

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

TAFT TO BLACK MEN

COLORED "GRADS" OF HOWARD COLLEGE ADDRESSED.

Chief Executive Declares Negro is Now Being Recognized as a Valuable Asset—Corner Stone is Laid After Exercises Are Concluded.

Speaking to the colored graduates of Howard university, near Washington, D. C., Wednesday, President Taft declared that never at any time has the future of the negro, as a race, appeared more hopeful and bright than at the present day.

The president pressed upon his hearers the fact that it is for the negro themselves to work out their own future and to make themselves valuable citizens in the communities in which they live. Conditions for the negro in the south, the president said, he believed are growing better and better. Southern people of the better class are coming to look more and more upon the negro as one of their valuable assets. Mr. Taft declared, and he again urged upon the negro the importance of gaining the respect and the friendship of the white people among whom he is to live.

The task of educating the negro, and especially of educating leaders among the race, the president asserted, was a debt owed by the government, a debt only too difficult of repayment because of the constitutional limits of the government in dealing with the individual.

President Taft personally handed to the more than 100 candidates for degrees their parchment rolls. When the commencement exercises were ended he was escorted to the foundation of the new Carnegie library of the university, where he officiated at the laying of the corner stone. The president evidently enjoyed the privilege of being a real mason, for he not only applied the customary first dash of mortar, but worked industriously with the silver trowel until he had covered the entire resting place for the well proportioned stone.

TWO SHOT TO DEATH.

Four Cornered Duel in Remote Section of North Carolina.

Arthur and Andy Franklin were shot to death Tuesday night in Laurel township, a remote section of Madison county, N. C., in a four cornered duel in which the Franklins were arrayed against the Tweed brothers.

Robert Tweed and Arthur Franklin met in the store of Arthur Franklin and opened fire. Andy Franklin endeavored to stop the fight, it is said, but Maj. Tweed interfered, and both drawing pistols the fight became general. Andy Franklin was instantly killed. Arthur Franklin died Wednesday of his wounds. Maj. Tweed received a serious wound in the thigh. Beverly Stanton, a bystander, was shot.

HELD FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Accused of Taking Over \$36,000 of County's Funds.

Jared C. Weed, of Buffalo, N. Y., cashier of the county treasurer's office since 1892, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of grand larceny. County Treasurer Fix, who made the charges, says that the total of the alleged stealings since 1900 was \$36,550, ranging from a few hundred dollars to several thousands a year.

Treasurer Fix charged that another employe is implicated and says he has information from each of the men as to their peculations. He says the confessions and restoration of the funds which have been taken were procured without any promise of immunity.

Unitarians at Boston.

The annual meeting of the American Unitarian association occupied practically all of Wednesday's anniversary week session at Boston. The reports of the nominating and business committees and the election of officers were considered in the forenoon.

Fight Promoters Are Ill.

Almost simultaneously with the news of the illness in New York of Pat Sheedy, his former partner in many enterprises, Parson Davies was taken quietly from New Orleans to Chicago and is said to be seriously ill in that city.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.65. Top hogs, \$7.25.

Is Carried Through Stille Gates.

Four persons were drowned and four others were rescued from a capsized gasoline launch which was carried through the stille gates of the dam of the Consolidated Water Power company of Grand Rapids, Wis., Tuesday night and dashed to the rocks below.

SARGENTS FOUND GUILTY.

Paris Court Returns a Verdict Against Couple.

A dispatch from Paris says that on the charge of having maltreated young children confided to their care, Cecil H. Sargeant, an Englishman, and his American wife, who was Miss Nevin, of New York, were found guilty Monday. Sargeant was sentenced to two years imprisonment and his wife to thirteen months imprisonment. In addition a small fine was imposed on each of the defendants. Witnesses testified that the Sargeants had beaten the children and deprived them of food. One of the last witnesses, Mme. Mariecel, of Brussels, declared that she had confided her child to the Sargeants five years ago and until recently had not heard any tidings from it. In a burst of uncontrolled fury she threw herself at the throat of Mrs. Sargeant and tried to strangle her. Guards with difficulty pulled the enraged woman away.

