

**PRESIDENT TAFT
TALKS FINANCE**

Principal Topic of Address of Chief Executive to the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

FAVORS BIG CENTRAL BANK

High Praise for Senator Aldrich's Work for Currency

DEPRECATES SECTION TALK

All Parts of United States Business Boat

DISCUSSES PURPOSE OF TRIP

Personal Touch with His Fellow Citizens Will Make Him a Better and More Efficient Public Officer.

BOSTON, Sept. 14.—President Taft's first public utterance since Congress adjourned was made in this city tonight before 2,000 men representing the combined business interests of Boston. The occasion was a banquet given in Mechanics' hall, the largest auditorium in Boston, by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, recently formed by a merger of the Boston Merchants' association and the Associated Board of Trade with the Chamber of Commerce and it marked the beginning of the president's 13,000-mile trip through the country. The features of the president's address were his endorsement of the proposition to establish a central bank in connection with currency reform, his words of high praise of Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, head of the National Monetary commission, and his repudiation of any attempt to start sectional strife in the country, such as that which he attributed to Governor Johnson "in calling upon the west to organize against the east."

**Building to Be
Sixteen Stories,
Says Cudahy**

Seventeenth and Douglas Office Building Third New One of that Height in Omaha.

E. A. Cudahy yesterday authorized the announcement that his building at Seventeenth and Douglas streets will be sixteen stories in height. "I shall build a skyscraper," Mr. Cudahy told a friend, "an office and store building at sixteen stories."

Mr. Cudahy added that he was now engaged in working out preliminary steps toward getting work on the building under way and that progress on the building may be looked for immediately. The announcement will be welcomed in Omaha. It had been supposed that the new Cudahy building would be a matter of ten stories or so and a skyscraper was not looked for.

**Santos-Dumont
Flies Fast with
Baby Aeroplane**

Diminutive Craft Attracts Wide Attention Among Aviators by Reason of Speed.

PARIS, Sept. 14.—The re-appearance in the world of aviation of Santos Dumont with his remarkable performance of yesterday, when he flew in an aeroplane at a speed of fifty-five miles an hour, has attracted much attention on account of the diminutive size of the machine. The aeroplane of Santos Dumont weighs, together with the pilot, only 118 kilograms (261 pounds). It has nine square yards of surface, as against twenty-two square yards in the Curtiss aeroplane, twenty-six in the Bleriot, and fifty-three in the Wright machines. The most striking feature in the appearance of this aeroplane is the short and broad wing, tilting at a high angle. It has no tail, and its general appearance is that of a quail.

**Wyoming Coal
Lands Case Up**

Hearing at New York on Question of Sending Defendants West for Trial.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The Wyoming coal lands case came up today before United States Commissioner Gilchrist. William Sully, a director of the American Mailing corporation of New York; Frank T. Wells and Rufus T. Ireland of Amityville, N. Y., and George W. Day of New York, the defendants, were indicted by the federal grand jury in Wyoming last May for conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of 1,000 acres of what are known as the "vacant coal lands" at Laramie, Wyo. The hearing today was up after the application of the federal authorities in Wyoming to have the men returned to that state for trial.

An Eagle's Tale



OW Vice President Hering of South Bend, who succeeds to the presidency of the Eagles this year, came to the rescue of "The Little Minister," the Baptist church at Mountpelier, Ind., when the pastor was about to be forced from the pulpit and saved him his position and at the same time paid off the debt of the church. It is a story that the Indiana Eagles are telling everybody they meet. Here is the way they tell the tale: "Mountpelier is a typical Indiana town, in which every inhabitant knows just how every other inhabitant lives. Most of the people are straight-laced and they are set against drinking. The pastor of the Baptist church is Rev. A. M. Hackleman, a young man, progressive and not as straight-laced as some of his congregation think he should be. "A little over a year ago this 'Little Minister,' as he is known in Mountpelier, decided that his people needed a new church and he assumed an obligation of \$17,000. Part of this sum was subscribed by business men, part was taken up by notes and part was subscribed by the Mountpelier series of the Eagles. "The Eagles gave aid to the church because the minister had been a great friend of theirs and had preached several sermons for them. His congregation said he must return that donation or leave the church. The head of the Indiana church waited on him with the warning that he would be dismissed from the church if he insisted on keeping the money. "Some of the business men who had subscribed money refused to give the sum they had promised unless the minister backed down. The attendance at the sermons fell off and the minister was in a hard way. "When things became that bad he wrote a letter to Vice President Hering asking him what was the best thing to do. He was told to stand firm for a while. "The vice president then sent letters to various Eagles over the country and secured subscriptions enough to dedicate the church free of debt. He wrote the 'Little Minister' that he would preach the sermon dedicating the church. "On that Sunday, last April, he journeyed to Mountpelier and Eagles flocked in from nearby towns. Pastors Wayne sent a special train to hear the vice president. "Hoosier Hering preached three times that day, and each time to a full house. He criticized severely the Mountpelier people for their attitude toward the young minister and told all about the Eagles. "So well did he talk that he made a solid impression on the people of the little town, and came to like him better than ever. "The little minister now continues in the pulpit of the Baptist church of Mountpelier and his congregation says he is the best man they have ever had. "And now Pastor Hackleman thinks Vice President Hering is one of the best men in the country, and he has become a firm friend of the big Eagle. He expects to join the fraternity before long and become a candidate for grand chaplain."

