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CAPSULE POISONED MILLIONAIRE

Administered at Instance of Dr. Hyde, Husband of the Dead Man's Niece.

VERDICT IN COLONEL SWOPE INQUEST

But One Ballot Necessary to Agree Upon a Verdict—Jury Unable to Determine Whether Drug was Given with Felonious Intent—Rumors Regarding Probable Prosecution—Dr. Hyde Present When the Verdict was Returned—Made No Comment.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9.—Colonel Thomas H. Swope came to his death by reason of strychnine administered in a capsule at the instance of Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of the dead millionaire's niece, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury in Independence today.

Whether the drug was administered with felonious intent, the jury said its verdict was unable to determine.

The jury was out but little more than an hour. But one ballot was necessary to agree upon a verdict.

Hurried Consulations Followed Verdict.

Although there were nimerous and hurried consultations between attorneys for the state and Dr. Hyde and his legal advisers, and rumors regarding probable prosecution were plentiful tonight, the case stands just as it did when the coroner's jury returned its verdict.

Prosecutor Virgil Conkling refused to dicuss his plans for the future. He said positively, however, that he would confer with his associates in the prosecutor's office before he took any action. He and Henry L. Jost, first assistant circuit attorney, who has done most of the investigating for the state's attorney's office in the Swope case, will confer tomorrow.

It is said tonight that Coroner B. H. Zwart will begin an inquest over Colonel Swope's body as soon as the official report of the physicians who are evamining the stomach and liver is received. J. E. Trogden, the coroner's attorney, would not commit himself on this rumor.

Dr. Hdye Makes No Statement.

Dr. Hyde and his attorneys, John H. Cleary and Frank P. Walsh, spent the evening together at the physician's home. They made no statement. Mrs. Hyde is seriously ill, and the physician is devoting all his spare time to her.

The suit that Dr. Hyde has pending against Attorney John G. Paxton, Dr. Frank Hall and Dr. Edward L. Stewart for damages for $600,000, for allegel libel, will be dismissed if Dr. Hyde is pressed for depositions in the case now, it is reported tonight. It is expected that the deposition contest, which waged so fiercely last week, will begin anew, now that the coroner's inquest is over.

If Dr. Hyde is ruffled by the verdict, he is concealing his feelings. He was present when the verdict was returned. After hearing it read, he turned to his attorney and said:

"Wh-at does it mean?"

Mr. Cleary explained the verdict.

"I see," he said simply.

Then he asked the attorneys to go to lunch with him, and a moment later they left the building.

TEACHER FINDS HERSELF HEIR TO $1,000,000.

Oregon Woman Remembered by George D. Nelson of Springfield, Mass.

Portland, Oregon, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mary Booth, more than sixty years old, who has been ekeing out an existence as a teacher in a local Chinese mission, found herself today heiress to $1,000,000, property and money to this amount having been willed her by George D. Nelson of Springfield, Mass., who died a few days ago. Mr. Nelson left a $6,000,000 estate.

H. C. King, an attorney, who became interested in Mrs. Booth's story and who worked on the case for a contingent fee, will receive $470,000.

Nelson was the coachman of Mrs. Emma G. Vinton, widow of Edward Bliss Vinton, and after her death a will leaving her entire fortune to him was found. Mrs. Booth was Mrs. Vinton's sister, and Nelson, always friendly to her, made her one of his heirs.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 9.—The will of George D. Nelson, the wealthy hotel proprietor, who died here yesterday, has not yet been probated, but it is believed that Mr. Nelson was worth about $800,000. Mr. Nelson signed the will only a few days ago.

George G. Dunn of New York, a nephew and believed to be Nelson's only surviving relative, is here, and is thought to be the principal heir of his uncle. It is understood that he is also made executor of the estate.

Nelson came to Springfield about 1875 with a pair of horses for William Bliss, president of the Boston & Albany railroad. Later he became superintendent for J. Bliss Vinton. When Vinton died, Nelson was given charge of his estate, and later was bequeathed the entire property, valued at $600,000, by Mrs. Vinton.

