

TO REPORT HOTCHKISS

COMMITTEE UNANIMOUS.

Nomination of Earl Also Favorably Acted On.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Albany, Feb. 16.—The Senate Insurance Committee voted today to report favorably the nomination of William Horace Hotchkiss for Superintendent of Insurance. There was no division on this, and so far as can be ascertained there will be little or no opposition to his confirmation when the report of the committee is made to-morrow.

It was different when the question of disposing of the Wallis matter came up. A resolution was presented, which is described as being so artfully phrased that it apparently exonerated Mr. Wallis of all charges or accusations against him while his name was under consideration for Superintendent of Insurance, but did not take a stand and declare that his defence had been absolutely and entirely adequate as an answer to the accusations in the Insurance Department. This resolution was intended to have unanimous support, but did not get it. Senator Newcomb opposed the resolution. It was learned, on the ground that there was nothing before the Senate, that property and strictly the Insurance Committee and no question as to the Wallis name had been withdrawn from consideration, and that practically Mr. Wallis had obtained what he wanted when his defence was made public. It is possible that there may be a minority report from the committee.

Senator Grattan, chairman of the committee, pledged it to secrecy on the action taken at the meeting. It was nearly half an hour before everybody in the Capitol learned what had been done. The Senate Finance Committee at a meeting this afternoon decided to report favorably on the nomination of Robert Earl for minority member of the new Highway Commission. From the attitude of Senator Grady the indication is that there will be no objection to Mr. Earl when his name is presented to the Senate for confirmation, as was the case with Herbert E. Cook, the Governor's first appointee to the position.

"The action of the committee was unanimous," said Senator Grady, "and there was not the slightest objection raised to Mr. Earl."

CONNERS-McCARREN PACT?

Albany Hears That State Chairman May Break with Murphy.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Albany, Feb. 16.—Reports that the Connors-Murphy Democratic alliance was to be dissolved and succeeded soon by a Connors-McCarren coalition received that some people here consider confirmation to-day when Senator McCarren said, in reply to queries, that he would not introduce this year his bill to regulate the government of political parties. This was a drastic and sweeping measure he introduced after his memorable Buffalo and Carleton Hill experiences, and was designed to prevent similar unseating of McCarren or "home rule" Democratic delegates in the future.

"The necessity for such a bill has gone by," said Senator McCarren. Pressed for further explanation, he said that recent decisions of the courts had cleared up the situation.

For several weeks there have been stories afloat here that State Chairman Connors was feeling that he was being made to carry too much of the burden of Democracy in this state, and that Murphy and Tammany Hall were getting too much recognition and too much of the plums. This feeling, some say, actually had its origin in some of the negotiations at the Rochester convention last fall, where Connors actually had to plead with Murphy to obtain his consent to the nomination of Lewis Bross as State Chairman. The fact that Chanler was defeated did not help Connors's feelings any, and it is said to have added somewhat of arrogance to Murphy's bearing after election. Meanwhile, McCarren is represented as flirting with Connors carefully and deftly, and McCarren is an ardent and experienced political coquette.

DISBAND, REORGANIZE.

National Guard Association Holds Thirty-first Annual Meeting.

Albany, Feb. 16.—The National Guard Association of the State of New York, at its thirty-first annual meeting here to-night, disbanded and reorganized according to the new military law. The association retains its old name and will be incorporated as the National Guard Association of the State of New York.

Colonel Davis, president of the association, in his annual address to-night outlined briefly the events which have taken place in the guard during the last year. He referred to the work of the commission to inquire into the national guard, and to the struggle of the officers and committee of the association "to save, first, the organization of the guard as existing, and, second, the military law which for thirty years this organization had struggled to create."

A GEORGE WASHINGTON PICTURE.

A handsome photograph of the famous Stuart portrait of George Washington with next Sunday's Tribune. Also opening chapters of Louis Tracy's new story, "The Silent Barrier."

TO CONFER ON OVERCROWDING.

A conference, under the auspices of the Committee on Congestion of Population in New York, will be held at the West Side Young Men's Christian Association, No. 218 West 57th street, on Saturday evening. Addresses on that subject will be made by E. R. A. Sellman, Nelson P. Lewis, John Martin, Dr. Morris Loeb and Dr. Edward T. Devine.

