



339 DIE IN EXPLOSION

FLAMES INCREASE. GERMAN MINE DISASTER.

Rescuers Unable to Get at Entombed Men—Only 6 of 380 Escape Uninjured.

Hamm, Westphalia, Germany, Nov. 12.—The greatest mine disaster in many years in Germany occurred this morning at the Radbod mine, about three miles from this place. There was a heavy explosion in the mine about 4 a. m., and almost immediately the mine took fire. Of 380 miners working under ground at the time only six escaped without injury. Thirty-seven were taken out badly injured, and thirty-five were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 302 have been given up for lost.

The explosion, which was tremendously violent, destroyed one of the shafts, which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work could be begun. In addition, the flames and smoke proved almost insurmountable obstacles in the early efforts of the rescuing parties. A special corps, composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrières, France, in March of 1906, arrived on the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the determined efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

Hear-feeding scenes were enacted at the mine when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospitals.

At 1 o'clock the fire had made great headway, and later in the afternoon, after a consultation of the engineers, it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men would be vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

First reports indicated that the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but the stories of the injured men render this improbable. The cause of the explosion is not definitely known.

The current year has been prolific of mining accidents, running the gamut between appalling disasters, such as that of yesterday, and minor casualties. On January 20 three miners were rescued at Ely, Nev., by persistent work after an imprisonment under debris lasting forty-six days. An explosion on February 18 in a mine near Pottsville, Penn., caused the entombment of twenty-eight men.

On February 27 two hundred mine workers were perished in the shaft of a mine in Mexico by an explosion which shattered the walls of the excavation. On June 8 twenty-three men suffered a like fate in the Gold King mine, in Colorado, and the following day 40 men were killed by gas in an explosion at Silverton, Col. Two more similar disasters within a fortnight in Mexico cost fifty lives.

"BRAINSTORM" HIS PLEA.

Magness Didn't Intend to Desert—Got Money from Wife.

Philadelphia, Nov. 12.—Asserting that he had a "brainstorm," and pleading that he was guilty of desertion from the United States navy, as charged by the government, Magness, who married Miss Ada Gorman, daughter of the late Senator Gorman, of Maryland, was tried before a court martial at the Philadelphia Navy Yard to-day.

Magness admitted that he overstayed his leave of absence, but asserted he had no idea of deserting. In his testimony he said that he had thought of engaging in business in Louisville and that the money he had in his possession when arrested had been given to him by his wife.

MAKE UPROAR IN CHURCH.

Suffragettes Finally Ejected from City Temple in London.

London, Nov. 12.—The suffragettes to-night for the first time carried their campaign into a place of worship. Augustine Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, while addressing a meeting in favor of disestablishment at the City Temple, was subjected to constant vociferous interruptions.

CAMPAIGN GIFTS SMALL.

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 12.—It was said here to-day by those in a position to know that the Republican campaign fund was made up of between 11,000 and 12,000 subscriptions, only three or four of which were greater than the \$10,000 limit fixed by Mr. Bryan.

THIEVES GET SHOW HORSES.

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GREY BEAR SPRING WATER.

The purity has been ascertained.

DIES FROM MORPHINE.

T. S. Baron, Manufacturer, Killed by Overdose of the Drug.

Theodore S. Baron, forty-five years old, a manufacturer of knit goods, in business at No. 782 West 45th street, Brooklyn, and No. 350 Broadway, this borough, died last night at his home, No. 111 West 88th street, from an overdose of morphine. Mr. Baron had suffered four years from kidney complaint, and had undergone two operations by Dr. William T. Bull.

Coroner Harburger visited the Baron home last night and ordered Dr. O'Hanlon, the coroner's physician, to make an examination. The family says Baron had no motive for ending his life.

Soon after dinner last night Mrs. Baron found her husband unconscious on his bed, and all efforts failed to revive him. Baron had used morphine occasionally for five years to alleviate pain. On Wednesday he went home unusually early and complained of feeling sick.

Members of the family aware of Baron's business affairs said last night that the books of his firm, which employs more than one hundred workers, were in excellent condition.

WILL APPEAL OIL CASE.

