

DRUCE BODY IN COFFIN. CASE BELIEVED AT END.

Rumors of New Proceedings for Perjury Not Confirmed.

London, Dec. 30.—The bottom has dropped out of the Druce case. The coffin bearing Druce's name when opened at Highgate Cemetery to-day, was found to contain the remains of an old man with side whiskers and not lead from a house roof or a makeweight of any kind. About a dozen men, Professor Pepper and representatives of the Home Office and various others interested in the legal proceedings, discovered full corroborative proof of the testimony of the aged nurse who witnessed T. C. Druce's death and helped in preparing the body for burial. It now seems probable that when their evidence is submitted to the court by Horace Avery the prosecution of Herbert Druce for perjury will be abandoned and that Magistrate Plowden will dismiss the charge without hearing argument.

DRUCE MAY PUSH CASE.

Refuses to Admit Body Exhumed That of Grandfather.

London, Dec. 30.—Despite the finding of the body, George H. Druce says that he is determined to continue to push his claim for the estates and title of the Portland dukedom. In an interview to-night he said:

It is foolish to deny that I am bitterly disappointed, but I have not abandoned hope. I am prepared to admit that the man known as Thomas Charles Druce was buried in Highgate cemetery, but this does not dispose of my case. I will not admit that the body exhumed is the body of my grandfather, whom I still firmly believe was the Duke of Portland.

DRUCE ALSO EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION THAT A FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE GRAVE WAS NOT MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING WHETHER OR NOT A COFFIN CONTAINING LEAD WAS ALSO BURIED THERE.

Experts who were in attendance in his interests at the opening of the grave reported to him, he says, that the face in the coffin which was opened bore a similarity to that shown in the photographs of Thomas Charles Druce.

OPENING OF THE GRAVE.

G. H. Druce Twice Driven Back from Cemetery.

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thomas Charles Druce was exhumed this morning just forty-three years to a day after his burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tales told by George H. Druce and others who swore at the recent opening of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead.

The official statement given out by representatives of the Home Office and others who were present at the exhumation not only definitely disposes of the lead myth, but seems to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorities stated: "The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged, bearded man; the plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce."

The scene at Highgate Cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Every bush and every tree apparently hid an officer of the law. All the entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the Home Office were admitted to the grounds. George Hollamby Druce, who says he is the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and its vast estate, tried twice to get into the cemetery, but met a stern refusal.

The operations began at daybreak with the removal of the topmost coffins in the vault, containing the bodies of the wife and a son of T. C. Druce. It was nearly 11:30 o'clock before the coffin sought was brought up ready for opening and inspection. The top was quickly unswayed and the inner casing of lead cut open. There was no need for the statement of the eminent surgeon, Augustus J. Pepper, who was appointed by the Home Office to carry out the exhumation, to assure all present that human remains lay in the coffin.

The Druce vault has thus given up its secret after ten years of legal proceedings which have cost all told a considerable fortune. A large part of this money was obtained from servants and other workers, who were induced to buy shares in a company formed to prosecute the claims of George Hollamby Druce against the estate of the Duke of Portland.

The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of. Those persons who have sworn to the placing of lead in the coffin, instead of a human body, have deposited to facts which now have been disproved, and they probably will have to take the consequences of their acts.

R. C. CALDWELL STILL SICK.

Not Informed of Results in Druce Case—May Not Be in Court Monday.

Robert C. Caldwell, who testified that a roll of lead was placed in the grave of Herbert Druce, is in a hospital in St. George, Staten Island. He was said to be so ill last evening that it was inadvisable to inform him of the results of the opening of the Druce coffin. Dr. H. E. Pearson, who is attending Caldwell, upon leaving his patient last evening said that Caldwell was a very sick man, and he ordered his daughter, who is nursing him, not to permit anybody to see him. Dr. Pearson said that it would be at least ten days before Caldwell would be able to appear in court in Manhattan on Monday, when his examination for perjury, for which he is under arrest, comes up. Caldwell is now held in jail of \$5,000.