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less dreadful to them than the bare name "direct primaries" did at first. Whether or not this bill, when it is finally drafted, will meet the Governor's desires absolutely, because of the form these features may take, is rather what is worrying them now. They are taking it for granted that so many Hughes men, outspoken direct primary advocates, would not be working to perfect this plan, though, unless they knew it would be acceptable to the Governor. And some who up to date have been bitter against any kind, variety or species of direct nominations are conceding that it "would be a good thing for the credit of the party if the Governor and Republican leaders could get together on a bill to meet the public desire for a revision of the primary laws." They are waiting eagerly for the Brooklyn speech, to see what tone the Governor takes about having them support him.

MR. WADSWORTH'S STATEMENT.

Speaker Wadsworth is not yet in that class, though. He made public a statement to-night in which he quotes at length from a report of the Boston Finance Commission, which for nearly two years, pursuant to an act of the Massachusetts Legislature and the Boston City Council, has been investigating the governmental conditions of the city of Boston. The report says in part:

"This investigation has unearthed abuses and corruption of a startling nature, and has traced back the development of these abuses to the political conditions arising from the operation of direct nominations in the city of Boston. Their report has just been submitted to the City Council and the Legislature, and on page 22 we find the following comments on the practical workings of the scheme: 'While the present system of nominating candidates for Mayor and City Council at primary elections was adopted to correct certain abuses in the caucus and delegate convention, it has given rise to new evils more serious still, and it operates to make the nomination and election of representative citizens to the elective offices of the city government more difficult than under the former system.'"

"Under the convention system it is possible for a party to nominate or endorse a candidate from the other party if it so desires. This has actually been done in the case of the school committee and the county officers, and once in the case of the Mayor. Under the present primary system this opportunity disappears entirely. No Republican can be nominated in the Democratic primaries and no Democrat can be nominated in the Republican primaries. Voters who would like to see their party endorse a strong member of the opposite party for a municipal election rather than put up a weak candidate of their own are powerless to accomplish this result."

"Under the present system of successful municipal government through popular suffrage, instead of bringing the individual voter nearer to the people, it has erected well-nigh insurmountable barriers between the individual voter and the free selection of his representatives. It has made it more difficult for him to discharge his duty as a citizen. It has made it artificially difficult to select the best and most representative citizens from participation in the caucus and delegate convention. It has practically handed the city over to the ward politicians. It tends to create a bad government, no matter how strongly the people may desire good government, and to disregard the capacity of the people when congregated together in great cities to administer their municipal affairs."

Assemblyman Goodspeed, of Kings County, introduced to-day the first direct nomination bill to be placed before the Legislature this year. It is, however, the measure of the Independence League and not that of the Governor. The introducer, who as the Republican candidate from the 1st Assembly District of Kings County was endorsed by the Independence League, said that he presented the bill at the request of the league. It provides for mandatory direct nominations, like the bill introduced for the last two years by C. F. Foley, former Assemblyman from Niagara County, at the request of Hearst cohorts, but it has no provision for referendum on the question. Nomination by nomination papers, as at present provided for independent nominations, is allowed under the measure.

The names are to be arranged alphabetically on the primary ballot and the several party tickets are to be fastened together, the voter detaching the one he wishes to mark. Provision is made for voting for first and second choices at the primaries, which are to be open in all election districts in cities from 5 a. m. to 9 p. m. and in all other election districts from 5 a. m. to 8 p. m.

WILL DEBATE DIRECT NOMINATIONS.

William Chilvers Arranges for Talks Before the 29th's Club.

Direct primary nominations will come up for discussion before the 29th Assembly District Republican Club, the regular organization club of that district, on Friday night, when William Chilvers, leader of the district, has come out in favor of direct nominations. There will be a debate, in which ex-Judge William H. Wadhams will speak in favor of direct nominations and Joseph Levinson, leader of the 2d Assembly District, will take the negative side. The discussion will then be given over to the members of the club. It is probable that a resolution favoring direct nominations will be presented.

BILL TO AMEND INSURANCE LAW.

Would Permit Investment of Surplus Funds in Municipal Bonds.