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 9.—George G. Dunn, in an interview tonight, discredited the story of a million-dollar bequest by George D. Nelson, to Mrs. Mary Booth of Portland, Ore., said to be a sister of Nelson's benefactress, Mrs. Vinton. Dunn asserted that he was the sole heir and executor of Nelson's fortune, which, he said, was something over $500,000. He, moreover, insisted that Mrs. Emma G. Vinton never had a sister. The aggregate of several minor bequests made by his uncle, he added, would not not amount to more than $75,000.

PRICES OF PORK FIXED ONCE A WEEK BY COMBINE.

Information Placed in Hands of U. S. Attorney at Pittsbrug.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—Information of an alleged coalition of local packers was placed in the hands of United States Attorney John H. Jordan today, who says "it looks like a mighty good case." The federal prosecutor will investigate the evidence and turn it over to District Attorney William A. Blakeley. Mr. Jordan says he could not act unless interstate commerce laws have been violated.

Accoring to Mr. Jordan, the information charges that the members of the combination meet once a week in a downtown brakerage office, where they fix prices of pork for the next week.

It is alleged also that prices are shaded in some instances, and that rebates are given favored retailers, but the organization is said to impose a fine of $50 when such cases are discovered. The information is said to have come from a large retail butcher, whose name Mr. Jordon will not disclose.

BEWARE OF FIFTH AVENUE.

It Has Become a Parade Ground for Crooks and Pickpockets.

New York, Feb. 9.—Fifth avenue has become so truly a parade for strong arm women, "panel workers" and pickpockets that the Fifth Avenue association, organized originally to promote the beauty of the avenue, adopted resolutions today calling for better police protection and more lights.

In ruling on a recent robbery case Magistrate Cornell said that Fifth avenue is unsafe after 9 o'clock for men with much money about them. Robert Grier Cooke, president of the association, said today that although Magistrate Cornell's assertion might be a little highly colored there was substantial ground for complaint.

Coroner Says Mrs. Alice Van Zandt Was Murdered.

Cincinnati, Feb. 9.—Coroner Coe, who held an inquest over the body of Mrs. Alice Van Zandt, whose corpse was found lying across a gas stove at her home Jan. 29, returned a verdict today in which he declared that the woman was murdered and that "circumstances point strongly towards Jesse Van Zandt, husband of the woman, as the guilty person.

Van Zandt will have a hearing Feb. 11 on his plea of not guilty.

ELECTRIC CAR CRASHED INTO BRIDGE ABUTMENT

One Passenger Killed—Twenty-five Others Severely Injured.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 9.—Stimulated to quick action by the accident today, in which an electric car coasted down a steep grade in Dalton and crashed into a railway bridge abutment, killing one passenger and severely injuring 25 others, the Pittsfield board of aldermen this evening voted to close two branch lines operated by the Pittsfield Street Railway company. At almost the same hour a number of the most prominent manufacturers in Pittsfield and Dalton met to discuss the local street railway situation with Charles W. Bishop, a member of the Massachusetts railroad commission.

Mr. Bishop came here to investigate the wreck and also to inquire into complaints of poor service from patrons of the company's cars, among them being United States Senator Winthrop Murray Crane, whose home is in Dalton.

Today's accident did not occur on either of the branch lines ordered closed; but it undoubtedly hastened the action of the aldermen. The Country club line, running a mile and a half south from Pittsfield, and the North branch, a mile in length, are the ones closed.

A special town meeting has been called for February 21 in Dalton, the object being to see whether the town will vote to oust the Pittsfield Street Railway company from Dalton for alleged inadequate service and equipment. Coincidently a motion will be made to have the Berkshire street railway, which now runs close to the town, place its care in Dalton's streets.

GOAT'S FLESH SOLD FOR LAMB. DEALERS ADMIT THE FACT.

Poultry in Cold Storage for Nine Months—New York Testimony.

New York, Feb. 9.—Provision dealers denied today that turkeys are ever kept in storage for two years and put on the market when they are mouldy from age, but admitted that poultry is sometimes held from six to nine months and that goat's flesh has been sold for lamb. This testimony was adduced at a public hearing before the committee on laws and legislation of the board of aldermen which has under consideration an ordinance providing that all foods held in cold storage must be tagged with the date at which they go into storage and the date when they come out.

A delegation of dealers defended the cold storage system and fought the proposed ordinance on account of the expense it would entail, which, they said, must ultimately fall on the consumer.

