

IT WAS A SURPRISE

Order of the Message Amazed the Senators.

FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST

Many Positions and Official Reports Were Read and Referred to the Proper Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Immediately after the reading of the brief journal of yesterday's proceedings in the senate today Assistant Secretary Pruden was announced with "a message from the president of the United States." Secretary McCook entered upon the reading of the document with considerable abatement of his usual rapidity of utterance. There were nearly sixty senators in attendance. Senator Hill of New York, one of the prominent absentees yesterday, was in his seat at the opening of the session today; Senator Hanson of North Carolina entered the chamber during the reading of the message. Senator Vilas of Wisconsin and one or two other senators held pamphlet copies of the message and followed its reading with attention.

A noticeable change in the customary arrangement of the message naturally attracted attention. In all previous executive messages the affairs of the state department, which has no other way of communicating with congress except through the president's messages, have usually been given precedence. Mr. Harrison's subordination of them in the closing message, to his presentation of the tariff issue was quickly noted. There was a perceptible increase of interest when the passages which related to the increased rates with Canada were reached.

At its close Mr. Manderson, chairman of the committee on printing, offered a resolution for printing 10,000 copies for the use of the senate, which was adopted without objection. The vice president rather abruptly received the senate by formally taking before it a communication from the secretary of state of Maryland. Mr. Hoar, republican chairman of the committee on judiciary, and for many years the leading republican member of the senate committee on privileges and elections, rose to inquire whether this was not a matter falling entirely within the official duties of the president. Mr. Hunter, democrat, Virginia, remarked that he had never known these certificates laid before the senate.

Mr. Vest of Missouri offered a resolution of inquiry by the census committee into charges that census enumerators in the state of Georgia had made lists of voters for partisan use in the late election under instructions of the bureau, and that certain clerks of the census bureau were sent to the state of New York to perform partisan service while drawing government pay. Mr. Hale (republican) of Maine, chairman of the census committee, promised the fullest investigation of the serious charges if they were found worthy of investigation. At the close of the routine business and before the untimely business of the day, the anti-option bill will be laid before the senate. Mr. Sherman, republican, Ohio, of the committee on foreign relations called for executive session on the recess appointments. The senate went into executive session at 2:25 and at 2:30 p. m. adjourned until tomorrow.

In the House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—In opening the house with prayer, Chairman Milburn touching referred to the double affliction which has within such a brief time visited President Harrison. The journal of yesterday was read and approved. Several letters from Secretary of the Treasury Foster, transmitting the estimates for the ensuing fiscal year, were read and referred. At 12:10 Executive Clerk Pruden appeared upon the floor of the house and presented the president's annual message to congress. The clerk at once commenced reading the document, which was generally listened to with close attention by the members present.

NO MORE ROBERTS. Government Employees May Escape Political Assessment. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The ninth annual report of the United States civil service commission was made public today. It gave statistics on the examinations held during the past fiscal year. The report shows that the appointment and promotion of men over women in competitive examinations was in the ratio of four to twelve. On the subject of political assessments the report says: "The commission deems it to be of special importance and, perhaps, the most noteworthy feature of its work since the last report. During the presidential campaign it made use of every means in its power to protect government employees from being assessed for political purposes and to procure the punishment of those seeking to assess them in violation of the law. In the opinion of the commission this practice will not be wholly broken up until it is made a penal offense for any person whatever to assess a political contribution from a government employee in any place whatsoever, when employees would then be left at liberty to contribute if they so desired, but they would not be asked to do so. The commission recommends that the extended service be extended to clerks and writers of the navy yards, to officials of the District of Columbia, to the internal revenue service, to estab-

lishment with twenty-five employees, to free delivery postoffices. The commission also urges the adoption of a new classification on the customs and postal services and a modification of the rules, so that the number of exempted places and of places subject to non-competitive examination be greatly reduced in all branches of the service. The report is signed by Commissioners Lyman and Roosevelt. Commissioner Johnson also approves the report, but does not concur with that part which refers to the extension of the service to "certain" navy yards. He refers to officials of the District of Columbia, to the internal revenue service, to custom houses with twenty-five employees and to free delivery postoffices, but does not submit a minority report.

