and he died instantly, dropping in a heap by the table where Mr. Oliphant lay.

The news of the shooting of James H. Oliphant ran quickly through the Wall Street district. The hive of offices at 20 Broad street roared with it before the smoke from Geiger's revolver had floated through the transom of Mr. Oliphant's office. The halls of the building were jammed and the uniformed attendants and elevator starters were tearing holes through the crowd to clear two foot lanes. Brokers, traders, messenger boys, telephone operators and stenographers were flowing out of the skyscrapers all along Broad and Wall streets and Exchange place and Pine street and half a dozen of the other big arteries where money lives.

All sorts of wild rumors were passed from mouth to mouth and found swift currency. One story flashed through the densely packed crowd that three bankers had been assassinated, blown up by a bomb in their offices. Another ran that a very prominent financier had been stabbed to death. In five minutes wide old Broad street was congested and the curb brokers were driven hurry skurry from their rope pen. The financial district quit business for the time.

It happened that Dr. Leonard A. Dessauer and Dr. Herman Baruch were in the rooms of A. A. Housman & Co., at the other end of the small hall on the second floor of 20 Broad street from Mr. Oliphant's office. They ran out at the first crack of Geiger's revolver and were half way down the hall when Geiger fired the shot that killed himself. They saw Mr. Oliphant stretched out upon the table in the little storeroom, Geiger, his face indistinguishable from blood, crumpled up on the floor, almost touching Mr. Oliphant's feet. The girl typist was screaming, running up and down and wringing her hands. The office boys stood in a corner of the big room, scared, panicky, silent for once in their lives. Dr. Dessauer and Dr. Baruch closed the outer doors and locked them after sending one of the boys for a policeman and another for the other members of the firm. They hadn't more than turned the key when people were throwing themselves in waves against the doors, wildly curious.

Policeman John J. Taylor, a John street station man, got the reserves with Capt. Hogan first thing and cleared the hallways, establishing a line. Mr. Mundy, Jay Carlisle, a broker, who had office room with Mr. Oliphant's firm and cleared his own business through the Oliphant Stock Exchange connection; Mr. Norris and others intimately associated with James H. Oliphant arrived quickly and took charge.

Mr. Oliphant, conscious by this time, was sent to the Hudson Street Hospital in charge of Dr. Stewart. Geiger's body lay where it was, covered by a sheet, until it was removed in a patrol wagon at 3:30 o'clock to the John street station and from there to the Morgue. Meanwhile Capt. Hogan and his men had no end of trouble clearing Broad street so that the curb brokers could go on with their business, and a way was opened for traffic.

At 4 o'clock Mr. Mundy gave out a statement to the reporters which said merely that Geiger had an account, owing the firm about $2,000; that Geiger had been in the South a couple of months, and that the firm had written him several times within a month requesting him to settle his indebtedness. Then, said the statement, Geiger appeared and after a talk with Mr. Oliphant shot without warning.

Later on the firm gave out this:

Charles A. Geiger opened an account with Messrs. J. H. Oliphant & Co. on September 25, 1905. He was referred to Oliphant & Co. by some other banking house in Wall Street the name of which the firm does not at the moment recall. He traded in a small way from time to time in stocks. He closed out his account on September 7, 1907, and went South—to Beaufort, S. C.—leaving his account properly secured. On account of depreciation in the market Messrs. Oliphant & Co. wrote Geiger requesting a remittance, as there was a debit balance in Geiger's account of approximately $2,000. The firm of Oliphant & Co. know of no reason why Geiger should have committed this deed and cannot in any way explain his act.

Dr. Geiger's accounts and letters indicated that while he had been trading for two years, his heaviest plunging was done between January 1, 1907, and October 5, 1907. In that time the Oliphant firm had bought and sold for him 72,400 shares of stock, Steel common being represented in at least two-thirds of the transactions. Geiger was very unlucky in his flyers in Steel. Usually when he bought, Steel common went down. When he made up his mind to sell, Steel common went up. His operations were secured by a deposit of $55,000 worth of Virginia deferred bonds and 500 shares of Steel common, of an estimated value at the time he began going heavily of $20,000. His statements showed that on October 4, 1907, he was in debt to the Oliphant house $30,037.28, and that his transactions in four days aggregated $89,868.28, buying on margin all the time. By Mr. Oliphant's statement to the Coroner and his own correspondence with Geiger the doctor had run through his collateral and owed J. H. Oliphant & Co. about $5,000 when he killed himself.

