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SOME LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS WHICH BEGINS ITS SECOND SESSION TO-DAY.

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STAND BY DRISCOLL.

LEAGUERS UP IN ARMS.

County Committee May Break with Executive Body.

Timothy F. Driscoll was elected the chairman of the county committee of the Independence League at a long session of the league held yesterday at the Dolando Club, at 88th street and Park avenue. This action is taken to mean that the county committee has broken away from the executive committee and has thrown down the gauntlet to the executive committee, with Max F. Ihmsen as its head. Besides this action, the county committee has filed with the Board of Elections the rules and regulations of the committee as a party organization.

There was a special meeting of the county committee held at the Gilsey House on November 21. At this meeting Charles E. Gehring was elected chairman, in place of Mr. Driscoll. The latter and his friends in the county committee resented the turning down of Mr. Driscoll. A meeting of the county committee was held last Thursday night, but after being in session until long after midnight it adjourned without deciding on anything except to meet again yesterday.

After the meeting was called yesterday a motion was made that the action of the county committee at a meeting held at the Gilsey House on November 21, at which Mr. Gehring was elected chairman, be reconsidered, and the motion prevailed by a substantial majority. This was followed by a motion to make Mr. Driscoll chairman. The motion was carried without any opposition, and Mr. Driscoll took the chair as chairman and president of the County General Committee of the Independence League.

The other officers elected were Assemblyman Thomas F. Long, vice-president, and Charles M. Bierbenbach, treasurer. Daniel A. Golden acted as secretary, and will probably be elected to that office at the next meeting of the committee.

In the bylaws adopted is the following paragraph:

The Independence League County Committee shall be the central organization of the Independence League party in the county of New York and shall have the care of the interests and be charged with the administration of the affairs of the party in the county and with the promotion of measures for the harmony, efficiency and success of the party.

After the meeting Mr. Driscoll was asked if the action taken meant a break with the executive committee. He replied:

Perhaps it would be too strong a word to use at this time. It means that the county committee has taken charge of the Independence League, and perhaps the executive committee will acquiesce. We have taken our action, and it is now up to the executive committee to make the next move. If they do then we shall be heard from with no uncertain voice. Then we will fight.

Up to Election Day the executive committee, as an incorporated body, ran things over the county committee, but on Election Night the power of the executive committee ceased, and now, as a matter of law, the county committee is entitled to all the privileges accorded to any political party. The county committee intends to see that the people in the various districts shall have the right to select their own leaders without dictation from anybody but the people themselves.

Mr. Gehring was elected under a misunderstanding and the committee has rescinded its former action and elected me chairman for the ensuing year. We intend to carry out the ideas of Mr. Hearst and the principles for which he stands.

Those present at the meeting were Assemblyman Thomas F. Long, Alderman Kuntz, of the 32d District; Alderman Torpey, of the 30th; Neil Reagon, of the 3d; Assemblyman Max Eckmann, of the 4th; Myer Sindel, of the 8th; Charles Hussey, of the 9th; A. J. Hagen, of the 13th; Thomas Nolan, of the 14th; Joseph F. Kehoe, of the 15th; T. J. O'Conner, of the 16th; Daniel A. Golden, of the 17th; Edward Hannah, of the 18th; J. G. Miller, of the 19th; J. M. Issing, of the 22d; Edward Traddin, of the 25th; J. A. Lyon, of the 28th; Louis Wolfert, of the 29th; J. G. Lazarus, of the 31st; Frank Donnelly, of the 33d; Charles M. Bierbenbach, of the 34th, and George Donnelly, of the 35th. The temporary headquarters of the committee will be at the Dolando Club. The next meeting will be on December 13.

DIES ON BOARD ST. PAUL.

Woman Cabin Passenger Succumbs to Heart Disease.

When the American liner St. Paul reached her dock yesterday, Dr. Geissenger, the ship's surgeon, reported to the coroners' office the death of Miss Agnes Grey, sixty-one years old. She died last Saturday, and, according to the physician's report, from heart disease. The body had not been claimed last night.