Department of Justice to Ask Writ from Supreme Court.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Following the recent action of the Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago in refusing to the United States government a rehearing of the Standard Oil case, in which a fine of \$25,240,000 was imposed, the Department of Justice has decided to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Application will be made to the Supreme Court when that tribunal reconvenes on Monday, November 30, for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The following statement was issued late to-night by the department:

A prolonged conference was held to-day at the Department of Justice with respect to the action of the Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago in refusing a rehearing of the Standard Oil case. At different times during the day Attorney General Bonaparte was in consultation with Solicitor General Hoyt, United States Attorney Sims, of Chicago, and his assistant, Mr. J. H. Wilson, and Mr. E. B. Kellogg, special counsel in the civil suits against the Standard Oil Company.

It was found that a considerable number of changes had been made in the opinion of the Court of Appeals originally rendered, and that Judge Baker, of that court, had filed a separate concurring opinion, which differed materially in its reasoning from that of Judge Gregory.

VICTORY FOR MRS. SHAW.

Dew Baths and Scanty Clothing Not Evidence of Weak Mind.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Dew baths on a lawn in the early morning are not evidence of insanity, going about the house with nothing on but a union suit is no evidence of a weak mind, and the fact that a woman thinks it perfectly proper to appear in a swimming tank is not evidence of mental derangement, according to the Supreme Court of Massachusetts to-day. This is the gist of the decision of Judge McIntyre, of the Probate Court, in the now famous Mazzazzan case. He handed down his findings to-day in the application of Mrs. Mabel Dutton for a guardian for the estate of her aunt, Mrs. Helen Shaw, the wealthy social leader who wants to give her fortune to the Mazzazzan cult.

CELL AFTER HONEYMOON.

Embezzler Pleads Guilty After Two Month Spent with Bride.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Another chapter in the romantic story of Harvey T. Wells, former confidential clerk in the Kenosha (Wis.) National Bank, was written this morning, when he was sentenced to five years in the Fort Leavenworth federal prison for embezzlement. Two years ago, when he was nineteen years old, Wells met Miss Florence Winniston, daughter of a wealthy Greenwich, England, manufacturer. They eloped on September 9. Soon afterward the bank officials discovered that he had used its funds to the amount of \$3,200.

ARCHBISHOP PLAYS GOLF.

Monsignor O'Connell, of Boston, Enthusiastic Over Game.

Boston, Nov. 12.—Archbishop O'Connell will do his share to aid President-elect Taft make golf the most famous game in the world. The Archbishop had never played golf, but on Tuesday he had his name put up for membership at the Oakley Country Club and the Allston Golf Club. He was admitted to the Oakley Country Club at a special meeting Wednesday evening, and to-day he played his first game.

LUNATIC SCARES SMITH GIRLS.

Police Chase Scantly Clad Man About Campus for Half an Hour.

Northampton, Mass., Nov. 12.—Ralph Currier, an inmate of the State Insane Hospital here, escaped to-day, removed part of his clothing, swam across Paradise Lake and made his appearance in the South College grounds just at the noon hour. A crowd of girls had just left lecture halls, and Currier dashed in among them yelling. The girls let out wild whoops for the police and scurried right and left. They locked themselves in dormitories and watched the police chase Currier up and down the walks half an hour before they could catch him.

EX-SHERIFF ARRESTED

CLOSE FRIEND OF GOVERNOR PATTERSON.

Was with Coopers Just Before Ex-Senator Carmack Was Killed—Grand Jury Investigation.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 12.—The arrest this afternoon of John D. Sharpe, ex-Sheriff of Davidson County and a warm friend of Governor Patterson, on the charge of "murder and being present and aiding in the murder" of ex-Senator Edward W. Carmack, has intensified the excitement in this city. Many more arrests seem certain, and a warfare may ensue, it being asserted that Carmack was a martyr to the prohibition cause.

The authorities have under surveillance a number of persons believed to have been conversant with the details of the tragedy. Mrs. Burch, Colonel Cooper's daughter, is reported to have called up a prominent citizen by telephone and warned him that her father had left his home with the avowed intention of killing Carmack on sight, but the man she warned made no move to inform the police, it is alleged. A high state official is assailed in the same way. From his own statements since the tragedy, it is said, it is known that he feared trouble.

The warrant for Sharpe was sworn out by Jefferson McCarr, attorney general for Davidson County. Ten minutes later Sharpe was in the same jail cell with Colonel Cooper. Sharpe demanded that the newspapers print the following statement as written:

"I have no statement to make for publication further than to say that I am absolutely innocent of the charge for which I have been arrested, and know of no fact or facts upon which such charge could be predicated."