On November 30 last he wrote to Mr. Oliphant saying that the original loan he had obtained on his Virginia deferred and other collateral had been paid off, as he understood it, in March, and that he had still a credit account with the firm. He asked that Mr. Oliphant send a check to his account in the Fifth Avenue Bank here.

Mr. Oliphant answered on December 4, addressing Dr. Geiger at the Piedmont Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.:

We are in receipt of your favor of the 30th ultimo. Contents noted. We wired you at Atlanta that we could not send the check for $250 to the Fifth Avenue Bank as requested, inasmuch as your account had no funds to your credit. We do not understand your statement in regard to your account, which we infer you considered as a loan not yet due. We would like to know when you consider that it matures. On our books it is simply a running account and we have no recollection of any agreement having been made to carry it for any fixed time. The custom of our business, however, is to carry such an account as long as the required margin is kept good. In this case the margin has not been kept good and if sold out to-day at the bid price there would be a deficiency of about $5,000. We do not wish to have the account remain in this position, and therefore must ask you to protect it either by remittance of cash margins or by taking the bonds up as mentioned in our previous letter. As we wrote you, we are willing to deliver the bonds to you at a fixed price, leaving a debit balance in the account to be adjusted later. We will send you a statement of the number of shares bought and sold for your account during the last year as soon as our bookkeeper has time to prepare it.

"Other letters indicated that the firm was getting uneasy about Geiger's account and wanted a settlement. There were letters from Geiger's personal attorney in Charleston, S. C., Nathaniel Barnwell, which made it obvious that Geiger was straining hard to raise money to protect his account with the Oliphants and had been unsuccessful. He had failed to promote a scheme to raise money on lands in Greene county, Ga., in which he had a small interest. Barnwell had sold securities for him from time to time and on October 26 last wrote Geiger that the proceeds of a Japanese bond were due him, evidently about the last of Geiger's securities that Barnwell had to negotiate.

James H. Oliphant & Co. lost about $100,000 recently through the peculations of George H. Brouwer, who had been the confidential manager of the firm. On November 15 last he was sent to Sing Sing by Judge Rosalsky for from not less than three years and nine months to not more than eight years and nine months. After sentencing Brouwer Judge Rosalsky got a number of threatening and scurrilous letters, some of them signed "G." The Judge investigated but was unsuccessful in tracing the identity of the writer.

Immediately after the shooting yesterday Geiger's name was connected with Brouwer's among brokers. Some of them thought that Geiger might have been pretty close to Brouwer and might have believed that his conviction was unjust. It was pointed out that Steele, Otis & Hall, counsel for Oliphant & Co. and for Jay Carlisle, who was robbed by Brouwer too and has office room with the Oliphant firm, wrote that their attitude was strictly neutral and non-suggestive of clemency or punishment. James W. Osborne, Brouwer's counsel, contended that Brouwer hadn't stolen to make money for himself but to cover stock market losses due to mistakes in his office. Few persons accused of crime have had so many persons to speak for them.

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OLIPHANT, A MAN OF PROMINENCE

A Leader in a Social and Business Way in Brooklyn.

James H. Oliphant's firm, James H. Oliphant & Co., was organized in 1898. Mr. Oliphant was admitted to the Stock Exchange in 1883, when he was a member of the firm of Anthony, Poor & Oliphant. That firm later was changed to Latham, Smith & Oliphant. A few years ago Mr. Oliphant sold his seat on the exchange, and after that his son purchased a seat when the new firm was organized. Mr. Oliphant was for twenty years a governor of the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Oliphant is about 54 years old and has lived in Brooklyn nearly all his life, for a long time at 20 Remsen street and later at 415 Clinton avenue. He has been regarded as one of the foremost men of Brooklyn socially and in a business way and has hosts of friends. He is a member of many clubs, some of which are devoted to sport, and some social clubs and is a member of the Lafayette Avenue Congregational Church, of which he is a trustee and secretary of the board of trustees.