Mrs. Sophia Loebinger of the National Progressive Suffrage union hotly opposed the dealers. The hearing was adjourned a week.

MEYER'S IDEAS APPROVED.

Dispute Over Navy Reorganization Practically Settled.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The long drawn out dispute in the house committee on naval affairs over endorsing the plan of Secretary Meyer for the reorganization of the navy is practically settled, it was said today, and the committee will take action next week, which will be, in effect, a tentative approval of the secretary's ideas. The secretary will be given the opportunity to demonstrate during the next year the worth of his plans.

The Meyer plans provide for the abolishment of the bureau of equipment and placing all naval construction under the direction of officers of the line, and a rearrangement of the duties of some of the other departments.

POPE EXPRESSES REGRET.

But Says He Could Not Depart from Policy to Receive Mr. Fairbanks.

Rome, Feb. 9.—The pope today personally considered the recent incident involving ex-Vice President Fairbanks, who was refused a private audience by the vatican because he insisted upon keeping an earlier engagement to address the Methodist society here. The pope said that he regretted that he had not been able to receive Mr. Fairbanks, but that he could not depart from the policy adopted, as to do so would appear to give recognition to the disloyal interference of certain Protestant denominations.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Alexandria, Feb. 8: Carmania, from New York.

At Liverpool, Feb. 9: Cymric, from New York.

At Piraeus, Feb. 9: Arabic, from New York.

Cabled Paragraphs

Madrid, Feb. 9.—Count Von Tattenbach, the German ambassador to Spain, died today.

Stockholm, Feb. 9.—A liquor monopoly for the exclusive manufacture in Sweden of spirits was organized today with a capital approximating $4,000,000.

Dublin, Feb. 9.—John Redmond today was re-elected chairman of the nationalist party at a meeting at the Mansion house. Fifty-four members were present. Timothy Healy and William O'Brien and their followers, who had not been invited, did not attempt to participate in the election.

Madrid, Feb. 9—A despatch from Logreno says that citizens of one of the small towns of the province of Logreno, enraged at the acts of the city government, today made an attack on the city hall. Many shots were exchanged and the mayor and a judge were mortally wounded. Two councilmen and two of the rioters were seriously wounded.

COMMANDER PEARY MADE A REAR ADMIRAL.

His Name Favorably Reported and Passed Without Debate.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Promotion to the high rank of rear admiral as one of the honors to be bestowed upon Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., for his achievement in discovering the north pole, received the endorsement of the senate today.

The Hale bill adding Peary's name to the list of rear admirals in the navy and providing for him immediate retirement with the highest pay received by one of the rank was favorably reported by the committee on naval affairs and was passed almost immediately, without debate or comment.

A similar measure offered in the house by Representative Allen of Maine was forwarded to the navy department by Chairman Foss of the house naval committee, who said that he expected it would be approved by the department and that he would then urge its passage by the house as fitting recognition of the work of Commander Peary.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 9.—"It is a great honor to myself and to my family," said Commander Robert E. Peary this evening when he alighted from the Knickerbocker limited and was informed that a bill making him a rear admiral was passed by the United States senate today.

The commander passed through the crowd at the union station unrecognized.

The board of trade tendered him a reception following his lecture, which was delivered in Infantry hall.

FOOD-PRICE INQUIRY WILL COVER BROAD FIELD

Many Articles Used in Every Day Life Included.

Washington, Feb. 9.—As finally determined today the investigation into the increase of prices of food and other necessaries of life which the senate is about to enter upon will cover a broad field. The measure providing for such investigation was passed today with comparatively little discussion.

It authorizes an inquiry by a special committee of seven senators into the general advancement of values, covering not only food and clothing, but many other articles used in every day life. The investigation also will cover the questions of salaries, earnings and the tariff. Not only will prices in the markets be included, but also those at the farm and the factory.

At the instance of Senator Burton, the resolution was made to cover all commodities, while Senator Warren secured the inclusion of prices of hides, leather and boots and shoes; Senator Johnson obtained the inclusion of the prices of beef, sheep and hogs, and Senator Bacon, the inclusion of prices of steel. The inquiry is expected to begin shortly and will be conducted with the greatest despatch.

