublin oil, which has been examined by experts, is said to be of good, clear quality.

It was discovered in the basement of an ordinary house built on reclaimed bog land and it was said that a copious flow has continued since the find was made five weeks ago. Experts attach much importance to the matter.

HAPPY DAY FOR POPE LEO

Completes Functions of His Jubilee Without Unkne Fatigue

HALL PRESENTS MOST BRILLIANT ASPECT Number of Americans Are Present at the Celebration at the Vatican, Including Bishop Burke of St. Joseph.

ROME, Feb. 20.—The pope completed the functions of his jubilee today without undue fatigue. Upon returning to his apartments he exclaimed: "This is really the happiest day of my life."

"It seems impossible that it is twenty-five years since I have been here," was Pope Leo's exclamation as he looked from a window of his apartments this morning into the sunlit plaza of St. Peter's.

This was the pontiff's only reference to his long term of sequestered imprisonment in the vatican, during which he has not gone beyond the palace grounds and St. Peter's, which is considered to be part of the vatican.

"What a glorious morning for the jubilee of my pontificate," the pope said, as he proceeded with evident pleasure to peruse the almost innumerable telegrams, letters and addresses of congratulations which have reached the vatican from all parts of the world.

Hall Presents Brilliant Aspect.

The hall of beatification above the portico of St. Peter's, where the pope held his jubilee reception, presented a brilliant aspect. It was beautifully hung with antique brocades and illuminated by thousands of electric lights and wax candles.

The boxes lining the long, narrow hall were filled to their capacity with members of the Roman aristocracy, diplomats, women with black veils, men in evening dress and monks and sisters in varying garbs. Here and there groups of papal guards in bright uniforms lent color to the whole.

Among the diplomats was Count Almorovar, head of the special mission sent to represent the king of Spain at the jubilee.

The struggle to get into the hall was turned terrific. People were swept off their feet and women were overcome, but none were really injured. The babel of tongues raised in protest testified to the world-wide character of the gathering.

American Who Are Present.

Among the Americans present were Bishops Maurice Ruppel of St. Joseph, Md. and Edward Dunne of Dallas, Tex.; Fathers S. P. McDonnell and Hugh O'Gara of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. O'Gara of R. U. Johnson.

There was a long and tedious wait before the ceremony commenced and the audience was growing restless, when suddenly a great roar of "Long Live Leo" and "Long Live the Pope King" announced the arrival of the pontiff. His holiness was borne in the sedia curule, a chair of state, which he had habitually in red robes. The pope himself wore gorgeous robes and had the triple crown on his head.

He bestowed his benediction right and left as he passed through the cheering concourse, those outside the city walls, who desire to touch the hem of the pope's gown was so intense that the presence of the guards seemed really necessary for his protection.

In a procession, surrounded by such a brilliant escort of prelates, aristocracy and guards, Pope Leo appeared at his beatific home and given to the faithful, his feebleness and bent form hidden and the public sees only the venerable patriarch with cameo-like features and kindly smile.

Give Pope Many Presents.

The pope was accompanied by Cardinals Mocenni, Ferrar, Ferrari, Sattoli, Respighi, Boschi and Macchi and escorted by the noble guards in their red state uniforms, which they had not worn since the fall of the temporal power. The celebrated feather fans on both sides of the sedia Gestatoria excited great interest among the American present, as it is said they were a gift from Mrs. Joseph K. Drexel to the pope's home and given to the museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

On the right of the pontifical throne was assembled the Pect family, to which the pope belongs, and on the left stood Count Almodovar. When the pontiff ascended the throne he seemed to be in a kind of dazed atmosphere attained by a peculiar arrangement of red draperies before the windows.

Cardinal Respighi, vicar of Rome, read an affectionate Latin address, expressing joy and devotion and offered the gold tiara, the jubilee present of the Catholic world, which cost \$25,000, and \$40,000 in money.

Cardinal Ferrari, archbishop of Milan, on behalf of a pilgrimage from Lombardy, presented an address of felicitation and gold and silver and brocade commemorative medals on the obverse of which was the head of Leo XIII and on the reverse the figure of the Redeemer, surrounded by the apostles in the act of conferring on St. Peter the supreme pontifical power. The pope thanked the Lombardy pilgrims and gave them his benediction.