Miss Grey was a first cabin passenger, and was confined to her stateroom all the voyage. From the steward who attended her it was learned that she was coming to this country to settle an estate. She was to have stayed at the Hotel Oxford, and, according to the police, was to have been met by a lawyer named Julius Seymour, of No. 27 William street. No such person was at the pier. Among her effects was a card showing her address to be No. 13 Denbigh Terrace, London. A cable message was at once sent there. A coroner's physician examined the body and agreed that she had died of heart disease.

KILLED IN P. R. R. TUNNEL.

Huge Rock Falls, Crushing Two Workmen to Death.

One man was killed and another injured so that he died later when a stone weighing several tons crashed down on them in the gloom of the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel at Second avenue and 32d street early yesterday morning.

DEAD.

GREEN, John, 87, Negro, foreman of gang of laborers, of No. 130 East 134th street.

TOBIN, Robert, 78, Third avenue and 47th street, rock driller.

A number of rock drillers and a dozen Negro laborers were at work in the tunnel at the spot where the fatality occurred. Working alongside of Green were his two brothers, Joseph and James. When the mass came crashing down there was a wild scramble for safety. Tobin was working directly in its path, as were Green and his brothers. Green gave a warning shout, but before Tobin could get off his seat on the steel driller the rock was upon him and he was crushed beneath it. Over the rock rolled, bearing down upon Green, who had fallen among some broken stone on the floor of the tunnel, and before he could arise his life was crushed out. Tobin was so badly injured that he lived only a few hours after being admitted to Bellevue Hospital.

Green's brothers and fellow workers barely escaped. Several other rock drillers also had narrow escapes.

An investigation by the police established the fact that the accident was due to a shoring beam being removed from a spot near the huge rock.

An accident similar to this happened in the subway on June 17, 1902, at a point near 39th street. Ira A. Shaler, the contractor of that section, with several officials of the road, was making a trip of inspection, when suddenly, without the slightest warning, a huge piece of rock, weighing between five and six hundred pounds, came hurtling down and struck Mr. Shaler on the head. He died from the effects of this injury on June 29, 1902.

The only possible explanation for the rock's falling lay in the fact that there had been blasting a short time before it fell.

HELD UP IN THE STREET.

Man Knocked Down and Robbed of Diamond Ring.

While in front of the building at No. 31 Gramercy Park early yesterday morning, Alexander McInnis, of No. 343 West 14th street, was knocked down by two men and robbed of a diamond ring, valued at $200. While the men were going through his pockets Patrolmen Shevlin and Canavan, of the East 22d street station, appeared, and after a chase arrested Joseph Kane, of No. 221 East 11th street. He was arraigned later in the Yorkville police court and held for further examination. Mr. McInnis is a member of the firm of McInnis & Agnew, fruit dealers, of No. 41 Ninth avenue.

According to the police, at the time of the arrival of Shevlin and Canavan the two men were bending over McInnis as he lay unconscious on the sidewalk. When they saw the policemen they ran toward Third avenue. The police allege that Kane threw away the ring during the chase.

An ambulance was summoned from Bellevue, and Dr. Phillips took McInnis to the hospital, where it was at first thought that he was suffering from a concussion of the brain. He was discharged from the hospital later.

The police say that they have an excellent description of the second man, and will probably make an arrest within a short time. Kane denied in court that he had anything to do with the case.

PIERSON VILLA BURNED.

Tuxedo Cottage, Occupied by W. G. Loew, a Total Loss.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The cottage of J. Frederick Pierson, jr., at Tuxedo, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. Goadby Loew, of New York, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. A gale was blowing from the north, which prevented the firemen, who worked hard, from extinguishing the flames. Mr. and Mrs. Loew, who were occupying the cottage for the late autumn and winter, were entertaining a party to-day and were about to sit down to luncheon when the neighbors from Mr. and Mrs. William Kent's cottage rushed into the house and gave the alarm.