A curious development was the claim set up by a woman from Versailles that the child was hers. Pending a settlement of this, the court ordered that the child be kept in the municipal orphanage.

Sargeant and his wife were arrested at Asnieres last February charged with the gross ill treatment of four children whom they had adopted. The couple has been in the habit of inventing adventures in English and Belgian newspapers offering to adopt children for a money consideration. An effort was made to have Mrs. Sargeant examined as to her sanity, but after an investigation by a magistrate both of the Sargeants were ordered to stand trial before the correctional court.

REBELS GROW ACTIVE.

Movement for Overthrow of Dominican Republic Spreads.

A dispatch from Cape Haitian, Haiti, by courier from Monte Christi, San Domingo, says the revolutionary movement is spreading. Gen. Camacho, the former governor of Monte Christi, who is working in unison with Gen. Quirio Polanco for the overthrow of the government, has attacked and seized Guayubin and Dajabon, which are situated on the Haitian frontier, the Dajabon river being the northwest boundary between Haiti and the Dominican republic. There has been fighting between the revolutionists and the loyal forces at Monte Christi. The fate of Jose Bordas, governor of Puerto Plata, is not known, but it is reported that he is either dead or a prisoner.

Communications are interrupted and the government troops are expected to reach the disaffected district by Tuesday.

Fine Temple Dedicated.

Masons of Indiana Monday dedicated the new \$750,000 Masonic temple in Indianapolis, which they declare is the finest building devoted to Masonry in the world. The temple is built of steel and stone, four stories in height. The interior fixtures are of beaten brass and bronze and the furniture, carpets and tapestry were especially made for the purpose. The temple contains two restaurants and many private dining rooms and on top is a roof garden.

Shocks Felt at Messina.

One of the severest shocks since the great earthquake occurred at Messina Monday afternoon. The movement was both vertical and horizontal and lasted twenty seconds. The shock was preceded by a rumbling noise. The populace fled panic stricken and the walls of the ruins in various places collapsed.

Gas Explosion in Flat.

Six persons were injured, one seriously, by an explosion of gas which wrecked an apartment house at 763 Marshall street, Portland, Ore. Three of the injured were in an adjoining house, which was also badly damaged. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Drought in Vera Cruz.

The drought is so serious in some sections of Vera Cruz, Mex., that many people are leaving. Hundreds of cattle are dying. Wolves and dogs have gone mad, and natives in a number of villages have been bitten by the crazed animals.

Bubonic Plague at Caracas.

After an absence of six months the bubonic plague has again made its reappearance at Caracas. One case is official under examination. The rates of Caracas show infection. No cases have been found at La Guayra or elsewhere in the republic.

Telegraph Frank Investigation.

The Florida house Monday appointed a committee to investigate the "frank" flow of the Western Union Telegraph company's Tallahassee office to ascertain whether members of the legislature have been using telegraph "franks."

King Edward Holds a Levee.

King Edward, supported by the prince of Wales, held a levee at St. James palace, London, Monday. Ambassador Reid and J. R. Carter, secretary of the American embassy, were among the diplomatic guests. The former presented Charles Carroll, of Maryland, and Walter Farwell, of Chicago, to his majesty.

IOWA MAN'S ADVICE.

Dr. Steffen Tells Churchmen How to Get Money.

"Let Rockefeller and Carnegie alone—go into your own pockets for college endowments," was the advice of Dr. I. C. Steffen, of Dubuque, Ia., in an address before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Denver Tuesday afternoon.

During the day it became apparent that Chicago instead of Atlantic City was taking the lead as the next meeting place, but the subject was not officially before the assembly.

It was decided that \$100,000 should be spent in the erection of churches in the synod of Tennessee to replace those taken from the church by the decision of the supreme court of that state, which held the union of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America and the Cumberland Presbyterian church illegal.

Dr. Steffen called attention to the lack of bible study in the sectarian schools and urged that a rule requiring at least 144 hours of bible study in each school year be made compulsory in the case of each regular student. He also said the board had been withdrawing its aid from sectarian schools as much as possible in view of the greatly increased efficiency of high schools.