MR. CABELL REFUSES COMMENT.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 30.—Walter C. Cabell, a New York lawyer, who is counsel for Robert C. Caldwell in the proceedings now pending in New York for his extradition to England on a charge of perjury in the Druce case, was in Newport to-day and was advised of the news from London regarding the opening of the Druce grave. Mr. Cabell refused to comment on the case. He said he had taken up the case only a short time ago and had not fully acquainted himself with the details.

FLORIDA'S FAMOUS TRAINS.

2:25 A. M. and 3 P. M. Unexcelled service via Penn. & Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Florida Information Bureau, E. Way, cor. 30th St., Advt.

CALLS EXTRA SESSION.

Gov. Sparks Summons Legislature to Act on Goldfield Trouble.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks this afternoon called an extra session of the Legislature to meet on January 14, 1908, to consider the labor troubles at Goldfield. The call is in part as follows:

Believing that an extraordinary occasion now exists and one which the Legislature, being a co-ordinate branch of the state government, is best prepared to solve, it became my duty by proclamation to convene the Legislature at Carson City, Nev., on the fourteenth day of January, A. D., 1908. This request has been made by many of the miners and the mine owners, by legislation, if possible, the controversy existing between the miners and the mine owners at Goldfield, this state. Such legislation should be general in character and impartially applicable for the restoration and preservation of law and order. When a time arrives I will endeavor to outline to you the necessary legislation required and will give hearty co-operation in the attempt to secure to every citizen of Nevada his just rights, freely to be exercised under the law.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 30.—Acting on the suggestion of prominent citizens, Captain Cox, who is representing Governor Sparks here, advised the Governor to-day that two companies of federal troops would be ample and that he excuse the remainder of those now here from further service in Nevada.

TO GIVE FACTS ON NAVY.

Criticism May Call Out a Statement from Secretary Metcalf.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Some attention may be given by the Navy Department to the criticisms of the methods in vogue which have been made by magazine and other writers. This refers particularly to the criticisms pertaining to naval construction, although it may also have some reference to the strictures on the bureau system. Secretary Metcalf has the subject under consideration and will determine soon the advisability of making a statement on the subject. Admiral Converse, chairman of the board on construction, and Admiral Capps, chief constructor of the navy, are collecting information which, if a statement is made, will form the basis of what may be said. This, it is pointed out, will not be a reply to criticisms, but merely a statement of facts.

LINER HALTED BY COURT.

Another Ship Takes 1,000 Passengers off Attached Italian Vessel.

The Lloyd Sabaute liner Regina d'Italia, lying at Pier B, Jersey City, will not sail to-day according to schedule, owing to an attachment order for more than \$1,000,000 against the company. Almost a thousand passengers were aboard her yesterday afternoon, when the steamship Florida, of the Italian Lloyds, which sails to-day, went alongside the Regina and took them aboard.

The attachment order was obtained by Hugh Laing, agent of Sir James Laing & Sons, Ltd., shipbuilders of Sunderland, England, and is for \$1,067,850.49. According to the papers, this amount is due for vessels built by the firm under contracts of August 5, 1906, with interest from that date. Louis Stecker, attorney for the steamship company, said yesterday afternoon that he had refused to give bond and that Justice Pitney, in New Jersey, had reserved decision on a motion to have the writ of attachment quashed on the ground that it violated treaty rights and also that the ship entered and cleared through the Port of New York and did not therefore come within the jurisdiction of a Jersey court.

MAY NOT FINISH PETTIBONE TRIAL.

Boise Defendant Said to Be Suffering from an Incurable Disease.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30.—The illness of George A. Pettibone to-day caused an adjournment of his trial for alleged complicity in the Steuenerberg assassination until to-morrow. Last night Pettibone became ill and was taken to a hospital. For a time his condition was extremely critical, but to-day much improvement was reported.

It is thought that Pettibone's malady is incurable, and it is doubtful whether the trial will run its full course.

NEGROES TRIUMPH IN RACE RIOT.

Five White Men Shot in North Carolina—Dozen Assassants Arrested.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 30.—Five white men have been shot in a race riot at Bryson City, N. C., and a number of others have been injured by iron spikes and rocks. The negroes triumphed, but a dozen of them have been put in jail.