Albany, Feb. 16.—A bill introduced by Senator Cobb to-day would permit domestic insurance corporations to invest their surplus funds and amount of their capital above the minimum capital required by law in the stocks or bonds of any city, county, town, village or school district of any state of the United States, in addition to the other investments at present allowed. The bill is one of the first to change the insurance laws as amended by the Armstrong act for voting the State Department of Agriculture to conduct experiments to ascertain the best methods of controlling and exterminating bovine tuberculosis, Senator Platt and Assemblyman Boshart, chairman of Agricultural committees of the Legislature, introduced bills to-day appropriating \$20,000 with which to lease farms on which the experiments may be conducted. The owners of the condemned animals taken for experimental purposes are to be paid full value for the stock so taken. The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to erect buildings for the work.

WONT CONDEMN SHELLFISH GROUNDS.

Albany, Feb. 16.—The State Forest, Fish and Game Commission will not condemn or approve any of the shellfish grounds in the State which they are given that department in the revised forest, fish and game law passed by the Legislature last year. This announcement was made to-day by James S. Whipple, State Forest, Fish and Game Commissioner, who announced the receipt from Dr. Eugene H. Porter, State Commissioner of Health, of a preliminary report of his investigation into the sanitary conditions of the shellfish beds of the State under the forest, fish and game law.

TEN MEN'S CLUB WILL NOT ATTEND.

Deaths in Ranks Will Keep Survivors from Real Estate Brokers' Dinner.

The Ten Men's Club will not be represented at the thirteenth annual dinner of the Real Estate Brokers' Association at the Waldorf. Since the last dinner, at which every member of the club was present, one was killed by falling out of a window and another was crushed under an automobile. These sudden deaths have cast a gloom over the eight members left, and they will not take part in the festivities planned by prominent real estate men. John H. Hallock, of the real estate firm of George G. Hallock, Jr. & Sons, for years has been the guiding spirit of the club, and it was at his invitation that the members were present at the dinner last year. He said yesterday: "The surviving members of the club are not at all superstitious. The fact that this will be the thirteenth annual dinner has nothing to do with our decision to remain away. There would be little enjoyment for the eight members to go to the dinner. Most of the time we would be thinking of the splendid times we have enjoyed on similar occasions last year, when there were no vacancies in our ranks." The Ten Men's Club was not a formal organization, the members comprising it having been frequently thrown together in their business pursuits and pleasures, and their friendships resulting from the many which they were later known.

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TRINITY WON'T BUDGE.

Feels Legally Able to Resist Compromise in Case of St. John's.

It was learned yesterday that Trinity Corporation would resist all efforts to effect the compromise proposed by the defenders of St. John's Chapel, in Varick street, and would fight each step of court and legislative procedure before it acknowledged the independence of St. John's or any other chapel in the parish. Trinity, it is understood, regards the attacks made upon her as a corporation holding land under a charter, the constitutionality of which is being questioned by bills in the Senate and Assembly, as only one of a number of historic efforts to oust her from the original endowment. It is known that she plans to divide the endowment among the various chapels of Trinity parish and establish the independence of these will be regarded seriously by the corporation. Trinity believes that there are absolutely no legal obstacles in the way of continuing its present policy of supporting chapels on the income from the original Queen Anne grant, and that the charter of 1814 is perfectly valid. It is the decision in the Dartmouth College case argued in 1819, when it was established that a legislature had no right to interfere with a charter or grant obtained under British rule. It is not doubted by the members of Trinity vestry that St. John's will be closed by permission of the Supreme Court on March 1, and that the unusual situation of a civil body compelling a religious society to divide its endowment at any stated place will not have any more legs to stand on after Colonel William Jay and Flamen B. Chandler, Trinity's counsel, have presented and argued in court their defence to the complaint of St. John's chaplains.

Trinity, it is also said, has no fear of adverse legislation at Albany, and feels confident that the charter, which has stood the test of one legislative session, even though the committee report at that time was unfavorable, will be able to weather the present storm after nearly one hundred years of established legality. It is said that William B. Wadsworth, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly, and Beverly Robinson, a Manhattan Assemblyman, both Episcopalians, will be Trinity's chief defenders in the Legislature. Trinity also wishes the American Senator Alexander Brough and Assemblymen Frederick R. Toombs and Louis Culliver.

QUEEN THANKS AMERICA.