Basin of New Monetary System. Mr. Aldrich states that there are two indispensable requirements in any plan to be adopted in evolving a central bank of issue. The first is the control of the monetary system shall be kept free from Wall Street influences, and the other that it shall not be manipulated for political purposes. These are two principles to

**HILL DISCUSSES
FUTURE OF FARM**

Northern Railroad Magnate is Principal Speaker at Convention of American Bankers.

FOOD SUPPLY COMING PROBLEM

Says Increase of Agricultural Population is Imperative.

WILL HAVE TO IMPORT WHEAT

Growth of Cities Will Make This Step Necessary Within Decade.

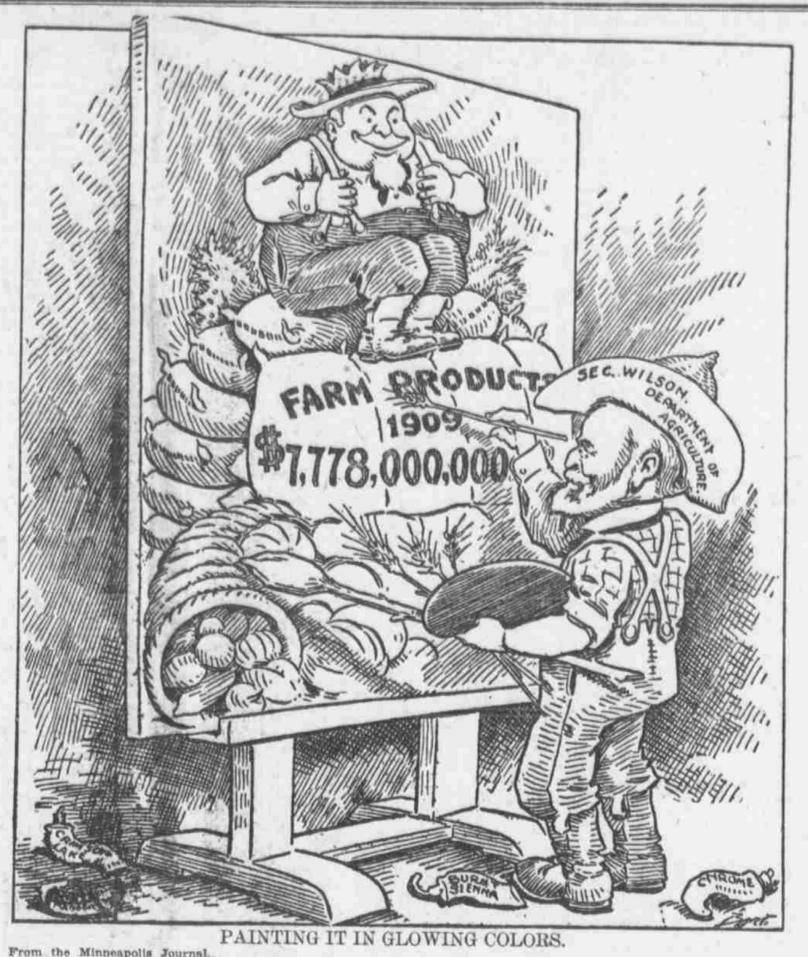
SHORT SPEECH BY CANNON

Speaker Praises Aldrich-Vreeland Act and Deprecates Demand for Enormous Appropriations for Improvements.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—Bankers from every state in the union and representatives of financial institutions in Cuba and Hawaii joined today in the opening session of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the American Bankers' association here. The convention was called to order by the president, George M. Reynolds, president of the Commercial National bank, Chicago. In the Auditorium theater in the presence of close to 5,000 delegates. Reports of the various committees and officers of the association and the addresses of welcome and the responses filled the morning session. The program of the day also contained an informal address by Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the house of representatives. A prominent feature of the first day's session was the discussion of practical banking questions by delegates. Address of James J. Hill. "The idea that we feed the world is being corrected, and unless we increase the agricultural population and their product the question of a source of food supply at home will soon supersede the question of a market for our own products abroad." This was the warning given by James J. Hill at the convention of the American Bankers' association today. A discussion of the decline of agriculture and its consequences. Mr. Hill's subject was "National Wealth and the Farm."