American Hebrew Congress. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew congregations was called to order this morning, by its president, Julius F. Frieberg. Delegates were present from all parts of the country. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Charles Baum of Washington, D. C., as chairman and Benjamin Salinger of Philadelphia as secretary. After which Leopold Wartheimer of Pittsburgh was unanimously elected president, Louis Abrams of Washington, vice president, Liepman Levy of Cincinnati, secretary. A letter was read stating that the late J. D. Bern of Pittsburgh in his will had bequeathed \$100,000 to the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati. The reports of the various officers were presented to the convention without being read, after which a recess was taken.

Journeymen Barbers Convention. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6.—The annual convention of the Journeymen Barbers International union was inaugurated this morning at the Central Turner hall with President J. C. Meyer of St. Paul in the chair. At the afternoon session the welcome address to the delegates was delivered by Mayor Noonan to which President Meyer replied. First Vice-president Kopyetsky then presented the president with a handsome badge as an expression from the delegates appreciation of his good work in the interest of the union during the past two years.

CUTS WESTERN RATES.

The Pennsylvania Takes a Hand in the Railroad War. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The Pennsylvania road today issued a rate sheet which carries the war rates from Ohio and Pittsburgh via Chicago to St. Louis, Atchison, Leavenworth, St. Joseph, Chicago, Omaha, Council Bluffs, Minneapolis, Sioux City and St. Paul. This tariff was issued in the face of the resolution of the Western Passenger association informing the lines quoting reduced rates into western territory that their tickets would be dishonored by the western roads. The reduced rates made by the Pennsylvania from \$5 to \$6.50 below regular tariff from central Ohio points and Pittsburgh to the western points named. If the western roads stick to their agreement and refuse to honor through tickets from the western roads, that act will confine the fight entirely to western lines.

COULD NOT BE DONE.

Republicans Fall Down Attempting to Out Governor Osborne. CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 6.—The republican state central committee went today to Prosecuting Attorney Davidson to have him draw up an information against Governor Osborne, charging him with usurpation of office. Davidson, who is a republican, found, after examination, that there was nothing criminal in the act and would do nothing in the matter. The state central committee today issued a circular letter to the chairman of the respective committees, asking them to name three men to be present at the official count of the vote on Thursday. None of these can be men who are being candidates. Osborne is thus excluded.

TO BE FORGIVEN.

Dr. McGlynn to Be Re-instated as a Catholic Priest. New York, Dec. 6.—The Sun is informed on the authority of Archbishop Corrigan that one of the first fruits of Archbishop Satolli's mission to this country from Rome is to be the restoration of Dr. Edward McGlynn to his faculties as a priest in good standing in the Roman Catholic church. Dr. McGlynn was excommunicated by the pope in 1870 for refusing to go home after his suspension by Archbishop Corrigan. It is said that he has frequently expressed a desire to be reinstated in his faculties in the church, and when Archbishop Satolli arrived in this country applied to him.

Charged With Forgery. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—William F. Gorrell, for eighteen years a soliciting agent for the Home Life Insurance company, has been indicted for conspiracy to defraud. He is charged by the company last June, on suspicion that it was not right. After some investigation indictments were secured against him and he was arrested at his home and released in \$5,000 bonds. Two of the indictments charge him with forging the name of Van C. Davis and Ezra M. Davis, of Philo, Ill., to insurance applications, while the third is a general charge of conspiracy to defraud. Soon after Gorrell was discharged by the company he commenced suit for \$100,000 for breach of contract and slander.

Has Small Fox. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Edmund C. Ingalls, a young medical student, living in Oak Park, a suburb of this city, is afflicted with a disease said to be rare, but not entirely new. Ingalls contracted the disease while pursuing a scientific investigation. He, in company with several class mates, visited the past house two weeks ago to study a case of small pox. Ingalls is at the residence of his mother, whose house has been quarantined. The physicians say there is no likelihood that the disease will spread. New York's Missing Fire. New York, Dec. 6.—A blaze started in the six-story Marble front building at No. 39 Beede street shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. The building was very old and particularly fitted for a hoarder. Its occupants were printers and several of the floors were used for the storage of paper. The building No. 39 was totally destroyed and No. 37 was partially burned. It is believed it will reach \$1,000,000. Two firemen were injured by falling walls.

RUINED BY A RUMOR

A Mississippi Banking House Forced to Suspend.