Cardinal Boschi read a third address and presented his holiness the symbolic keys, one of gold and the other of silver, accompanied by an offering of \$40,000 in gold.

The Roman committee for the jubilee fetes presented a rich parchment volume with the signatures of all who had contributed to the offering, with another \$40,000 to be devoted to the restoration of the basilica of St. John Lateran, which is under the care of Cardinal Sattoli.

Other committees followed with addresses and offerings.

The pope expressed his gratification and admiration at the artistic designs and workmanship of the various offerings and then charged Monsignor Bisleti, his master of the chamber, to read a Latin speech addressed "To my venerable brothers and beloved children."

Pontiff Returns Thanks.

In this address his holiness expressed satisfaction and continued: "For the second time in a century Christ has wished to glorify his vicar on earth by allowing him to reach the years of St. Peter."

The address ended by saying that the pontiff was happy to celebrate his jubilee amidst the homage and veneration of the Catholic universe.

After bestowing the apostolic blessing, he returned to his apartments amid the enthusiastic plaudits of the multitude. He completed the functions of the jubilee without undue fatigue. On his return he said: "This is really the happiest day of my life."

In St. Peter's this afternoon Cardinal Rampolla celebrated a solemn mass and ended at an altar treated next to the papal throne.

LARGEST VESSEL ARRIVES

Cedric Reaches New York After Uneventful Maiden Trip Across Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The new White Star liner Cedric, the largest vessel in the world, arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown after its maiden voyage. The passage from Dublin Rock was made in eight days, eight hours and sixteen minutes. It brought 743 passengers, of which 430 were steerage. The external of Cedric is identical with that of its sister ship Celtic of the same line, but by reason of structural differences to provide increased passenger accommodations has been slightly exceeded.

Celtic is 700 feet in extreme length, seventy-five feet in breadth and forty-nine and one-third feet deck with a gross tonnage of 21,264 tons, dead weight about 18,900 tons and a displacement of 38,600 tons. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of quadruple expansion engines, driving the twin propellers. The vessel is designed to attain a speed of seventeen knots at sea.

The funnels are 131 feet above the keel and their dimensions are fourteen feet and three inches by eleven feet.

Accommodation for 300 first-class, 300 second-class and 2,500 steerage passengers is provided. The crew of the vessel consists of 336 men, ninety-two of whom are employed in the engine room.

With the advent of Cedric the White Star line possesses the world's two largest vessels.

On the passage from Queenstown Cedric encountered severe northwest gales during the last four days, but, as Captain Haddock remarked:

"It did not bother us any, for you would hardly know you were at sea when on this vessel."

Among the passengers on Cedric were: Sir Randolph Baker, Sir Cavendish Boyle, K. C. M. G., governor of Newfoundland; Captain James Cole, R. N.; Erasmus S. P. McDonnell and Hugh O'Gara of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. O'Gara of R. U. Johnson.

PROBES BRIBERY SCANDAL

Grand Jury Summons Chicago Mayor in Aldermanic Corruption Case.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Mayor Harrison, James B. Forgan, president, and John A. Shoor, vice president, of the First National bank, were summoned before the grand jury to give evidence in the investigation into allegations that Alderman Frederick Hart solicited bribes.

The original charges against Hart was made by the Municipal Voters' league, which declared him unfit for re-election and accused him of seeking bribes.

The grand jury took up the matter and summoned Secretary Fisher of the league, who declared that E. B. Graham, a merchant, had accused Hart of soliciting a bribe. Graham was summoned before the jury and said afterwards he had declined to make that body the statement which Fisher asserted he had made to the Municipal Voters' league.

The subpoenas of the mayor and Messrs. Forgan and Shoor were issued in the line of an attempt to show that Graham had said to them the same things which he was reported to have said to Fisher and which he declined to make to the grand jury.

NINE VICTIMS ARE NOW DEAD

Another Newark Cripple Succumbs to Injuries Sustained in Trebley Smash.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—Jennie E. McLelland, one of the victims of yesterday's trebley disaster, died in the city hospital today, making the ninth death.

Miss McLelland was 16 years old. Her mother arrived at the hospital a few minutes before the girl's death. When her daughter expired Mrs. McLelland collapsed and is now in a serious condition.

