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RIOTING IN BOMBAY

Mohammedan Factions Fight at New Year's Celebration.

POLICE MAKE SEVERAL ARRESTS

Mob Demands Their R[illegible] and Throw Stones at Off[illegible]

EUROPEANS THEN OPEN [illegible]

Five Natives Are Killed and [illegible] Are Injured.

SEVERAL SIMILAR CLASHES OCCUR

Troops Are Called Out to Restore Order—Soldiers Camp in Streets and Native Quarter is Quiet.

BOMBAY, Feb. 13.—Serious rioting occurred here this evening during the course of the celebration of the Moharram, the first month of the Mohammedan year, arising from disputes between the Sunnites, or orthodox section, and the Shiahs, the second great division of Mohammedans. The police arrested several Sunnites and the mob demanded their release, which demand was refused. The mob thereupon stoned the police, injuring two of them. The police commissioner and other European officers fired upon the rioters, killed at least five of them and injured forty, twenty of whom were seriously wounded.

It is believed that others were killed and their bodies removed by relatives, for during the course of the afternoon and evening several similar clashes occurred. Eventually the troops were called out, and are camping tonight in the streets. The native quarter, however, is abnormally quiet.

HYNE SUFFERS FOR BIGAMY

American Sentenced to Two Terms in English Prison for Many Marriages.

BRISTOL, Feb. 13.—Arthur Hyne, the man with many aliases, who has been on trial here charged with bigamy and fraud in connection with matrimonial advertisements, was today sentenced to seven years' imprisonment on the bigamy count and to five years for fraud, these sentences to run concurrently. Hyne pleaded guilty to both charges.

Hyne is a dentist, who has an American diploma. He is believed by many persons to be identical with George Witzhoff, or Albert Bessemer, or A. C. Weston, who several years ago married several women in America and then disappeared after having secured various sums of money from them. Witzhoff left the United States in the summer of 1906 and search for him was immediately begun, and he was finally arrested in England last month. He is said to have lived in Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis and elsewhere and to have married women wherever he went.

BRONZE TABLETS AT PEKING

Colonel Hayes Places Them on Monuments in Memory of Soldiers.

PEKING, Feb. 13.—Six bronze tablets from the Rock Island arsenal, Illinois, were today placed on the monuments that have been erected at Tien Tsin in memory of the American soldiers and sailors who lost their lives in the Boxer outbreak of 1901. The monuments have officially been transferred to the American legation by Colonel Webb C. Hayes, president of the Chinese battlefield commission, and a son of the late President Rutherford B. Hayes.

A seventh tablet will be placed on the monument erected in memory of Colonel Emerson H. Liscum, who commanded the Ninth regiment of infantry and who lost his life during the attack of the allied forces at Tien Tsin in July, 1900.

The tablets were unveiled by Colonel Hayes.

TURKEY TO HAVE CONTROL

Germany Agrees to Let Foreign Gendarmerie Be Under Orders from Porte.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Foreign office has been advised by the British ambassador at Constantinople that Baron Marshal von Bieberstein, the German diplomatic representative, announced at the last meeting of the ambassadors to Turkey that Germany had decided instead of signing the joint note to the Porte demanding judicial reforms in Macedonia, to agree to the Turkish proposal that the Macedonian foreign gendarmerie be placed under the control of Turkey. No confirmation has been received by the Foreign office, however, of the report that Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey have entered upon secret treaties.

DUBOUCHET MAY SEE CONSUL

American Ambassador Makes Representations to Russian Foreign Officer for Him.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—John W. Riddle, the American ambassador has made representations to the foreign office in the case of Dr. Dubouchet, an American resident of Odessa, who has been arrested there accused of being connected with the revolutionary organization and who who was refused permission by the local police to consult with the American consul. The foreign office has promised that the permission necessary for Mr. Dubouchet to confer with the representative of his government will be granted and that the matter will be investigated promptly.

