ADVERTISING MEN HAIL TAFT

WHO PRAISES THE MAGAZINES FOR THE MORAL AWAKENING

Which, He Says, Is Likely to Go on and Isn't an Attack on Honest Wealth—William Berri Propounds a Political Riddle Which the Sphinxes Find Easy.

The only thing at all Sphinxlike about the dinner of the Sphinx Club at the Waldorf last night in honor of Secretary of War Taft was a "mystery" introduced by William Berri. Mr. Berri brought it over with him from Brooklyn, where he is a business man, newspaper proprietor and amateur politician, and turned it loose toward the close of the dinner. It was this:

There was he, a regularly elected delegate to the Republican national convention. He would like to say a few things but he had observed that, according to the custom of the times, it was a wise thing for a delegate who wished to retain his seat to keep his mouth shut. He realized that New York had a favorite son and that New York was going to support him. He would not say anything disparagingly about him. Nor did he care to comment on the guest of the evening, although he did feel at liberty to say that he had heard the Secretary of War well spoken of. But the "mystery"——

"Now how many of you?" asked the Brooklyn delegate, "expect to vote the ticket I do next election? Hold up your hands."

About 300 of the 450 pairs of hands shot into the air and Secretary Taft looked both embarrassed and pleased. It was a cinch that the old Sphinx riddle guesser Œdipus wasn't needed to solve that one.

In all other respects the dinner to the Secretary of War was most un-Sphinxlike. They—the magazine and other advertising men who make up the club—whooped things up for fair. They liked Mr. Taft and they told him so, incidentally comparing him to Lincoln and the heroic standard that Carlyle had conceived in his mind's eye. But they went further than that. They elected him, had him inaugurated and ushered the president of the club into the White House as a claimant for political preferment as the original Taft man. This, however, may have been in fun.

But all the good things that the advertising men had to say about Mr. Taft were, in fact, only a suitable return for the bouquets which he had thrown at them in his opening speech. He had praised the magazines for the part which they had taken in bringing about "the moral awakening" of the country, which, he declared, was still in progress and was likely to go on. Those who regard this movement as an attack on wealth, he predicted, would surely be disappointed in the end.

At the table with Secretary Taft sat Dr. Albert Shaw, W. H. McElroy, Erman J. Ridgway, Henry W. Taft, Arthur Brisbane, Hart Lyman, F. A. Munsey, Robert C. Ogden, William Berri and Col. J. B. McLean. Robert Frothingham, president of the club, was toastmaster.

One table was taken entirely by officers and lawyers for the American Tobacco Company and the Du Pont Powder Company, both of which are being sued by the Federal Government to bring about their dissolution. There was no noticeable waving of hands at this table when Delegate Berri sprung his mystery. Among others at the table were C. C. Dula, vice-president of the American Tobacco Company; W. W. Fuller, the company's chief counsel; H. W. Cobb of the American Cigar Company, and T. C. du Pont, head of the powder trust.

It was President Frothingham who compared Mr. Taft with Lincoln and Carlyle's ideal. For at least a dozen years, in his opinion, Mr. Taft's views on corporations have been open to the people. But before Mr. Taft got to his feet President Frothingham proposed a toast to "His Excellency, or anything else that in your hearts you may wish to call him, the President of the United States."

Secretary Taft showed at the start that he had prepared himself to get in close touch with his hosts. He spoke of the Sphinx and its place in mythology and switched easily to the origin of the magazine and the newspaper. He spoke familiarly of Defoe, Addison, Swift, Steele and Johnson, and told how they and others rose in honor in the nation. There was no reason to-day why Richard Watson Gilder shouldn't be made Secretary of State or Albert Shaw become Sir Albert.

Comparing the magazine in the days of Addison with the modern publication, Mr. Taft said:

It is true that in the matter of independence and freedom of thought and expression all governmental and penal restrictions have been removed and that in this respect the life and comfort of the writer have ceased to be precarious.