Sharpe's arrest is presumed to be based on the fact that he was seen with Colonel Cooper and son only a few minutes before Carmack was slain, and that he was on the scene a few minutes after the killing. Sharpe lives within a hundred yards of the scene of the killing, but met the Coopers in the Arcade, and is said to have gone with them to the corner of Union and Vine streets, four doors from his Vine street residence and just north of the scene of the tragedy. It was expected he would testify that Carmack fired the first shot.

Sharpe was a close political friend of Colonel Cooper and Governor Patterson, and was naturally disliked by Carmack's supporters. He has great personal courage and became popular as Governor Patterson's campaign traveling companion.

The grand jury began investigating the killing of Carmack to-day, several witnesses being examined. The investigation is not likely to be prolonged, the finding of indictments being rather a preliminary move.

Many meetings of unusual character are being called throughout Tennessee, and it is stated that many ministers will preach on the "Larmack tragedy" next Sunday.

Dr. Duncan Eve, who is attending Robin Cooper, said to-day that the young man is not yet out of danger. He was badly burned by powder about the face, neck and ears, this fact indicating that the shooting was at close range.

HIS MENAGERIE SHIRTS.

Cost \$500, and Will Fire "Bathhouse John" to Enthusiasm.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Alderman "Bathhouse" John Coughlin, who represents the 1st Ward in the Council, ordered a dozen shirts from a New York haberdasher yesterday, to cost \$500. He calls them the "menagerie shirts," as he will have embroidered over the sleeves and fronts designs portraying various animals.

"One of the designs," he said to-day, "will be the Mephisto Americano. I think the man called it 'which will be embroidered on the sleeves. Another pretty design will be a crescent of Cimetiericulus, or something like that, in violet silk."

"When a fellow wakes up in the morning and sees one of those kind of shirts hanging over the foot of his bed it will fire him with enthusiasm for the day's work," added the alderman.

TOOK A ROPE TO EXTRACT HIM.

A Twenty-Inch Man Sticks in a Sixteen-Inch Acreway and Is Pulled Out.

It took the combined efforts of several patrolmen and a dozen other persons to rescue a man twenty inches in diameter from a sixteen-inch acreway at 23d street and Fifth avenue. Patrolman Fried was passing the area when he heard strange noises. Peering in, he made out a man, much compressed, stuck some distance beyond his reach.

For some moments he was sorely perplexed as to how to get the man out without harm. Finally a thin man of wiry build went in and put a rope under the arm of the compressed one.

The patrolman and bystanders tugged away and pulled the man to the sidewalk as though he were a tooth coming out of a clinging jaw. Although considerably bruised, he was able to go to the Tenderloin station, where he said he was John Morrissey, thirty-four years old, of No. 234 West 11th street. Ten dollars he said he had in his pocket was missing. He was accused of being drunk.

GOVERNOR'S THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Issues Proclamation Urging People to Devote Lives to the Attainment of the Best of Which They Are Capable.

Albany, Nov. 12.—Governor Hughes to-night issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

State of New York, Executive Chamber. With grateful recognition of our unity as a people, of our enjoyment of peace and tranquility, of the wealth of our material and moral resources, of increasing opportunities for industry, of educational advantages and social improvement, and of our peaceful progress toward the realization of the ideals of free society:

And with profound appreciation of the obligations of liberty and of our dependence for the maintenance of our institutions upon a proper sense of the responsibilities of citizenship and upon the cultivation of those qualities of character which will enable us to discharge them:

And with a common desire to uplift our hearts in praise for the blessings we enjoy: Let each of us give thanks to Almighty God for our privileges, and with wholesome resolution and with reverent spirit in His name let us devote our lives to the attainment of the best of which we are capable in all good works, delighting in our fellowship and in the joyous service of brotherhood.

Now, therefore, to this end, I, Charles E. Hughes, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the state, do hereby appoint Thursday, the twelfth day of November, in the year nineteen hundred and eight, as a day of general thanksgiving.

Done at the Capitol, in the city of Albany, this twelfth day of November, in the year nineteen hundred and eight. [Signed] CHARLES E. HUGHES.

