

CUSTOMS FRAUDS ARRAIGNED

Secretary MacVeagh Discusses Inquiry at New York Banquet.

RICH TRAVELERS TO BLAME

Tourists Who Are Willing to Bribe Inspectors Are Scolded—Knox and Wickesham Also Speak.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Nine hundred and sixty-four distinguished men heard three members of the cabinet of the United States address the eleventh annual dinner of the Pennsylvania society of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria last night.

Mr. MacVeagh's Address.—Concerning customs house frauds in New York, Secretary MacVeagh said: "You know what we are trying to do for this city. We are trying to cut out a festering corruption. The undertaking needs the president back of it, and it would be impossible for any man in any position to be more direct and normal in his outlook upon a question of good government, or to be more resolved to back to the limit any important and wise project of improvement than President Taft. In what the Department of Justice and the Treasury department are undertaking to do at this port and in the less important but still important things we shall attempt to do at the other ports of the country, we have President Taft behind us."

Mr. MacVeagh here praised William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port, for the work he has accomplished and continued: "I shall dwell upon one obstacle only, and that is the important influence of the example of those rich or well-to-do travelers, who, for the sake of what they can make of it, are willing to evade law duties and sometimes to bribe in the bargain. A very serious consideration in this connection is the lack of sufficient public opinion to aid in correcting these practices."

Brilliant Affairs.

The dinner tonight was a brilliant affair. Seated under the time-honored portrait of William Penn, and the emblazoned coat of arms of the state of Pennsylvania, was the society's president, Andrew Carnegie. Next to him were Secretary Knox, Secretary MacVeagh, Attorney General Wickesham and Governor Edwin S. Stuart of Pennsylvania and the principal guests. At other tables sat Simon Guggenheim, United States senator from Colorado; John Wanamaker, former postmaster general; United States Senator Boies Penrose, Commander Leahy, United States navy, an honorary member of the society; United States Senator George T. Oliver, Samuel W. Pennypacker, governor of Pennsylvania; Edgar L. Grosvenor, former United States ambassador to Italy; John D. Archbold, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., W. E. Corey, president of the United States Steel corporation, and others.

MRS. A. F. READ SENTENCED

Denver Woman Who Threatened to Dynamite Mrs. Phelps Given Indefinite Term.

DENVER, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Allen F. Read, recently convicted of assault with intent to blackmail Mrs. Genevieve Chandler Phelps of Denver out of \$100,000, was this afternoon sentenced to not less than one year nor more than eighteen years in the penitentiary. Mrs. Read, who attempted to frighten Mrs. Phelps by displaying two sticks of dynamite during an automobile ride, look her sentence without emotion. She will be subject to parole in a year.

Tales of Roosevelt Hunt Cause Mirth in Africa

NAIROBI, British East Africa, Dec. 12.—The reading public here has found vast amusement in press clippings from America dealing with the game killing experiences of Colonel Roosevelt. While recognizing the prowess of the former president, they are somewhat amazed at the effect of his achievements upon the minds of his countrymen, particularly at the incredulity exhibited in some instances toward very ordinary happenings and the trusting faith in other cases with which some really outrageous yarns are accepted.

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Nebraska and Georgia in a Sea Collision

Misunderstanding of Signals Causes Slight Mixup, in Which No Harm is Done.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 12.—The collision between the battleships Georgia and Nebraska during tactical evolutions on the southern drill grounds off the Virginia capes Thursday seems to have been rather inconsequential, it being declared to have been an exaggeration.

The Georgia has a very small amount of paint scraped off one side with its bridge slightly bent. No one, it is said, was hurt, and neither the Georgia nor the Nebraska will have to withdraw from the fleet. This afternoon it was said the collision was due to a misunderstanding of signals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Unless Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, appoints a court of inquiry into the collision Thursday off the Virginia capes, the Navy department will do so as soon as the full reports of the accident arrive in Washington.

Holiday Recess for Congress

Adjournment Will Be Taken for Two Weeks Beginning December Twenty-One.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Congress will adjourn for the holidays on Tuesday, December 21 and the Christmas recess will last for two weeks, terminating on Tuesday, January 4.

There has been some pressure for an adjournment on Saturday, December 18, but Chairman Tawney of the house committee on appropriations has made such a strong plea for an opportunity to get the appropriation legislation started in the house that the ways and means committee has decided to defer the postponement long enough to accommodate him in that respect.

FIRE RECORD.

Giltner Opera House Burns.—In a fire Thursday afternoon three buildings were destroyed. The fire started by the gasoline stove route and burned the opera house and two other business buildings before it could be extinguished.

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Some Things You Want to Know

The American Congress—Reed Rules Controversy.

The house of representatives on February 14, 1890, adopted a new code of rules known as "the Reed rules," and with but few material changes it now governs the house. The code took its name from Thomas B. Reed of Maine, speaker of the house. The other republicans of the committee which reported the famous rules were William McKinley and Joseph C. Cannon.

When the special session sat last March Speaker Cannon was re-elected without trouble, but the house refused to adopt the rules of the former house and some slight amendments were incorporated, some of which in any sense impairs the effectiveness of the house machine. But party lines were broken and the regular majority was saved from utter defeat by a majority of only five, and that with the votes of twenty-three democratic representatives.