The fire, which was caused by an overheated furnace, resulted in a total destruction of the villa. Some of the furniture was carried out by the firemen, but not until it had been damaged by water and smoke. The firemen, with the assistance of residents of Tuxedo Park, including Pierre Lorillard, jr., Richmond Talbot, Lytle B. Hull and H. H. Rogers, jr., worked heroically, but owing to the wind were unable to save the building.

The Pierson house was built about five years ago and was occupied until the early part of this year by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pierson, jr., who passed the summer at Newport.

CHESS PLAYER IN TOILS

HELD AS A FUGITIVE.

Naum Jasnogrodsky in Trouble Over Money Borrowed to Wed.

Naum Jasnogrodsky, the Polish chess player, who said he numbered District Attorney Jerome among his pupils and friends, was sent to the Tombs yesterday by Magistrate Whitman without bail on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. Superintendent of Police M. W. Murphy of Bay City, Mich., and J. Orr Brakie, the District Attorney of Bay County, that state, appeared against him. They charged that he got $10,000 from M. Simplier, of Bay City, in April last, to cover his wedding expenses.

Samuel Koenig appeared for Jasnogrodsky and asked that he be admitted to bail. The District Attorney of Bay County objected, whereupon Jasnogrodsky began a long speech, giving his reasons why he should not be sent to the Tombs. The District Attorney said there were six or seven other complaints against him and that there were no grand juries or indictments in his county, but that the "information" had been made against the prisoner, which was equivalent to an indictment in New York.

The magistrate then ordered Jasnogrodsky to the Tombs for forty-eight hours. He remarked that his acquaintance with Jerome ought to save him from the disgrace of the Tombs. Jasnogrodsky is a big, well dressed man and had a generous supply of diamonds. He was arrested Saturday night at No. 68 West 117th street. In speaking about himself he said he had been a general agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Company in Canada and had been so successful that he was authorized to write up "high policies." As a chess player he said he had taught some of "the leaders of the social world."

Jasnogrodsky said that the transaction on which the "information" was issued was a personal one of the type known in commercial circles as an "exchange of notes." He admitted the transaction named, but declared that the payment had been held upon account of a dispute over the interest payments.

"I am financially able and responsible, and I am able to meet my obligations," he told the magistrate. "This transaction was one in which I gave a note in exchange for a check.

"I was about to be married to the daughter of a prominent and wealthy rabbi of Bay City, and I needed a good deal of ready money to pay the wedding expenses. I am accustomed to dealing in big amounts, and I write big insurance policies, running well up into the thousands. I can get any amount of bail that is needed within a short time if I can be admitted to bail."

When seen later in his cell in the Tombs Jasnogrodsky talked freely about his case. He said the wedding took place in April at the Frazier Hotel, in Bay City, and that his wife was a daughter of Rabbi Landau, deceased. His wife was wealthy, he said, but he would not allow her to pay his debts.

"I have often drawn as much as $12,000 in advance yearly from the Mutual Life," he said. "I am not a rich man now—in fact, I was broke up to six weeks ago, my period of financial embarrassment extending over five months. When the insurance investigation began I found that, although I am one of the best insurance solicitors in the world, I could not make my living at the business.

"During the last six weeks I have been selling mining stocks for a well known house in Wall Street, and have been making $400 and $500 a week. In that time I have paid a couple of thousand dollars toward my debts."

Jasnogrodsky said that he got his present job through a letter from W. N. Amory. He admitted owing a bill of $180 to the Frazier Hotel for cab hire, flowers and wine. This was contracted, he said, at the time of his wedding. He left a trunk containing clothes, he said, valued at more than $500.

Mutual Life officials said last night that Jasnogrodsky had never been the company's general agent in Canada. All that they recalled of him was that about three years ago F. E. Keefe, the Mutual Life's Boston manager, employed him for six months on a commission basis. They next heard of him in 1905, when F. O. Paige, the company's Detroit manager, engaged him in the same capacity for a few months.

Early this year Jasnogrodsky visited the company's headquarters, at No. 32 Nassau street, and sought employment. This the company refused. Some of the officials said that he had the reputation of being a "champion chess player," and obtained a certain percentage of his business as the result of his chess bouts at small German clubs.