WOMEN CARTED OFF TO JAIL

Suffragettes in London Are Unable to Reach Doors of Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The women suffragists of London are apparently bent upon making martyrs of themselves by assuring their consignment to prison cells. Another dozen of the delegates were arrested today. Under the leadership of the well known Mrs. Parkhurst they started from the "Woman's Parliament," determined to invade the House of Commons, but the police broke up the column before it reached the precincts of Parliament, and carried the leaders off down a sidestreet to a police station.

Chicago Leaves for Atlantic.

VALPARAISO, Feb. 13.—The American cruiser, Chicago, left here today for the Atlantic stati

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THE WEATHER.

FORECAST FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Probably snow today, not much change in temperature.

FOR NEBRASKA—Rain or snow Friday.

FOR IOWA—Friday, probably rain or snow.

Temperatures at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	33
6 a. m.	32
7 a. m.	31
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9 a. m.	30
10 a. m.	31
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DOMESTIC.

Representative Champ Clark delivers speech in the house that convulses members of both parties. He devotes much of his time to President Roosevelt. **Page 1**

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Gas meter which was robbed of its coin causes death of men who were extracting the money. **Page 2**

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Japanese House of Representatives has five-hour debate before the financial policy of the government and the budget is endorsed. **Page 2**

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Arthur Hyne, a noted bigamist, is given two concurrent sentences in England for his crimes. **Page 2**

Suffragettes insist on making demonstrations in London and are carted off to jail. **Page 2**

Clash between Mohammedan factions in Bombay results in attack on police, during which five persons were killed and forty injured. **Page 1**

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

Live stock markets. **Page 7**

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MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	Caronia	Finland.
NEW YORK		Lazzio.
NEW YORK		Oceanic.
NEW YORK		Statendam.
SOUTHAMPTON.		Adriatic.
LEGHORN	Algeria	
NAPLES		Carmania.
BOSTON		Cymric.
GENOA	Friedrich der G.	Nord Amerika.
PALERMO		San Giorgic.
MARSEILLES		Venezia.
QUEENSTOWN	Saxonia	

BY WIRELESS.

Cape Race—Empress of Ireland 200 miles east at 6:15 p. m.

FLOWERS COVER DESOLATION

People of San Francisco Will Plant Poppies Upon Hillsides Before Fleet Comes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—With the scattering of seeds over the burned hillsides this week San Francisco will begin the first actual work for its beautification against the coming of the battleship fleet. At yesterday's meeting of the executive committee for the fleet's reception it was decided to plant at once nasturtium, esholaita and shirley poppy seeds, so that when May comes the slopes now dotted with vacant spaces filled with brick and ashes will smile in gorgeous colors of many flowers.

No time is to be lost, for the plants take almost three months to flower and whatever the seeds and their planting cost will be appropriated when the amount is known.

GAS METER ITS OWN AVENGER

Philadelphians Pay Penalty for Attempting to Rob It of Store of Coin.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Martin Brady and John Bartolett were asphyxiated here yesterday in what the police believe was an attempt to obtain enough money to buy whisky. The two men were found lying in the cellar of Brady's home by a gas meter inspector. The victims were taken to a hospital, where physicians pronounced them dead. The condition of the men, according to the physicians, indicated that they had been drinking heavily. Brady was found with a "quarter-in-the-slot" gas meter in his arms.

HARRIMAN DIVIDENDS SAME

Directors of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Declare Same as Previously.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The directors of the Union Pacific Railway company today declared a quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent on the company's common stock and a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on its preferred stock. These dividends are unchanged from the last previous quarter.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The directors of the Southern Pacific Railroad company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on the common stock. This is unchanged from the last quarter.

DEMOCRATIC DAY IN HOUSE

Champ Clark Takes President as Theme of Address.

MANY VIRTUES AND MANY FAULTS

With All of Them, He Says, Executive is Not a Democrat—Republican Tariff Position Attacked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—General debate on the legislative appropriation bill was brought to a close in the house of representatives today after a session full of interest and entertainment. Several speeches were made on the issues of the day, the most notable being by Champ Clark of Missouri, who commanded the attention of the house for an hour and a half. Upon the conclusion of his remarks he was accorded an ovation by democrats and republicans alike. Mr. Clark arraigned the republicans for their attitude on the tariff question and said that the announcement that there would be a revision of the tariff after election was simply "in preparation of another stupendous confidence game on the people." He discussed the president's message and said that whatever his virtues or his faults, the president was not a democrat.