"We have," said the speaker, "almost reached a point where, owing to increased population without increased production per acre, our home food supply will be insufficient for our own needs. Within ten years, possibly less, we are likely to become a wheat-importing nation. The percentage of the population engaged in agriculture and the wheat product per acre are both falling. At the same time the cost of living is raised everywhere by the relative scarcity of bread, by artificial increase in the price of all manufactured articles, and by a habit of extravagance which has enlarged the view of both rich and poor of what are to be considered the necessities of life. "City Population on Increase. "It means the same thing, in kind and consequence, when the agricultural population, the producers and depositors in the great national treasury of wealth, is declining year by year, while the city population, which thrives only by drawing drafts upon the land and cannot live a year after these deposits are honored, rises at its expense. Yet not only is such a crisis approaching, but it is being hastened by legislative stimulation in favor of other industries while overlooking this. "In 1790 only about 34 per cent of the American people lived in towns. At the close of the civil war the percentage had risen to 51. In 1900 more than 70 per cent of our population was urban. The change is portentous, and there is no doubt that the coming census will show it to have proceeded in the last ten years with accelerated speed. "With our annual increase of over 15 per cent in population from natural causes and immigration that has not been less

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From the Minneapolis Journal.

MORGAN ELECTED DIRECTOR

J. P. Jr., Succeeds E. H. Harriman on National City Bank Board.

BIG INTERESTS IN HARMONY

Judge Lovett Elected Chairman of Southern Electric Executive Committee and Schiff and Rockefeller Directors.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—J. P. Morgan, Jr., was elected today to the late E. H. Harriman's place on the board of directors of the National City bank. By Wall Street, the election is regarded as one of the most significant of the week's financial developments, presumably indicating that harmonious relations exist between the Morgan and the Kuhn-Loeb-Standard oil groups of financiers. Added weight was given the matter because it followed so closely on the recent reports that the Morgan interests were about to take an active interest in the government of the Harriman roads and that the younger Morgan was asked as the ultimate successor of Mr. Harriman in the command of the Union and Southern Pacific systems. The National City bank, largest of the nation's financial institutions, is controlled by the Kuhn, Loeb-Standard Oil interests, which yesterday assumed a commanding position in the firm being at least in part merged with the Union Pacific. George W. Perkins, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., is already a director of the bank and the additional recognition given the firm today was taken by many in the financial district to mean not merely the existence of an "entente cordiale," but the consummation of an active working alliance between the two great groups of American financiers. The National City bank, referred to by the general public as "The Standard Oil bank," has resources aggregating more than \$300,000,000, while the First National, known as the "Morgan bank," has resources aggregating \$150,000,000. The tremendous resources of the two combined is at once apparent. The commanding position which the National City bank interests now hold in the Harriman railroads is indicated by the fact that four of the six members of the reconstructed executive committee of the Union Pacific are directors in the bank—Jacob H. Schiff, William Rockefeller, Frank A. Vanderlip and Henry C. Frick. Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Schiff were elected yesterday, when the size of the committee was increased, and Judge R. S. Lovett was made chairman, filling the vacancy made by Mr. Harriman's death. The changes made in the Southern Pacific directorate at the meeting today as a result of Mr. Harriman's death were precisely the same as those made in the Union Pacific directorate yesterday, and

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**Thompson Has
Control of Pan-
American Line**

Nebraskan Will Personally Look After Property When He Leaves Diplomatic Service.

MEXICO, Sept. 14.—David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, today secured control of the Panamerican railway, a line extending from San Gerónimo on the Tehuantepec National railway to Maricual, a town on the Mexican-Guatemalan frontier. Ambassador Thompson did not make public the purchase price, but said that he would have controlling interest in the property, having secured by purchase \$2,000,000 worth of the stock. The line, which is 34 miles in length, was formerly owned by Los Angeles and St. Louis capitalists, D. P. Doak being president of the road and J. M. Neeland of Los Angeles, vice president. Ambassador Thompson declares that the line is of great strategic value in that it is the only feasible route for entrance into Central America. The road will be improved and Mr. Thompson will personally look after the property as soon as he returns from the diplomatic service.