But this affects only the life and convenience of the writer. What I am now discussing is the progress from the standpoint of the community at large which has been made in this branch of human activity. Is it not in the extending of the useful influence of magazine reading to the masses of the people? Is it not in bringing within the reach of the poorest who read the power of enjoying the brightest and best of modern literature and art? Is it not in offering to the thousands and millions of this century, instead of to the hundreds and thousands of the last centuries, the elevating influences and the opportunity for rational, intellectual entertainment contained in the kaleidoscopic pages of the modern illustrated magazine?

In beauty of illustration and type there had been great progress, but the cheapness of the modern magazine and the ease with which it could be obtained made it a striking instrument of civilization. There were other things to help the poor man—electric cars, telephones, rural free delivery, machine made clothing. Nothing made more strongly for moral elevation and righteousness than such comforts and amusements, because they removed the temptation to vice and vicious pursuits. Getting back to his subject the Secretary went on:

Magazines hold the mirror up to existing conditions of morality and reflect with great accuracy the popular changes in this regard. During the last four years there has come a note of warning to the people of the United States that, prosperous as they have been, marvellous as has been their industrial expansion, great as has been the increase of comfort and convenience of living of all classes, whether rich or poor, there has been in the discharge of certain fidelity trusts, in the conduct of certain great corporate affairs, and in certain enormous business operations, a clearly distinct element of dishonesty, illegality and disregard of moral principle, and that unless it is checked by public condemnation and protest there is grave danger that the moral foundations of the business of the country will be sapped and degradation and disester follow.

The magazines of this country, through the articles written on the subject, have left no doubt where they stand in respect to this moral awakening, and have proven to be potent instruments for the preaching of a crusade against the mammon of unrighteousness.

The Secretary said that those who looked to socialism as a solution of the present inequality in the distribution of wealth were counting on a change in human nature that had not taken place and wasn't likely to for centuries. Reforms based for their operative success upon the complete eliminaton of selfishness were certain to fail. He added:

The moral awakening, however, has been of the utmost benefit to this country and can be made more so. It certainly has aroused the interest of the people in government and legislation and has made them properly suspicious and properly watchful of the doings of their representatives. It has given to the young, high minded, intelligent men the country over an earnest desire to take part in the movement and to be of those who make for righteousness in government. It is a the bottom of the strong demand for primary elections and the elimination of that kind of political machinery which so often in the past has defeated the will of the people.

This quickening of the public conscience has directed public attention and public sympathy toward the poor and the laboring classes and it has aroused men to the necessity for enacting laws which shall protect them and place them on an equality in dealing with their more powerful employers.

It has brought forward for the consideration of legislatures safety appliance acts, employers' liability acts, child labor statutes, tenement house statutes and all other legislation looking to the rescue of the poor from the oppression to which the greed of the landlord or the employer and their own helplessness may expose them. It has made the public recognize the necessity for the union of labor to enable it to meet on equal terms its corporate and combined employers in respect to the ever recurring controversy as to the division between capital and labor of their joint product.

But those who suppose that this movement is to be regarded as an attack upon wealth accumulated through thrift and industry and honest business acumen, or as a repudiation of the security of private property and invested capital, are sure to be disappointed in the end, however great encouragement they may receive at first in the expressions of popular will. He is far afield, in my judgment, who supposes that this popularity of the moral issue, if I may use the expression, indicates a desire to depart from the institutions of our fathers to amend the guaranties of life, liberty and property as contained in our Constitution, or to reach any other end than equality of all before the law and the promotion of the equality of opportunity in the pursuit of happiness.

"This movement is still in progress and there is likely to be no backward step," said Mr. Taft in conclusion. "It is a privilege to live in a time when the public pulse is quickened with a moral throb and to take part in the movement that grows out of such a state of the public mind."

Mr. McElroy said that Sphinx was only another word for mystery, and he wanted to know how it was that when the club's long suit was mystery it should hail as its guest a man about whom there is the least mystery of any one in the United States.

"Our distinguished guest is a great many admirable things," said the speaker, "but he is not a mystery. He believes the greatest office in the gift of the American people should seek the man, and if the office asks him what is the post office address of the man with engaging frankness he tells him to take down the latest edition of 'Who's Who' and look under the letter T."