Other speakers were Messrs. Rainey (Ill.), Tirrell (Mass.), Gillett (Mass.) and Hammond (Ind.), all of whom discussed various phases of the tariff question.

Address of Mr. Clark.

Champ Clark of Missouri occupied the attention of the house of representatives today for over an hour in an address upon the president's recent special message to congress, the financial disturbance of last fall and the tariff question. It was a characteristic talk and aroused the interest of the house to a high degree.

In opening Mr. Clark asserted that a reasonable view should be taken on matters touching the president, but that it had not been done as a rule. "He is such a belligerent personage," he declared, "that his lightest word is a challenge to combat."

The president's whole public life, said Mr. Clark, had been one session of spectacular fights. No man had been more viciously assailed by men of his own party, "and none was ever, while still in the flesh, so lavishly lauded by some of the opposing party."

Strength Gained in Battle.

"But," he said, "the truth is that this extraordinary man has waxed stronger and stronger by waging his battles." Even defeat, he declared, has made him a larger and more commanding figure. "So," he said, "amid the swirl of things, the deluge of words, the shouting of the captains, the beating of tom-toms, the groans of crippled republicans, the yells of friend and foe," one who was a personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt, the man, but political opponent of Roosevelt, the politician or statesman, had "but little chance perhaps of being heard in this babel of voices."

Mr. Clark, however, insisted that he would have his say. He spoke of his personal liking for the president and said that although, after the manner of strong men, the president has pronounced virtues and glaring faults of character, he had never abused him nor had he grown hysterical in admiration of him, but he had supported him when he was right and fought him "tooth and nail" when he was wrong. He believed that was the way the president should be treated. "He must indeed," said Mr. Clark, "entertain ineffable contempt for the invertebrate sycophants who grovel before him on all occasions and who, no matter what he does or says, throw high their sweaty caps in the air and shout, 'Io, triumphe; Io, triumphe!'"

Fights Shy of Third Term.

No one knew, continued Mr. Clark, whether or not the president was a great man. He quoted from an old saying, "count no man happy till he is dead," and said it was a safe and sane rule to pronounce no man great until he was in his grave. "We have not enough perspective necessary to fix his status in history," he said, "and it is sheer folly to attempt it." Individuality he wished the president well until March 4, 1908, when he hoped the president would quit forever, "for no president will ever be elected to a third term till the republic is on its last legs.

Everyone could be honest, he maintained, even if he could not be great, "and," he added, "if you republican big wigs would be candid, you would confess that you are not half so much enamored of the president as you seem to be."

The republicans, he declared, grew red in the face lauding the president to the skies, "for he is still the dispenser in chief of pie." A republican statesman bereft of pie, said he, was "A spectacle to make the angels weep," but he said, when he saw republicans trying to appease him by "mere lip service," it seemed to him the lady doeth protest too much.

Financial Question.

Coming to the subject of the recent financial disturbances, Mr. Clark laid it at the door of the republicans. The self-constituted defenders of the president, he said, charged that 'Harriman and his crowd did it, while, on the other hand, Harriman and his crowd swear that the president and hst crowd did it." It did not become an innocent bystander, he asserted, to decide which were the ideal republicans. "One thing we do know," he said, "and that is Mr. Harriman was a delegate to the last republican national convention which nominated Colonel Roosevelt by a unanimous vote and that he was a liberal contributor to the republican campaign fund." It therefore, he said, did not lie in the mouths of republicans to disown him for he was once "my dear Mr. Harriman," but now he was another sort of Harriman, "beginning with a big, big D," but he charged Harriman was and is "a republican of high degree."

Bond Issue Criticised.

