

CITY HOME RULE WINNING FAVOR

Brown Committee Bills Will Indorse Separate Government Plan.

PENSION SYSTEM MAY BE CHANGED

Mitchell Outlines Service Award Needs—Official Auto Habit Puzzles Chairman.

The Brown legislative committee adjourned yesterday subject to the call of the chair, with the announcement from Senator Elton R. Brown, chairman, that unless its investigation was held up, as the Thompson committee investigation has been, they would take up many other matters at future hearings.

It is understood that the committee will recommend fifteen or twenty bills, many of which will be drawn with the object of giving New York City home rule. One of the matters still to be taken up and which must, it is felt, be attended to before the adjournment of the Legislature, is the pension question.

City Chamberlain Bruere is chairman of a committee, including representatives of the department employees, which is investigating the pension question with the intention of reporting to the committee. The Citizens Union and other civic organizations have asked the committee to investigate the Catskill water supply system.

Lawrence McGuire, chairman of the Real Estate Board of New York, was the only witness yesterday. Mr. McGuire said his board advocated the consolidation of building inspection and the removal of the supervision over the alteration and construction of buildings from the Labor Department.

He proposed to turn over the duties of the Bridge Department to the Highways Department and place all charities and hospitals under one department. He said that the Bureau of Fire Prevention should be abolished and the Fire Department confined to its "legitimate business."

"The desire for automobiles is getting as bad as the desire for drink," said Senator Brown. "I don't know what we can do to check it. Wouldn't it be a good idea to have a department of automobile supervision?"

Mr. McGuire declined to entertain the suggestion. He objected to the way the budget was made up, saying that the estimates were made up regardless of the amount of taxes the real estate could stand and then the taxes were levied. He declared that the whole matter of building a new county courts house should be taken out of the hands of the Court House Board and placed in the hands of the Board of Estimate.

Senator Brown said he was opposed to the scheme to build the courthouse on the installment plan. He said a compilation made for the committee of the per capita expenses of government in several cities. The list was as follows: Philadelphia, \$11; Rochester, \$18; St. Louis, \$19; Buffalo, \$21; Chicago, \$21; Albany, \$25; Boston, \$38; and New York, \$42.

INVALID INVITES WILSON

Request from Miss Fancher, of Brooklyn, Touches President.

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Wilson was deeply touched today by an invitation from a Brooklyn invalid to attend on next Thursday her "Golden Jubilee Testimonial."

Miss Mollie Fancher, of 160 Gates Avenue, told the President in a letter accompanying a gold-embossed invitation, that she had been confined to her bed for fifty years, and that, while she did not expect him to attend her reception, she would be grateful for a word of cheer from him.

Miss Fancher expressed high admiration for the President, and her message was so affecting that Mr. Wilson, through Secretary Tumulty, sent her a letter of personal appreciation, as well as regret that he would be unable to attend.

Advertisement for Velvet Joe tobacco, featuring an illustration of a man and a pack of cigarettes. Text includes: 'When a man says he feels like a "two year old," he means he's as full of joy an' sunshine as that two year old tobacco called VELVET. Velvet Joe TOBACCO LIGGETT & MYERS TOBACCO CO.'

Belgian Girl, Exiled by Teuton Shells, May Find a Home Here



Madeline de Rudder, 5, whose winning pleas for money sent father to court.

When the opera house in Antwerp was razed by German shells in August, 1914, the orchestra was disbanded. Henri de Rudder packed up his violin and bade farewell to Belgium. With his wife Elizabeth and their five-year-old daughter Madeline, he came to New York.

Discouraged because he could not find an opening in any of the musical organizations here, Henri decided to play for the crowds in the streets. His wife accompanied him on the cello. Little Madeline, with her golden-brown curls and blue eyes, was the most important member of the trio. With her toy wagon she went through the crowds of pedestrians, collecting money in a tin cup. They lived in a small flat on the third floor back at 743 Columbus Avenue.

Two weeks ago they were playing on Broadway near the theatre district when a big limousine slowed down beside them. "Oh, what a beautiful little girl!" said a handsomely dressed woman as she stepped out on the pavement to stroke Madeline's curls. After she had listened to the de Rudder play she handed Henri a card.

"Come to dinner next Sunday and be sure to bring the child," she said, and then rolled away in the automobile.

Henri gazed at the card. "Mrs. George H. Gould, 26 West Sixty-ninth Street," it read. This explains why the de Rudders did not have dinner in their modest home last Sunday. It also explains how Mrs. Gould had a chance to fall in love with the pretty little Belgian refugee.