OTHER FIRMS CARRIED UNDER

The Wilkeson's Were Weathering the Storm When It Was Reported That They Had Suspended.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Dec. 6.—Greenville is in the throes of a financial panic. The large firm of L. & N. Wilkeson collapsed this morning with liabilities estimated at \$500,000. The firm was established here in 1881, and from the first year of its existence has done the largest banking and wholesale merchandise business in the Mississippi and Yazoo valleys. The cause of the disaster lies in the fact that for the past three years the great Mississippi Delta has produced but scant crops of cotton. When every nerve was being strained to weather the financial storm a rumor was started among the wide circle of Wilkeson's creditors that the firm had succumbed and had been attached.

The run started, which soon caused a suspension. The firm deemed it best to protect such creditors as in its judgment were entitled to preferment. The stock of dry goods, valued at \$400,000 was this morning transferred to the First National bank of Greenville. H. C. Newman of New Orleans and Sinheimer, Levinson & Co. of New York. All of the plantations and land owned by the firm were under deed of trust, conveyed to the Mechanics' and Traders' bank of New York; M. Pollack of Baltimore, Theresa Wilenski, Merchants and Planters bank of Greenville, H. C. Newman of New Orleans, A. Lissner of New York, L. Levinson and F. W. Denton of New York. The firm had a net worth of \$1,000,000, valued at about \$600,000. A few smaller amounts were added to the preferred lists.

Bonds the firm of L. & N. Wilkeson at Greenville, which is carried under this failure of the firm of Wilkeson and Boiser, at Erwin and J. Wilkeson, a large planter will also be forced to the wall. The failures caused the wildest excitement. The other banks expecting a run, compelled depositors to give the statutory notice before withdrawing deposits. Several other small firms were compelled to make assignments and there is a possibility that more will follow tomorrow.

LEDGER BUILDING BURNED.

Fire Plays Havoc With the Home of Mr. Childs' Paper. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—The Public Ledger building, a massive six-story brown stone front structure on the southwest corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets, was damaged by fire tonight to the extent of \$200,000, of which \$150,000 was insured by the Ledger and \$50,000 by others. The Ledger's insurance aggregated \$240,000—\$160,000 on the building and \$80,000 on contents. The other occupants are believed to be fully insured. The collection of curios in the private office of George W. Morris, the Ledger's owner and publisher, which are invaluable in value, were saved. Damage to the building is \$100,000. About half of the structure was gutted by fire and water. The flames were confined to the fourth floor and all above and portions of the fifth. The Ledger's printing facilities of every printing office in the city were offered to Mr. Childs, and after W. M. Slingerly, president of the Record Publishing company, had personally tendered the use of his plant, the offer was accepted and tomorrow morning the Ledger's operations shall be made. The Ledger will be issued from the Record.

Mr. Childs and A. J. Drexel were witnesses of the fire and personally noted the efficiency of the fire department. They expressed their appreciation by telling Drexel that the Ledger's department of public safety that a check for \$5,000 would be sent to him tomorrow morning to be used at his discretion for the benefit of the firemen.

TWELVE LIVES LOST.

Norwegian Bark Founders in the Mercy During a Gale. LONDON, Dec. 6.—An accident by which a number of persons lost their lives occurred this morning in the estuary of the river Mersey near Liverpool. A severe gale, a continuation of yesterday's storm, was blowing, accompanied by a slight snowfall. Suddenly a bark was seen to founder. The people on the bark were seen to rush to the sides just as the vessel was plunging under, but they had no time to escape. It is known that at least twelve persons perished. It was evident from the manner in which the vessel was handled that she had no pilot on board. She struck on Burbo bank and the sea made a clear sweep over her. Life boats were put out for the vessel, but she went down before help reached her. The life savers had a hard fight in getting to the vessel against the furious gale, but not a living soul could be found. The lost vessel was the Norwegian bark Drimningen, bound from Fleetwood to this port.

JIM NO ANGEL.

Mrs. Corbett Said to Be Anxious to Obtain a Divorce. New York, Dec. 6.—Mrs. James J. Corbett, the wife of the man who whipped Sullivan, is said to desire a divorce. The reason given is that big Jim cannot satisfactorily explain to her his relation with Mrs. Hattie Clark of No. 236 West Thirty-eight street, this city. Mrs. Clark is the woman who, Corbett alleges, has been following him up and down the country, making life a burden for him, and who, Corbett says, has not a good character. Mrs. Corbett remains in her apartment at the Vendome and declines to say what she proposes to do.

MARRIED UNDERMINE.