Mr. Clark criticized the recent bond issue and said that the issuance of bonds in a time of peace was the identical thing for which the republicans "pilloried a democratic president before high Heaven."

Much attention was paid by Mr. Clark to the charge that Mr. Hepburn had threatened "to run over" the leaders of the house. That threat, he declared, already had brought into line Mr. Payne of New York, the majority leader, who announced that there would be no tariff revision. "If," he said, still referring to Mr. Hepburn, "he will be kind enough to let us know when he intends to start his roller over the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. Dalzell, and over Uncle Joe, to disfigure them, he can safely count on a full house and an audience breathless with expectation and delirious with joy."

He remarked that should Mr. Dalzell ever arise in his place in the house and unequivocally declare that he was earnestly in favor of a general tariff revision

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MAIL VIOLATION IS CHARGED

American Express Company Said to Have Violated Federal Statutes in Ohio.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 13.—Violation of the postal laws by carrying first-class mail matter was charged against the American Express company in a suit filed in the United States district court here today by District Attorney McPherson.

This suit was the first gun in a campaign which the government proposes to wage against common carriers for carrying first class mail matter contrary to law. In the information which Attorney McPherson filed, he alleges that the American Express company, on January 6, carried a letter from Belton, Tex., to Cincinnati. The letter was from Mrs. Will Brown of Belton, and in it, she ordered from a glove company twelve pair of gloves and enclosed an express money order for $2.47 in payment. Attorney McPherson claims that the letter did not relate to the business of the express company and that the envelope did not bear a postage stamp, as required by law. The penalty for violation of this provision of the federal statutes is $100.

Colonel Holmes, postmaster inspector in charge, said:

"The government is very jealous of its right to carry the mails, and insists on it always. When public carriers carry letters not bearing postage stamps and not pertaining to the business of the carrier, they are preventing the government from deriving postage money from the sale of the stamps.

"About four or five years ago the government waged war against carriers for such an offense. It is the opinion of the government officials that common carriers are becoming too lax in reference to carrying mail matter not properly stamped, and that persecution of a few cases is necessary to bring to their attention the fact that they are violating the law."

LETTERS OF MINISTER'S WIFE

Skeleton Uncovered in Testimony in Snell Will Contest in Illinois.

CLINTON, Ill., Feb. 13.—When the trial was resumed here today of the $2,000,000 suit instituted by Richard Snell to break the will of his father, Colonel Thomas Snell, more love letters written to the aged millionaire were introduced in evidence. The letters were read to the jury and spectators crowded forward, craning their necks to catch every word.

Most of the letters read today are signed simply "Your own little girl," and the others bear no signature. They are admitted as having been written by Mrs. Lura Hamilton, wife of Rev. E. A. Hamilton, who was pastor of the Methodist church at Newman, Ill. The letters express the ardent love of the writer for the aged millionaire and invariably cover the protestation of affection with the request for money.

Soon after the beginning of the trial Rev. Mr. Hamilton resigned his pastorate and the couple went away. It is believed they went to Florida. It is rumored that Mrs. Hamilton has suffered from nervous prostration because of the exposure of the letters.

Judge Cochran, who is hearing the case, and who is an ordained Methodist minister, and the life-long friend of Rev. Mr. Hamilton, sat with averted face as the letters were read today.

FEDERAL TROOPS IN ALASKA

President Directs They Shall Go to Fairbanks to Preserve Order in Strike.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—By direction of the president Acting Secretary Oliver today ordered a company of infantry from Fort Gibbon, in Alaska, to Fairbanks, in that territory, to preserve order during the mining strike in that section. This action was taken upon representation from the United States court in Alaska to the attorney general that the presence of federal troops was needed.

Telegrams from Fairbanks to the attorney general state that open air mass meetings are being held by the striking miners and that threats of violence have been made. The marshal has been directed by the attorney general to use all the force at his command to arrest lawbreakers and to prevent intimidation. The military is expected to give the marshal moral support and also take action should the disorder prove too great for any force he may be able to secure. The latter has been given strict orders as to the energetic use of all the force he can command. The striking miners have picketed the trail between Valdez and Fairbanks. Mose of the newly arrived laborers are Russians.