Some years ago he was a director of the Manufacturers Trust Company, of which William J. Coombs was president, and when that company was absorbed by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company Mr Oliphant became a director of that company. He is also a director of the Lafayette Fire Insurance Company and of the St Lawrence River Real Estate Company.

Mr. Oliphant has always been a liberal patron of amateur sport. When he lived at 20 Remsen street he had the only private squash court in Brooklyn. He has for years been a prominent member of the Crescent Athletic Club and now is No. 260 on the membership list. He was president of that organization during 1898 and 1899 and he helped with his influence, his work and by his liberal support in a financial way of everything in which the club was interested, to put that organization where it stands to-day. In that club he has many friends and Jimmie Oliphant was much talked of last night.

In 1904 Mr. Oliphant, who had been a widower for some years, with one son, J. Norris Oliphant, married Marianne S. Montgomery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Lewis Montgomery of 456 Audubon road, Boston. Mrs. Oliphant is a cousin of Chauncey Marshall of Brooklyn. After his marriage he moved to his present home on Clinton avenue. He owns a beautiful country place in the Thousand Islands, Alexandria Bay—an entire island, which he has extensively developed and named Newabbin. He also owns a small twin screw steam yacht which is named Cheemaun.

Mr. Oliphant is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Long Island Historical Society. His social clubs are the Union League, the Downtown and the Hamilton of Brooklyn, and the clubs devoted to sport of which he is a member, in addition to the Crescent Athletic Club, are the New York Yacht, which he joined in 1901; the New York Athletic, the Garden City Golf, the Riding and Driving of Brooklyn and the Thousand Islands Yacht Club.

WRECK OF BANK IS COMPLETE

Jewelers' National Shortage Placed at $250,000—Depositor Dies of Worry.

NORTH ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 20.—If there is any truth in the reports circulated here to-night the insolvent Jewelers' National Bank is about as badly broken as a national bank could be.

One director who did not want to have his name used said that about the only thing left was the furniture, while a prominent business man after talking with some of the directors said he understood there was an apparent shortage of about $250,000. Another director said that the condition of the bank as the result of the late cashier's doings is "something awful." He said it is far worse than the papers have printed.

It was learned to-night that Cashier Sargeant disposed of his 191 shares of stock several weeks ago. Sargeant and President Wiggin had a controlling interest, owning 403 shares between them.

The closing of the bank and subsequent receivership is beginning to affect business. The Mason Box Company, a depositor, closed its factory indefinitely to-night. This firm employed 200 hands. Most of the jewelry manufacturing concerns, churches and secret societies were depositors.

Henry F. Currier, the bank examiner who discovered the irregularities in the Jewelers' Bank, to-day was appointed receiver by Comptroller Ridgely.

E. L. Harrington, a prominent jewlery manufacturer and heavy depositor in the bank, died to-day of apoplexy brought on by worry over the failure.

It is known that Sargeant made many loans. One of them is said to have been for $30,000, and some of these loans are said to be very bad. The directors think that not more than 10 cents on the dollar will be realized upon some of them.

The funeral of the dead cashier was held in his home in the bank building to-day. The bank examiners, President Wiggin, and all the directors attended the services.

No More Bankers Indicted in Brooklyn.

The Kings County Grand Jury was discharged by Judge Dike in the County Court, Brooklyn, yesterday. The jurors recommended that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment make an appropriation for a new wing for men prisoners at the Raymond Street Jail. No indictments in connection with the bank scandals were handed up.

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JEWEL ROBBERY CLEARED UP

BOY WHO STOLE $32,000 BOX IS ARRESTED

And the Jewels Are Recovered—Most of Them Were on the Icebox in William White's Kitchen in Jersey City—He Was an Express Company Employee.