BIG 5TH AVENUE DEAL

SITE AT 4TH STREET SOLD FOR \$1,275,000.

One of the Largest Realty Transactions in That Section in Years.

One of the largest realty transactions affecting a parcel in the central Fifth avenue retail shopping district reported this year was perfected yesterday. It was the sale of the Howard Building, at the southwest corner of 47th street and Fifth avenue, Nos. 578 and 578 1/2 Fifth avenue, to Jacob Dreicer, a jeweller, for \$1,275,000.

The property comprises a modern eleven story office structure, with a frontage of about 50 feet on the avenue and 100 feet in the street. Simon Frankel was the seller. He acquired the ground on which the building stands in 1906 from the Kemp estate under a lease of \$22,000 a year. With the lease he got an option to buy the property within five years at \$800,000. That option he shortly afterward exercised, and erected on the site the Howard Building.

The property carries a mortgage of \$1,000,000, which is held by Mrs. Margaret O. Sage, widow of Russell Sage. About ten days ago it was reported that the premises had been bought by Ralph L. Shainwald, president of the Standard Paint Company.

Mr. Dreicer has figured prominently as an investor in central Fifth avenue properties ever since the beginning of the present movement here, which has resulted in the transformation of many sites fronting on that thoroughfare into modern business structures for retail use. A few years ago he invested over \$1,000,000 in one building there.

Not only is this the largest deal of this year in the district, but the biggest investment purchase of a Fifth avenue parcel in about the last eight years. About two years ago overtures were made to take over the Columbia Bank and American Safe Deposit Company buildings, at the southeast corner of 42d street and Fifth avenue, at \$1,550,000, but the deal was not completed.

Some other prices which have been paid in the last few years for central Fifth avenue properties are as follows: For the Euclid Building, No. 564 to 568, 325 by 100 feet, at the first sale, \$675,000, and at the second sale, \$800,000; the Lotus Club, Nos. 558 and 558, 50 by 100 feet, \$750,000; No. 572, 25 by 100 feet, \$350,000; No. 461, 25 1/2 by 95 feet, \$500,000; No. 292, 24 1/2 by 100 feet, \$400,000; No. 257, 24 1/2 by 100 feet, \$210,000, and No. 574, 25 by 100 feet, \$100,000.

The attractiveness of central Fifth avenue sites was not considerably lessened by the financial disturbances of a year ago. In fact, trading in this part of the city has continued to be a feature of the real estate market ever since the northward movement of many big dry goods houses from the downtown shopping zones to more central districts.

About three weeks ago Robert E. Dowling purchased No. 374 Fifth avenue through Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown & Co. and John K. Goiding for about \$450,000. He quickly resold the parcel, which is just north of the Waldorf-Astoria, for about \$500,000, netting from his investment of a few days about \$50,000. Soon afterward Pease & Elliman sold for ex-Governor Jefferson M. Levy the premises No. 431 Fifth avenue, a five story business building, with a frontage of about 22 feet and a depth of about 100 feet, for about \$300,000.

TO PRESS THROUGH FIRE.

Blaze on Floor Over "American" Office While Men Work.

A few minutes before the first edition of "The New York American" was scheduled to go to press fire started in the loft of the McConnell Printing Company, on the ninth floor of the Rhineland Building, in William street, and just above the quarters of "The American." More than \$20,000 damage was caused before it was controlled.

Printers on the eighth floor of the building worked at linotypes and cases half covered with tarpaulins and editors on the floor below got out the first edition of the paper while the water flooded the floors and the firemen were fighting the fire above.

Nine women stenographers on the tenth floor when the fire started were brought to the street by one of the elevator men. Employees of numerous firms in the upper floors of the building were brought to the street in the elevator, which was kept running until the flood of water in the engine room stopped the machinery.

One alarm was sounded, and Acting Chief Sullivan, who was in charge, decided that the high pressure system was not necessary, and kept his engine companies at work. It was announced that "The American" would print all editions, notwithstanding the fire.

BET ON BRYAN, MUST LEAVE STATE.

Denver, Nov. 12.—Because he bet that Bryan would carry the nation J. W. Walker, president of the Denver Mutual Protective Association, has passed the day when he said he had in his pocket will leave the state at once, to remain away four years, in accordance with the terms of the bet.