The regular and special reports of the executive commission were accepted after debate. Objection was made to the appropriation of only \$16,000 to the temperance board, but it was pointed out that this sum is \$1,000 in excess of the amount usually appropriated. The special report provided for the discharge of the standing committee on finance from the consideration of the budget of the missionary and benevolent board and that the policies outlined by the various boards be submitted to the commission for its consideration, later to be referred to the assembly.

Dr. W. L. McEwan offered a report of the board of home missions showing that the amount received—\$1,073,971—was the largest in the history of the church. He asked for \$300,000 for the work of the coming year. Dr. Charles I. Thompson, of New York, secretary of the board, made a plea for the immigrant, saying that within fifty years the United States will have a population of 200,000,000 and that a special effort must be made to Christianize the incoming foreigners.

Congressman Bennett, of New York, who is a commissioner to the assembly, denied that the majority of immigrants are idlers and criminals.

Dr. Thompson referred to the removal of Robert Watchorn, former commissioner of immigration, stationed at Ellis island.

"Politics," he said bitterly, "or what not" was the cause of the removal of a great man."

WOMEN STORM SCHOOL HOUSE.

Mothers Become Alarmed When Fire Breaks Out Near School.

A panic stricken mob of nearly 1,000 women, mothers and relatives of the 500 children which attended the east side public schools at Forsyth and Stanton streets, New York City, stormed the doors of the school house Tuesday when a fire started in a six-story tenement house adjoining. Realizing the serious consequences that would follow if the excited women got inside the school house, the janitor quickly closed and bolted the doors, and the teachers managed to quiet the children. No one was injured.

Faces Murder Charge; Ends Life.

On the eve of his trial for murder Irving Carter, aged 23, committed suicide at his home at Huntville, Mo., shooting himself in the head. A year ago he shot and killed Thomas E. Bagby because Bagby had wronged his sister. Carter lured Bagby to the spot where he shot him.

Train Holdup Suspect Held.

A man giving the name of L. U. Steinhoff was arrested at Cheyenne, Wyo., Monday night on suspicion of being an accomplice in the robbery of the Union Pacific mail near Omaha Saturday night. He had in his possession \$800 in currency.

Deadlock is Unbroken.

On the ninety-fourth joint ballot in Illinois the total vote of the joint session was: Hopkins, 88; Foss, 7; Mason, 2; Shurtzoff, 19; Stringer, 40; E. J. Kelly, of Chicago, 11; M. J. Collins, 16; scattering, 17. The joint session then arose.

Kills Wife with Hammer.

Samuel Elyea, a retired farmer, killed his wife early Tuesday in Jewell City, Kan., with a hammer. He had been bordering on insanity for several years, but was not considered dangerous. The murdered woman was his second wife.

Lynching in Arkansas.

A special from Pine Bluff, Ark., says that Lovett Davis, a negro, charged with attempting a criminal assault on a 15-year-old white girl, was lynched at midnight Monday.

Five Children Burned.

Five children were fatally burned during commencement exercises in a private school at Central City, Ky., Monday night.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

CASES READY FOR COURT TRIAL.

Nebraska Prepared for Long Siege in Adjustment.

Testimony will be taken for the first time next month in the various railroad cases in the federal court involving the validity of the 2-cent fare law, the maximum freight rate commodity law and other legislative enactments of 1907. These have been in court for nearly two years and the lawyers have just about got all the underbrush cleared away for trial on their merits. In the statutes in question are the anti-pass law and the act creating a railroad commission. If the state loses, all the work of the past four years in legislative regulation of railroads will fall, but the attorney general is confident that he can sustain them all.

A year's time, it is expected, will be consumed in taking testimony. Four or five years will probably pass before a final decision in the higher courts can be secured. The case is to be heard by both of the federal judges. Before he was appointed, Judge Thomas C. Munger was one of the strongest advocates of the restrictive legislation in question, and the state stands in the case relieved of the incubus that Missouri had in the person of Judge McPherson, who was a railroad lawyer before he became judge.

McPherson's decision is citable as a precedent, but what governs will be the rulings of the trial of the case, and it is expected to materially aid in sustaining the state's position. Meanwhile all of these laws will remain in force.

HAS STOPPED GROWING OLD.