Capt. William E. Robinson, chief of the Jersey City detective bureau, yesterday cleared up the mystery of the theft of the package containing $32,000 worth of jewels which was stolen a week ago last Thursday while in transit from this city to Washington, D. C.

William White, a seventeen-year-old boy of 57 Greene street, Jersey City, who has been a helper on one of the United States Express Company's wagons for the last three months, confessed that he stole the package from the express company's platform at Communipaw. The police locked the boy up at police headquarters in Jersey City along with Charles Koroff, the driver, to whom he gave a $2,200 pearl necklace. Both were charged with grand larceny.

All the jewels were recovered and are now in the possession of the property clerk of the Jersey City police department.

As told in THE SUN yesterday, Louis Pukkel, an employee in the factory of the American Cigar Company, bought of a lad a $3,000 pearl necklace for 25 cents. Neither realized the value of it, and when Pukkel's manager, Joseph Schneider, to whom Pukkel showed his purchase, notified the police, Capt. Robinson got busy. He learned that the boy answering the description of the one who sold the jewels was known as Pete Baccinelli, a tobacco stripper.

Capt. Robinson's detectives found at least a dozen boys of the name of Baccinelli, but Pukkel couldn't identify any of them. Then Capt. Robinson learned that a boy known as Pete had been discharged from the factory six months ago for throwing a love letter out of the factory window to Lena Raymond, and the description furnished by the girl of her young wooer answered that of the boy who sold the necklace to Pukkel. Detectives searched through all the foreign quarters of Jersey City, and early yesterday they hit upon White as the one they wanted to clear up the mystery. White proved to be the one who was known as Pete.

It was learned that the youngster had been trying for a week to sell jewelry for paltry amounts and that he could get no purchasers. They found him unloading goods from a United Express Company's wagon at Communipaw.

When taken to Police Headquarters in Jersey City he admitted the theft, but declared that he had no idea of the value of his plunder. He told Capt. Robinson that he found the box containing the jewels on the platform at Communipaw and took it home. Upon opening the package and finding that it contained jewels he started out to sell them, but could find no purchasers.

To Charley Koroff he gave a handsome pearl necklace, suggesting that he give it to one of his sisters for Christmas. The other pieces he fruitlessly peddled around town and finally threw the valuables, wrapped in a newspaper, on top of the ice box in the kitchen of his home, 57 Greene street, Jersey City, where they were found yesterday by the detectives.

Koroff admitted that he accepted the necklace from the boy, but said he didn't know it was stolen. Both prisoners will be arraigned in the First Criminal Court this morning.

SHAW GOING DELEGAT HUNTING.

Ex-Secretary Will Soon Look Into His Chances in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 20.—Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw of New York will be in Iowa within a few days to see what backing he can get as a candidate for the Presidential nomination.

His return to his home State is ostensibly made to speak before the alumni society of Cornell College at Mount Vernon, but private letters which have been received by various political leaders have not been treated as privately as they might have been and the secret is out.

He has said that with Iowa Republicans united in his support he was satisfied that he could enter the national convention with reasonable prospects of success.

As Iowa is in the first stages of a bitter fight over the Senatorship, in which Gov. A. B. Cummins is endeavoring to oust Senator Allison, it is believed that a harmony programme for Secretary Shaw or anybody else is a remote possibility.

Cummins is very bitter against Shaw because Shaw as Governor appointed Dolliver to the Senate when Senator Gear died.

EX-PRIEST'S BAIL FORFEITED.

J. J. Langan Fails to Appear for Trial on Grand Larceny Charge.

The Rev. James J. Langan, who was arrested several weeks ago at his apartments in West 134th street by officers of the Coney Island court charged with grand larceny, failed to appear yesterday morning when Magistrate Steers called the case. Bail had been fixed at $2,000, and was vouched for by Dennis Devine of Jay street, Brooklyn. The Magistrate declared the bail forfeited after waiting several hours for the defendant.