It was Mr. McElroy who while commenting on the modesty of the Sphinx Club pictured Mr. Taft elected, inaugurated and seated at his table at luncheon on March 4, 1909. Then would appear President Frothingham, who would proceed to demonstate, not prove, mind you, that he was the original Taft man and all the other members of the club came afterward.

Then Mr. Berri unboxed his mystery.

OFFICE FOR A ROUGH RIDER.

Guy Murchie of Boston Appointed U. S. Marshal for Massachusetts.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Another Rough Rider was nominated for a Federal office to-day. He is Guy Murchie of Boston and the office is that of United States Marshal for the district of Massachusetts.

Mr. Murchie is a Harvard graduate who organized the Harvard troop of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. There were many applicants for the place and Senators Lodge and Crane had about agreed to recommend Edward Graves, president of the Boston Republican city committee, when Mr. Roosevelt sent for them on Thursday and asked them to consent to the nomination of Murchie.

A statement was given out at the White House to-day in which it was said that Murchie was "a personal appointment of the President in which the two Senators acquiesced." Mr. Murchie is a lawyer and is secretary of the Taft League of Massachusetts. The salary of the Marshal is $5,000 a year.

President Roosevelt acted as godfather to Donald, son of Guy Murchie, at the christening about a year ago. It was Guy Murchie who was asked by the President, then Secretary of the Navy, to recruit collegians for the Rough Riders. Mr. Murchie became a Captain. He is 35 years old and a graduate of Phillips Exeter, Harvard College and Harvard Law School. In 1902 he was appointed to Gov. Crane's staff with the rank of Major.

A UNION OF STOCK THEATRES.

Shuberts in a Deal Which May End in a Trust of Stock Companies.

A deal was completed yesterday in this city and in Cleveland between the Shuberts and a combination of two playbrokers by which six independent stock companies of the first order will be established to play in six of the large cities. This move means that a trust in stock companies and plays may be forthcoming. Just what the effect on the vaudeville circuit playing stock companies will be is not yet known, but it is said that a working combination will probably be entered into.

The cities and theatres which will be first entered will be Detroit, at the Detroit Opera House, where the first play will be put on to-night with "The Man on the Box"; the Cleveland Opera House, the Alexandria Theatre at Toronto, the Garrick at St. Louis, the Shubert at Kansas City and the Mary Anderson in Louisville.

Elizabeth Marbury and Archibald Selwyn & Co. of this city were the two playbrokers to combine to furnish the plays with the aid of the Shuberts. Vaughan Glaser, an actor now in Cleveland who is to play in "The Man on the Box" in Detroit to-night, has been engaged practically as general stage manager. According to a representative of the Shuberts se n here last night, the six companies will be separate organizations.

COMBINE FOR LOWER RATES.

Railroad Commissions of Four States Have Joint Relief Project.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 18.—The railroad commissions of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas, in session here, have made a departure in the interest of lower rates throughout the Western country to the Gulf ports. They know the Interstate Commerce Commission will contest the authority of the combine and expect the case will be taken to the courts.

The commissions will arrange schedules for the through rates based upon a combination of the local State rates. The commissions have had this plan under consideration for a year.

ROBBED JEWELLER'S BOY.

Negro Grabs a Packet of Gems and Runs, but Is Caught.

William Scheer, a manufacturing jeweller at 542 Fifth avenue, sent an errand boy out yesterday afternoon to deliver to another Fifth avenue firm a package containing twelve uncut diamonds, a gold ring set with diamonds and opals and a gold bracelet. In front of 322 Fifth avenue a negro grabbed the package and ran.

Detective Kahn of Police Headquarters caught him. The prisoner said he was George L. McIntyre of 307 West 148th street.

EX-CONVICT SHOT DEAD.

Just Out of Sing Sing The Banty Is Killed in a Saloon.