Colored Woman at Hastings Said to Be Aged 100 Years.

Mrs. Clara Briley, colored, of Hastings, presumably the oldest person west of the Mississippi river, on Monday celebrated her 100th birthday anniversary. She is apparently as strong in body and mind as she was thirty years ago and is able to talk with remarkable clearness of things that occurred a century ago.

"I stopped getting old about sixty years ago," said Mrs. Briley. "This thing of breaking down in old age is a matter of feeling. I would have died long ago if I had given up, but I made up my mind at the age of 50 that I would live another fifty years, and at 100 I decided to live at least twenty-five more. I think I've made a pretty good start."

MEAT MARKET SOLD LIQUIDS.

Beatrice Butcher Pleads Guilty to Selling and Pays Fine.

On complaint of Mayor Rutherford, of Beatrice, Henry Neitman, proprietor of a meat market on Lower Court street, in that city, was arrested charged with bootlegging. The complaint was drawn in two counts. Neitman appeared before Judge Ellis and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$204.80, which he paid. Ever since the saloons closed here, more than a year ago, it was suspected that Neitman had been engaged in the moist goods business and the authorities have been keeping close tabs on him since he took out a government license a few weeks ago.

UNWRITTEN LAW SUCCEEDS.

Robinson and Bickley Acquitted at Springfield of Charge of Murder.

A dispatch from Springfield says Anthony Robinson and William Bickley were acquitted there late Saturday night of murdering Warren Sutherland. Robinson shot and killed Sutherland May 12, 1908. He claimed Sutherland had made improper proposals to his 18-year-old daughter. Bickley, a brother-in-law of Robinson, went with him to the Sutherland house near Carnes, when Robinson shot Sutherland.

Lightning Strikes a School.

Monday afternoon during a thunder storm the lightning struck the tower of the public school building at Neligh and damaged it somewhat and started a fire, which was soon put out by the fire department. The children had just been dismissed and were nearly all out of the building before the alarm was sounded.

McCarthy Coming Back.

The police of Lincoln say the amount of money taken by Joseph H. Stores, known there as J. H. McCarthy, administrator of the Helen Horn estate, is close to \$10,000. McCarthy is under arrest at Seattle, and advises from that place say he has less than \$100 of the money left.

Good Rain in Center.

Except for one or two local showers, dry weather has been the rule in Cass county this spring until Sunday night. A general rain began falling early in the night and continued until 7 a. m. The government register showed the precipitation to be slightly in excess of half an inch.

Howard County Gets Showers.

Three light showers Sunday in Howard county Sunday brought a rainfall of .45 and somewhat relieved the drought, but a good deal more is needed, as the ground was getting very dry.

Nebraska Cloudburst.

A cloudburst occurred Monday night between Plainview and Niobrara. No trains ran between Norfolk and the Rosbud country Tuesday on account of damage to bridges. At Verdigris a number of families were forced to move from their homes to escape the water. Washouts occurred also between Okadale and Tilden and between Albion and Loreto.

DOGS TRACE CULPRITS.

Bloodhounds Solve Mystery that Worried Nance County People.

Bloodhounds were instrumental in settling the telephone difficulty which has been aggravating the people over in Nance county, just north of Palmer, for a long time, and the culprit is now under arrest.

For some time the lines have been useless at intervals, and when the difficulty was investigated it was found that it was always due to "hogging" of the wires, evidently by some person with malicious intent. Sunday the lines went out of commission and Sheriff Babb, of Fullerton, was summoned to help untangle the affair. He went over the line and found that at a certain point it had been grounded by a piece of wire being bent over the telephone wire and then extended down to the ground. He was at a loss to know where to fix the blame, but thought of Sheriff Babb and his bloodhounds at Central City and phoned the sheriff to bring them over.

Sheriff Babb and Judge Peterson loaded the dogs in an automobile and went to the scene.

The dogs took the scent at the point where the mischief had been done and followed it to a nearby farm house, where the man of the house, when confronted with the accusation stoutly denied any knowledge of it. His 12-year-old son, however, was called upon and owned up that he and his brothers had been in the habit of tampering with the telephone lines in this manner, thinking it great sport to thus thwart their neighbors in their efforts to use the line. The officers of the law, however, did not see the humorous side of the affair in the same cheerful manner as the boys, and took them over to Fullerton on a charge of malicious mischief, to which they will be compelled to answer in court.