Mrs. Annie Reinheimer, the complainant, charges Mr. Langan with the larceny of $159. She said in court that he called at her home at Avenue T and East Nineteenth street, Sheepshead Bay, about a month ago and asked for a loan of $10. As she was about to give him the money, she says, he took her entire roll.

Until six months ago Langan was an assistant priest at the Church of St. Frances de Chantal, Fifty-seventh street and Thirteenth avenue, Blythebourne.

SARKASIAN ARRESTED HERE

HE IS WANTED IN THE CASE OF FATHER CASPAR.

Armenian Was Detained for a While in Marseilles and Then Let Go—Tells Police More About the Killing of the Priest Whose Body Was Put Into a Trunk.

Paul Sarkasian, one of three Armenians who are believed by the police to know much about the murder of Father Caspar Vartarian, the Armenian priest whose body was found in a trunk in a rooming house at 333 West Thirty-seventh street on May 22 last, was arrested at Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue last night by Capt. Arthur Carey, head of the Harlem branch of the detective bureau, and Detective Cassasa. After his arrest Sarkasian told his story of incidents following the murder new to the police and which they think fastens the crime on his associates, John Mooradian and Sarkis Ermoyian.

Sarkasian got here from Marseilles, France, four days ago on the Anchor Line steamer Perugia, from Gibraltar. The police heard yesterday morning that he had been seen in the Armenian section of the city, and Capt. Carey searched for him during the day.

The man was under arrest at Marseilles in July, having been traced there from Montreal, whither he fled after the murder. Consul-General Skinner brought about his arrest there. Sarkasian was released later upon the advice of the District Attorney's office that there wasn't enough evidence against him to have him extradited.

Sarkasian told Capt. Carey that he saw Consul-General Skinner before he left France and Mr. Skinner told him it would be safe enough for him to return to this country. He said he wanted to come back to prove to his sister, Mrs. Mannog Hazzarian of 40 Quaide street, Providence, that he had nothing to do with Father Caspar's murder. He worked his way over as a coal passer. The police think Sarkasian's story weak because they say he has done nothing since he came back to show that he was innocent. They don't think Consul-General Skinner advised him to come back either.

Sarkasian told this story last night: "Previous to the murder I was working for G. C. Randall of 122 Worth street as a cabinetmaker. A week before the murder I met Mooradian and Ermoyian in Halapigian's restaurant in West Fortieth street. I was friendly with Mooradian and we rented a room from Mrs. Sherrer at 333 West Thirty-seventh street. In the afternoon of May 22 I left the house. When I returned in the evening I found a trunk in the room which wasn't there before. The key was in it, so I took the ropes off and looked inside. The priest's body was in the trunk, and the body was still warm.

"I had heard of a man who had been hanged for murder because he got in the same predicament I was in then, so I tied up the trunk and went away. The next morning I had breakfast with Mooradian and Ermoyian. I kept in hiding for a week. I wrote to my brother-in-law for $150 and went to Montreal. After I was traced there I caught a steamer and went to Marseilles."

The police are holding Sarkasian as a suspicious person in the hope that Ermoyian and Mooradian may be caught and Sarkasian can be used as a witness against them. The two other Armenians now are thought to be in Bulgaria.

SETH LOW BOOMS HUGHES,

And Republicans of the Twenty-ninth Approve His Sentiments.

That Charles E. Hughes's name should be the one presented by the New York delegated as their choice for the Presidential nomination at the next convention was the opinion voiced last night by Seth Low in a speech before the Republican Club of the Twenty-ninth Assembly district. That most of those present were in accord with the opinion was evidenced by the applause.

Mr. Low said that the party was fortunate in having at least four men who were of Presidential size and then mentioned the name of Taft. There was some applause. There was silence at the mention of the name of Cortelyou, but some enthusiasm for that of Root.

"In my judgment the delegation should stand as a unit for Hughes," said Mr. Low. "He is precisely the man needed. By his attitude he has shown fully that he is determined that the Government shall control all public utilities. He is a man who will not act without having full knowledge of the question at issue. By seeking advice of financiers in the present crisis to know if there was anything that could be done by the State to relieve the situation he has shown that he is willing to turn to the best informed for advice. I am willing to work for any of the four mentioned, but I deem it the duty of the State to show to the nation that Mr. Hughes is its choice." The club elected officers for the coming year. They are W. Holden Weeks, president; William Bondy, first vice-president; William Chivers, second vice-president; Henry Harris, secretary; Howard Conkling, treasurer; Lindon Bates, Jr., financial secretary.

