DIX TO PICK FOR HIMSELF

IF DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CAN'T OFFER HIM GOOD MEN.

Will Tackle His Message on Trains While Journeying to Canada and Back and Will Finish Its Slate at Albany Next Week. Four Dinners To-night.

No new appointments were made yesterday by Governor-elect Dix, and as he said himself yesterday, the outlook is that he will not fill any more places until the end of the month. He came down to this city at the beginning of the week for the purpose of getting suggestions from the local and State leaders which would help him. Shoals of names have been given to him by the political leaders who are pressing their claims for a share of the patronage, but the lists have not been too helpful. He repeated yesterday that it is his purpose to run the affairs of the State as he would expect a business man to run his private concern, and that if the Democratic leaders of the State cannot assist him in selecting men who measure up to the standard he will feel himself at liberty to make appointments without regard to their lists.

Describing again yesterday the difficulty he was having to persuade the class of men he would like to get around him in Albany Mr. Dix said that one of his callers was William B. Hoyt of Buffalo. When Mr. Dix was asked after Mr. Hoyt had gone if there was any possibility that Mr. Hoyt would become his legal adviser the Governor-elect said: "No, and it is another of the many disappointments I have had. I would like to have Mr. Hoyt with me, but I suppose that he is justified in thinking that he ought not to give up his law practice."

Mr. Dix has four dinner engagements for to-night. It was his intention to leave for Albany on the midnight train, but he will not get away until early to-morrow morning. After a few hours in Albany he will go to Canada on a business trip, and he will be back in Albany on Thursday. While he is on the trains he will with the assistance of a stenographer prepare his message to the Legislature, and when he gets back to Albany he will proceed with the making up of his slate.

Charles F. Murphy had talks with many Democratic Senators and Assemblymen-elect yesterday, including Assemblyman Daniel D. Frisbie of Schoharie, who is to be Speaker of the Assembly. Up to the present time no selections have been made for chairmen of the important committees like Ways and Means, Judiciary and Affairs of Cities. While many Democratic Assemblymen believe that Alfred E. Smith of the Second New York county district is to be floor leader Assemblyman James A. Foley of the Twelfth is making a very active campaign for the place.

It is reported that William J. Conners greatly desires to have his secretary, John T. Maher of Albany, made Clerk of the Senate, to be credited to Erie county, but that County Chairman William H. Fitzpatrick of Erie on the other hand is looking for the appointment of Peter Zender of Buffalo to be assistant clerk. If any Democrat is selected for Assistant Clerk Ernest A. Fay, now Assistant Clerk, who it is generally believed will be retained, will be kept in some place on the staff. Former Senator Samuel Foley of New York county is a candidate for Clerk, but from present appearances the place will go to an up-State newspaper man, perhaps from Albany. One or two men on the Albany papers have been considered for the place. Mr. Conners's secretary, though, is to be well taken care of.

Senator Thomas J. McManus of the Fifteenth district has been advanced by his friends for chairman of the Senate Railroads Committee, the place now occupied by Senator Cobb, but objection has been made. The Senate Railroads Committee, however, is not considered very important in these days of Public Service Commissions. Senators-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, Frank M. Loomis, George E. Burd, Loren H. White and John Godfrey Saxe are to have good places on committees, but where Senator-elect James F. Duhamel of the Eighth district, Kings, who is an independence leaguer, is to come in none of the Democrats seemed to know yesterday. Mr. Duhamel will not go into the Democratic caucus to elect a President pro tem. and to ratify the appointments in the Senate clerk's office. There are reports that Mr. Duhamel had hoped to make a working arrangement with Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Burd, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Saxe and Mr. White, but up to this time without result.

There is rivalry between Senator Ramsperger of Buffalo, who has been a Senator for eleven years, and Senator Frawley of New York, who has been a Senator for seven years, for the chairmanship of the Finance Committee. Mr. Ramsperger has been the ranking Democratic minority Senator on the committee. Senator Wagner, the ranking minority Senator on the Committee on Judiciary, will be chairman of that committee. Should Senator Frawley fail to be made chairman of the Finance Committee he will, it is said, come in for chairman of the Cities Committee, although Senator Cullen of Brooklyn has many advocates. But it is believed that Senator Frawley is in the van. Senator Stilwell and Senator Bayne are being considered for chairman of the Senate Codes Committee.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Last Meeting Here To-day to Audit Claims. Brackett Probably to Lead Minority.