Italy's Warm Appreciation of Red Cross's Gift of \$250,000.

Rome, Feb. 16.—Ambassador and Mrs. Griscom were received in audience by Queen Helena to-day and presented to her majesty \$250,000 from the American Red Cross for the foundation of an orphanage to care for one hundred children who lost their parents in the recent earthquake. The Queen was delighted with the gift, and said she could not find words to express her gratitude for American generosity.

The international committee has decided to set aside \$2,500,000 to found ten orphanages, each accommodating one hundred orphans, thus providing for 1,000 children who are in dire need. The United States is the only country so far which through the gift of the Red Cross has undertaken to pay for the establishment of one of these institutions. In the course of the audience Queen Helena said that she would express her thanks directly to the American Red Cross, and wished the American Ambassador to supplement her words with the statement that she could not adequately express her gratitude to Mr. Taft, the president of the society, and to its members for the feeling which they had shown in connection with the calamity. "The Americans have been like brothers to us," she said.

The Queen was particularly impressed with the thorough organization of the American Red Cross which permitted such a practical demonstration of charity, and remarked that it was not merely the money that was appreciated, but the personal interest displayed by those who administered the fund and distributed the supplies. Senator Casana, the Minister of War, has sent a letter to the Ambassador, highly praising the admirable work of the Americans. The municipality of Naples has arranged to send as its guests the officers of the American supply ship Celtic and the gunboat Scorpion on an excursion to Mount Vesuvius.

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED AT SIVAS.

Many Wounded in Earthquake—Hungarian Districts Shaken.

Constantinople, Feb. 16.—A number of houses and government buildings at Sivas, capital of the vilayet of that name in Asiatic Turkey, collapsed to-day as the result of an earthquake. The total life has not been ascertained, but reports say that thirty persons have been killed and others injured. Many of the inhabitants are without shelter. Sivas contains about six thousand families.

Budapest, Feb. 16.—An earthquake lasting for ten seconds was felt to-day in the districts of Keeshemst, Nagy Koros, Czegled and Felegyhaza. The inhabitants fled in terror to the country. The walls of a number of houses were cracked, but there was no other damage.

BULGARIA ALSO SHAKEN.

London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to "The Daily Mail" from Sofia says that earth shocks were felt throughout Bulgaria yesterday. In some places chimneys were thrown down.

London, Feb. 17.—A dispatch to "The Times" from Sofia says that in the last forty-eight hours there were eighteen earth shocks in Southern Bulgaria. Considerable damage is also reported in the Yambol, in Eastern Rumelia, and neighborhood. Several houses have fallen, and the inhabitants of a number of villages have spent the last two nights in the open air.

RULING ON JEWS IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—The Senate has decided that the Jews may become Mahometans, but they cannot thereby be released from legal disabilities as Jews.

LEADING STEAMSHIP MEN HERE.

Albert Ballin, chairman of the board of directors of the Hamburg-American Line, arrived here yesterday on the Hamburg-American liner Amerika, accompanied by Eduard Heineken, a director of the North German Lloyd Line. While both directors have come here on a pleasure trip, it is believed that certain matters concerning the cabin and stowage business of the transatlantic service to England and Continental ports, as well as the traffic to the Mediterranean, will be taken up during their visit to this city. It is rumored that the proposed plan of the Cunard Line to send its big turbine steamers to Cherbourg as a port of call in April will also be taken up by the conference while Mr. Ballin and Mr. Heineken are in New York.

Grand Canyon of Arizona

Thomas Moran, N. A., was the first American artist of note to visit this world-wonder. He still frequently goes there to get new impressions. In his summer home at Easthampton, L. I., or in his New York City studio, usually may be seen several canyon canvases under way. Other eminent artists also have visited this titan of chasms. They all admit it to be "the despair of the painter."

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A PARADE OF THE POOR.

Windows of Jewelry Shops Broken in Oxford Street.

London, Feb. 16.—While the state pageant was making a brilliant spectacle in the vicinity of Westminster, the other side of the picture was on view near Oxford Circle. Here the half-starved wives and female dependents of the unemployed gathered to the number of seven thousand or eight thousand and paraded through the streets of the West End. They were led by a band playing the "Marsellaise." During the procession the windows of some jewelry dealers in Oxford street were smashed, but the police were so numerous that nothing was stolen.