Joseph Taylor, known as The Banty, who finished serving a sentence in Sing Sing two weeks ago, was shot and killed in a saloon at Eleventh avenue and Fifty-second street shortly after midnight this morning. Taylor had had words with Frank Collins, the bartender and, it is alleged, struck him. Collins opened fire with a revolver and Taylor fell dead with a bullet wound in the left temple.

Advertisements for THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN may be left at any American District Messenger office in the city.

TURNING STEAK INTO HUMOR

BY THE NATURAL PROCESS OF FEEDING THE HUMORISTS.

Some of the Fun Allowed to Escape Before Being Put into Packages Which Might Be Sold, Which Shows How Far These Comic Chaps Forgot Their Business.

Fun waxed fast and furious, as the saying goes, last evening at Reisenweber's. It had to. For was it not the (first) annual dinner of the comic artists, cartoonists, caricaturists and writers connected with the humorous publications of New York and elsewhere? Certainly it was.

Just to show how amusing it was, a clever thing said comparatively early in the evening, of course, by Mister G. Stuffy Davis, may be recited. Mr. Davis, after taking a look around and overhearing one or two quips and whimsies that were at the moment sitting up on the piano making faces at each other, remarked to a bystander who couldn't get away:

"Why this isn't Reisenweber's—it's Reisenweberandfield's."

Well, that's the way it went all evening. Mark Twain, who was present, clad in his nobbiest suit of white flannels, remarked on departing somewhere between 11 P. M. and 6 A. M. that he hadn't had as much fun since the last time he had bronchitis.

Other humorists expressed like views. H. H. Rogers, for example, made the assertion that he couldn't think when he had enjoyed himself so much, unless it was when Tom Lawson announced that he would go back to stock gambling. Finley Peter Dunne came in late and explained his tardiness by saying that he had promised to meet a man at the Astor or the Knickerbocker or the Imperial or Little Hungary between 1 and 9 o'clock and that he had just come from keeping this appointment.

It ought to be said right here that it was a beefsteak dinner. Here is a true copy of the menu card:

Beer.
Steak—Beef Steak—Steak.
Beer—Beer.
Steak—Steak.
Beer—Beer—Beer—Beer.
Steak.
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Beer.*

The steak testing committee got to work long before the dinner. Tom Powers was chairman. He started in on the job early in the afternoon. In order to test steak properly you begin by reaching into your pocket and producing a nickel. This you place kindly but firmly, either side up, upon a level surface of wood, usually mohogany, though some prefer cherry or rosewood. Blow off the foam and empty the residuum. Repeat as often as may be necessary and season to taste. This process was the one adopted by Chairman Powers and along about 8 o'clock he announced that the experiments of the committee had led them to conclude that the steak was all right.

The guests arrived early, as most of them had paid in advance. Probably the most popular costume exhibited was that worn by Dexter Fellowes. He wore a suit composed entirely of passes to the circus. He managed to get ten steps fom the door before he lost his clothes. Irvin Cobb was appareled in his spring ombongpong, cut on the latest Paducah model, and maintained his usual impressive silence.

The entertainment committee decid ed early last week that since it was to be a dinner of humorists it would be necessary to hire somebody to do something amusing. So they went out into the highways and the byways and by offering untold gold compelled them to come in. A young person introduced as Loretta Haley was first to the plate. She sang a ballad beginning "When first I met my Susie, 'twas in the month of May." The song also had an ending.

The humorists agreed that that would be about all and so it was—along that line. In the meantime an interesting contretemps had occurred in which R. F. Outcault and F. Opper were the chief participants. Mr. Outcault blockaded Mr. Opper in the southwest corner and began to tell how he happened to hit on the idea of Buster Brown, when he noticed that Mr. Opper had gone to sleep. Aroused by the arrival of more beer, Mr. Opper said to Mr. Outcault:

"I know you'd like to hear how I first began to draw pictures of the common people."

"I certainly would," replied Mr. Outcault, "but for the fact that I have just been summoned to the bedside of my sick and wealthy aunt in Valdez, Alaska."