HUGHES THE STRONGEST MAN.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews Says Bryan Will Beat Any Other Republican.

OMAHA, Dec. 20.—A special from Spokane quotes Benjamin Andrews, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, as saying:

"Bryan's election to the Presidency would be a great misfortune to the country, not because he is not equipped for the highest office in the gift of the people, but because his election would surely block reform.

"He could not hope to accomplish any reform with a Republican Congress, which would willingly cooperate with either Taft or Hughes.

"I am not a betting man, but if I were I would wager any reasonable amount that Gov. Hughes of New York will be elected if nominated. Hughes is the one man besides Roosevelt who can be elected on the Republican ticket next year.

"Bryan can defeat any other Republican candidate. I know that now Taft seems in the lead, but I believe Hughes will be nominated and elected."

NEW ENGLAND LIKES HUGHES.

Congressman McCall Visits the Mayor and Tells His Views.

Congressman Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, Mass., called on Mayor McClellan yesterday at the City Hall. Mr. McCall explained that he had merely dropped in to wish the time o' day to the Mayor. "Mr. McClellan and I were always great friends at Washington," he said, "and we were on the Committee on Ways and Means together and I just called to see him socially on my way home through New York."

Commenting on the Presidential situation, Congressman McCall said: "There is considerable sentiment for Gov Hughes in New England and the possibility that he may be a candidate for the Presidency is very attractive to the greater number of the Republicans from my part of the country. But while this sentiment for Gov. Hughes is very strong, it is too early at this time to predict whether or not the delegates from Massachusetts will be instructed for him."

Hughes Club in Jamestown.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A Hughes Republican club was organized in this city to-night with former Assemblyman J. Samuel Fowler as president, Ernest Crawcroft, secretary, and N. N. Rochworth, treasurer. The meeting was largely attended and the sentiment that Roosevelt should be taken at his word was enthusiastically indorsed.

TAFT'S WORLD TOUR ENDED

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Gen. Johnston headed away for Jersey City.

At the Jersey City pier where a landing was made a photographer halted the Secretary just as he was going ashore.

"Say, Mr. Taft," said this worthy, "I'd like to get your first step ashore."

The Secretary paused with one foot on the pier and the other on the boat.

"Well, please hurry up," he smiled; "I'm no Colossus of Rhodes."

Having thus repudiated the notion that he was a straddler, the Secretary not only waited while the photographer pressed the button, but he got his brother and Gen. Grant to join in the posing.

"Come on, Harry; come on Fred," he said. They didn't care much for it, but they couldn't resist his good nature, and in a moment the photographer had his group.

Secretary and Mrs. Taft occupied a suite of three rooms, a drawing room, a bedroom and a bathroom, on the upper deck of the President Grant. This commodious apartment was made by the steamship company in three days, and eight staterooms of ordinary size were thrown together to achieve it. In this as in all other particulars Capt. Witt and the other officers did everything in their power to make the Secretary's voyage a comfortable one.

Mr. Taft is a fine sailor, and though there was much rough weather during the first eight days of the trip he never lost a meal and was on deck every day. He lost a few pounds in the course of his journey, but there's good reason to say that he doesn't miss 'em. In fact, he took steps to bring about this result. Every morning of the voyage he pounded around the promenade for five good miles, and those who saw him do it say that when he walks he walks.

"He walked everybody off their legs that tried to keep up with him," said one of the stewards. "There were a few of the passengers who hadn't had a chance to get acquainted with the big man and some of them thought a good way to do it would be to fall in with him when he was making tracks around the promenade, but they found out mighty soon that that wasn't the way at all. I'll bet he walks at the rate of pretty near five miles an hour. Anybody that wants to keep up with him has got to sweat for it. The Secretary sweat a good bit himself, too."