About a year ago, in this city, Jasnogrodsky, it is said, rescued his wife from a burning building, the woman dying, however, a few days later from her injuries.

MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

Punishment Decreed for 683 Sailors for Cronstadt Trouble.

Cronstadt, Dec. 2.—Six hundred and eighty-three sailors concerned in the mutiny here last summer have been sentenced by court martial to imprisonment, or service with the disciplinary battalions, for various periods. One thousand seven hundred and seventeen sailors were acquitted.

WON "BIG DITCH" PEOPLE

PRESIDENT WELL LIKED.

Theodore P. Shonts Says He Took "Little Republic" by Storm.

That President Roosevelt won the hearts of the people of the Panama Republic by his democratic spirit and straight-from-the-shoulder talk, and that the "big ditch" was being dug without any trouble among the employes, was the declaration of Theodore P. Shonts, chairman of the Canal Commission, who returned yesterday to this country on the steamship Colon, of the Panama Line. Mr. Shonts was accompanied by Richard F. Rogers, general counsel; Admiral Endicott, Major Phillips and C. F. Ripley, all members of the commission. Mr. Shonts declared he was never more gratified with the progress of the work on the canal than at present, and that the President's visit had given not only impetus to the work, but made the attitude of the United States toward the little republic more clearly understood. The laboring element, especially, was glad to see the President, he said.

"President Roosevelt simply took the people of the little republic by storm," he said. "The setting aside by the President of all precedents to visit Panama won him the respect and admiration of all interested. Mr. Roosevelt was familiar with the work from a theoretical standpoint prior to his visit, but during his brief stay he saw and inspected what was being done and learned more than the average man could in many months.

"The building of the Panama Canal is to the President as the building of a future home would be to any other man. He looks upon it as his own personal work. Now that he has seen all for himself, nobody can mislead him about conditions or about the efforts being made to carry out the work."

Mr. Shonts then told a little incident that occurred while the President was down there. It appears that the citizens of the republic have been keeping themselves posted on the criticisms pro and con of the work. They were all familiar with the Poultney Bigelow story.

"One of the leading citizens," Mr. Shonts said, "in a brief talk with the President, asked him what he thought now of the criticisms of Poultney Bigelow, whereupon the President replied quietly:

"'Small people, like small flies, despoil large things and large enterprises.'

"It was the President's speech at Colon, however, that won the hearts of the canal workers. A lasting impression was made when, in the course of his speech, the President declared:

"'The men who are now working on the canal and the citizens of Panama who are assisting them will go down to posterity like the veterans of the Civil War. When this great work is completed the men who have been instrumental in its success will look backward and say, "I was part of it," as do the veterans of the Civil War on looking back to those tragic days.'

"This did more to endear the President to Panama than any other one thing. They speak of it at their work, at play and in their homes."

Speaking about the work itself, Mr. Shonts declared that it was going on satisfactorily, everybody working every day, no labor troubles and everybody content. Mr. Shonts went to Washington last night. He will be present at the reading of the President's message to Congress.

FRENCH SENATOR KILLED BY TRAIN.

Falls Under Wheels While on the Way to Funeral of a Friend.

Sedan, France, Dec. 2.—Charles Celestin Goutant, a member of the French Senate from Ardennes, was killed here this afternoon while on his way to attend the funeral of a friend. M. Goutant tried to jump from a moving train, but fell under the wheels and was crushed to death.

M. Goutant was born in 1847. He was first elected to the French Senate in 1898 and re-elected in 1903.

DIVORCE AFTER NINE WEEKS.

Wisconsin "Pearl King's" Wife Wins Suit and $4,500 Alimony.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Madison, Wis., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Maria J. Young, formerly Mrs. Butterworth, of New Haven, the nine weeks' bride of John A. Young, of Brodhead, Wis., known as the "pearl king" of Wisconsin, has won her suit for absolute divorce, with $4,500 alimony.

Mr. Young is seventy-three and Mrs. Young fifty-one years old. Both had been married before. The wedding was a quiet one, at a hotel in Milwaukee, and after the honeymoon the couple were received at Brodhead by a brass band.