JOSEPH STORRS CAPTURED.

Absconded from Lincoln, Neb. With \$10,000 of an Estate.

The Lincoln police department Saturday received advices from Seattle, Wash., of the capture at that place of Joseph Storrs, alias J. H. McCarthy, whose name has been in the news made for a month, extending almost across the continent. McCarthy, as he is known in Lincoln, is charged with absconding with \$10,000 of the Horn estate, of which he was administrator. Mrs. Helen Horn, a wealthy and eccentric widow died, leaving the bulk of her property to a friend. Relatives contested and the will was set aside.

McCarthy, who was employed in a Lincoln law office, took an active part in the litigation, and made such a good impression that he was, although almost a stranger, appointed administrator.

After securing control of the property and cash on hand the young lawyer, it is alleged, began spending money more freely than his circumstances would warrant, giving expensive suppers to actresses and making frequent trips to Chicago and other cities. He disappeared for good early in April, and since that time a detective has been after him east and west.

A telegram Saturday from Seattle says McCarthy has consented to return without a requisition, and would start Monday. A bonding company of Omaha has paid the expenses of the pursuit.

GANGBOTS STOP TRAIN.

E. P.'s Overland Limited is Held Up Near Omaha.

Four masked bandits held up and robbed Union Pacific passenger train No. 2, known as the Overland Limited, a mile west of Omaha just before midnight Saturday and secured seven mail sacks, and they are believed to have contained a large sum.

The robbers evidently got on the train at some town west of Omaha. The hold up occurred about a mile west of the city limits in a deep cut along the recently constructed Lane cut-off. The robbers climbed over the tank and forced the engineer to stop his train and then proceeded to the mail car. The clerks were forced to open the door and hand out a number of pouches of registered mail. Once they secured the bags they hurried away in a southerly direction and permitted the train to proceed.

The passengers were not molested and as soon as the robbers left the scene of the holdup the train proceeded to this city. A big squad of police hurried to the scene and quickly started in pursuit of the bandits.

Mail Sacks Destroyed.

Two sacks of mail rolled under the cars at York and the wheels of the Burlington through passenger ground the letters and sacks to the fineness of powder. A part of the mail was recovered and although torn and discolored some of it will reach its destination.

Plan for "Weed" Day.

O. H. Gillespie, of Madison, has written Gov. Shallenberger requesting him to set apart one day in each year, for weed burning, designating such day as "weed day," and calling upon the people to cut the weeds in the highways and byways and between such places and the alleys.

Stanton Child Loses an Eye.

While playing in the yard with his older brother, Ronald, the youngest son of Prof. and Mrs. Welch, of Stanton, had the misfortune to injure one of his eyes to such an extent that it will have to be removed. The children were playing with a broom handle, one end of which was pointed. In trying to get the stick away from his older brother he forced the sharp end into his own eye, bursting the eyeball. Ronald is 16 months old.



CHICAGO.

Payments through the banks and lower defaults testify to healthier conditions. The commercial outlook is keener and awaits an early settlement of tariff revision. Developments as a whole carry the encouragement which stimulates enterprise, renewed strength and confidence being well established. Current activities are conspicuous in the enlarged movements of heavy materials, factory products, general merchandise and grain. The outgo of provisions also is increased, although live stock arrivals declined and packing capacity works under the normal.

Weather conditions have favored more extended operations in the leading industries, construction and building, and gain is seen in the absorption of seasonal goods, but more warmth is needed for an adequate disposition of light-weight apparel, retailers not yet securing ample sales.

Cheaper prints and costlier tendencies of wool fabrics induce more widespread orders in wholesale dry goods and clothing. This has brought larger numbers of visiting buyers into the markets for staples, and bookings rise for immediate and full shipments of textiles, footwear, men's furnishings, furniture and household needs.