PROGRESS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Record of Postal Business Shows Gratifying Increase in the Coast City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The record of the San Francisco postoffice for 1907, the first full year since the disaster, shows a gratifying increase in money order business over that of the previous year.

Domestic money orders to the amount of $1,066,000 were issued at the main office during the year, an increase of 24 per cent over 1906. At the stations the amount issued for the year was $4,401,000, or an increase of 27 per cent over 1906.

International money orders issued at the main office amounted to $878,000, an increase of 80 per cent over 1906, while international orders issued at stations amounted to $2,190,000, or an increase of 71 per cent over 1906.

The report of the fire insurance business for 1907 on the Pacific coast shows the total amount of the policies written to be $1,233,329,613, on which premiums to the amount of $25,989,447 were paid. The losses for the year amounted to $6,982,652, or 25.7 per cent of the premiums. In California, considered separately, the rate of loss was less, being 20.9 per cent.

HEYBURN WILL OPPOSE BILL

Only Republican in Senate Who Will Make Long Speech Against Currency Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—According to a program being arranged by senate republican leaders, a vote will be had on the Aldrich currency bill in about two weeks. The indications are that there will not be a large number of republican senators to speak to the measure and that the speeches by democrats will be addessed carefully to objections raised by individuals to certain features of the bill. Senator Clay of Georgia expects to talk tomorrow, Senator Clark of Arkansas will speak early next week and Senators Culberson, Teller, Daniel, Tillman and Bailey within the next ten days. From present indications, Senator Heyburn is the only republican senator who plans to make extended remarks against the passage of the bill.

OLD COMPANY HELPS NEW

Nebraska Telephone Gives Fire Alarm Service to Independent.

PROMPT TO GRANT CONCESSION

General Manager Belt Says His Company Gave These Privileges in the Interest of Public Welfare.

The Nebraska Telephone company has granted to its new competitor, the Independent Telephone company, the right of connecting up with the fire alarm system maintained by the Nebraska company, enabling the patrons of the new concern to have the advantage of this alarm service, so essential to the safety of property and life.

This concession on the part of the Nebraska Telephone company, involves the installation by the Independent's of its instruments and a combination switchboard on the desks of the chief and fire operators in the offices of the Nebraska company and the same service to the new company as to the old. The new company is permitted to maintain its own operators in the offices of the Nebraska company. As to the method of making the connection that is a detail to be worked out by the electrical engineers of the two companies, A. S. Rogers of the Nebraska and F. G. Hummel of the Independent. Thee wires will come in over each desk and acheck will be kept by one operator on the other so as to furnish an absolute guarantee against error.

The Independent company applied to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, January 27, for this permission. It struck some members of the board as a rather unusual request to make, since the city had let the contract for the fire alarm system to the Nebraska company and that contract did not expire until June, 1906. The position taken was that the new company, while it should of course, have this service, had no right to demand it through its business competitor and upon this basis the board submitted the proposition to the Nebraska Telephone company, saying it had granted the request of the Independent company, "subject to the approval of the Nebraska Telephone company."

Decide to Make Concession.

The officials of the Nebraska company took the matter under advisement and General Manager Belt finally communicated to the city authorities the intention to grant the new concern these privileges. City Electrician Michaelson, then late yesterday took up finally with Mr. Belt the matter of making the installation. Mr. Michaelson and Fire Chief Salter, as well as the members of the fire and police board, feel grateful to the Nebraska company for the readiness with which it made thos concession to its competitor, obviating the task of working out an otherwise difficult problem.

"We took this view of the situation," said General Manager Belt of the Nebraska Telephone company, "whinle we had a contract with the city for supplying this service and could, if we so desired stand on our lawful rights and withhold the service from our competitors and their patrons we would rather not take advantage of these rights for the simple reason that by so doing we might be imposing a hardship on the public or some individual property owner. We felt that there were larger interests to be served and safeguarded than those of any corporation and we did not wish to appear, or be selfish even though acting entirely within our legal rights. We have always operated on the principal that a public corporation is a public servant and that the best service to the greatest number of people was a motto that ought to commend us to the people at large."

