

of the Governor's revised demands for its passage. Senator Ames expects to introduce his bill of last year abolishing racetrack gambling, specifically recommended in the Governor's message.

TO REORGANIZE MILITIA.

Albany, Jan. 1.—A bill to reorganize the national guard and naval militia in harmony with the organization of the United States army, under the provisions of the so-called Dick law of 1903, was introduced in both houses of the Legislature today.

It was accompanied by a preliminary report of the so-called Wainwright commission, appointed under an act of the last Legislature to investigate the condition of the national guard and naval militia and recommend amendments to the military code.

The report recites the passage of the Dick militia law by Congress in 1903, which provided that state military organizations conforming to the federal system should participate in federal support.

In accordance with this and other laws of Congress, the State of New York has been credited annually with large sums, which have been received partly in cash and partly in military stores, and have been devoted to the maintenance of the national guard.

The commission strongly recommends that the Legislature take the steps necessary to make the organization of the national guard uniform with that of the army.

An attempt by the State of New York to disorganize the militia and to ignore the federal law in the regulation of its militia is not to be thought of. Such a course would be unpatriotic and in violation of the constitutional provision, and it would not merely result in increasing the financial burdens of the state by reason of its failure to accept of the federal aid.

A portion of the militia separated from the rest of the militia of the United States and confining to the part in the bill of instruction of the United States forces or to hold itself liable to share in the maintenance of the militia for any purpose.

The commission presents a bill amending certain sections of the military code so as to conform to the organization of the national guard to that of the United States army, so far as necessary, to permit the state to share in the appropriations made for the militia by Congress.

The bill provides minutely for changes in the national guard organization, including composition and strength, division and brigades, staff departments, corps of engineers, signal corps, infantry, cavalry, field artillery, coast artillery corps and aviation corps.

In the Assembly Mr. Wainwright, of Westchester, a member of the special committee, explained that it was necessary to have the bill enacted into law before January 21, the date when the Dick bill is to become effective.

It was the only measure introduced from the floor of the House, objection being made to others taking this course.

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NEGROES FAVOR TAFT.

Express Sentiments at Monster Meeting in Mobile.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 1.—Ten thousand negroes celebrated Emancipation Day to-day and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the colored people of Mobile, Ala., pledge our continual allegiance to the fearless leader and faithful champion of the third term movement in the person of the Hon. Frank H. Hitchcock, First Assistant Postmaster General, and we consider Secretary of War Taft fortunate in securing such a man as Mr. Hitchcock to manage his interests in the Southern states.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Secretary Taft returned to Washington from Boston to-day. As his train was belated he did not attend the gathering of the Cabinet at the White House preliminary to the New Year's Day reception, but went directly to the War Department to give his attention to some personal mail that had accumulated during his absence.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 1.—Secretary Taft has written the Hartford Yale Alumni Association that if nothing prevents he will come here as the guest of that body on February 7.

KANSAS NEGROES SUPPORT FORAKER.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 1.—At a meeting of negroes from all over the State to celebrate Emancipation Day a resolution was passed commending Senator Joseph B. Foraker and pledging support to his "aspirations, whatever they may be," and calling on the negroes of the South to join in supporting him.

WOODRUFF AND PARSONS BUSY.

Seeking Committee Places for New York Members at Albany.

Albany, Jan. 1.—State Chairman Woodruff and President Parsons of the New York County Committee were among the busiest men in this city to-day, advising in the organization of the Legislature and discussing the political situation with the Republican members.

The two politicians had a long conference with Speaker Wadsworth, whom they addressed as Governor. Later they called on William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, who is at his home here.

Woodruff, Parsons and Barnes constitute the triumvirate which is credited with the election of Ray B. Smith as clerk of the Assembly, and with a desire to develop a boom for Speaker Wadsworth for Governor.

The Speaker said they had talked with him of things of interest, but not of paramount importance. He refused to take his boom seriously.

NEGROES BEAT OFFICER.

Patrolman Ryan, in Game Fight Against Odds, Lands Prisoner.

Patrolman Ryan, of the East 126th street station, was beaten almost into unconsciousness by a negro yesterday morning when he arrested William McKnight, a negro, who attacked a negro woman, named Marian Taylor at 135th street and Lenox avenue.

McKnight, who was arrested at 135th street and Lenox avenue, was taken away from him and the negroes kicked him so that he will be unable to return to duty for several days.

Ryan heard the woman scream and rushed up in time to see McKnight strike her in the face. He took hold of McKnight and started for the station, when he was attacked by two friends of the prisoner.

The policeman was thrown to the ground and his nightstick wrested from his hands. The negroes kicked him in the face and beat him with his own club in an effort to free McKnight, but Ryan clung to the prisoner.

The gathering crowd made McKnight's two companions flee. An ambulance was called from the Harlem Hospital, and Dr. Phelps dressed the policeman's wounds and removed him to the hospital after the negro had been safely lodged in a cell.

The negro was held in \$1,000 bail by Magistrate Ross in the Harlem court yesterday morning.

FALSE ALARM FATAL.

Flushing Volunteer Killed Under Hook and Ladder Wagon.

Death took part in the usual New Year's false alarm of fire, which called out the volunteers of Rescue Hook and Ladder Company 1, of Flushing, Long Island, just as the bells were ringing in the new year.

SADNESS AT CITY HALL.

Loyal Constituents Take Poles to Alderman, but Janitor Gets Them.

"Bill" Hildebrand, third assistant cleaner at the City Hall, at a salary of something like \$2 a day, had "the day of his life" yesterday, as they say in the Bowery.

There were flowers for "Bill"—flowers a plenty. There were huge bunches of American Beauty roses, carnations, floral horsehoes, wreaths of flowers, and many flowers that it would be hard to tell about in detail.