The last meeting of the Finance Committee of the Republican State Senate will be held to-day at the Murray Hill Hotel to audit various claims including the Senate expenditures for the funeral of John Raines of Canandaigua. The chairman of the committee is Senator Henry Wayland Hill of Buffalo, who was defeated on election day by Frank M. Loomis. Senator George H. Cobb of Watertown is also a member of the committee. Senator Cobb was reelected. He said yesterday that he did not expect to be the minority leader of the Senate and was inclined to think that the post would go to either Senator Brackett of Saratoga Springs or Senator Newcomb of New York. Other information was to the effect that Senator Brackett is to be the man. There are nineteen up-State Republican Senators: J. Mayhew Wainwright of Rye, John B. Rose of Roseton, Henry M. Sage of Menands, Victor M. Allen of Petersburg, Senator Brackett, Seth H. Heacock of Ilion, James A. Emerson of Warrensburg, Herbert P. Coats of Saranac Lake, Senator Cobb, Ralph W. Thomas of Hamilton, Senator Hinman, Charles J. Hewitt of Locke, Frederick W. Griffith of Palmyra, Frank C. Platt of Painted Post, Thomas H. Bussey of Perry, George P. Argetsinger of Rochester, William L. Ormrod of Churchville and Charles M. Hamilton of Ripley. From this city there are only two, Senator Newcomb and Eugene M. Travis, the latter of Kings.

The up-State Senators have heard that there is to be a clean sweep in the Senate clerk's office except for Ernest A. Fay of Potsdam, assistant clerk, and Addison B. Parker of Watertown, index clerk, and Democrats who have discussed the matter with Charles F. Murphy say that the Republican Senators are pretty nearly correct in their information. Mr. Fay and Mr. Parker are to be retained for the reason that it will be necessary to prevent kinks at the start. The Democrats haven't had a Senate for seventeen years.

One of the reasons why Senator Cobb, leader of the majority last winter, is not to be retained as minority leader is because Senator Cobb called a caucus of Republican Senators last spring to consider the direct nominations measure bearing his name. This caucus was attended by seventeen Senators, fourteen of whom were opposed to the measure, but who as Republicans could not be absent from a caucus called by their leader.

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ECONOMY IN THE HOUSE.

It Votes to Discharge Bathroom Attendants and Sell Tubs and Plumbing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. The House of Representatives had a violent attack of economy this afternoon and voted to discharge four bathroom attendants and to sell its marble tubs and nickeled plumbing in the Capitol to the highest bidder.

This parsimonious streak developed to-day disgusted many members of the House, both Republicans and Democrats. Uncle Lon Livingston of Georgia, who was defeated in the fall primaries because he was too much of a stand patter for a Democrat, listened to the bath tub debate with growing indignation and finally climbed to his feet, caught the Speaker's eye and remarked:

"If we are going to be economical let us go the limit. We can get but a small price for second hand plumbing. Let us rent the bathroom out."

In addition to firing the bathroom attendants and rubbers the House demonstrated that its economy was consistent, for the day at least, by providing for the discharge of three clerks who draw $1,600 each and who for unnumbered years have been working on what the optimistic hope eventually will be a digest of claims.

The joke of this particular bit of economy is that these three digesters are all Republicans bound to lose their jobs in the next Congress, and that five faithful Democrats have been in Washington for the last two weeks as candidates for the positions. The Democrats left for home to-night very blue.

The House jumped all over a proposition to increase the salaries of secretaries to members to $2,000 a year, so as to put them on a level with the Senate grade. After this had been voted down propositions to increase the salaries of the secretaries to $1,800 and then to $1,650 were treated in a similar manner. The salaries were left at $1,500.

The House likewise refused a recommendation of the Appropriations Committee that the Civil Service Commission be allowed additional special examiners.

The legislative bill was not completed and its consideration will be resumed to-morrow.

SENATOR GORE'S DENIAL.

Says He Never Asked Jake Hammond for a Loan of $5,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the presence of the House committee inquiring into the bribery charges bearing on lawyers' contracts with the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, Senator Gore of that State denied in the most emphatic manner to-day that he had ever attempted to effect "a loan" in connection with what is known as the Rowell amendment.

Senator Gore appeared before the committee to rebut testimony of Jake Hammond, given at Muskogee last summer that soon after the adoption of the Rowell amendment Mr. Gore had told him that he was in need of funds. Mr. Hammond testified that Mr. Gore had told him that he must have $5,000 to meet a note, and that the Senator suggested that Hammond get it from the Rowells. This conversation took place, according to Hammond, soon after the adoption of the amendment under the terms of which J. F. Rowell was to receive title to a valuable townsite near Lawton, Okla.

Senator Gore admitted to-day that he had conversations with Hammond about his financial condition, and that he had mentioned that he was in need of $5,000 to meet an obligation. But he denied that he had asked Hammond for a loan or that he had suggested that the money might be obtained from the Rowells.

Charles E. Rowell, Mayor of Stamford, Conn., and father of J. F. Rowell, appeared before the committee to-day. He testified that he came to Washington last June, just about the time the Rowell amendment was up for consideration in the Senate. He met Jake Hammond. Hammond made suggestions about raising the sum of $5,000, intimating that if the amount was not forthcoming there might be some trouble about his son's allotment. Mayor Rowell testified that he refused to consider the matter, taking the position that it smacked of bribery.

LORIMER BRIBERY INQUEST.

Sub-Committee Which Vindicated the Senator Will Report To-day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will to-morrow receive the report of the sub-committee of seven that investigated the charges of bribery and corruption in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer of Illinois. The sub-committee, which has been investigating the charges since the adjournment of Congress last summer, is unanimous in the opinion that the case against the junior Senator from Illinois has not been established.