Reed was the leader, the master, the soul of the house. He was an intense partisan, who believed that only by the triumph of the republican party could the republic hope to survive. He was a party leader, the product of an era of bitter party warfare, and he believed in using the power of the majority utterly to crush his opposition.

Upon one occasion the majority of the house was certain to vote for a resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban revolutionists if given the opportunity. The house was half asleep when the democratic leader arose and addressed the chair. Reed knew that he had the Cuban resolution in his hand, ignoring the democratic speaker gazed into space and said: "The gentlemen from Maine moves that the house do now adjourn. Do I hear a second? The motion is seconded. All in favor will say 'aye.' Those opposed 'no.' The ayes have it. The house stands adjourned."

Whereupon the speaker directed the clerk to record the names of those present who declined to vote. This was the revolution. Democrat, one of those who had refused to vote and was constructively absent, appealed from the ruling of the speaker. The police believe that an attempt was made to wreck the office of a weekly publication, which has recently been criticizing certain public men of St. Louis. The damage is estimated at \$500. So far as is known no one was injured.

Dynamite Bombs in St. Louis

Attempt Made to Wreck Home of One Editor and the Office of Another.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—The residence of Harry B. Wandell, city editor of the St. Louis Star, was dynamited early this morning.

The front door and windows of the Wandell home were blown out. A man was seen running away from the house. No person was injured. The explosion was heard for blocks around. Wandell refused to discuss the cause of the explosion, pleading ignorance.

ICE TRUST WILL APPEAL

Counsel for Combine Asserts Verdict of Guilty is Unfair.

PHILLIPS WALKS INTO JAIL

Fugitive Since Last August, He Returns to Face Crime.

ADMITS MURDERING HAMILTON

Phillips Man Who Called Marshall C. Hamilton from Office in Florence and Shot Him.

"I want to give myself up. I am Jim Phillips, who is wanted for killing Marshall C. Hamilton several months ago," was the statement that Deputy Sheriff James Galloway got as he answered a call at the entrance of the county jail Saturday night.

His brother, Will Phillips, was arrested on August 3, but according to the statement of James Phillips last night they had agreed to surrender to the officers. He told Deputy Galloway that he thought that Will had surrendered. He did not know that he was arrested and was unable to explain why he did not give himself up at that time.

When searched at the county prison Phillips had a pocketknife, a Bible and a purse containing 8 cents. He explained that he had more money, but not with him at that time. He did not say anything about where it was, but it is supposed that it is in the possession of relatives, who will assist him in conducting his defense.

Story of the Crime.

Marshall C. Hamilton was the proprietor and manager of a sawmill on the Missouri river, located at the north end of sixteenth street on a strip of ground between the limits of Omaha and Florence. Hamilton and a distant relative, Charles Pate, were asleep in the mill office when they were awakened by a rapping on the screen door. Pate answered the alarm and Phillips, who was accompanied by his brother, asked if Hamilton was at home.

Officers Begin Search.

The officers began searching for the Phillips brothers as soon as the crime was discovered, but were unable to get any trace of them. It was learned later that they followed the railroad tracks to Gibson. It was stated by Will Phillips, after he was arrested, that he and Jim separated on Tuesday night, after the shooting, at Forty-fifth and Leavenworth streets and nothing has been heard of the elder brother since that early this morning when he was surrendered.

JOHANNSON'S MEMORY GOOD

Man Held Up at Boston Lunch Sues Man He Says Did Work—Arrest Follows.

Sighted on the street by his victim and tracked to the Uleuda restaurant, where he went for supper, C. H. Coleman of 109 South Seventeenth street, was arrested by Officer Mullaly Saturday night on the charge of robbing the Boston Lunch room at 1614 Farnam street on November 22.

Major Phelps at Madison.

MADISON, Neb., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Major H. E. Phelps, state inspector of national guards, spent Friday afternoon and evening in Madison inspecting the barracks and reviewing the work of Company F, Major Charles Frazer of Fremont, formerly of Madison, of battalion rank, and First Lieutenant Major Dr. M. E. Baker of Tilden, a member of his staff, were present at the inspection. Harry Hobbs of this city is captain of Company F.

Five Persons Are Drowned While Skating

Frank Cormany, Three Daughters and His Brother Break Through Ice at Kent, Ohio.

KENT, O., Dec. 12.—The opening of the skating season claimed five victims near here Saturday and nearly obliterated a family.

The tragedy occurred on Sperry brook, a tributary of the Cuyahoga river at Monroe Falls. The Cormany girls had been warned against venturing on the ice alone and there being no school session they persuaded their father and uncle to accompany them. The men were to skate and the children to slide. They left home about 9 a. m., promising to return for dinner. When they failed to appear, Mrs. Cormany became anxious and taking her 3 year old son, Charles, the only surviving child, went to the home of neighbors and organized a searching party. Search at the falls revealed at first only a big hole in the ice. Flora Cormany's body was dragged from the water and tonight the others were recovered.

SKELTON IN THE ATTIC

Unexplained Discovery Causes Removal of President of County Asylum.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 12.—A skeleton in the attic of the county insane asylum here has proved so effective a witness that the grand jury handed down today a presentment characterizing Dr. Daniel M. Dill, the superintendent, as incompetent and recommending his removal. Dr. Dill was unable to account for the skeleton, which is that of a woman. No woman, according to his books, has died in the institution since 1850.

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