The fight occurred at the Southern Railway station, where a large number of passengers were in the waiting room. The cause was the throwing of railroad spikes and stones at white men by negroes in the night time.

P. S. C. NIGHTMARE STALLS ALL FULL.

Soon as One Is Empty There Is a New Applicant for It.

"When you have finally provided for your pillow, it will remove a nightmare from your pillow," said a member of a delegation from The Bronx which called on Public Service Commissioner Eustis yesterday to urge the extension of the subway-elevated line from West Farms along White Plains Road to the city line.

"No doubt you are right," commented the Commissioner, grimly. "But when that one is gone there will be many others looking for the same stall—at least one for each of the five boroughs."

ONLY TWO VOTES FOR TAFT.

Plans of Fairbanks Men in Indiana—Hughes Might Be Second Choice.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—Under the belief that Secretary Taft would be the leading opposition candidate in the national convention, the Fairbanks managers have made the list of delegates so that Taft will have only two friends in the delegation, and in the event that Mr. Fairbanks should drop out of the race, it is believed that the other twenty-eight votes would go to Governor Hughes. The two men who would vote for Taft under such circumstances are Senator Beveridge and State Senator Guthrie.

NO NEW YEAR'S TABLE complete without Angostura Bitters, world renowned aperitif of exquisite flavor. Dr. Sigmund's only genuine. Advt.

RAID NEXT EXCHANGE.

THREE BROKERS TAKEN. Broad Street Firm Arrested on Grand Larceny Charge.

Detectives raided an office on the fifth floor at No. 20 Broad street yesterday afternoon and arrested three brokers on the charge of grand larceny. Books, papers, bundles of securities and a strong box were loaded into the patrol wagon, which backed up to the curb next door to the Stock Exchange building.

The prisoners were Joseph Cowan, of No. 600 West 138th street; John L. McLean, of No. 1 West 82d street, and Edward Keith, of No. 62 West 137th street. They have been doing business under the name of George F. Shurtliff & Company. Shurtliff himself is at present in Arizona, according to the prisoners.

Arthur Bacon, a bricklayer, of No. 239 East 44th street, is the complainant. He told the police that he had given the brokers \$105 on May 31, 1907, and on September 14, 1907, he says, he gave them an additional \$57, for which he was to receive certain stocks, which he declares were never delivered.

According to Bacon, Shurtliff & Co. issued a weekly bulletin relating to financial affairs, particularly mining stocks, in which he was interested. He decided to buy \$105 worth of Cobalt Silver Wedge (Limited), for which he says he paid the Shurtliff company on May 31, 1907.

Bacon said that one of the three men arrested told him at that time that the stock would be delivered to him on June 7, but he says also that he did not receive the shares then nor at any time since.

The next time he called to ask about the stock he was told, he says, that it was tied up in a little litigation, which they would clear up in the near future.

So it went until along in September, according to Bacon's story, and he adds that up to that time he had no suspicion. So much did he trust them that he invested an additional \$57 with them, which had been given him by two acquaintances who lived in the same house with him in East 44th street. These two, whose names the police have as Charles Jones and Thompson Savage, did not make any complaint directly against the Shurtliff company, but told the police that Bacon was authorized to act as their agent.

When he bought the additional shares on September 14 Bacon says that Mr. Cowan, who conducted the transaction, advised him to invest in some shares known as Pride of Cobalt, because the Cobalt Silver Wedge (Limited) stock was still involved in litigation.

Bacon says he became suspicious and made a complaint to the police on December 23. Cowan, according to the police, was formerly a member of the Consolidated Exchange. He was engaged in the commission business in this city, but failed some time ago. After his failure he was expelled from the Consolidated Exchange on charges of violating the rules of the institution.

In 1903 he was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Blanche H. Smith, of Milwaukee, who charged him with defrauding her out of \$53,000. When the case came up in the Supreme Court it was dismissed. A civil suit was later brought against Cowan in Milwaukee, and the lawyer for Mrs. Smith said that Mr. Cowan made a settlement to the satisfaction of his client.