**Boy With Bullet
in Center of Brain**

Washington Led Tried This Method of Suicide, but is as Lively as Ever.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—With a 2-caliber bullet imbedded in his brain, fired there with suicidal intent more than two weeks ago, Frank Blaine left the Casualty hospital in this city yesterday discharged as cured. He said he suffered no discomfort other than pains in the head and neck, and he talked rationally. The surgeons at the hospital who have been observing Blaine closely said they detected no ill effects from the bullet in his brain, and it is their belief he will not suffer from it in future years. An X-ray photograph of the young man's head showed the bullet imbedded in the center of his brain.

Peary Insists He is Only White Man Who Reached the Pole

BATTLE HARBOR, Labrador, Sept. 14.—Via Wireless Telegraph to Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 14.—"I am the only white man who has ever reached the North pole, and I am prepared to prove it."

This statement was made to the representative of the Associated Press by Commander Robert E. Peary in reply to a question on the Peary-Cook controversy. The Associated Press' Douglass Thomas arrived at this lonely whaling and mission settlement at noon yesterday. A squall of rain was sweeping over the harbor as the Thomas steamed in, but with glasses the man who made out the mast and hull of the Arctic steamer Roosevelt moored in the inner bay. The Thomas drew near to the Roosevelt. The steamer looked little the worse for its second trip to the polar regions. Along the cabin were gathered the members of its famous crew, among them the redoubtable Captain Bartlett, who was at once recognized. Captain Bartlett invited the Thomas to lay alongside, and the correspondent clambered over the weather-beaten bulwarks and proceeded direct to the cabin to meet the man who has stood upon the apex of the world. The correspondent at once began questioning the explorer regarding the merits of Dr. Frederick A. Cook's claim to have reached the pole. The commander declared positively that he would not further discuss the subject until the main point, whether Dr. Cook had actually reached the North pole, had been decided by others. He then dictated the following telegram to the Associated Press for publication: "I am the only white man who has ever reached the North pole and I am prepared to prove it at the proper time. I have already stated publicly that Cook has not been to the pole. This I reaffirm and I will stand by it, but I decline to discuss the details of the matter. These will come out later. I have said that Dr. Cook's statement that he had reached the pole should not be taken seriously and that I 'have him nailed' by concrete proof to support my statement. In six months you probably will get the whole story. "It would not be policy for me to enter upon a full debate with the subject as it now stands. To do so would be giving out much information of which other men could be made. I intend to wait until Dr. Cook has issued his full authorized statements. Up to the present time there have been only newspaper accounts of Dr. Cook's alleged polar trip, and these may or may not be accurate. When Dr. Cook has time to issue a complete authorized version of his journey will be the proper opportunity for me to make public the information which I have. After that the jury—in other words, the people and the scientific bodies of the world—will pass judgment on the matter and there will then be nothing left of Dr. Cook's case but his own assertions that he has reached the North Pole. In the meanwhile it is my determination not to deal with debates for the reasons already stated."

ALTHAUS HEADS STATE F. O. E.

Omaha Man New Grand Worthy President of Nebraska Aerie.

CHADRON GETS NEXT MEETING

Mayor Charles Tracy of Benson Elected Vice Grand Worthy President to Great Joy of Eagles of that Town.

President—Jule Althaus, Omaha. Vice President—O. A. Tracy, Benson. Secretary—J. M. Kasser, South Omaha. President, J. W. Eddy, Omaha. Treasurer—J. B. Leathers, Chadron. Chaplain—George Gandy, Florence. Conductor—M. Pederson, Blair. Outside Guard—T. L. Walker, McCook. Outside Guard—W. A. Green, South Omaha. Trustees—C. E. Christiansen, Fremont; B. B. Swisher, Lincoln; Dr. A. J. Ames, North Platte. The foregoing list of officers was elected for the ensuing year by the fourth annual convention of the Nebraska aerie of Eagles in its final session at Benson yesterday afternoon. No strong opposition was made against any of the successful candidates, and most of them were put into their positions by the unanimous vote of the aerie. Chadron, with only Grand Island as a rival, was selected for the 1910 meeting. The defeated city was ruled out of the contest because its aerie was behind in the payment of certain dues to the state aerie. It is said, Grand Island would have received the convention. The delegates decided to make a fight for three reforms—state autonomy, a new method of making laws and a better way of taking care of tuberculosis victims. Resolutions recommending these changes to the grand aerie were adopted. The one dealing with better care for consumptives asked for immediate action by the grand body and recommended a national home. Long-Laid Scheme Hatched Out. In getting Mayor Charles A. Tracy elected to the office of vice president the members of the Benson aerie achieved an end they have been looking toward for months. As soon as they landed the convention for their city a year ago they began laying plans for putting one of their most popular members into this office. The vice

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**EAGLE PRESIDENT
RAPS MAGAZINE**

Bernard J. Monaghan Replies to Attack in His Annual Report to Grand Aerie.