STANDARD'S METHODS SHOWN

Free Oil to Dealers One Thing Independents Were Forced to Contend With.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Six witnesses were examined at this morning's session in the hearing in connection with the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Testimony was given to the effect that the Standard Oil officials offered to give free oil to dealers who refused to buy from the Standard. It was also brought out that an attempt was made to show that oil sold by a competitor of the Standard to a merchant of Pittsfield, Mass., was short about five gallons on each barrel and that a driver employed by this competitor was offered $5 a month to send reports of the freight shipments made by his company to New York.

Marked bills, which it was claimed were paid this driver for his reports, were offered in evidence.

WATERWAYS TOPIC IN DAKOTA

Congressman Ellis of Kansas City and Secretary Call Talk in House at Bismarck.

BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 13.—In the house today addresses were made on inland waterway improvement by Congressman Ellis of Kansas City, Secretary Call of the Missouri River Navigation congress and others. A large number of delegates from over the state were present. The opening session of the congress was devoted to informal addresses by delegates.

State Engineer Atkinson said that 250,000 acres of land along the Missouri could be irrigated with a nine-foot lift of water.

TELEGRAPHERS FAIL TO AGREE

Prospect Good for Serious Trouble Between Northern Pacific and Its Men.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 13.—All negotiations between General Manager Slade of the Northern Pacific railroad and the company's telegraphers over wages and hours have been broken off, according to Secretary Holmes of the telegraphers' conference committee. An appeal has been taken by the men to C. M. Levy, third vice president, but he is now out of the city.

EVANS IMPROVED IN HEALTH

Navy Department Gets Cable that Fleet Was All Right Tuesday Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Simpson of the Chilean navy on board the cruiser Chacabuco, which piloted Admiral Evans fleet partially through the strait of Magellan:

TALCAHUANO, Chile, Feb. 12.—Admiral Evans requests me to inform the department from the fleet at sea, Tuesday, 4 p. m., bound for Callao, via Valparaiso: "Everything going on well. Admiral Evans much better in health."

ELKS TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Local Lodge No. 39 Will Hold Stag Social Tonight to Commemorate Twenty-Second Anniversary.

Twenty-two years ago, on February 7, 1886, Omaha lodge No. 39, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was organized. This anniversary will be commemorated tonight by a stag social at the club rooms, invitations being sent not only to members of the local lodge, but also to the lodges at Lincoln, Plattsmouth, Nebraska City, Fremont and Council Bluffs, asking that all wearers of the antlers attend the celebration tonight. Invitations have also been posted in every hotel in Omaha, and sojourners in the city from other lodges will be made welcome.

A long and elaborate program has been prepared, including considerable outside talent. Judge Eleazer Wakeley will preside and William Kennedy will assist and also give a recitation. Albert Morrison, leading man with the Woodward Stock company, which opens at the Boyd in April, will give a recitation, and solos will be rendered by Cecil Berryman, Dr. Z. D. Clark, Captain Henry W. Dunn, David Sonier, Addison Mould, Mr. Dick, Frank J. Ressler and Mr. Collins, a traveling salesman from Minneapolis. The Elks' quartet, composed of J. R. Gerke, W. S. Rigdon, Dr. C. P. Lewis and C. S. Haverstock, will also contribute to the entertainment.

Other numbers on the program will be a Scotch dance by Robert Meldrum, sleight of hand tricks by Frank T. B. Martin, a selection by Mr. McDougall, piper, moving pictures by Robert Grayson of the Jewel theater, original romances concerning members of the lodge on the graphaphone, selections by an Italian orchestra, and an entertainment by four members of the stock company now playing at the Orpheum.

At the close of the program a banquet will be served.