At odd times Mr. Taft did a good deal of work on his report of the conditions he found in the Philippines and also on his report as Secretary of War. Both these documents were completed when the steamship reached Sandy Hook.

But the Secretary plays as strenuously as he works. When he travels alone or only with a secretary he likes to play solitaire, but he prefers bridge, and on the voyage from Cuxhaven he found time for many a rubber. He took all his meals in the public dining saloon and made two speeches on the way across.

The first one was made last Monday evening when the usual concert in aid of the seamen's fund was held. At this time Mr. Taft made the appeal that preceded the collection taking, and his eloquence resulted in a roundup of somewhere between fifty and sixty dollars. The Secretary told his fellow passengers something of his travels and said that at the ball given in his honor at Moscow there were so many gorgeous uniforms that he almost felt as if he didn't have on any clothes at all. As says the bard:

Oh, see the fly upon the wall,
He ain't got no clothes at all.

The other speech was made at the dinner given by Capt. Witt on the President Grant's last night out. It is usual ashore for the host to be present at most dinners, but things are different afloat. Capt. Witt had to be on the bridge, and the German Consul-General at New York, Mr. Buenz, presided in his place. Secretary Taft toasted the line and the captain and the ship, and expressed his thanks and those of the other passengers for the care taken of them. Whereupon arose James Canfield, librarian of all the simple spelling at Columbia University, to toast Mr. Taft. He had scarcely got under a full head of steam when all the lights went out. The passengers remained.

It appeared that this was the moment appropriately chosen for the usual fancy Teutonic parade of stewards. They all bore illuminated ices of curious design and were headed by the bath steward, made up as Neptune, and the chief steward arrayed as the golden haired Germania. Mr. Canfield came in for a good deal of guying, but he recovered himself and finished strong. Mr. Taft in his speech had regretted that this would be the last time the ship's company would ever meet again as a body, and Mr. Canfield said that though that might be true he couldn't see why they might not all at some time travel on a steamship to be named the President Taft. Of course there was a big whoop at this and it was generally agreed that the beers were not on the librarian of simple spelling.

One of the first class passengers vouches for a tale that is given solely on his responsibility. Here it is:

It may have been a day or two before the wireless informed Secretary Taft of the President's no third term message that the War Department head was pounding along the deck in the middle of his five mile jaunt when he met one of the young women passengers. She was carrying a yellow object tucked carefully under one arm. The bright color of the thing attracted the Secretary's attention even though he was going at high speed and using only picked coal. He glanced at it curiously and then, according to the relating passenger, executed a movement that was suspiciously like shying. The object under the young woman's arm was a Teddy bear.

The wireless served Mr. Taft fairly well on the voyage. He had heard, for example, all about the Republican State committee of Missouri indorsing his candidacy and when about 800 miles out at sea he got a message from the Pioneer Republican Club of The Bronx, which read: "Welcome back." This was the first despatch that Mr. Taft received from these shores and he sent his thanks at once.

The message announcing the death of his mother was not entirely unexpected, though the Secretary had hoped that she would live until he could see her again. The ship's officers and the members of the Taft party said that Mrs. Taft's experience in getting aboard the President Grant from Boulogne while trying was not nearly as dangerous as the public had been led to believe from the despatches sent out by the affrighted correspondent who was aboard the boat that took her out to the liner.

TAFT IN WASHINGTON.

Has a Long Conference With the President at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Looking in the pink of condition William Howard Taft, Secretary of War and Presidential candidate, arrived in Washington this evening, thus completing his tour around the world. With him was his son, Charles Taft, who made the tour with the Secretary. Taft went to the White House to-night for a long conference with President Roosevelt.

When Mr Taft stepped off a Pennsylvania Railroad train at the union station he wore a fur overcoat which he purchased in Siberia and his head was adorned with a sealskin cap. When the people in the station saw the fur coated globe trotter, surrounded by the group of officials and others who had come to greet him, they became interested immediately and Mr. Taft was soon the centre of a great throng of curious train waiters.