Again, in 1906, when he was a member of the firm of E. V. Denk & Co., stock brokers, he was arrested in a Supreme Court suit brought against him and two other members of the firm to recover \$4,200 given to them to buy stocks.

McLean was formerly the head of the firm of J. L. McLean & Co., which failed a few years ago. This concern at that time was a member of the Consolidated Stock Exchange. It had several branch offices in this city, and had also branch offices out of town. After the failure of the company McLean, too, was forced out of the Consolidated Stock Exchange.

In the same year he was fined \$100 by Justice Leventritt, in the Supreme Court, for refusing to obey an order requiring him to produce the purchase, sales and stock books of the firm, in a suit brought by Christian Buttler to recover on a transaction in stocks.

The three brokers were bailed out just before midnight last night in bonds of \$1,000 each. Clinton Stephens, of Clason Point, N. Y., furnished the bonds, which were approved by Magistrate Finn in the night court. He gave as security two lots at No. 911 Union avenue, the Bronx.

FALLOWS READY TO CURE.

Chicago Bishop to Try Faith Healing, Especially on Grip.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Bishop Samuel Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, who announced yesterday his belief in the science of faith healing, will begin his new line of work Thursday. In so far as it lies in his power, he will try to heal all who go to the church parlors between 3 and 5 p. m.

The Bishop's departure from the path of orthodoxy is, he says, the result of many years' study. He calls his new faith cure "Christian psychology," which he differentiates from Christian Science, taught by Mrs. Eddy as a cure for those diseases in which the nerves play a part.

The grip is one of the illnesses which the Bishop believes he can alleviate readily, if not entirely cure. Other ailments which he believes may yield to the sway of his newly announced cure include the drug habit, mental depression, hysteria, sleeplessness, nervous depression, melancholia and hypochondria.

The Christian Scientists are denouncing the Bishop as an enemy of their faith. Mrs. Elizabeth Webster and Mrs. M. M. W. Adams, two well-known Chicago healers, unite in declaring him "only an insincere imitator of the Christian Science cult." They insist that he is moved by motives of hostility to that faith.

ZIMRI DWIGGINS DEAD.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Zimri Dwiggins, one of the early leaders of frenzied finance, is dead here, where he has lived since the failure of the Columbia National Bank of Chicago, of which he was the founder in 1833. The Columbia National was the head of a chain of smaller banks extending through several Indiana towns, most of which suspended when the Chicago concern went down at the first hint of the panic.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR NEW YEARS.

Special Assorted Cases, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.75. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York. Advt.

GATHERING AT ALBANY.

MR. WADSWORTH'S PLANS. Assembly Organization and Clerkship Chief Subjects of Interest.

Albany, Dec. 30.—Slowly and with not much show of interest the legislators are gathering for the session of 1908, which will begin at noon on Wednesday. Senator Raines and Speaker Wadsworth, leaders of the respective houses, are on the ground early, but only a handful of their colleagues are here to-night. State Chairman Woodruff is expected to-morrow.

Aside from the Governor's message, the recommendations of which are discounted to some extent by recent developments in the banking, traction and insurance fields and the Governor's known views on other important issues, there are only two subjects of interest to legislators just now. These are the organization of the Assembly, which contains more than fifty new members, and the clerkship of that body, over which there is a fight.

Speaker Wadsworth expects to be able to name his committees by next Monday. Several of the important chairmanships will have to be filled, and one or two committees practically "rebuilt." The question of the chairmanship of the Committee on Ways and Means, which carries with it the majority leadership of the Assembly, is still open. Most of the legislators here believe that Assemblyman Merritt, of St. Lawrence County, will be named for that important place. Jesse Phillips, of Allegany County, however, is still a candidate, and, like Speaker Wadsworth, comes from the western part of the state. Indeed, earlier in the year some of the politicians from that part of the state said confidentially that Mr. Phillips was the Speaker's candidate. If Mr. Merritt is not appointed chairman of Ways and Means he will be retained at the head of the Committee on Railroads. Mr. Phillips, if he does not get the leadership, will be placed at the head of the Committee on Judiciary, of which he is the senior member.