Thomas W. Keene, the famous tragedian, first suggested the organization of the Omaha lodge of Elks. He was an enthusiastic member of the lodge, and while playing an engagement here in the fall of 1885 talked so enthusiastically of the order that the following spring the lodge was instituted, with a charter list of twenty. This membership has grown now to 774. Of the twenty charter members only four remain residents of Omaha: I. W. Martin, the secretary of the lodge; Sands F. Woodbridge, D. W. VanCott and Alfred Sorenson. Two others of the original twenty are living, A. B. Davenport of Clyde, O., and Thomas F. Boyd of Cheyenne.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was first organized in New York City by Algernon Vivian, an actor, in 1868, and now has a membership of 260,000. Mr. Vivian organized several lodges, principally in the west, and died in Leadville, Colo., March 20, 1880. Rev. T. J. Mackay, pastor of All Saints Episcopal church, Omaha, then pastor in Leadville, preached his funeral sermon. Mr. Mackay is a member of the Omaha lodge and was formerly chaplain.

MILITIA AFFAIRS DIVISION

New Department of Army Service Created to Look After State Relations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—In recognition of the growing intimacy between the regular army and the national militia, acting Secretary of War Oliver has issued an order creating a new division department, to be known as the division of militia affairs.

Colonel E. M. Weaver of the coast artillery has been named as chief of the new division. The jurisdiction of the new division involves the armament, equipment, discipline, training, education and organization of militia, conduct of camps of instruction and participation in the field exercises and maneuvers of the regular army, and the mobilization and the relations of the militia to the regular army in time of peace.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL

Senator La Follette Introduces Measure Backed by General Labor Organizations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A comprehensive employers' liability bill was introduced in the senate and house today by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin and Representative Sterling of Illinois. The authors say the bill has the endorsement of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and Brotherhood of Railroad Trainman and is intended to meet the recent decision of the supreme court in which the employers' liability act of June 11, 1906, was declared unconstitutional.

CULBERSON HAS AMENDMENTS

Senator Will Seek to Compel National Banks to Keep on Hand Legal Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Senator Culberson today gave notice of two amendments to the currency bill, providing that after November 1, 1908, every national bank shall keep on hand the amount of its reserve now provided by law and also directing the secretary of the treasury to collect interest on government funds deposited in national banks, as follows: At the rate of 2 per cent during August, September, October and November; 4 per cent in December, January, February and March and 6 per cent in April, May, June and July.

SISTER CAPTURES BURGLAR

Presence Suspected in Parochial School and One of Instructors Gets Him.

GREENWICH, Conn., Feb. 13.—A burglar entered St. Mary's parochial school and was searching the building when his presence was suspected and the police sent for. They started to search the building, when the burglar attempted to escape by the main door. One of the sisters stationed there caught him in her arms, and although he struggled to escape, she managed to hold him until the officers arrived.

RESPITE IN FRAUD TRIAL

Court at Harrisburg Adjourns Because of Illness in Family of One of Lawyers.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.—The trial of the state capitol conspiracy cases which began here two weeks ago was interrupted today by illness in the family of Charles H. Bergner, counsel for the defense, court adjourning until Monday morning.

Suspected Wrecker Held.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 13.—On suspicion that they caused the wreck of the express train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Franklinville last Friday, in which twenty-four persons were injured, Salvatore Galla and Antonio Rose of this city have been arrested. The police think that the men removed a fishplate. The men were discharged from a gang of laborers working on the railroad last [illegible]

TAFT TO LUMBERMEN

Secretary is Guest of Michigan Retailers' Association.

LUNCHEON IN DETROIT HALL

His Subject is Moral Awakening in Business World.

MORE RAILROAD LAWS NEEDED

Abuses Must Be Eradicated or Government Ownership Come.

LATTER WOULD BE CALAMITY

Tremendous Concentration of Power that Would Come with it Would Imperil Nation's Existence.

DETROIT, Feb. 13.—Secretary of War William H. Taft was the guest this afternoon of the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association, and talked for half an hour at the luncheon which was tendered him by the association upon the "Moral Awakening Recently from Business Methods Which Permit Illegality and Fraud." The address was the culmination of a busy six hours in Detroit.