"I trust that your wealthy aunt will live to bury you," said Mr. Opper severely.

Walt McDougal came all the way from Philadelphia to preside over whatever might happen and everybody found it out before the dinner had been going more than four hours. Ultimately he became desperate.

"Gentlemen," he shouted. Nobody paid any attention. "Humorists," he roared. Instantly the silence of death descended. After that he introduced Mark Twain. Mr. Clemens said several things. It must have taken him at least two minutes. The substance of it was that he hated public notice. Every humorist laughed heartily.

Clarence Harvey, Mr. McDougal said, would then read a poem. So Mr. Harvey told some stories. He said that he remembered his earliest recollections fairly well and that one of them was when his father took him by the black hand and led him somewhere.

Mr. Harvey sat down after a wnile and then Mr. McDougal proved that he was one of those optimists by remarking gloomily: "Oh, well, we'll try one more speech anyhow."

Then he called up Senator McCarren. The Senator said he felt first rate because pretty nearly everything that could be done to him had already been performed. He rather envied the cartoonists because he'd like a job where he could portray certain people as he saw them. "I have my ideas about how they would appear," said he, and there were roars of "Murphy" and "Conners." The Senator said that like all amateurs he seemed to be in a position to get the hook but, also like them, he could appear again.

Mr. McDougal said he was very much disappointed in Senator McCarren's speech so he would call on Archie Gunn to start something. Somebody demanded to know who was Gunn, and Mr. McDougal said Gunn was an Englishman who had been over here some time trying to get a chance to sing a song. He said it was not by the author of "Father Is SO Nutty That the Squirrels Follow Him." Ed Rice told some stories and Jean de Paleologus did stunts but nobody asked W. J. Lampton to read some of his dislocated poetry, though there were a few brief remarks by Homer Davenport about—about—what the deuce was it?—— Oh, yes, about improving the breed of Arabian stallions. Everybody was much interested, excepting E. C. Buchignani, Tommy Ybarra, Tom McGill, George McManus, Viafora, John Harrington and sixty-seven others who were not not called on to speak.

ENVY NOTE.

Rennold Wolf was not asked to make any talk. Further than this a pleasant time was had by one and all, and if Peter Dunne went away early he doubtless had his reasons.

*Beer.

Burglar Hunt in Jeweller's House.

Crossed wires set off the burglar alarm at the residence of Thomas Kirkpatrick, the jeweller, at 67 West Forty-seventh street, after dinner last night, and the bells inside the house and out were set jingling. Mr. Kirkpatrick had some guests in the house, and while he ran to the telephone to notify Police Headquarters they began to search the place. Plenty of policemen came and found the crossed wires.

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NOTHING WARLIKE.

Cruiser Albany to Go on a Peaceful Diplomatic Mission.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The cruiser Albany has been ordered by the Navy Department to leave San Francisco on April 20 for Salina Cruz, via San Diego. She will make a two months cruise along the Central American coast on a peaceful diplomatic mission, the exact nature of which the State Department officials decline to discuss.

It was said at the State Department that the Albany will probably be used by W. I. Buchanan, American commissioner, and Enrique C. Creel, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, in going from Salina Cruz to the various capitals of Central America to personally call on the Presidents of the republics for the purpose of thanking them for their support and participation in the recent Central American peace conference held in this city several months ago. Mr. Buchanan is now on his way to Chihuahua, Mexico, where he will meet Señor Creel.

STOLE FOR STARVING FAMILY.

Newark Man's Confession and Story Win a Suspension of Sentence.

Joseph Klenchix, of 79 Adams street, Newark, confessed in the Third precinct police court, that city, yesterday, that he stole a watch valued at $10 from Mrs. Gustava Hicka, of 501 Market street. Klenchix said he took the timepiece last Sunday night, while he was visiting at the Hicka home, in order to buy food for his wife and one-month-old baby. Judge Howell, convinced that the explanation was true, suspended sentence.