FOR BAGGAGE LOST IN TEN-CENT PACKAGE ROOM

Verdict Rendered Against Pennsylvania Railroad for $254.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—A case of interest to travelers was decided in common pleas court here today when a jury held the Pennsylvania Railroad company liable for the full value of baggage lost in a ten cent package room at one of its stations in New York. The company contended the package rooms were maintained only for the accommodation of passengers, and the small cost charged did not impose upon it any obligation beyond $10. The judge said the company had assumed the safe keeping of the baggage and its failure to do so amounted practically to violation of contract. He therefore permitted the case to go to the jury, which rendered a verdict of $254, the full amount of the claim, with interest. The company will appeal.

COLD STORAGE EGGS VANISH FROM BIG WESTERN CITIES.

Reports from Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Other Markets.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 9.—Cold storage eggs have vanished from the Cleveland market, and reports from Pittsburg, Cincinnati and other adjacent markets indicate that a similar situation prevails there. Notwithstanding the prices of eggs has dropped from 38 cents a dozen wholesale, the figure of ten days ago, to 26 12 cents, tonight's quotation. Eggs went down a cent today, a daily occurrence for a week, except on the days when they went down two cents.

Commission men say the cold storage supply is exhuasted.

Country receipts are light, but the paucity of the fresh egg supply is counterbalanced, according to the market reports, by the scantier demand.

ABDUL HAMID IN A FRENZY.

Paris Hears That ex-Sultain Tried to Strangle Himself.

Paris, Feb. 9.—A despatch to the Matin from Vienna says that Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey, recently, in a sudden fit of frenzy, attempted to strangle himself with a silk handkerchief. He was prevented from suicide by a servant and was subsequently placed in a strait-jacket. No confirmation of the story is obtainable here.

Forest Lands Restored to Settlement.

Washington, Feb. 9.—More than four million acres of land will be stripped from the forest preserves of the United States in the near future and restored to the public domain for homestead settlement through the government's policy in carrying out Gifford Pinchot's idea as to the classification of forest lands. This is the initial result of President Taft's approval of a plan jointly submitted to him a few days ago by Secretaries Wilson and Ballinger for the reclassification of these lands.

Mr. Roosevelt's Welcome Home

DETAILS BEING FORMULATED FOR THE RECEPTION.

DUE ABOUT MIDDLE OF JUNE

President Taft to Be Invited to Be Present in New York as the Guest of Honor.

Washington, Feb. 9.—President Taft today was given full details of the plans that have been formulated thus far for the reception to be tendered former President Roosevelt upon his arrival in New York harbor some time between June 15 and 21. John A. Stewart, president of the New York State League of Republican clubs, and representative of the Republican club of New York city, discussed the matter with the president for half an hour or more, and told him that the committee which would be placed in charge of the celebration undoubtedly would extend later an informal invitation to him to be present at New York as the guest of honor.

Regarding Former President's Future.

Mr. Stewart, who is a close friend of Mr. Roosevelt, in a statement regarding the former president's future, said last night: "Before he left for his African hunting trip, Colonel Roosevelt told me that he would not be a candidate for United States senator from New York; that he would not think of becoming a candidate for mayor of New York; that he would not be a candidate for president in 1912. Unless he has changed his mind in the last four weeks, he is as strongly in favor of the renomination of Taft as he was of his nomination in 1908."

ELKS' ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Rate of One and One-Half Cents a Mile to Detroit.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—At a meeting today between Frederick S. Burgess, chairman of the executive committee of the Elks, and representatives of the Central Passenger association, it was decided to grant a rate of 1 1-2 cents a mile from all points within the jurisdiction of the Central Passenger association to Detroit for the annual convention of the Elks, July 11 to 17.

The tickets will be open and will require no validation. They will be good returning up to and including July 20. They will be on sale at all Central Passenger association points from July 7 to 11. An extension of thirty days to August 20 will be granted by the deposit of the return ticket and $1 with the railroad before July 20.

GIFFORD PINCHOT IN NEW YORK

In Speech Defends the Rangers of the Forest Service.

New York, Feb. 9.—Gifford Pinchot, deposed chief forester of the United States, but still loyal to his policies as president of the National Conservation association, defended the rangers of the forest service in a speech delivered before the National Arts club in New York, tonight, and bitterly assailed the action of George P. McCabe, solicitor of the department, who as temporary chief after Pinchot's dismissal, took action to abolish the collegiate training of foresters at government expense. This action, Mr. Pinchot described as a "secret attack on the service, prostitution of the law, a method so effectively used by special interests against the people, and a cruel and needless loss."