OHIO AND HER LONG PENNANT HERE.

The battleship Ohio, built by the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, made her first appearance in this port yesterday. She came from the Asiatic station and anchored off Tompkinsville at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. A homeward bound pennant nearly 800 feet long, made by the crew, floated proudly from the main truck. The Ohio will be assigned to the Atlantic squadron.

HARVARD FOOTBALL PAYS

Graduate Treasurer's Report Shows Big Increase for Last Year.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—The report of the graduate treasurer of the Harvard Athletic Association, made public to-day, shows that Harvard athletics were again a profitable business last year, to the extent of about $28,000. This profit was made on a gross receipt of $127,559 40, the net receipts of all Harvard athletics for the year.

The receipts from football alone in 1905 were $85,353 66, which is nearly $17,000 more than was taken in the year before by the gridiron sport at Cambridge. Football expenses increased nearly threefold in that year, amounting to almost $30,000, so that the profits from football were $3,000 less in 1905 than in 1904, being $55,725 59 last year.

YALE HANGED IN EFFIGY.

Harvard Students Regret Prank Played at Cambridge.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—Yale was hanged in effigy in the Harvard yard this morning by some unknown person, and to-night trouble seems to be brewing for the person if he is discovered. A life sized figure, completely dressed, with a small Yale flag fastened to the right hand, was found this morning swinging over Wadsworth House, hanged by the neck to a wire running between two buildings.

This is a common exhibition ground for "Medfac" pranks, and it is thought that this is probably the latest attempt to revive that organization, which was supposed to have been wiped out last year.

Harvard students are all deeply regretting that any such affront should have been offered to the Yale football rooters.

FIVE HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Coach Crashes Into Hearse on Williamsburg Bridge.

While a funeral was passing over the Williamsburg Bridge yesterday the horses attached to one of the coaches became frightened by the clanging of a trolley car gong, and before they could be stopped the vehicle was wrecked and five persons were injured. In the wild flight of the frightened animals, the coach crashed into the hearse. The driver of the coach was Frank Miller, of No. 157 Christopher street, and the occupants were Cornelius Driscoll, of No. 334 West Houston street, and his wife and two children.

The funeral was on its way to the Holy Cross Cemetery, at Flatbush. Nothing of incident occurred until the procession reached the Brooklyn tower. At this point the motorman of a car clanged his bell. In an instant both horses dashed forward and raced down the incline, despite the vigorous efforts of Miller to stop them. The coach crashed into the hearse, threw it aside and continued down the roadway. Several policemen made vain attempts to stop the team. Finally the traces broke, and Miller lost complete control of the animals. The cries of the frightened occupants attracted the attention of a guard, who quickly closed the runaway gate. The team smashed into it and came to an abrupt stop.

Policemen and others rushed to the scene. A call was sent to the Eastern District Hospital, and Dr. Tietz and Dr. Snyder promptly responded. It was found that the five persons were cut by flying glass and badly bruised. Mrs. Driscoll was cut about the face and neck, and, although the surgeons said that she had probably sustained internal injuries, Mr. Driscoll insisted that his family be taken home in a coach. Both horses had to be shot.

WOMAN'S WILLS MANY.

One Leaves $1,000,000 Estate to Bible Society—Contest To Be Made.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Pittsburg, Dec. 2.—A bitter fight for the fortune of Miss Nancy McConnell, of Gibsonville, will be made. Miss McConnell was killed by a railroad train last Friday and leaves an estate estimated at from $700,000 to $1,000,000.

Already half a dozen wills have been found. One has been probated and another will be probated to-morrow. The one to be filed to-morrow is believed to be the last. In it Miss McConnell leaves her entire estate to the American Bible Society of New York. This will was made in 1896. Another will leaves the estate to three nephews; still another leaves it to more distant relatives, and another gives the fortune to the Rehoboth Presbyterian Church of Bellevernon, Penn.

Miss McConnell was killed while taking money to the bank, fearing burglars. As she was killed burglars were robbing the house and obtained many valuables.