Klenchix testified that he has been out of work for more than two months. He said he had sold everything he had to feed his wife and baby and did not have a cent. Seeing the watch while he was in the Hicka house and remembering his wife had not had food for three days he stole it, he said, and sold it for $2 to Frank Kanko, of 37 Oxford street. He paid $1 for rent and with the other dollar bought food. He said he got employment Monday at the Public Service Corporation's gas works. Mrs. Klenchix was in court and corroborated her husband's testimony.

Kanko who purchased the watch from Klenchix wanted to pay the real value of the article to Mrs. Hicka, as he had given it to his sweetheart as a present. He told his girl that he paid $30 to a jeweler for the watch. Mrs. Hicka did not want to part with the watch and Kanko had to ask his girl to give it back to him.

NASSAU HOSPITAL ELECTION.

Supreme Court Justice Scudder Added to the Board of Directors.

MINEOLA, L. I., April 18.—The annual meeting of the Nassau Hospital was held here to-day and the following were elected members of the board of directors: Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Mrs. T. R. Jennings, W. L. Swan, Justice Townsend Scudder, Mrs. Timothy Treadwell, Mrs. Edward Willetts, J. A. Albertson, Percy Brownfield and Hiram R. Smith. Justice Scudder is the only new member.

The executive officers elected were: President, W. L. Swan; first vice-president, William M. Baldwin; second vice-president, Hiram R. Smith; treasurer, Thomas W. Albertson; secretary, James S. Cooley.

It was announced that about one-half of the $70,000 needed for a new addition to the institution had been collected.

TRAIN OF ONE CAR WRECKED.

It Was No. 8 on the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 18.—Train No. 8 on the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad, due in Jersey City at 8 o'clock, was wrecked at the Washington street crossing in this city late this afternoon. The train consists of only a locomotive and one coach on leaving this city, picking up cars on the way. While going twenty-five miles an hour the engine and car left the track and ran on the ties for 100 yards, coming to a stop in a bank of earth. The engine and coach were damaged and about twenty passengers, including a number of women and children, were badly shaken up, but none was seriously injured.

The train narrowly escaped going down an embankment. It is believed boys placed an iron bar in the switch frog.

BIG WRECK OFF VANCOUVER.

Unidentified Steamer Seems to Have Been Broken to Pieces.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 18.—A vessel as yet unidentified has apparently met disaster off the coast of Vancouver Island. A message to that effect was received to-day from the lighthouse keeper on Carmanah Point.

He reports that wreckage in great quantities is coming ashore. Whether any lives are lost is not known

Bill to Increase Pay of Employees in Customs Service.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—A bill increasing and making uniform the salaries of laborers and officials in the customs service was reported favorably to the House to-day by the Committee on Ways and Means. It increases the salaries of deputy collectors, assistant appraisers and examiners to $3,500 a year. The salaries of deputy naval officers and deputy surveyors are increased to $3,000 a year. If this bill is passed all customs inspectors will in the furture receive $5 a day and assistant weighers $4 a day, while laborers throughout the country will be paid at the rate of $850 a year.

Chester Cars Running Under Guard.

CHESTER, Pa., April 18.—The striking motormen and conductors of the Chester Traction Company to-night announced that they would not recede from their position unless the old wage scale was resumed. Cars were run to-day under guard of the State police from 8 o'clock in the morning until an hour after nightfall.

Steamship United States Towed In.

The steamship United States was towed from the anchorage off Clifton yesterday morning to the Bush stores, South Brooklyn, by the tugs W. E. Chapman, Hustler, Excelsior, M. A. Lennox and John A. Gilkinson. She will discharge her cargo there and then dock in Erie Basin for repairs.

Receiver for O'Dell Brokerage Company.

CINCINNATI, April 18.—Application for the appointment of a receiver for the O'Dell Brokerage Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country, was made in the State court here to-day by the company. Thomas J. Cogan was appointed receiver.

PIE FOR THE JACKIES.