BIG NEW YORK LIFE LOAN.

Sends \$1,300,000 to San Francisco as Result of Taft's Election.

The New York Life Insurance Company has taken an unusual interest in the great wave of prosperity which has spread over the West since the election of Mr. Taft, as shown by a loan of \$1,300,000 to Herbert E. Law, one of the big real estate operators of San Francisco, who gave as security the new Monadnock Building, in Market street, near 3d street. This is the first real estate mortgage the New York Life has made in San Francisco in many years.

Mr. Law had been in Europe seeking about some proposed French loans on San Francisco properties, and on his return, several days ago, met Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life. Mr. Law told Mr. Kingsley many facts concerning investments in San Francisco, and the meeting resulted, it was said yesterday, in the loan and a promise from Mr. Kingsley that he would visit California soon after the holidays.

TOBACCO GROWERS' TRUST

Plan Combination to Handle Their Entire Product.

Louisville, Nov. 12.—Seven big tobacco societies of Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee and Wisconsin held a union meeting in Louisville to-day and tentatively formed an organization, to be known as the Union of Tobacco Growers' Societies, which will elect officers to-morrow. The union is planned to dispose of tobacco through a central selling agency, and devise plans for the various societies to work harmoniously together.

If the union is made permanent it will result in one of the largest organizations of farmers producing a single commodity ever known, and will control, without fear of the different organizations fighting among themselves, the largest part of the tobacco industry.

REV. DR. JOHNSON FINED.

Leading Boston Baptist Guilty of Not Carrying Auto Certificate.

Boston, Nov. 12.—The Rev. Dr. Herbert S. Johnson, pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist Church and one of the leaders of his denomination in this city, was fined \$10 in the municipal court to-day for failing to carry his certificate of registration while he was operating his automobile. The clergyman appealed and gave \$50 cash bail for his appearance and the case was set for Dr. Johnson in his own defense testified that he supposed a receipt, which he had received from the Highway Commission was all that he needed to carry until he received from the commission a new certificate in place of one which he had lost.

MRS. THAW CLOSE TO SON.

With Daughter, Engages Board Not Far from Hospital.

Pishkill Landing, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, and her daughter Alice, who was the Countess of Yarmouth, arrived at Matteawan to-day, and a short time later it became known that Mrs. Thaw and her daughter had decided to make their home, for a while at least, near the State Asylum for the Criminal Insane, where Harry Thaw is confined.

Mrs. Thaw and her daughter have taken board temporarily with the family of Police Justice Phillips, who lives about a mile from the asylum. The women will make daily visits to the hospital. Samuel K. Phillips, a brother of the justice, has been retained as Thaw's local counsel.

RESIGN AFTER REQUEST.

Schenectady Supervisors Accede to Citizens' Demand.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 12.—While the books of the Board of Supervisors are being examined by expert examiners from the office of State Controller Glynn, several members of the board handed in their resignations to-night, together with C. N. Vandenberg, County Superintendent of Construction and Supplies. The resignations were demanded by a citizens' committee which has been investigating alleged irregularities.

Among those who have retired are A. H. Cady, chairman of the special building committee which has supervised over the construction of the half million dollar county building; E. C. Bacon, E. H. Robinson, Myron Jacobson and Aaron P. Huffmire, Sr. Mayor Horace S. Van Voast has agreed to appoint successors of the supervisors resigning, as recommended by the citizens' committee, who will be pledged to a thorough investigation.

All the men who have resigned have issued statements in which they declare that they will welcome the closest scrutiny of their official acts.

MR. MORGAN FINDS THE BULLET.

It Lodged in Waistcoat Pocket After Going Through Postmaster's Body.

Postmaster Morgan has found the bullet that passed through his body and came so near ending his life when he was attacked by a lunatic on Monday morning. Mr. Morgan found it himself yesterday afternoon. He seemed pleased about it, saying he did not expect to find it. He was getting well rapidly and had nothing more to fear from his wound.

There has been a mystery about that bullet. It had gone through the Postmaster's body all right enough, but there was no hole in his clothing to show where it came out. Yesterday Mr. Morgan himself was so far recovered that he, too, became interested in the mystery. He insisted on having his clothes brought to him. After a careful search he found the bullet in his right hand lower waistcoat pocket.