Chicago Thieves Who Worked so Buddy Are in the Tolls. CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Max Eisenberg and his wife and Samuel Butler today fully identified Max E. Craft, Edward Pearson and Thomas McAdray as the three persons who came into his store on the night of November 25 and attempted to rob him of his money. They were held to the criminal court in bonds of \$1,000 each. Anton Brown identified Craft as one of the three men who robbed him Thanksgiving eve at the point of a revolver. John Kane, who was the janitor of the saloon, is unable to be in court this morning, but was not able to identify any of the prisoners. Michael Lee, however, who was present in the saloon at the time of the shooting, identified Crafts, John McCaffrey, who was identified as one of the three who entered Eisenberg's store, is but 15 years old and recently ran away from his home. Crafts admitted his guilt.

MADE IT VERY HOT

Attorney C. A. Kent Uses Strong Language

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT

The Case is the Old One Involving the Franchise Rights of a Street Railway.

DETROIT, Dec. 6.—There was a lively time in the United States court today in the case involving the continuance of the franchise rights of the Citizens' Street Railway company. It was originally instituted in the Wayne circuit court, but a couple of months ago the defendants succeeded in having it removed to the United States court, on the ground that popular prejudice would prevent the company from securing an impartial trial in the local or state courts. Yesterday a motion to remand the case back to the Wayne circuit court came up for argument. When C. A. Kent began his argument he took up the affidavit which brought the case into this court. He read the opposing counsel and characterized the affidavit as a lie from beginning to end. This brought forth an indignant denial from Charles Foster and Henry F. Duffield, who contended that the affidavit was true and had been filed. When the opposing counsel started their arguments Mr. Kent promptly called them down at every turn in rather heated terms. The whole tenor of the arguments of the opposition was to show that the case should stay in the United States court. The arguments will be continued tomorrow.

OSBORN SCANDAL.

Lake Odessa Congregationalists Very Near Hot Water and Courts.

Lake Odessa, Dec. 6.—This town is on the verge of another religious sensation. Last winter the Rev. J. A. Phillips resigned his pastorate of the Methodist church because exception was taken to a sermon which he preached. The address in question was charitable in the extreme to unbelievers. His resignation being accepted, he at once started a subscription paper and a former parsonage had a row. This former lamb produced a letter in which his old shepherd was charged with a breach of church confidence. Despite strenuous denials this letter was circulated, and charged among other things, an embezzlement of funds. The church has been able to show that the church owes him \$15. Parson Arney of race horse fame, took the pulpit for a while. Now Mr. Phillips proposes to sue the church society for damages and some of the members for slander.

PLACED IN A VAULT.

Jackson Officers Believe Keneugan Was Hurt at Kalamazoo. JACKSON, Dec. 6.—The funeral of William Keneugan, the Pole found dead with a fractured skull Friday at the asylum in Kalamazoo, has been held and the remains placed in the vault at the Evergreen cemetery. The relatives decline to inter the corpse pending any action which might be taken by the authorities to determine the cause of death. The officials here will do little, if anything, in the matter, as they are positive that the skull was not received in this city or while Keneugan was in custody of any officer here. One officer said: "The Pole no doubt injured his head while in his cell at the asylum. Had he met with treatment here which would break his skull he could not have held up in the trip to Kalamazoo and been in the same condition there he was in here."

NOT MISS WILLIE.

The San Diego Suicide Identified as the Wife of a Gambler. DETROIT, Dec. 6.—Miss Lizzie Willie and Mrs. L. Anderson Benard, who committed suicide at San Diego, Cal., November 23, are two different persons, although a description of one fits the other almost exactly. This much inquiry has established beyond a shadow of doubt. Miss Lizzie Willie is alive and living in Toronto, and John G. Loughead is at work in Cleveland. The San Diego suicide is probably unknown to both. A telegram from Hamburg, Ia., says that the suicide was the wife of a gambler who used to live there.

Bad State Sidewalks.

LANSING, Dec. 6.—Two judgments against the city were rendered last week for injuries received on defective sidewalks. Under a supreme court decision rendered in a Detroit case a couple of years ago the city now has an account against the owners of a pile of bricks, sustaining a number of injuries in front of which the defective sidewalks were located. In the case of one judgment, however, the sidewalk in question was located on property here owned by the state. As the municipality can't sue the state the state board of auditors will be asked to pay the judgment, \$250, with \$100 costs.

Missing Drug Clerk.