The delegation from Kings County, which contains several of the men of longest service in the Assembly now, will get important committee places this year. Charles F. Murphy is being backed for chairman of the Committee on Cities by Chairman Woodruff. This chairmanship was held last year by Edward C. Dowling, now on the bench in Brooklyn. Assemblyman Hammond, of Onondaga County, is making vigorous efforts to obtain this place. Warren I. Lee, of Kings, one of the stronger members, is scheduled for a place on the Cities Committee and other important assignments. John Lord O'Brien, of Buffalo, who made an excellent record last year; Beverly R. Robinson, of New York, who is the choice of Herbert Parsons for the chairmanship of the Cities Committee, and Mervin K. Hart, of Oneida County, doubtless will have places on this committee. The probability is that a member from New York County will get the place on the Rules Committee left vacant by the retirement of Assemblyman Frenchie.

Assemblyman J. Mayhew Wainwright, of Westchester, will be retained as chairman of the Committee on Banks, one of the important posts this session. In view of the financial trouble and the expected amendments to the banking laws, the Insurance Committee of last year has so many vacancies that it will be virtually a completely new committee. The Committee on Water Supply, Gas and Electricity and the Committee on Railroads, both important, will have to be reorganized.

Kay B. Smith, assistant clerk of the Assembly, who is a candidate for election to the clerkship, and Colonel Archie E. Baxter, the clerk, who is seeking re-election, have opened headquarters here. Neither knows just where he stands because of the great number of new members this session. Colonel Baxter is a Civil War veteran, and the Grand Army of the Republic men are working vigorously to help him keep his place. Smith has the backing of Francis Hendricks, his political sponsor, of Albany County. Speaker Wadsworth has said that he as an individual member would vote for Smith.

"I want to make perfectly clear my attitude in this," he said to-day. "I am for Smith, but I shall not let the fact that any member of the Assembly vote for Baxter make any difference. I have never adopted coercion in the Assembly, and do not expect to begin now. I have written this to the grand army people who asked me about my attitude."

Smith seems to have the better chance of election now, although there is some show of feeling among the older members at his effort to get the place from Colonel Baxter, who has held it for many years and is popular. Chairman Woodruff probably will be able to deliver all the Brooklyn Assemblymen to Smith, but there is some doubt about whether Herbert Parsons can swing all the New York Republicans to Smith's side.

Speaker Wadsworth's re-election is taken for granted. On the Democratic side there is some talk about a contest over the minority leadership, but there will be no real fight. George M. Palmer, of Schoharie County, who held that place for several years up to 1907, when he did not come back to the Legislature, has been picked for the post again. "Paradise Jimmy" Oliver, whose manipulation of the minority leadership last year finally caused a revolt of the Democrats, hopes to have another trial. "Al" Smith, another Tammany man, is being talked about somewhat, but the general belief is that the "big bosses," meaning Murphy and Conners, have picked Palmer.

THREAT FROM G. A. R. HEAD.

Says Veterans Will Seek Revenge if Baerter Is Defeated.

Albany, Dec. 30.—Charging that the contest to defeat Colonel Archie E. Baxter, of Elmira, for re-election as Clerk of the Assembly was due only to Chairman Woodruff and Speaker Wadsworth, Harlan J. Swift, state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, to-night threatened the leaders of the Republican party with the vengeance of the veterans if Colonel Baxter be defeated. The veterans have opened headquarters here. There will be a meeting of delegates from the 616 posts in the state at the Capitol to-morrow, and the leaders have expected from Colonel Baxter a pledge that he will go into the Republican caucus to-morrow night and force a line-up on the Smith-Baxter contest. Not only are the Grand Army men up in arms for Colonel Baxter, but the Spanish

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AFTER ALL, USHER'S THE SCOTCH.

that made the highball famous.—Advt.

PRESIDENT HOME AGAIN.