It looks like a good omen. Anyhow, the doctor says the Postmaster will be at his desk again in the Federal Building before December 1.

NEW YORKER SHOT AFTER QUARREL.

Son of Late Congressman Moody Escapes After Wounding Salesman.

Waynesville, N. C., Nov. 12.—David B. Vaughn, a traveling salesman of New York, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded to-night by James Moody, son of the late Congressman Moody, of this district. The shooting is said to be the result of a political quarrel.

UNION LEAGUE CLUB

INDORSES MR. ROOT

FAVORS HIS ELECTION TO THE U. S. SENATE.

Resolutions for the Secretary Unanimously and Enthusiastically Adopted at Meeting.

The Union League Club last night unanimously and enthusiastically pledged its cordial support to the nomination and election of Secretary Elihu Root as United States Senator, to succeed Thomas C. Platt.

The resolutions were presented by Joseph H. Choate and seconded by General Horace Porter. Seconding speeches were made by ex-Judge Hinsdale, of the Court of General Sessions, and Colonel John J. McCook. The resolutions follow:

Whereas, it is desirable and necessary that New York, with its eight millions of people and its vast commercial and business interests, should at all times occupy its proper place as the Empire State in the councils of the nation, and should be represented in the Senate in the best about to become vacant by a man able and willing to assert its just authority, to defend its interests and to maintain its dignity:

Resolved, That the members of the Union League Club pledge their cordial support to the nomination and election of the Honorable Elihu Root, as United States Senator, for the term commencing on the 4th of March, 1909.

Mr. Root's eminent and unquestioned fitness for the position will be universally conceded. His sterling and manly character, his intellectual stature, his vast experience in national affairs, his great eminence as a lawyer and orator, the high regard in which he is held by the people of the state and the nation, the universal recognition of the great and unselfish services which he has rendered to the country as Secretary of State and Secretary of War, and his lifelong allegiance to Republican principles point him out as the man pre-eminently qualified to fill the place.

If the people of the state desire to be so represented, they have but to declare their wishes. The great office is in their gift, and therefore they should be heard by their representatives in all parts of the state, who are of every way of thinking openly to declare their preference for Mr. Root, so that the Legislature, when it meets, should be unmistakably advised of the wishes of their constituents.

Resolved, That a special committee of thirty be appointed by the president to carry into effect the purpose and object of these resolutions.

In his speech presenting the resolutions Mr. Choate referred to the influence of the Union League Club in regard to legislation and elections, and to Mr. Root's associations in the club. He praised Secretary Root's career, touching on his eminence as a lawyer in this city, his services to the nation as Secretary of War and Secretary of State, and said that the commanding position of the Empire State in the nation called for representatives in the United States Senate of the highest type. He said it would be as much of an honor to the State of New York as to Mr. Root to have him represent the state in the Senate.

Colonel McCook spoke of the imperative importance of having the State of New York represented properly in the United States Senate. Referring to Secretary Root, he said that in every position that Mr. Root had held, when his promotion was considered the objection which occurred to all concerned was that no one could fill his place; the only possible objection to electing him to the Senate was the difficulty in obtaining another Secretary of State. There was one other New Yorker who, in the judgment of the speaker, was eminently worthy of consideration in connection with the Senatorship, and he, by moving the resolution, had eliminated himself.

This reference to Mr. Choate provoked great applause. General Porter referred to the commanding position taken by the club in advocating the election of Senator William M. Evarts, a former president of the Union League Club.

The meeting last night was well attended. Among those present were Judge Edward T. Bartlett, of the Court of Appeals; Justice Blanchard and General Tracy. Timothy L. Woodruff is a member of the club. After the meeting Mr. Choate was seen by a Tribune reporter.

"Is Mr. Root a candidate for this proposed honor?" was asked.

"Mr. Root," said Mr. Choate, "will accept the election if it comes to him spontaneously."

"But what if he does not get it spontaneously? What if he has to make a fight for votes?" was asked.

"He will not have to make a fight for votes," said Mr. Choate decisively.

General Anson G. McCook presided at the meeting last night in the absence of President George R. Sheldon.

Boston, Nov. 12.—In an interview published in an afternoon paper, Secretary of State Elihu Root stated to-day that he was not a candidate for the United States Senate. He said:

"I am not a candidate for the Senate. There has been a lot of talk about that, but it is all rumor."