Arriving in the city at 12 o'clock from Grand Rapids, in company with M. Jusserand, the French ambassador; Governor Curtis Child, jr., of Massachusetts; United States Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, Governor F. M. Warner and several other speakers at last night's Lincoln club banquet in that city, Secretary Taft and the party were driven to the Hotel Pontchartrain. The secretary greeted several thousand people at a public reception, which began immediately after his arrival at the hotel.

Throughout his stay in the city his every appearance on the street was the signal for cheers and enthusiasm.

Banquet at Harmonie Hall.

More than 600 men were gathered about the tables in the banquet room of Harmonie hall to greet Secretary Taft, who arrived with several hundred more men and women, its capacity, seated in the gallery. Former United States Senator Thomas W. Palmer presided as toastmaster.

Governor Warner, while voicing the state's welcome to the secretary, brought a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm when he declared that he was convinced that 80 or 90 per cent of the people of Michigan are for Mr. Taft's nomination for the presidency on the republican ticket. The governor then suggested Governor Guild for the nomination for vice president on the ticket with Secretary Taft.

Ambassador Jusserand was given a thundering welcome when he was presented by Toastmaster Palmer for a short address. The ambassador, after declaring that because of his position he naturally cannot meddle in American politics, eulogized the American presidents of the past and the present and said that it was his wish and hope that the country when it elected another president would add another glorious name to the already glorious list of names.

"I do not know whom he shall be," said Ambassador Jusserand, "but it seems that you know."

Applause interrupted him for several moments.

Address of Mr. Taft.

Secretary Taft opened his address by remarking that a stranger might suspect the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealers' association had more to do with politics than with business.

"We have heard," re continued, "a great deal recently in connection with the moral awakening from business methods which permit illegality and fraud."

He spoke of the revelations of the insurance investigation and then of the evils of over issues of stocks and bonds, which he said was obtaining money under false pretenses.

Taking up the question of railroad discriminations and recent legislation to prevent rebating, he said:

"The truth is, gentlemen, that we have not quite enough of regulation of railways. Other powers ought to be conferred on the Interstate Commerce commission. It is said that the Interstate Commerce commission is not a safe way in which to control the railroads of the country. It is the only way in which we can control them. We must see that we secure strong men to sit upon that commission, who can prove by their administration that it is the proper way. It is that or go to government ownership with all the state socialism which it involves, and I have no doubt that government ownership of the railways, with the tremendous concentration of power it would involve, would endanger the republic. We have enough concentrated power in Washington now. To increase it so that the executive should control the enormous body of civil servants which would necessarily follow would result in making a president more powerful than any king who lives today.

"I believe it is possible to enforce the present anti-trust law, but we need a new law, more specific, to bring all capital within its provisions. I think that today the violation of the law is by no means so fashionable as it was formerly.

People Are Awake.

"Now we are going to have a business millenium, gentlemen, but we shall have a quickened public conscience and an eye on whether we have business demoralization or have business conducted within the terms of the law. The peole have waked up.

"We have just had a panic. Some of the gentlemen who have felt the lash of public opinion have been only too glad to attribute it to the legislation to which I have just referred. The charge is unfounded. It is due, if students of finance are to be trusted, to the gradual exhaustation of all the free capital of the world in enterprises which have not been so profitable as it was expected they would be. Now we must wait, the whole world must wait until we earn more free capital.

"There is no doubt but that European investors in our securities have been freightened by the revelations of dishonesty which have been shown of late in many of our large institutions. But is the man who pointed out that dishonesty to be charged with this lack of confidence or is it to be charged to the gentlemen who engaged in the illegality. It is not necessary to argue."

Secretary Taft left at 6:05 o'clock for West Point, N. Y., where he will tomorrow attend the graduation exercises at the military academy.

Beckham Has Fifty-Nine Votes.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 13.—The senatorial ballot today resulted: Beckham, 59; Bradley, 36; Campbell, 5; Allen, 1; Blackburn, 1. Necessary to elect, 58