Returns to Washington Benefited by Outing at Pine Knot.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt arrived in Washington from Pine Knot, Va., shortly before 9 o'clock to-night, a few minutes ahead of time. Secretary Loeb was at the station to meet him, and drove to the White House with him. Despite the fact that rain has fallen in Virginia almost continuously since the President's arrival at Pine Knot, he has had his customary outdoor exercise and will enter into his series of social entertainments much refreshed.

Mrs. Roosevelt, Archie and Quentin accompanied him. The party left North Garden at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon in the private car Twilight. Before taking the train a ten-mile drive over roads almost impassable with mud was necessary.

After assisting Mrs. Roosevelt to the platform the President talked a few minutes with those who had gathered around his car. They were either railroad officials or the police guard detailed for the occasion. One member of the party laughingly inquired if the President had bagged any big game.

"Oh, I didn't go after any," was the reply. "I just took the children to the country for an outing. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely." The President began work on his mail as soon as he reached the White House and will be in his office as usual to-morrow morning.

I. R. T. LETS GO 300 MEN.

Retrenches in Repair Department—No Permanent Improvements.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company, operating the elevated and subway roads, has discharged about three hundred men employed in its repair department, it became known yesterday.

The reason for cutting down the force is understood to be that the company is under increasing expense in its operating department through being obliged by the Public Service Commission to engage more motormen and trainmen, and has decided that extra outlay in one direction must be balanced by retrenchment in another.

The company retains in its repair shops enough men to make all ordinary repairs, but it is said that for the present it will suspend all work in the nature of permanent improvements.

JOHNSON'S NEW SCHEME.

Wants to Raise \$60,000,000 for Municipal Ownership.

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—It became known to-day that Mayor Tom L. Johnson, in order to gain money for his municipal ownership programme, including electric lighting, the taking over of all gas companies except the East Ohio, and eventual city ownership of street railway lines, will seek means to raise \$60,000,000 in the Legislature this winter.

Two plans are suggested, and members of the Cuyahoga County delegation declare they have hope of carrying through one or the other. By the first the Longworth act would be amended to permit issuing bonds without vote of the people on more than 1 per cent of the tax duplicates, the present limit, while a joint amendment would give to the Mayor power to name the real estate valuation board, which could raise taxes.

The other contemplates authorizing the issue of industrial bonds, the mortgage being on the property of the city rather than on the taxable property of the citizens.

"PAY-AS-YOU-ENTER" UNPOPULAR.

Enforcement of New Plan Leads to Endless Delays on Pittsburg Street Railroads.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—The Pittsburg Railways Company, operating the surface lines in this city, rigidly enforced the "pay-as-you-enter" plan to-day, with the result that the service was badly impeded. Passengers did not take kindly to the innovation and many tendered bills to the conductors, holding up all the persons behind them and delaying the cars. Women with bundles refused to pay their fares until they were seated and had laid the bundles aside, and in some instances passengers stormed the cars and refused to pay when inside.

A number of conductors resigned to-day, but the officers of the company say they will continue to enforce the rule.

JEALOUSY ENDS IN DEATH OF TWO.

Paterson Man Kills His Sweetheart and Then Shoots Himself.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 30.—Charles Bennett, twenty-four years old, shot and killed Miss Jennie Mozell, of No. 39 Hamburg avenue, shortly after 9 o'clock to-night. Bennett then fired a bullet into his own brain.

Miss Mozell lived long enough to say "Good-by" to Mrs. Blanchfield, the woman with whom she had boarded for the last twelve years. She was twenty-nine years old. Bennett had heard that his sweetheart had become infatuated with a young man in another part of the city. They quarrelled, and the tragedy resulted this evening.

PREPARATIONS FOR BRYAN DINNER.

Fifteen Hundred Guests Expected to Hear Platform Proclaimed at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Final arrangements for the Democratic dinner to be held in this city January 15, at which William Jennings Bryan is expected to outline the platform, have been completed. Preparations have been made for fifteen hundred plates and the dinner is expected to draw many prominent Democrats from other states.

NINETEEN WOMEN TRAMPS IN ONE CAR.