The rest of the injured, with two exceptions, were all reported to be doing well. Those whose conditions are not favorable are Peter Brady, the motorman of the wrecked car, and Oscar Beckliff, engineer of the Lackawanna train.

OREGON ELECTS OLD IOWAN

Takes Seventeen Ballots in Evening Before Fulton Is Sent to Senate.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 21.—C. W. Fulton was elected United States senator on the seventeenth ballot of the evening session of the Oregon legislature here today in Ohio, August 17, 1853. Later he moved to Iowa with his parents, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He came to Oregon in 1875, taught school for a time, later locating at Astoria, where he has since resided and where he has been elected to the legislature four times, and was president of that body in 1892 and 1901. He was a member of nearly every state convention since 1880.

SAYS SUN IS INHABITED

Indiana Man Claims to See Flowers and Grass in Solar Surface.

LA PORTE, Ind., Feb. 20.—Alexander Young of La Porte today announced that from observations made by him he is confident that the sun is inhabited. He claims to have seen on the sun's surface mountain sides with great and precipitous rocks, which glow with prismatic colors, blended with the greenness of a perennial vegetation and with a floral radiance more beautiful than that of the earth. Beyond these mountains he saw valleys and plains where people live.

CARNEGIE INCREASES GIFT

Makes Stevens Institute Endowment Fund Up to \$225,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Andrew Carnegie today added \$125,000 to the endowment fund of the Carnegie Library of Engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Mr. Carnegie in 1900 gave \$50,000 for the erection of the library. When the building was dedicated a year ago he gave \$100,000 as an endowment fund.

CUMMINS SEES PRESIDENT

Intimation that His Visit to the Capital Has Some Political Significance.

NO CHANGE FOR ANY LAND LEASE BILL Statement that Fences of Cattlemen Will Come Down at Once Upon Adjournment of Session of Congress.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Governor Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, with his wife, arrived in Washington this morning, enroute to Florida, where they expect to spend several weeks. Governor Cummins called upon the president today to say his respects and to spend the greater portion of the afternoon at the capitol, where he was the special guest of Senator Dooliver, who introduced the governor to many of the senators and members of the house who were not personally known to him by explanation of his presence in Washington, Governor Cummins said:

"I have been working a little hard, and Mrs. Cummins and myself concluded to take a short vacation. Washington suited us as a place to spend a portion of our vacation and we will remain at the capitol four or five days and then go south, visiting several cities in Florida. Altogether we expect to put in several very pleasant weeks before returning to Des Moines."

COMES TO DISCUSS POLITICS.

The governor desired today to merely pay his respects to the president. He chatted with him a while, but before he leaves Washington will have an extended conference with him.

While Governor Cummins conveyed the impression that there was little political significance in his visit, it is known that he desires to discuss with President Roosevelt and others distinguished in national affairs, political questions of interest not only to Iowa, but also to the entire country. The republican state convention of Iowa will be held next summer for the nomination of candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and other state officers.

The present Governor Cummins has no opposition for the gubernatorial nomination. The platform to be made by the Iowa republicans will be of importance, particularly as this is the year just preceding the presidential election.

On account of the attitude assumed by the Iowa republicans in the case of Governor Cummins, on the tariff question, it is understood that the platform declarations of the Iowa republicans this year will be discussed during the governor's visit.

Governor Cummins said that while nobody could forestall the action of a convention regarding a platform, he assumed that it would agree on a platform that would not be inconsistent with Iowa republicans in the past.

It is said, however, to be the desire of Governor Cummins, after consultation with the republican leaders generally, to have the republican party of Iowa stand in harmonious relationship with the national leaders and the national policy of the party.

Governor Cummins called at the White House again tonight by appointment and remained for more than an hour in consultation with the president. He declined to be interviewed after his return to his hotel.

NO LAND LEASING LEGISLATION.

Major Lacey said today there could be nothing done at this session to pass a bill to provide for the leasing of the public domain for the purpose of grazing cattle thereon.