The same big automobile stopped in front of 743 Columbus Avenue yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Gould had come to bring a lovely doll for Madeline, but she found no one at home. The Children's Society was to blame. Agents Sherwood and Garlick had heard the de Rudder duet at Broadway and Sixty-second Street. They arrested Henri when they discovered that Madeline was being used to solicit alms. Such an offense is contrary to Section 485 of the Penal Code. Henri, who does not speak English fluently, did not understand.

He found himself arraigned before Magistrate Groehl in the men's night court last night, with his wife detained as a witness. Once again the fairy protector intervened. Agent Sherwood told the magistrate that Mrs. Gould requested that the prisoner be discharged. She guaranteed that she would take care of the family and see that they did not violate the law again. Her request was granted.

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SINFUL COLONEL URGED ON G. O. P.

"Let Republicans Come and See Us," Sentiment of Executive Committee.

HUGHES A MYSTERY, SO HE'S RULED OUT

T. R. a Hit in Philadelphia—Call for National Convention Out Week from To-morrow.

The executive committee of the Progressive National Committee met yesterday and whooped it up for Colonel Roosevelt as a Presidential candidate. There was some discussion of Justice Charles E. Hughes as the candidate to bring the "two wings of the Republican party" together again, but the prevailing sentiment was that no one knew just where Justice Hughes stood on pertinent issues, and therefore he was not particularly desirable from the Progressive point of view.

George W. Perkins echoed the sentiment of the meeting when he said: "We have a man you know. The Republicans haven't. Let them come and see us."

Another committeeman quoted a line from Pope's "Essay on Man": "We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Apparently there was no disparaging reference to the Colonel intended in the quotation. It was given with a dash of humor. In the verse from which it was taken the author is speaking of vice, and says: "Vice is a monster of so frightful mien As to be hated needs but to be seen; Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

There was no mistaking that the committeemen were for the Colonel right up to the time when the Republicans might be able to trot out a candidate who would appeal to the masses. Once again the fairy protector intervened. Agent Sherwood told the magistrate that Mrs. Gould requested that the prisoner be discharged. She guaranteed that she would take care of the family and see that they did not violate the law again. Her request was granted.

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DYNAMITE MORMON CHURCH

Explosion Wakes Entire Valley and Bloodhounds Vainly Seek Trail.

McConnellsburg, Penn., Jan. 21.—Dynamiters blew up the Mormon Church, in Buck Valley, Fulton County, this morning, and escaped without leaving a trail. Bloodhounds were brought from Cumberland, Md., and put after the gang, but without success.

The church was nearing completion, and has a congregation of about forty members. Its elders have been proselyting in this vicinity for several years. The proselyting activities have been opposed by members of other denominations, but much feeling has been aroused by the destruction of the church.

The explosion woke the entire valley. The church was blown to pieces, parts of it being blown a long distance.

NEW \$250,000 LIBRARY IS GIFT TO AMHERST

'67 Alumnus's Generosity Disclosed at Association Dinner.

Amherst College has received a gift of \$250,000 for a new library on her campus. This announcement was made last night at the Hotel Biltmore, where sons of the New England college of all ages and classes were gathered at the annual dinner of the Amherst Association of New York. The loudest shout of an unusually loud evening was raised when George A. Plimpton, '67, president of the board of trustees, told of the gift.

The giver's name was not disclosed. He is not an Amherst man, but he had a brother in the class of '67, and it is in his memory that the building will be erected. Contract for the design is already in the hands of McKim, Mead & White, and work upon the library will be begun in the spring.

Next to the above announcement, the address of Governor Whitman, an Amherst alumnus, evoked the greatest enthusiasm of the evening. He pleaded for the entrance of more college men into politics.

"Office seekers of a certain type," he said, "are accused of placing money above love of country; yet men who, with the advantages of a college education, refuse to accept the public posts proffered them by themselves equally open to the accusation."

Among the other speakers introduced by Dwight W. Morrow, the toastmaster, were George D. Pratt, Conservation Commissioner of New York; Burgess Johnson and the Rev. Dr. George Harris, former president of the college.

Irish Ball Sparkles To-Night

The Irish ball will be held to-night at the Central Opera House, Sixty-seventh Street, near Third Avenue. Colonel Louis D. Conley, of the 69th Regiment, and Mrs. Conley will lead the grand march.

T. R. ADMITS HE IS MACHINE MAN

Says Neither Man Nor Organization Should Be Dominant, However.

TOO MUCH UPLIFT WEARIES COLONEL

After Shakespeare the Movies, Is His Idea—Takes Fancy to Philadelphia Morals Court.