MARSHALL, Dec. 6.—About nine weeks ago Elting Bennett, a former Marshall boy, came from from a two years' stay in New Haven, Conn. He stated here about a week with his parents. He is here about September 21 with some \$75 in his possession and went to Chicago, from which place he was to return to his old position as a drug clerk in New Buffalo. His baggage turned up at the place of transfer all right, but the anxious relatives have not heard one word from Elting since he left.

Burglars Very Sny.

Bay City, Nov. 6.—The fireman at Sage's drug house saw three men sneak a window in a barber shop and prepare to enter at an early hour this morning. He summoned assistance and gave chase, but the burglars escaped without being identified. Morning Blaze at Saranac. SARANAC, Dec. 6.—Albert Brown's brick yard sheds and 150 cords of wood were burned this morning. Loss about \$1,000, with no insurance. The fire caught from a brick kiln. They do not want a repetition of the

TRUE TO THE CORE

President Harrison Stands by the Tariff

IN HIS LAST GREAT MESSAGE

The Admitt of State Able Reviewed and Wise Recommendations Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The following is the full text of President Harrison's message to congress: TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: I am submitting my annual message to congress, and in doing so I desire to state that the general conditions affecting the commercial and industrial interests of the United States are in the highest degree favorable. A comparison of the existing conditions with those of the most recent period in the history of the country will show that they are so high a degree of prosperity and so general a diffusion of the benefits of life were never before enjoyed by our people.

Wealth of the Country. The total wealth of the country in 1922 was \$100,000,000,000, an increase of 27 per cent. The total mileage of railroads in the United States is 220,000 miles, an increase of 48 per cent. It is estimated that there will be about 4,000 miles of roads added by the close of the year 1923.

The official returns of the eleventh census and those of the tenth census for average population are as follows: In 1900, the population was 76,000,000; in 1910, 92,000,000; and in 1920, 106,000,000. The increase in population during the last decade was 14 per cent. The increase in the number of cities with populations of 100,000 or more was 25 per cent. The increase in the number of cities with populations of 50,000 or more was 35 per cent. The increase in the number of cities with populations of 25,000 or more was 45 per cent.

The new industrial plants established since October 1, 1920, and up to October 31, 1922, are as follows: In the United States, 1,200 plants, with a total value of \$1,200,000,000. In foreign countries, 1,000 plants, with a total value of \$1,000,000,000. The total value of the new industrial plants established since October 1, 1920, and up to October 31, 1922, is \$2,200,000,000. The increase in the number of workers employed in the manufacturing industry since October 1, 1920, and up to October 31, 1922, is 1,000,000. The increase in the number of workers employed in the mining industry since October 1, 1920, and up to October 31, 1922, is 500,000. The increase in the number of workers employed in the transportation industry since October 1, 1920, and up to October 31, 1922, is 250,000. The increase in the number of workers employed in the service industry since October 1, 1920, and up to October 31, 1922, is 1,250,000.

The report of the Labor Commissioner for the year 1922 shows that the average annual value of our imports and exports of merchandise was \$10,000,000,000. The average annual value of our imports of merchandise was \$5,000,000,000. The average annual value of our exports of merchandise was \$5,000,000,000. The average annual value of our imports of raw materials was \$2,000,000,000. The average annual value of our exports of raw materials was \$1,000,000,000. The average annual value of our imports of manufactured goods was \$3,000,000,000. The average annual value of our exports of manufactured goods was \$2,000,000,000.

Some Labor Statistics.

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Exports and Imports.

The total value of our foreign trade (imports and exports) during the last fiscal year was \$10,000,000,000. The total value of our imports during the last fiscal year was \$5,000,000,000. The total value of our exports during the last fiscal year was \$5,000,000,000. The total value of our imports of raw materials during the last fiscal year was \$2,000,000,000. The total value of our exports of raw materials during the last fiscal year was \$1,000,000,000. The total value of our imports of manufactured goods during the last fiscal year was \$3,000,000,000. The total value of our exports of manufactured goods during the last fiscal year was \$2,000,000,000.

Former Rules Prevail.

At a meeting of the Grand Rapids Car Service association, which was held in Superintendent Strickland's office, the rules of the association were revised to put them in a more compact form, and all of the rules were ordered printed. Nothing new concerning the regulations of the local car service was considered.

Dashed to Death.

CRYSTAL FALLS, Dec. 6.—J. G. George, a well-known miner, while ascending to the surface from his work fell down the shaft at the Great West mine, a distance of 300 feet. Death was instantaneous. He was a man of 25 years, unmarried.