"Baking Day" Proposed by San Francisco Women—Plenty of Dance Partners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 18.—"Baking day" is about to be added to the unofficial list of events in the fleet programme. If every woman in San Francisco makes one pie and bakes one cake and turns her culinary offering over to the Jackies, it was figured yesterday, every sailorman on the battleships will have a whole pie to himself every day for a week and the fleet will never want to depart from Pacific waters. It's a great chance for the prize cooks.

The plan was proposed by members of the California Woman's Club yesterday at a meeting in conference with the committee on entertainment of enlisted men to discuss preparations for the Jackies' dance on May 12, and they were intensely in earnest about it.

So far from not having enough young ladies to dance with the sailors, Mrs. Cornwall detailed in her report on progress of the plans for the dance, there is danger that there will be too many. She said that her committee had been overwhelmed with requests from society maids and matrons for invitations to the affair. Twenty-five hundred young women have already been asked to attend the reception and dance to meet the 2,500 sailors who will be present.

BIG RAILWAY STRIKE FEARED.

Men Organizing to Fight Changes by the Companies in Western Canada.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 18.—The silence of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railways with regard to their object in cancelling the existing schedules of the mechanical departments on May 1 has stirred up employees over all the Western lines. If the companies adhere to their determination to cancel the schedule the largest strike in the history of Canada seems inevitable.

It is scarcely three weeks since the notices with regard to the proposed change were posted, but in that time the unions have completed the amalgamation of 3,000 workmen into a body prepared to stand together to oppose any action that threatens to deprive them of rights they at present enjoy.

The committeemen state that beyond bare notice from the railway companies that the schedule would be cancelled on May 1 there have been no statements issued and the employees are totally in the dark. The men generally are of the opinion that the cancellation of the schedule means a decrease in wages or increase of hours.

The railway companies object to the present standards of adjusting the wage schedule and will insist on a graded scale. Advertisements are now appearing in a number of papers for mechanics for Canadian railways.

SCHOOL DORMITORY BURNED.

Boys and Girls of Troy Conference Academy Escape in a Hurry.

POULTNEY, Vt., April 18.—About 150 boys and girls were driven by fire from the five story brick dormitory of the Troy Conference Academy early to-day. All escaped without serious injury, although one boy was hurt by jumping. The loss of the building and furnishings and the music library which was in the dormitory amounts to about $80,000.

The fire started in the kitchen, beneath the girls' wing of the building, between 5 and 6 o'clock. The steward discovered it and the building was emptied of students in five minutes.

The structure was a very old one. The school is maintained by the Methodist Episcopal Church and is well known among Methodists in New England and eastern New York.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN.

Slow Freight Hits Obstacles Meant for New York-Chicago Flyer.

WARSAW, Ind., April 18.—An attempt was made to-day to wreck the westbound New York-Chicago flyer on the Pennsylvania Railroad in West Warsaw. Two 100 pound angle bars were thrown across the track about the time the flyer was due. The obstructions were hit by a slow moving freight train about to take a siding while the flyer passed.

It is believed that Italians employed as section men and recently discharged placed the bars on the track. A fog at the time made it practically certain that the flyer would be wrecked.

New England Cloth Mills in Trouble.

UXBRIDGE, Mass., April 18.—The Carcot Company, manufacturers of worsted cloth, closed its plant to-day for an indefinite period and will liquidate with its creditors. Its difficulties were precipitated by the embarrassment of the Excelsior Mills Corporation of Farnumsville. The mill employs 200 hands when working to its full capacity.

LUDLOW, Vt., April 18.—The Vermont Woollen Mill, one of the oldest woollen manufacturing establishments in the country, has been placed in the hands of Frank A. Walker as receiver on the petition of creditors. The plant has been closed for several months.

$1,000,000 to Participate in Japanese Exposition.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The United States will participate in the Japanese exposition to be held in Tokio in 1912 if Congress enacts inte a law a bill reported to the House to-day by the Committee on Industrial Arts and Expositions. The measure carries an appropriation of $500,000 to defray the cost of sending an American exhibit to Tokio, with a recommendation that $500,000 additional be made available for the purpose later.

Chicago Elevated Earnings.