BIG TIM SULLIVAN STORM CENTER

Article Attacking Former President Also Hit at Order.

CONVENTION MAKES SPEED

Much of Routine Work Got Out of Way at First Session.

POLITICAL POT BOILS HARD

Buffalo Eagles Plotting to Make San Francisco Take Gathering in 1910 Instead of 1911, When Eastern Town Wants It.

Eagle Convention Program, WEDNESDAY.

10:00 A. M.—Visit to packing houses at South Omaha and luncheon under auspices of South Omaha aerie. 1:00 P. M.—Tour through retail stores by visiting ladies. Every store in parade dress. 3:30 P. M.—Visit to wholesale district under escort of house excursion committee of Omaha Commercial club. THURSDAY. 10:00 A. M.—Trolley trips for visiting ladies. 12:00 M.—Grand parade and review by judges who will award the prizes. 2:00 P. M.—Exemplification of the new ritual by the chief officers at Auditorium. Open to all Eagles in good standing. 8:00 P. M.—Theater party for visiting ladies and trolley trips to the lakes.

Replying in very pointed language to an article which appeared last spring in McClure's magazine in which the character of Big Tim Sullivan of New York, past worthy president, was attacked directly, and the honor of the Fraternal Order of Eagles was assailed indirectly, President Monaghan injected considerable ginger into his annual report which was submitted to the grand aerie of Eagles Tuesday afternoon.

The chief official of the order gives the lie to the author of the article and the publication itself comes in for a scolding for printing the matter. The rest of the grand worthy president's message to the delegates was of a decidedly hopeful and optimistic tone and showed a remarkable growth in the order. The report was the principal feature of the afternoon session, which was secret and followed the conferring of the grand aerie degree on 89 delegates, who had never attended the grand aerie before. The obligator work was conferred by H. H. Thompson, the first grand worthy president of the order.

Order Growing Rapidly.

The credentials committee reported there were 1,623 delegates attending the convention. The only other business aside from the reports of the treasurer and secretary which had already been made public. Figures quoted by the president in his report show there were during the year ninety-five aeries instituted, four re-organized and four consolidated. Sixty-six surrendered their charters. There are in good standing 1,623 aeries, with a total membership of 309,586. These aeries have assets worth \$2,000,000, an increase over the preceding year of 20 per cent. An interesting statement showing the total disbursements of the order since its founding was included in the report. It was as follows:

Sick benefits	\$2,537,416.75
Funeral benefits	\$7,304.23
Special relief	\$3,948.85
Aerie physicians from June 1, 1908 to July 31, 1909	1,161,181.37
Grand total chargeable to benevolent fund	\$5,282,923.35

President Monaghan referred to the fact that he had required all aeries to abolish buffets in states where they were prohibited by law. Gambling and drunkenness, he declared, would not be tolerated in lodge rooms. Quotes the Insult. The portion of his address that aroused most interest was that referring to the article in McClure's Magazine entitled "Tammany's Control of New York by Professional Criminals." In the article was this reference to the order: "The Eagles, a great national organization of sporting men, bartenders, politicians, thieves and professional criminals, made Sullivan their head and the Bowery became the recognized metropolis of American criminality."

"That quotation," said Mr. Monaghan, "is sufficient to show the vile nature of the published articles and is sufficient of itself to discredit any and all of the statements therein contained. Crooks and criminals there may be scattered here and there in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, as there are in every other association, but in political and commercial, and in every profession, not excepting the clergy. If there be any in the Fraternal Order of Eagles they are not such by reason of that fact, but in spite of it. And every member of this grand aerie knows the precepts and practices of our order tend to higher ideals of morals and citizenship, and thousands of men have been lifted to a higher plane by reason of their association with its members and affiliation with the order."

"This article was evidently written for political purposes, but the writer, in order to accomplish his purpose, was willing to offend for the grossest insult, and evidently did not take the time or trouble to certify to the truth or falsity of his statements. This grand order was never used by any officer entrusted with its affairs for any but the high and best purposes for which it exists, and none of its members or more thoroughly understood the nature of its being in far above and beyond the power of any man to use it for political purposes than did the distinguished grand worthy president who has been so unjustly attacked."

Sullivan Administration Excellent. President Monaghan here quoted from Sullivan's first official circular which barred religion and politics from discussion in the order, made each member the sole judge of these matters, and denounced personal graft and private gain at the expense of the order. "The policy therein enacted," he continued, "was insisted upon and has been

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