Western Reserve and Gileber accidents

and have arranged with F. W. Wheeler & Co., of this city, to have extensive alterations made during the winter. At least fifty tons of steel will be used in strengthening about the hatch and plates where the before mentioned vessels are supposed to have shown their structural weakness.

FURPED A LAKE-DEY.

A Rich Deposit of Ore Opened to Mining Near Ishpeming. ISHPEMING, Dec. 6.—What seemed an impossibility and an absurd undertaking last spring is now an accomplished fact. The rich deposit of ore has been pumped from Lake Angeine, at Ishpeming, and a monster hole marks the site of that once beautiful lake. When the work of draining began last May, the lake was three-quarters of a mile long by about one-third of a mile wide, and its greatest depth forty-five feet. The property adjacent to the lake is owned by the Pittsburg & Lake Angeine Iron company, the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company and the Lake Superior Iron company. They jointly agreed to bear the expenses of draining it, in order to obtain the vast supply of high grade ore which was under the water. Mining operations are being pursued under the lake, but there is constant danger of a cave in. A shaft will immediately be sunk in the center of the lake. Millions of tons of rich ore underlie the surface of what was once the bottom of the lake.

Gored by a Bull.

COLOS, Dec. 6.—William Kuder, who was injured here so terribly by the falling of a tree ten days ago, is dead. An artery in his right neck and he died from hemorrhage. He had suffered in a most dreadful manner ever since he was injured, and repeatedly told the family not to hope for his recovery as his days were numbered. Robert Goodwin was gored by an angry bull here Friday evening. The animal charged at about the waist, and left him in an insensible condition. He may die. Mr. Goodwin is about 65 years old and has a family. He was born and raised here and is well known.

Blodgett Mill Winds Up.

MUSKOGEE, Dec. 6.—The Big D. A. Blodgett saw mill in the eighth ward made its last run yesterday, finishing up the logs in store here. The mill has been running here for six years, being built in 1916 near in all parts, its equipment being modern and complete in every particular. In that time it has cut about 175,000,000 feet of lumber and employed steadily about 100 men. The mill has been sold to Albert Miller of Bay City, and as soon as practicable the dismantling and removal of the field of work belonging to its first owner.

Struck on His Head.

BAY CITY, Dec. 6.—Joseph Conway of this county, employed in a lumber camp near Alger, fell from a wagon Saturday, striking on his head. He paid little attention to the matter, ate his supper and went to bed as usual. The next morning he was found unconscious, with his right eye paralyzed. Dr. Caughlin of this city was summoned and found Conway in a serious condition. Up to last night he had recognized no one, and his chances of recovery appear to be small.

Repre Hated Molitor.

ALPENA, Dec. 6.—Nothing new has developed in the Molitor case. Repke and Merde have both given their testimony and Sorgenfrei is now on the stand. His testimony is very strong against Repke, the confessor. He swears that Repke was the one who called upon him and enlisted him in the work and that he was terribly bitter against Molitor. The arguments will not be reached before Saturday.

Formed a Cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—M. Ribot has succeeded in forming a cabinet. It is almost the same as that of M. Loubet, which was forced to resign on Nov. 23, except that M. Bourgeois succeeds Ribot as minister of justice. M. Dupuy will be minister of public instruction, and M. Sarrien minister of commerce. Premier Ribot is a man of great ability. It was he who brought about the Franco-Russian alliance.

Laying for Fakirs.

KALAMAZOO, Dec. 6.—Kalamazoo merchants have always stood for protection and now the new representatives in the city council have an ordinance compelling transient tradesmen selling from sample or stock to pay a day for ten days and then \$5, and the council rebates it if they stay long enough to pay taxes on the goods. The penalty for violation is \$100 or three months in jail.

Worstenen Badly Hurt.

MUSKOGEE, Dec. 6.—A scaffold in the new St. Paul's Episcopal church gave way this afternoon and precipitated two men twenty feet to the floor. Oscar Johnson, a carpenter, fell on a pile of bricks, sustaining a number of scalp wounds and internal injuries. Walter Robinson, the other man was severely injured internally.

For the Feeble Minded.

LANSING, Dec. 6.—Governor Winans said today that in his retiring message, which he is now preparing, he will recommend the establishment of a home for feeble-minded children. This was asked for by the county agents of the state board of correction and charities at their annual session in Bay City last week.