"Bill" Hildebrand never had so many flowers "banded up" to him before, and he was dazed, and quit early in the afternoon to think it over and get his bearings.

"Bill" leads an even existence at the City Hall. On different days he manipulates a mop, a sponge, a broom, a duster and a brass polisher. Sometimes he cusses the government that gives him only \$2 a day while upstairs in the aldermanic chamber.

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WON'T CUT HIGH WAGES.

BUILDERS FOR HARMONY.

Employers' Association Reviews Conditions of Trade.

A statement was issued yesterday on behalf of the Building Trades Employers' Association regarding the immediate outlook in the building industry and the prospects of the trade for the present year.

The relations of the associated employers to the unions under the arbitration agreement and the present condition of the building industry and the prospects of the trade for the present year.

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In an advertisement in another column Blair & Co. and Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co. of this city, offer to buy the coupons, which matured yesterday, on a long list of securities of railroads identified with the Seaboard Air Line and also the equipment bonds of the Seaboard that matured on the same date, these purchases to be at face value.

The offer holds as to all such coupons and equipment bonds as may be presented on or before February 23 at the Morton Trust Company, this city, or the Continental Trust Company, Baltimore. The advertisement states that the offer is made "in order that the integrity of the Seaboard Air Line Railway system may be maintained pending an opportunity for the formulation of proper plans for the readjustment of its affairs."

COMSTOCK THAW WITNESS.

Expected to Make Revelations When Called to the Stand.

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HUNT SWAMP MURDERER.

Police Bloodhounds To Be Sent to New Jersey To-day.

At the request of Judge Branzan, of Harrison, N. J., the bloodhounds recently imported by the New York Police Department will be started to-day on the trail of the murderer of the woman who was found in a pool in the Hackensack Meadows a week ago and is still unidentified. It is hardly possible that the dogs will be able to follow the scent correctly, as many persons have tramped around the place where the body was found.

Agnes O'Keefe, employed at the Hotel Hanover, Philadelphia, who was supposed to have been the victim of the murder, was found alive yesterday. A detective from Orange, N. J., said positively the body was that of Miss O'Keefe. The girl said yesterday:

"I read in the papers a day or so ago that a woman named O'Keefe had been murdered in Harrison and was struck with the same similarity of name with mine. Then I read that a detective named Drubell, who is a friend of mine, was detailed on the case. This also interested me in the mystery. But I never for a moment thought that any one supposed I was the murdered woman."

Several of the Harrison aldermen will recommend to the Common Council to order a man to be paid of \$1,000 be offered for the arrest of the murderer.

Mrs. Catherine L. Hunter, of No. 88 L street, Washington, has sent word to the police that the body found in the swamp was that of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Beck, from whom she had heard nothing for two years. Mrs. Hunter has not seen the body, but she will come here as soon as possible. She says that judging from the newspaper pictures and the published descriptions the woman is her sister. Her sister's husband will be in New York to-morrow and will view the body.

After Mrs. Agnes Young was found alive Mrs. Frank Hull changed her story and said the body was that of her half-sister, Minnie Jeanette Gaston, of Tennessee. A telegram from Chattanooga last night said:

Minnie Jeanette Gaston was born in Elk County, Tenn., near Reliance, on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and was the daughter of J. R. Gaston. Her mother married Dr. Riley B. Gaston, who was Dr. Womack's second wife, he having married twice before. Minnie Gaston left Elk County, Tenn., four times, and it is understood that while there she joined the Mabel Page theatrical company. She is about twenty-two years old.

Mrs. Mattie Womack Hull is the daughter of Dr. Womack by his third wife, and is really no kin to Minnie Gaston. She married Frank Hull, a sign painter, who was employed in Chattanooga about a year ago. From newspaper pictures and pictures published there is little doubt among those who knew Minnie Gaston that she is the woman found dead in the Jersey marshes.

Many persons visited the Harrison morgue yesterday and all of the plausible clues given by the visitors were investigated.

FIGHT RUINS THE PIES.

Policeman and His Prisoner Fall Through Baker's Display Window.

Two men came to grief early yesterday morning as they were leaving William McBride's hardware store, at No. 107 Pearsall street, in the Hillside section of Long Island City, laden with booty. Patrolmen Michael Morgan and John Robinson overhauled them in Greenpoint avenue, and they proved to be John Travis, of No. 184 Meserole street, and Louis Snyder, of No. 23 Newell street, Brooklyn. The men were forced to carry the stolen property while being escorted toward the station house.

Suddenly Travis dropped his load and, with a yell to his companion, ran head first into Morgan's "breadbasket," knocking the policeman through the plate glass window of Bloomfield's bakery, at No. 61 Greenpoint avenue, into the New Year's delicacies prepared for the day's display. But Morgan held fast to his prisoner and took him along into the bakery, and for a few minutes they fought and rolled back and forth over a bed of cranberry tarts, broken glass, pumpkin pies and cream puffs, while the terrified baker and his family scrambled downstairs and out into the street.

Finally, getting his club into working order, Morgan persuaded his prisoner to be still, and when they emerged from the demolished window they were both in a sorry plight. Morgan's uniform was ruined and he was bleeding from a dozen wounds inflicted by the prisoner and the broken glass, in addition to being plastered with remnants of cream puffs and pies. Travis was in a similar condition, and it was hard to distinguish one from the other. Morgan was held to take a day off, while the two culprits were told for examination. The baker wants pay for his pies.

TOW WOULD MAKE 21-MILE TRAIN.

Louisville, Jan. 1.—The steamer Sprague on her next Southern trip will tow forty-five canal boats, seven barges, two fuel boats and one coal barge, carrying 1,500,000 bushels of coal. This, if loaded into ordinary freight cars, would make a train over twenty-one miles long.