Inquiries for furnace and mill outputs extend farther into the future and the contracts closed reflect distinct progress in iron, wood, brass and leather working. Railway orders appear more freely and assure increasing activity at the forges and equipment plants. Building materials are under the greatest consumption known here, and this stiffens prices and puts the building trades upon a substantial basis.

Bank clearings, \$271,814,502, exceed those of the corresponding week in 1908 by 19.5 per cent and compare with \$262,032,830 in 1907. Failures reported in the Chicago district number 24, against 36 last week, 25 in 1908 and 14 in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 10, against 4 last week, 7 in 1908 and 4 in 1907.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade.

NEW YORK.

Weather conditions continue irregular, but a change for the better has occurred in staple crop conditions, and retail business is slightly improved, though disappointing and showing evidences of the repression heretofore evident. Re-order business from jobbers and wholesalers has been rather quiet, but there is, if anything, a more assured optimism permeating the reports as to the outlook for next fall and winter trade.

Best reports as to retail trade comes from the upper part of the great central valley and its tributaries. Cold wet weather has interfered with business in parts of New England and the middle Atlantic States, and trade seems slow to improve in San Francisco and in parts of the Pacific Northwest.

All indications of activity have to do with future trade, the expectation being that the removal of tariff uncertainty will give an impetus to general business. Retail trade, though better than a year ago, has been on the whole disappointing, causes assigned for this being weather conditions and the high prices of the general public.

Business failures in the United States for the week were 219, against 224 last week, 284 in the like week of 1908, 165 in 1907, 170 in 1906 and 179 in 1905. Canadian failures for the week were 25, against 30 last week and 39 in same week last year.—Bradstreet's.

MARKET OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$7.25; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$7.45; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.25 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.44 to \$1.48; corn, No. 2, 7c to 7c; oats, standard, 57c to 58c; rye, No. 2, 5c to 57c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$14.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$13.50; butter, choice creamery, 22c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 21c; potatoes, per bushel, 75c to 90c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.40; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$7.55; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$6.15; wheat, No. 2, \$1.45 to \$1.47; corn, No. 2 white, 7c to 7c; oats, No. 2 white, 5c to 5c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$1.00 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$7.40; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.46 to \$1.48; corn, No. 2, 7c to 7c; oats, No. 2, 57c to 57c; rye, No. 2, 5c to 5c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.40; hogs, \$4.00 to \$7.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.40 to \$1.50; corn, No. 2 mixed, 5c to 7c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 57c to 58c; rye, No. 2, 5c to 5c.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, fair to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$4.75; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$8.25.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.65; hogs, \$3.50 to \$7.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.43 to \$1.45; corn, No. 2, 8c to 8c; oats, natural white, 6c to 6c; butter, creamery, 22c to 24c; eggs, western, 17c to 22c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.48 to \$1.50; corn, No. 2 mixed, 7c to 7c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 58c to 58c; rye, No. 2, 5c to 5c; clover seed, \$5.15.

The Revolution in Turkey.

Turkey is acquiring the South American temperament in fine style.—Atlanta Journal.

Castro ought to be glad that he is out of range. Look at Abdul.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Now let's us see if the rebels can knock the stuffing out of Turkey.—Cleveland Leader.

It is announced that Abdul Hamid has left his throne. If so, it must have been riveted to the floor.—Cleveland Leader.

It would be interesting to know how many of Abdul Hamid's 4,000 wives are saying "I told you so."—Washington Star.

When the Sultan arrests an American as a spy he is taking the chance of an ultimatum of the sort not merely to be placed on file.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Turkish soldiers made the revolution largely because their pay was in arrears. Now they naturally want their pay from the new regime.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

If Abdul Hamid is driven to seek an asylum in America, he would make a corking good "denying" secretary for some President or statesman.—Washington Post.

Under the present circumstances, Abdul Hamid would doubtless accept with pleased alacrity an invitation to accompany President Taft on his visit to Alaska this summer.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

While Abdul Hamid may be tried for trespass, murder, embezzlement, perjury, bribery, hooding and graft, there are wise men who will think of his eleven wives and conclude that his punishment is enough.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

That Message to Mars.

Here's another fellow who cuts prices and offers to talk to Mars for \$20,000. Help, union.—Cleveland Leader.