CHICAGO, April 18.—According to estimates compiled from traffic figures earnings of the South Side Elevated for the first quarter of the fiscal year ended March 31 last were sufficient to meet fixed charges on the full issue of $8,000,000 first mortgage bonds and pay rentals and a dividend of three-fourths of 1 per cent. for the three months period. The compilation indicates that a small surplus was earned after meeting all these requirements.

Steamship North Star Hit a Car Float.

The steamship North Star of the Portland Line was in collision in Hell Gate at 2:45 o'clock yesterday morning with a float loaded with cars. The float knocked a hole in her starboard side. There were sixty passengers on the North Star and several of these were on the deck at the time. The steamer proceeded to her pier and early yesterday morning was towed to Tietjen & Lang's dock at Hoboken for repairs.

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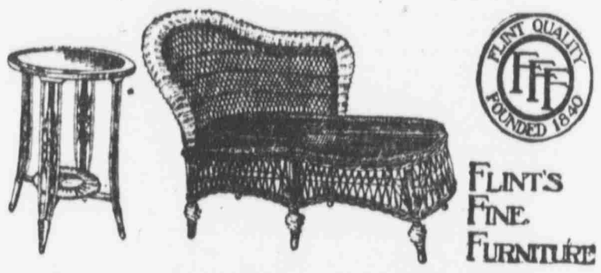

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THINKS TOMSON WAS MURDERED.

Fiancee of the Woodbury (N. J.) Pastor Asks for a Full Investigation.

WOODBURY, N. J., April 18.—Mrs. Fannie Kenworthy, fiancée of the Rev. George Tomson, who was found dead from a bullet wound in the hotel here, believes that he did not commit suicide but was murdered. Mrs. Kenworthy, in whose house the funeral services of the clergyman are to take place, said to-day:

"I want to see the fullest investigation possible. I am not satisfied."

This statement was made after the widow, the announcement of whose approaching marriage was generally believed to have been the indirect cause of Tomson's suicide, had been apprised of some of the peculiar features of the case.

All through the afternoon Prosecutor Rogers, who was approached by several persons and urged to make an investigation, persisted in denying the possibility of murder. He even went so far as to draw a diagram showing how, in his opinion, Tomson killed himself. But when Mrs. Kenworthy's statement was shown to him tonight the Prosecutor reconsidered his determination not to reopen the case.

"The fullest possible investigation will be made by this department if, in the opinion of any considerable number of citizens, Mr. Tomson met his end by foul play. I want you to make it plain that we will do all we can to clear the case up. At the same time I personally consider that the case is a suicide."

Asked if he would take up the case again on the complaint of Mrs. Kenworthy alone the Prosecutor said that he would.

Miss Helen Moore, the woman whose sensational remarks concerning the Rev. Mr. Tomson caused a scandal in Woodbury a week ago, and who disappeared after his death, spent about an hour in this city to-day. She is believed to have visited Mrs. Kenworthy. She was heavily veiled, but was recognized by a telegraph operator as she boarded the 4:55 train for Philadelphia again.

It surprised the people of Woodbury when Mrs. Kenworthy announced this morning that the funeral services would be held at her house. They will take place at 8:45 o'clock on Monday morning and probably will be in charge of the Rev. William H. Fishburn, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Camden, who had been a warm personal friend of the dead man for many years, and the Rev. Edward Dillon, who occupied Mr. Tomson's pulpit in the local Presbyterian Church before he came to this town.

Two Taft Delegates in West Virginia.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 18.—At the First Congress district convention to-day at Fairmont, John T. Hoffman, a millionaire tanner of this city, and J. T. Kohen were elected delegates to the national Republican convention. The delegates were unanimously instructed to vote for Taft.

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Snake Hill Convicts Won't Wear Their Stripes to Chapel To-day.

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The long term male prisoners will wear sack suits of blue and a check shirt with a rolling collar and tie. The short termers will have a brown collar to distinguish them from the others. The female prisoners will wear a dress with narrow stripes finished off with collars and cuffs. Col. Grimes, the warden, says they will look like a bunch of trained nurses.

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