Millard, Neb., Dec. 30.—Nineteen female tramps were discovered last night in a single box car on a Union Pacific freight train at this station. The women were routed out and forced to walk back to Omaha, sixteen miles away. They asserted that they had been run out of Omaha by the blue laws, and, having no money, were beating their way to Denver.

DEWEY'S OLD PORT FOR THE GRIPPE.

It prevents any bad after effects. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York. Advt.

MR. TAFT UPHOLDS PRESIDENT'S COURSE.

ADMINISTRATION DID NOT CAUSE PANIC, HE SAYS.

Secretary of War Talks to Boston Merchants and Is Hailed as the Next President.

Boston, Dec. 30.—Greeted with cheers as "the next President of the United States"—a topic which he carefully avoided in his own remarks, however—Secretary Taft delivered his first public speech since his world-circling tour at the annual dinner of the Boston Merchants' Association at the Hotel Somerset to-night.

The dinner lasted a long and strenuous day for the Secretary of War, during which he delivered a brief address before four hundred ministers in the morning and attended a reception and spoke before a large gathering of the Jews of the city at the Elvstium Club in the afternoon. During his visit to Boston, which ends to-morrow morning, he is the guest of Samuel Carr, a Boston banker and a relative of Mrs. Taft.

A more notable gathering of prominent and representative Boston business men has seldom been seen in Boston than that which greeted the Secretary to-night. Previous to the dinner a brief reception was held in the parlors of the hotel, Secretary Taft meeting the speakers and principal guests of the evening. In the dining hall beautiful decorations adorned the tables, which provided for the seating of more than five hundred guests, while behind the speakers' table were many American flags.

President Jerome Jones of the Boston Merchants' Association presided at the dinner. Seated on each side of him were the speakers and guests of honor, who include Secretary Taft, Congressman Sherley of Kentucky, Lieutenant Governor Draper of Massachusetts, Mayor John F. Fitzgerald and the Right Rev. William Lawrence, Bishop of Massachusetts. Lieutenant Governor Draper extended the welcome of the Commonwealth to Secretary Taft and Congressman Sherley, and was followed by Mayor Fitzgerald, who extended the welcome of the city. Introducing Mr. Taft, President Jones said:

We are favored this evening by the presence of a man from the Middle West, who has impressed us all with his fitness for the most important position a great and powerful nation can bestow, and, in brief, an official of the great world of commerce. He has recently put a girde around the earth as an ambassador of peace and good will, visiting the great rulers of mighty nations, and we want to hear him talk.

Immediately a great cheer rose from the assembly and as Mr. Taft rose to begin his speech all the guests stood up with him and filled the air with long continued cheers. Calls from many parts of the room for "Three cheers for Secretary Taft, the next President of the United States," were met with more tumultuous cheering.

SECRETARY TAFT'S SPEECH.

Secretary Taft then delivered the following speech, which he read from manuscript throughout, making no additions or comment relative to his own candidacy for the Presidency or any other topic:

Gentlemen of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Boston: I am glad to be here. For more than two years I have been trying to accept your kind invitation. I do not feel strange in this great city, for I was born here. My mother was born in Vermont, my father was born in Boston, my two grandfathers were born in Mendon, Worcester County; much of my boyhood was spent in Andover, and I was educated at Yale. While I cannot claim to be one of you, I like to boast that I have enjoyed the good influence of the same traditions.

I had expected to show to you about the Philippines to-night. That was one of the reasons why I accepted the invitation so lightly. It is a subject easy for me to talk about. It may be it is getting a little stale. For instance, I have discussed it in the most best methods of discouraging my friends the correspondents of the press in Washington from pursuing embarrassing inquiries into the matters I am discussing with them for publication interesting phases of the Philippine situation. They leave forthwith. But I had supposed that, however dead the island might be as a topic inviting discussion, the attracting attention elsewhere, one could rouse some excitement over it still in Boston. I have been warned, however, that here, too, there were subjects which had to be talked to business men, and in such cases I am invited for this morning to address the ministers of Boston, whose profession carries them naturally to such subjects.

For aught of my say in respect to the Philippines, and, to me, very absorbing national problem which I hope and believe we are working out