$750,000 BLAZE IN BOSTON.

Cattle Shed and Rendering Plant Burned.

Boston, Feb. 9.—A spectacular fire, which lighted up the country for miles around, early this morning destroyed the six-story manufacturing plant of the New England Rendering company and an immense cattle shed of the Armour Packing company at the Brighton abattoir. The total loss is estimated at $750,000. The cattle in the sheds were turned loose, and 300 head were soon running wild up and down the yard, impeding the work of the firemen, who, however, managed to confine the blaze to the one shed first ignited.

TICKET BUYERS STUNG.

Paid Big Money for Seats at Fake Concert.

New York, Feb. 9.—Seventy men and women in evening dress besieged the Hotel Astor tonight, armed with tickets for a concert which they said was to be given under the auspices of the "Marquis De Corvere." In exasperation the manager issued a statement that the marquis called in December and asked for the hotel's terms, but had not been heard from since. Purchasers said they paid $5 for ordinary tickets, and from $20 to $25 for boxes.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Mary E. Green.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9.—Dr. Mary E. Green, widely known as a physician and lecturer on the nutritive value of foods, whose fight for the privilege of entering the medical profession won her fame forty-five years ago, died at her home in this city today. She was 66 years old.

She was president of the American Household Economic association, had charge of diet kitchens, established by the Red Cross for sick soldiers in the south during the Spanish-American war and was the first woman admitted to membership in the New York Medical association.

Madriz Commander Between Two Insurgent Forces.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Such details of the battle of Boaca as have got through to Washington, indicate to the Latin-American diplomats here that Chamorro, by what was reported as flight, has simply changed positions with the Madriz commander, Vasquez, who now finds himself between two insurgent forces, Chamorro in front and General Matia behind.

Inventor Commits Suicide.

New York, Feb. 9.—Samuel H. Butcher, left a rambling letter, "to the Press," and then shot himself in an uptown hotel tonight, dying shortly afterward. He was the inventor of a machine for cutting bulk butter into cubes for table consumption, and failure to get his invention on the market preyed upon his mind. His funds were also exhausted.

Hotel Burned, One Life Lost.

Nicoli, Quebec, Feb. 9.—The Hotel Eorchette was burned to the ground tonight. Eorchette, brother of the proprietor, who was asleep in his room at the time, lost his life. An adjoining restaurant belonging to J. Lapage was also burned. Loss $10,000.

Condensed Telegrams

Dr. Cook, the Explorer, is now reported to be in Bermuda.

C. E. Williams, Grand Tyler, Order of Elks, died at Piqua, O.

Two Negroes Were Hanged for assaulting a woman in Kansas City, Mo.

The Red Cross Has Cabled an additional $10,000 to Ambassador Bacon for the Paris sufferers.

Herman Straus Killed His Wife Annie and then committed suicide in an apartment house in New York.

Justice Hendrick, supreme court of New York, signed the commitment of Lawrence Perin to Bloomingdale asylum.

The Pacific Fleet of Eight Armored cruisers in command of Rear Admiral Harben, sailed from Honolulu for San Francisco.

The "Straight Whiskey" Distillers are to carry the question, "What is whiskey?" to the supreme court for final decision.

The Conference Committees of house and senate agreed upon $7,000 as the salary of the judges of the proposed customs court.

Leaders of a New Sect, the Church of the First Born, in Nashville, Ind., were attacked by scrappers and one of them seriously hurt.

Albert M. Read, secretary of the American Warehousemen's association, denied that foodstuffs were being hoarded in cold storage.

Lyman Bolton, at Sunbury, Ohio, killed his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Larimore; wounded his wife and then blew out his brains.

A Parrot Belonging to Mrs. William Bows, New York, saved the tenants of an apartment house by yelling fire and awakening the people.

Presbyterians Representing all sections of the United States and Canada, assembled at Chicago to discuss important church questions.

The T. H. Bunch Company, one of the largest grain and elevator concerns in the southwest at Little Rock, Ark., was adjudged bankrupt.