The Nebraska delegation in congress has been given every opportunity to get together and agree upon some proposition which might be satisfactory to all concerned," said Mr. Lacey, "but dissensions have arisen and now seem to be on the way of affecting a compromise through legislation. The much complained of fences will be pulled down," concluded Mr. Lacey, "and they will come down just as soon as the machinery of the government can be started, and that will be very soon after congress adjourns. It will then be seen who is benefited."

Representative Mondell today introduced a bill authorizing the recorder of the general land office to issue certified copies of the public domain records, books and papers. The bill is to give the same force and effect to papers authenticated by seal and certified by the recorder as when certified by the commissioner of the general land office.

Representative Shallenberger today introduced a bill to increase the pension of John L. Gerry to \$20 per month.

ROUTINE OF DEPARTMENTS.

These rural letter carriers were today appointed for South Dakota: Farmer, regular; J. White, Leroy P. Lemert, substitute; Pearl L. White, Nettie M. Lemert, Hartford, regular; Iver S. Henjum; substitute; Neils K. Nelson, Humboldt, regular; William J. Berguin; substitute; John Berguin, Wausley, regular; Lyman Chadwick, A. Watkins, substitute; Clara D. Chadwick, Mary A. Watkins.

Nebraska postmasters appointed: Mrs. Frances B. Horman, Adams, Gage county, vice M. D. Horman, deceased; Henry Sohrweide, Sartoria, Buffalo county, vice B. Kretzschmar, resigned; Charles E. Gorman, controller of the currency has approved the Commercial National bank of Salt Lake as reserve agent for the First National bank of Kemmerer, Wyo.

The postoffice at Longwood, Custer county, Neb., has been ordered discontinued.

BILL TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT.

The conferees on the bill for the protection of the president have agreed and their report has been submitted to the house. The senate accepts the house amendments to the original bill with some changes in the wording.

As agreed upon by the conference committee, the death penalty is provided for anyone who shall wilfully or maliciously kill the president or vice president or any officer upon whom the duties of president may devolve under the constitution, and for the wilful killing of any officer of the government in line of succession to the presidency, or any ambassador or minister accredited to the United States. An attempt to murder the official named is made punishable by death or imprisonment for not less than ten years.

Anyone, under this bill, who aids or abets the killing of the president, vice president or any officer upon whom the duties of president may devolve, or shall aid, abet or advise the killing of a foreign sovereign, shall be deemed a principal offender. Anyone who aids or abets the offenses described in the bill shall be punished as a principal.

Further provision is made that anyone within the United States who teaches the

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

KOCIAN DELAYS HIS VISIT

Musicalian Is Ill at Birmingham and Cannot Play in Omaha Monday.

Kocian, Bohemian violin virtuoso, billed to appear at Boyd's next Monday afternoon, will not be here upon that date, and probably not until on or about March 16.

This much became known yesterday when the evening papers circulated, that the consequence has been to disarrange and rearrange all the elaborate arrangements that had been made by Nebraska countrymen of the young artist and by local musicians.

The word came here to Rudolph Aronson, who is managing the Kocian tour. At the time Mr. Aronson was consulting with some of the local Bohemians' committee of arrangements and so was able to let a better few of them know at once. The telegram was from Birmingham, Ala., where Kocian was to have played last night, and simply stated that he had become seriously ill the night before, and to dismiss his audience and was not in condition to think of taking the long trip to Omaha and trying to play Monday afternoon. From other portions of the telegram it was learned that the conclusion that it is Kocian's intention to go either to Denver or directly through to San Francisco, where he is to play ten days.

Manager Burgess of the Boyd theater said: "I have an open night date March 16 and it may be arranged for Kocian to take that. If not, then it will be an afternoon date, as with this one exception I have no open nights that he could utilize. The sale has not equalled that for Kubelik, but it has been very good and we are pretty busy now making up the remainder of our program, which have sent in cash and orders from other places."

The local Bohemians had selected an arrangements committee, and John Rosicky, its chairman, S. A. Beranek, its secretary, and Vaclav Hurnak, its treasurer, were all busy gentlemen yesterday afternoon. They had planned to banquet a hundred or more at Balduff's Monday night, with Kocian, and there had been made plans for Sunday, which the distinguished visitor was to spend at the residence of Mr. Rosicky. The invitations for the banquet, by the way, give the musician's name in full—Jaroslava Kocian.