NO AMERICANS KILLED.

Acapulco's Dead May Reach 350—None of Bodies Recognizable.

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—Dispatches from Acapulco, where the Flores Theatre was burned on Sunday night while the building was crowded at a performance given in honor of Governor Flores of the State of Guerrero, say that the dead will be more than two hundred, while some say three hundred and fifty lost their lives. Most of the dead were burned beyond recognition, and it will take several days probably to get an accurate list. All business at the port has ceased. The shops have closed, and the people are crowding the churches, where masses are being celebrated for the dead. Subscription lists have been opened throughout the State of Guerrero and in Mexico City for the sufferers.

The search of the ruins has thus far revealed no recognizable human form. Only charred bodies, from which legs and arms have been burned, have been taken from the ruins, and as there was no chance of identifying them all have been buried in a common trench by the municipal authorities.

No Americans lost their lives. The American Consul, Maxwell K. Morehead, had been invited to the performance, but pressing business made it impossible for him to attend. Many of those who escaped were injured in the panic or severely burned, and the houses near the theatre are turned into hospitals.

A DEFICIT IN TURKEY.

Minister of Finance Resigns—Capital Still Excited.

Constantinople, Feb. 16.—It is reported that the budget soon to be presented before parliament will show a deficit of 44,000,000 (Turkish) in the ordinary, and 10,000,000 in the extraordinary estimates. The Minister of Finance has resigned, and the appointment of a new Foreign Minister has not yet been settled. Kiamil Pacha, the deposed Grand Vizier, has decided to postpone his manifesto, explaining his recent course in removing his cabinet ministers, until the excitement has abated. He says that the Committee of Union and Progress is usurping the Sultan's rights by trying to obtain control of the army.

BAN ON IMMORAL PLAYS.

Klaw & Erlanger Say They Will Close Houses Against Them.

On behalf of the theatrical firm of Klaw & Erlanger Mr. Erlanger issued a statement yesterday in which he says that no play that has been criticized as immoral will be given bookings in houses controlled by the company throughout the country. The statement follows: "We are not going to book these plays in the theatres we own, control or represent. This means that the theatres controlled by our character throughout the country and those operated by Klaw & Erlanger individually will not book any of the plays that have been denounced as immoral or indecent. The contracts that have been made through us and ourselves to say that no member of the syndicate has anything to do with any of the plays that are being denounced. We are heartily in accord with the sincere clergy and the respectable newspapers in this crusade. We are going to let the so-called independent critics play the attractions of this character, while on the subject, we want to add that we are not going to let our theatres deteriorate to the condition from which they were rescued. We do not believe any of the managers we represent will interfere with the resolve we have taken. If they do we shall discontinue our business relations with them at the expiration of present contracts."

EMERALD SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BALL.

Brooklyn Organization and Its Guests Make Merry at the Waldorf.

Officers of the marine corps, the navy and the national guard, judges of the Supreme and other courts and municipal officials from all the boroughs attended the seventy-first annual ball of the Emerald Society, held at the Waldorf last night. At midnight several hundred couples were dancing at the music of Shannon's 23d Regiment Band, and all the boxes in the grand ballroom were filled. The march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Somers. Among those present were Senator Green, Frank J. Collins, John H. McGoey, Arthur J. O'Keefe, J. McCrossin, M. T. McDoldrick, Lewis G. Kuhn, George J. Dowling and Major George Thorpe and Captain Paul E. Chamberlain represented the United States Marine Corps.

CAMPAGNING BY AIRSHIPS.

Adverse Wind Prevents Suffragette's Trip Over Parliament Buildings.

London, Feb. 16.—A propaganda by airship, is the latest exploit of the militant woman suffragists. An eighty-foot airship, hired for the occasion and manned by Percival Spencer, the aeronaut, and Miss Muriel Matters, one of the women naut, and Miss Muriel Matters, one of the women naut, went up at Hendon this afternoon, coincident with the opening of Parliament, and headed toward London. The balloon was decorated with flags, and Miss Matters had a large supply of handbills, which she intended to throw out to the people below. She was expected to pass over Westminster, but the feeble motor on the balloon was not able to cope with the adverse wind, and the airship

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