Because of the Recent Floods and the danger of choking the sewers with confetti, the Mardi Gras procession and fetes in Paris were cancelled.

Ernest Henry Sackville-West withdrew his petition for legal recognition of his claim to the title and estates of his father, Lord Lionel Sackville-West.

Five Policemen Formed a human chain on a pier in New York and swinging off rescued another policeman and a man who were struggling in the water.

New York Financiers Are Considering a Scheme for a railway connecting New York and other eastern cities, as well as western cities with Central and South America.

The Supreme Court of New York decided that Charles Dalmores, the tenor, must give $20,000 to the Metropolitan Opera company management for breaking a contract.

The Tri-State Canners' Association of Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, in convention at Atlantic City, started a campaign to convince the public of the purity of their products.

Charles Frohman, the theatrical manager, indicted for conspiracy in that he, with other theatrical managers formed a trust, surrendered to the district attorney in New York, and was held in bail for trial.

The Barry Foundry and Manufacturing Company at St. Joseph, Mo., brought injunction proceedings to prevent the International Moulders' union of North America and members of local union No. 138 from picketing the plant of the company and home of non union workmen employed there.

MAYOR GAYNOR AFTER THE CITY RECORD MANAGEMENT

Its Expenses Per Year Amount to About $1,750,000.

New York, Feb. 9.—Mayor Gaynor today appointed John A. Hennessy, William J. Ellis and James E. Sullivan a committee to inquire into the management of The City Record, the official bulletin of the administration, and to report on the "abuses, extravagance and dishonesties" growing out of the contracts for furnishing the city with stationery and printers' supplies. The expenses of the board of The City Record per annum have amounted to about $1,750,000.

Mr. Hennessy is managing editor of the New York Press, which, though a republican paper, was active in support of Mayor Gaynor in the late campaign. Mr. Sullivan is now secretary and was formerly president of the Amateur Athletic union. Mr. Ellis was formerly confidential secretary to Mayors Grant and Gilroy, and later served as an assemblyman.

OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN WILLING

To Sell His Philadelphia Opera House to Metropolitan Company.

New York, Feb. 9.—Oscar Hammerstein is willing to sell his Philadelphia opera house. He concludes an analysis of the competitive situation in Philadelphia with the following announcement, made tonight: "To prove once more that my labors in the field of grand opera are inspired by the loftiest of motives and uninfluenced by any thought of monetary gain, I am willing to sell the Philadelphia grand opera house to the Metropolitan Opera company, giving them sole control of the operatic situation in Philadelphia. I will continue my life's labor in the cause of art and great music in New York only."

TROLLEY CAR JUMPED TRACK

Plunged Down Steep Hill Into an Occupied House.

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Seven persons were hurt today when for the seventh time at the same sharp turn a heavy trolley car jumped the rails and plunged down hill into the house of Albert N. Garthwaite.

In four of the six previous accidents Garthwaite has been awarded damages aggregating $4,000. His house was wrecked today, his wife was badly injured, and her mother was frightened into collapse. Owing to her advanced age she may not recover. The others injured were passengers on the car. None was dangerously hurt.

King of Sweden's Condition.

Stockholm, Feb. 9.—At eight o'clock this evening the following official bulletin was issued by the attending physicians:

"The king slept quietly several times during the day and was able to take liquid nourishment. The pain has almost disappeared, but his majesty is still fatigued. Temperature 106.2, pulse 88."

Fairbanks Version Of Rome Incident

AGREES WITH THOSE CABLED PREVIOUSLY.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS

On His Attitude Toward the Vatican—Ex-President Roosevelt to Speak Before the Methodist College.

Rome, Feb. 9.—Ex-Vice President Fairbanks has received many cablegrams from the United States congratulating him on his attitude towards the vatican. One of the cablegrams says:

Congratulatory Telegrams.

"Your dignified vindication of American toleration is heartily endorsed."

Another says:

"The entire Protestant world congratulates you."

Other messages have been received from various places in Italy, among them one saying:

"Greatly admire your attitude in preferring to speak to the evangelical people of Rome rather than submit to vatican intolerance."

The Tribuna, in commenting on the incident, says:

Ex-President Roosevelt to Speak.

"Ex-President Roosevelt is expected here soon. He also has been invited to speak before the Methodists. We shall see if he prefers the Methodists or the pope."