Mr. Taft went from the station to his residence on K street. After dinner he talked freely about his journeyings, but declined to discuss politics. "I want to get the lay of the schoolhouse before I say anything on that subject," he said. One questioner told Mr. Taft that there had been some academic discussion on the question whether he would resign from the Cabinet on account of his candidacy for the Presidential nomination.

"I guess we'll have to let it remain academic," responded Mr. Taft with a laugh, and that was all he would say in regard to political matters.

Mr. Taft said that he would remain in Washington until the end of next week unless his duties as executor of his mother's estate called him to Cincinnati. He thought, however, that he would be able to transact his business as executor without leaving Washington at this time. Arthur I. Vorys of Columbus, his political manager, would meet him here early next week, he said.

Mr. Taft has prepared a report on conditions in the Philippines which he will present to President Roosevelt. In discussing to-night what he had learned on his visit to the islands he said:

"I think now, and this is what I have thought and have said for a long time, that it will be a generation at least, probably more than a generation, before the Philippines can be granted independence. The qualified voters of the islands consist of about 15 per cent. of the male adults, the rest of the male adults being persons too ignorant or too uncivilized to exercise the franchise. In the election for the Philippines Assembly about 100,000 votes were cast and in the recent election for Governors of the provinces about 250,000 votes were cast. I think that a majority of these voters are in favor of independence, but independence cannot come for a long time. I told the Assembly that its election was one step in the direction of independence, but there would have to be more steps before independence could be obtained, each step being dependent upon the progress of the people themselves."

Mr. Taft made an elaborate explanation of the various political parties in the Philippines. There were the Progressives and their allies, the Nationalists, and allied with the Nationalists were other parties aiming at independence, one of which was the national most urgent party and the rational explosive party (Mr. Taft made the translation), each one wanting independence at once. Then there was the Independence party, having complete independence in view. In the Assembly the Nationalistas greatly outnumbered the Progressives.

"While I was there," said Mr. Taft, "they had a regular gubernatorial election. It involved choosing Governors for thirty provinces. Although the Nationalistas had won a victory in the election for the Assembly the gubernatorial election was an even break, fifteen Progressives and fifteen Nationalistas being elected. This marked a reaction from the previous result. A good many of the Nationalistas were elected to the Assembly on promises to obtain independence immediately, and the fact that they were not able to make good those promises had an effect upon the voters. I think that the next election will turn on questions different from that of independence. The Assembly as now constituted will, I am hopeful, produce good results and commend itself to every one."

"As to tranquility in the Islands," Mr. Taft said, "the conditions are very hopeful. There was never a time before in the history of the islands when things were so quiet, and I believe that the election had much to do with this result.

"The conditions with respect to business are better than I have ever known them to be, but still not as good as they might be on account of the cattle disease, which took away 75 or 80 per cent. of the cattle. Wages are three times higher than ever before. Wage earners are wearing shoes and are much better off."

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CLUETT.—Edmund Cluett, at Troy, N. Y., December 18.
Funeral will be held from St. Paul's Church, Troy, at 2 P. M. Saturday, December 21. It is kindly requested that no flowers be sent.

GAZEN.—At Warwick, N. Y., suddenly, December 19, John Hazen, in his 73d year.
Funeral Monday, 1:30 P. M., from the house.

PARMLY.—At Oceanic, N. J., December 18, 1907, Dr. Ehrick Parmly.
Funeral service at First Presbyterian Church, Oceanic, on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Carriages at Red Bank station on arrival train leaving Pennsylvania R. R. Cortlandt st., at 9 A. M.

RITTER.—At Greenwich, Conn., December 19, 1907 Frederick William Ritter, in his 54th year.
Funeral private. Yonkers papers please copy.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

SPECIAL SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE
At 8 P. M., Dec. 22d.
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Dr. Stevenson will preach in the morning.
Rev. Hugh Black, M. A., in the afternoon.
Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, D.D., in the evening.
Bible School 9:30 A. M.
Men's Bible Class conducted by Dr. Hallenbeck 10 A. M.

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