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had, as he called it, "this morning photograph," when he greeted the camera battery on his first appearance in his hotel here this morning, and was good natured after his arduous evening at the Americanization meeting in the Metropolitan Opera House last night.

The Colonel spent most of the day at the City Hall, where he met Mayor Thomas B. Smith and sat on the Morals Court bench, where women's cases are heard.

"I am an organization man," Colonel Roosevelt told the Mayor, "and have always been. I realize that a public official must reckon and deal with his organization. He must always, however, be willing to disagree with his organization. They mustn't dominate him. But, on the other hand, when he disagrees he mustn't be violent. Tyranny is tempered with assassination. You must not kill your power. But, also, the organization must not indulge in too much burglary."

"Ah, reform—uplift—we hear so much about it!" the Colonel explained. "It is all right, but you know we mustn't get right down to the facts. A nation is incapable of properly defending itself. But no nation can stand the strain of living always in the heroic. It is a good thing in its time and place, but when I hear a man perpetually calling for 'uplift,' I feel like getting up and yelling, 'I can't stand it all the time myself. You know, after a man has been reading 'Macbeth' steadily he feels he must go out to the motion pictures, at least that's the way I feel about it—and I like the motion pictures.'"

Colonel Roosevelt will write a book on the social problem based on his observations of the new Morals Court

Will You Help a Family in Distress?

Mr. B. afflicted with a slipping condition, cannot stand on his feet. Typing children by making lead rollers, etc. immediately required money. \$50 is needed. Mrs. B., mother of four children, the youngest, only two years old. Her husband is a laborer. Write without delay to Mrs. B., 100 E. 12th St., New York City. Please mark your gift to Mrs. B. Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, 100 E. 12th St., New York City.

5 BLACKS DANGLE FROM SAME LINE

Father and Three Sons Riddled by Lynchers, Who Operate Jail by Rule.

Sylvester, Ga., Jan. 21.—Lynchers entered the Worth County Jail last night by a ruse, seized five negroes, bundled them into automobiles and hanged them to the same limb on the outskirts of Sylvester, twenty miles away. The bodies were used as targets for revolver shots.

BURNS'S LONDON OFFICE RAIDED BY DETECTIVES

Scotland Yard Men Examine All Records for a Clue to Spies.

Evidence of the thoroughness of the British government in its fight against spies was found in a report which reached New York yesterday of a search of William J. Burns's detective offices in London. Books and papers of every kind were examined by Scotland Yard men.

Just what the British detectives were seeking was not revealed. The theory was advanced that the Burns agency, having branch offices in the capitals of the belligerent nations, might have been commissioned to make investigations for any or all of the governments involved.

Sherman Burns, son of the head of the agency, who was reached at his home in Bronville last night, confirmed the story. He said, however, that the investigation appeared to have been satisfactory to the Scotland Yard officials, since they had made no further move.

Mr. Burns said that the Scotland Yard men who visited their offices had made no explanation of their action and that he could not make random guesses as to their plans. He added that the books of the company had been thrown open and that every facility for the investigation was extended to the Scotland Yard men.

The inquest at Leeburg was short and the jury brought in a verdict of "death by strangulation and gunshot wounds at the hands of unknown parties."

Has "Watchful Waiting" Exhausted the Nation's Patience?

The temper of the American people which has been sorely tried by the continuous indignities and murders in Mexico has risen to white heat at the latest outrage resulting in the slaughter of nearly a score of peaceful and unarmed American citizens by Mexican bandits at Santa Ysabel on January 10th.

In the United States Senate stormy speeches attacking the President's policy in Mexico have been uttered by Senators who have not heretofore been noted for belligerent utterances.

Newspapers throughout the country, both Republican and Democratic, have made an emphatic demand for the safety of Americans in Mexico, even at the price of armed intervention.

What Do the People Want?

IN THE LITERARY DIGEST for January 22d the leading article gives a complete survey of the Mexican situation and presents the gist of public opinion from every angle as printed in the newspaper press. At no time since the troubles in Mexico began has the outlook, as it concerns the American people, assumed so grave a character as at the present time. Thoughtful Americans, whatever their politics, will read this number of "The Digest" carefully, because from it they will secure an unbiased view of public feeling.

The Progressive Prodigal's Return

Weary of the Husks, As Some Picture it, the Progressive Prodigal Has Arisen and Announced His Intention to Return to His Father, But There Is No Humility in His Action—No, Indeed!

American Law for the Submarine A Summing-up of the Actual Results of the Submarine Controversy with Germany How Best to Utilize the Capabilities of Crippled Soldiers More and Better Motor Cars The Most "Popular" War Book To Stamp Out Lynching by Education Agnostic View of God in the War

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