Mr. Fairbanks' Account of the Incident.

Several versions of the incident are in circulation, but Mr. Fairbanks himself gives the following:

"When on Sunday I reached the American college, Monsignor Kennedy said that he had been advised from the vatican that it would be impossible for me to have a papal audience if I delivered my contemplated address at the American Methodist church. I replied that I had agreed to make an address and was obliged to keep the agreement; that I had always exercised the privilege to speak to Catholics and Protestants alike, whenever they desired and whenever it was possible, and therefore the arrangement for the audience I regarded as ended.

"I spoke to the students of the American college along patriotic and moral lines, giving the Catholic church a full share of the credit for the great work accomplished by all the Christian churches. The subject of the papal audience was suggested again by Monsignor Kennedy, a little later. He had received further instructions in the meantime, and said that if I did not speak at the Methodist church the audience would hold good. I replied that I appreciated the intended courtesy, but the alternative was impossible. I would speak as announced, and thus would be obliged to forego the audience with the pope. When I advised Dr. Tippie, the pastor of the Methodist church, he said that he was ready to release me from the engagement, but I answered that that was impossible. Under the circumstances I felt obliged to speak in fulfilment of a promise made before the papal audience was arranged."

BISHOP CRANSTON'S REPLY TO ARCHBISHOP IRELAND

The Methodist Church Works Openly and Honestly in Rome.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Replying to the statement issued by Archbishop Ireland, in which that prelate attacked the work of the Methodist Episcopal church in Rome and defended the action of the Vatican in not receiving former Vice President Fairbanks, Bishop Cranston of the Methodist Episcopal church declared today that the Methodist church is working openly and honestly in Rome, that it does not take advantage of the poor, as Archbishop Ireland alleged, and that Mr. Fairbanks, by his action, "both taught and exemplified true catholicity."

"Even if there has been a disreputable lot to whom Mr. Fairbanks spoke," said Bishop Cranston, "the precedents of the Vatican do not indicate that high moral tests are invariably applied to persons who are granted audience at the Vatican."

He said that if the archbishop's reasoning that it would have meant an endorsement of the pernicious propaganda of the Methodist association is correct, diplomacy must at once exclude many people who have been frequent callers at the White house, "lest offense be given to friendly nations."

As to the charge that the Methodist church in Rome is taking advantage of the poor, Bishop Cranston said: "Italy is full of poor people, for some reason, but not all who come to us are poor. We do not use the confessional nor charge for baptism or the other sacraments recognized by us, nor do we have any stated fees or costly church buildings. If the people find our service helpful and attractive they are free to come."

Actress Irma Croft Takes Laudanum at New Haven.

New Haven, Feb. 9.—Irma Croft, an actress with a company playing at a local theater, took laudanum this afternoon and was hurried to St. Raphael's hospital, where through immediate medical attention her life was saved. It is understood that the young woman had had a dispute with her husband, who is playing with her, and become despondent. The hospital tonight said that the patient would be all right in a short time.

Another Prehistoric Village Unearthed in Arizona.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 9.—Another prehistoric village has been unearthed in Arizona. Frank C. Erwin, while digging an irrigation ditch, fourteen miles from Cochise, unearthed a number of utensils and skeletons, and then found a wall twenty feet long and tablets bearing remarkable hieroglyphics. Work at the place was stopped and the Smithsonian institution has been notified of the discovery.

American Appointments Ratified by the Pope.

Rome, Feb. 9.—The following appointments were ratified by the pope today: The Rev. J. G. Lawler, to be auxiliary archbishop of St. Paul, Minn.; the Rev. J. W. Shaw of Mobile, Ala., to be coadjutor bishop of San Antonio, Tex.; the Rt. Rev. Denis O'Donaghue auxiliary bishop of Indianapolis, to be bishop of Louisville, Ky.

Twice Convicted of "Oleo Crime."

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Jennie Jameson, an agent of the state pure food commission, by disguising herself as a scullery maid in a restaurant, discovered that Jesse M. Bowers was selling colored oleomargarine to the restaurant. Upon her testimony Bowers, for a second time, was convicted of the "oleo crime" today, and in addition to a fine of $300 he was sentenced to prison for six months.