

DR. BELL PREDICTS AIRSHIPS.

THEY'LL COME SUDDENLY, HE TELLS AUTOMOBILISTS

And France Will Have Them First—Discusses the Possibility of a Trip to Europe in 24 Hours

The Automobile Club of America, celebrating the close of a successful automobile show, held a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria last night which was marked by the most elaborate scheme of decorations which a big hotel has seen for a long time.

The decorations, the success of the evening, changed the big banquet hall of the Waldorf-Astoria from gold to green. The musicians, in the top gallery to the rear, were hidden behind a screen of pine.

Below this was a bank of giant fern; the red of foliage upon which, later in the evening, grew a cluster of women in long, green gowns.

At the guest table were Samuel H. Vincent, Milton H. Sedgwick, Colgate H. Hoy, Henry C. House, Jefferson Seligman, Henry M. Duncanson, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Judge D. Cady Herrick, David H. Morris, John J. Astor, Henry D. Estabrook, William H. McElroy, A. A. Anderson, Gen. George Moore Smith, Winthrop E. Stewart and John Brisson Walker.

By the time President Morris rapped for order, the automobile people had been eating for three hours. Before introducing Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Mr. Morris reviewed the progress of the year, including on the Vanderbilt cup race in particular.

"I congratulate America on its decidedly better showing," he said. "We need, though, more Government support for the automobile. The King in person opens the automobile show in London. The Emperor does the same in Germany, while the French Republic takes pleasure in mobilizing 100,000 men along the course of the road race in France."

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AVALANCHE KILLS NEW YORKER.

Seven Men Carried to Death in Snow Slides in Utah Mountains.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 20.—Seven men met death in two snow slides in canyons of the Wasatch Mountains last night. At the camp of Alta six men who were in a saloon to-night caught and carried a mile down the steep mountain side, where they lie buried, amid the wreckage of the building, under twenty feet of snow, ice and rock. The men were strangers in the camp and their names are unknown.

George Tyng of New York, who held a lease on the Wyoming mine in American Fork Canyon, just across the mountain from Alta, was killed in another slide which came at a few hours later. He was at work in the mine office when the avalanche caught him. The building was reduced to matchwood in an instant. Fragments of it project above the snow.

H. J. Krusee, mine foreman, was carried away in another building at the same time. He was hurled high in the air, and rode on top of the slide to the bottom of the cañon without receiving serious injury.

Tyng's body was recovered about 9 o'clock to-night and is being brought down by men on snowshoes. He was evidently killed instantly by a nail which pierced his forehead over the right eye. A lead pencil was still clutched in his right hand when the body was uncovered.

DINNER TO GROUPE.

He Says a Good Word for Chalmers M. Dewey at the Montauk Club.

The Montauk Club gave a complimentary dinner to former Comptroller Edward M. Grout last night at the clubhouse. Timothy L. Woodruff, president of the club, presided. Mr. Grout is vice-president of the Montauk Club.

Mr. Woodruff introduced Mr. Grout as "a practical politician who is a statesman and who is alive." Mr. Grout got a rousing reception.

"I am out of public office and power," said he. "There were cries of 'Oh, no, you are not!' but Mr. Grout shook his head and went on 'Oh, yes, I am.'"

"Men cannot go into public office and leave it with self-respect unless they come out poorer than when they went in," he continued. "Everybody concedes, I believe, that I have been honest in the administration of my office."

Mr. Grout spoke of the bitterness of the city campaign two years ago last fall, when he accepted a Tammany nomination and didn't know for a while where his friends stood. He said the newspaper criticism hurt him a good deal during that campaign.

"I think the newspapers, sometimes hit too hard in their criticisms," said Mr. Grout. "Think of the way the American public is treating some men in public life, some that deserve better treatment; Senator Dewey, for instance."

Mr. Grout said he did not intend to be a candidate for any other office or leadership. He said his chief interest now was in getting a university established in Brooklyn.

Judge William J. Gaylor of the Appellate Division and Borough President Bird S. Coler were the other speakers.

RADIUM'S CURATIVE POWER.

Its Limit Is Not Yet Known, Says Dr. Abbe—Conquers Some Abnormal Growths.

Dr. Robert Abbe gave an informal talk on radium and its therapeutic properties before the City College Club, at 133 Lexington avenue, last night. While admitting that in the present knowledge of the subject it is not possible to say that radium will cure cancer, Dr. Abbe dwelt on the successful treatment of other abnormal growths. With an electroscope he showed the effects of the various strengths of radium upon the bodies and cells of plants, and the greatest results of the discovery of radium to be in "creating a better understanding of the atom."

As to what the radiant energy can do, Dr. Abbe declared that radium and the Röntgen rays are alike in physical properties, although experiment has proved radium the more efficient in therapeutic work. "Radium is wonderful in its power over certain kinds of disease," he said, "and we do not yet know its limit." Dr. Abbe exhibited photographs and casts showing the cure of warts, tumors and goitres by the use of radium, and declared that the nature of cancer is a matter of conjecture, but that it might be but an erratic growth of the cells in the body, some sort of control, electrical or otherwise, having failed to operate.

"My own feeling is that it is electrical," he said. "This may be a very conjectural theory, but I hope it may be clearly demonstrated later." He said that the true Dr. Abbe believes that in radium he finds the means for bringing order out of chaos in the cell arrangement.

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WESTERN HURRAHS OVER BOTH AT MICHIGAN DINNER.

Will Carleton Presents Statistics of the Muse's Operations and Congressman Townsend Tries His Speech On the Dog, and the Dog Seems to Like It.

Nearly 200 leading Wolverines sojourning in this town met in the Astoria restaurant in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel last evening to celebrate the glories of the State of Michigan at the second annual banquet of the Michigan Society of New York. They had a hurrah Western time. The speeches were a combination of fun and discussion of freight rates that provoked cheers in about equal measure. Will Carleton, who said he was not a poet but a statistician of poets and poetry, produced most of the fun, and Congressman Charles E. Townsend, one of the authors of the Federal railroad rate bill which President Roosevelt wants to have passed, personally conducted the heavy end of the talking.

Joseph T. Newcomb, the president of the society, had charge of the dinner. Congressman William Alden Smith was the first speaker, but he telegraphed from Washington that he couldn't come and William McAndrew of this city was substituted for him. Mr. McAndrew said there wasn't any such person as Mr. Smith and that he really was the man, so it was