BAD EARTHQUAKE IN SICILY.

London, Dec. 2.—A severe earthquake is reported to have occurred at Milazzo, on the north coast of Sicily, to-day. As yet no casualties have been reported.

CONGRESS PROGRAMME.

FOR SHORT SESSION.

Many Important Legislative Measures To Be Taken Up.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, Dec. 2.—Congress, which meets in annual session to-morrow, has an interesting and important programme before it, and some effective team work must be done if all the really important legislation which the leaders hope to dispose of is enacted before the clock strikes 12 on the noon of March 4.

A considerable amount of important legislation comes over as unfinished business from the session which adjourned on June 30, while various Senators and Representatives have new measures for which they will seek earnestly to secure favorable consideration. Of course, the fourteen big appropriation bills, which supply the funds for the continuance of the government, will have right of way, and the man who secures the enactment of any other important measure can do so only by exceptionally efficient manœuvring and marked diplomacy.

In the Senate, the Philippine Tariff bill seems destined to occupy the centre of the stage for a considerable time. This measure passed the House at the last session and was left in the Senate Philippines Committee. In the House a strenuous effort will be made to secure the enactment of the Shipping bill, which passed the Senate last session and is now in the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. A new immigration bill, with a clause providing an educational qualification for would-be immigrants, was left in conference last session, and Captain A. P. Gardner, Representative from Massachusetts, has come to Washington in his war paint, determined to secure the approval of this measure. In the Senate, Senator Lodge, who is a conferree, will second the efforts of his son-in-law in the House. The measure promises to precipitate one or more pretty fights, as the men who want the cheapest sort of labor to build railroads, mine coal, etc., are fighting tooth and nail a measure which they fear will limit the labor supply and so increase wages.

TREATIES AND SHIPPING.

The Senate will hardly have disposed of the President's message and the routine opening business when Senator Cullom, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, will be on his feet moving that "the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business," which, being translated, will mean the Algeciras treaty, on which the Senate has, by unanimous consent, agreed to vote on December 12. As soon as the Senate meets after New Year's Mr. Cullom will again press the Dominican treaty, with excellent prospects of its ratification, and he will in this work enjoy the active and effective cooperation of Senators Spooner and Lodge, both influential members of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Senator Frye, as "father of the Shipping bill," may find the field of his activities confined to the House in the early part of the session, where he will work with General Grosvenor for a favorable report on the measure. Mr. Frye will join with a number of his colleagues in an effort to secure the support of Speaker Cannon, whose disapproval of this measure in the past has always meant its ultimate death. Later on, when the Shipping bill comes back to the Senate with a request that conferrees be appointed, Mr. Frye, who believes the law will be enacted, may have his hands full in the Senate and in the conference chamber.

Senator Beveridge will make his entrance on the legislative stage almost as soon as the curtain rises with a carefully prepared measure prohibiting child labor. Senator Lodge purposes to introduce a bill of the same character, and the combined efforts of these statesmen may result in "putting it up to the House." Mr. Beveridge will also introduce a bill amending the Meat Inspection law. This, too, will be a simple measure, merely restoring those provisions which the House struck from his bill of last year; the clauses providing that the packers put the date on every can and that the cost of inspection be borne by the packers. As the Senate promptly adopted these provisions last year it is probable it will do so again. What will be done to the measure in the House it is hard to predict, but the fate of Representative Wadsworth, whose efforts to befriend the packers last year cost him his re-election, may prove a warning to others who would be disposed to oppose the bill.

OPPOSITION LEADER.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, has been chosen Democratic leader by his election as chairman of the Democratic caucus, and, although this action was taken last session, it was late in the legislative year, and this will really be the first session at which his leadership can be fairly judged. Mr. Blackburn succeeds the late Senator Gorman as minority leader, and the conduct of the minority under his guidance will be watched with interest. Senator Blackburn will this year conclude a service of eighteen years in the Senate, and it is regarded as fitting that he should lead his party during the closing session of his service. He is an able speaker, with a commanding voice and a flow of graceful language, while he has deep respect for the ath-