While the committee is agreed that the charges have not been maintained, there may be a minority report. Senator Frazier of Tennessee, according to report around the Capitol to-day, will submit a minority report. He will take the position that the testimony of those members of the Illinois Legislature who swore that bribe money was passed cannot be entirely ignored.

The full committee may not act on the report of the sub-committee at the meeting to-morrow. The evidence taken at the hearings this summer is voluminous and has not been read by all the members of the committee. There was a report to-night that at least one member of the Privileges and Elections Committee will vote against the adoption of the report of the sub-committee vindicating Senator Lorimer.

Anderson Counsellor of State Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. Chandler P. Anderson of New York has been appointed counsellor of the State Department, to succeed the late Henry M. Hoyt, who died several weeks ago. For several years Mr. Anderson has acted as special counsel of the State Department on British and Canadian questions. He was the agent of the United States in the Newfoundland arbitration case at the Hague last summer.

Foelker for Export Tax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. Representative Foelker of New York to-day introduced a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution repealing that section that prohibits the imposition of an export tax.

A REPLY FROM MR. BENSEL

CRITICISED WATER TUNNEL CONTRACT WAS ORDINARY.

Same Form Exactly as 40 Others Approved in the Past. Board Understood This One Would Be Approved. Withdrew Advertisement When It Was Not.

President Bensel of the Board of Water Supply issued yesterday a reply to criticisms of the action of the board in advertising for bids for the building of the new high pressure tunnel without first obtaining the approval of the Corporation Counsel to the form of a contract. Mr. Bensel said that the plan was one that had been approved by two Mayors and two Boards of Estimate. There had been several interviews between the members of the board and the Corporation Counsel and it was the understanding of the board that the form of contract and the specifications would have the approval of the Corporation Counsel. Mr. Bensel's statement continued:

However, finding that there still was a delay in the actual execution of the approval by the Corporation Counsel, the board, although it had ordered the advertisement under the understanding that the approval would be sent down, discontinued such advertisement as soon as it became apparent that such official approval would not be secured immediately.

It has been felt by the Board of Water Supply that this plan which has been in preparation for a number of years and which has had so much publicity having been approved and that having taken the precaution of a month ago notifying the contractors of the probable early advertising of the contract by notifying them in the issues of the engineering papers and the *City Record* it was incumbent upon the board to exercise all possible despatch in the final letting of the contracts, which would make possible the delivery of the water to the city from the Hill View distributing reservoir.

In so far as the contracts and specifications are concerned the form of the contract in question is exactly the same as all other forms of contract, about forty in number, which have been in use by the Board of Water Supply for the past five years and which have been approved by various Corporation Counsels, has worked satisfactorily in execution, and therefore it seems proper that the form of contract under which nearly 40 per cent. of the work on three reservoirs and ninety-two miles of aqueduct to the city line have been successfully carried on was the approved form of contract for like work within the city limits and was a form of contract which actually met the approval of the Corporation Counsel. We therefore think it was not proper to calculate that any disapproval of the form would not occur. Further than this, in so far as the specifications themselves are concerned, they call for the work to be bid upon in exactly the same form, namely, by itemized quantities, estimated with an accuracy as nearly as possible, as has been the case in all of the tunnel and other works.

GEORGE BOLDT DINES MR. DIX.

Affair at Waldorf Apartments Attended by Cornell Trustees.

George C. Boldt gave a dinner to more than a hundred friends in honor of Governor-elect John A. Dix in the Waldorf apartments last night. It was a private entertainment and was in the way of making a lot of business and professional men acquainted with Mr. Dix, who has been a personal friend of Mr. Boldt's for years. A string orchestra played during dinner.

The trustees of Cornell, headed by President Schurman, were guests of Mr. Boldt at the dinner. Gov.-elect Dix will soon become ex-officio a trustee of the university.

Besides the Governor-elect and Mrs. Dix there were among those present Andrew D. White and Mrs. White, President Schurman of Cornell and Mrs. Schurman, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Boldt, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Graham Miles, Judge and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary, President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, Gen. and Mrs. Stewart L. Woodford, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Biddle, Emerson McMillin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Schwab, Gen. and Mrs. Charles A. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Low, Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Place, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Brown, Comptroller and Mrs. W. A. Prendergast, Borough President McAneny, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Truesdale, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Underwood, Mrs. Garret Hobart, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Peters, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Blanchard and J. G. Schmidlapp.

BODY IN BLAZING COFFIN.

Firemen Come in Time to Carry It to the Street.

As William Thompson of 1090 Hackensack Plank road, North Bergen, was holding a lighted lamp over a casket containing the body of his twenty-three-year-old daughter Belle in the parlor of his home late on Thursday night the flame ignited a canopy of lace. Mr. Thompson dropped the lamp in his agitation and the oil caught fire as it ran along the carpet.

In a moment brands dropped from the canopy and the dead girl's dress and the lining of the casket started to burn. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson tried unsuccessfully to extinguish the flames, badly scorching their hands, and then attempted to take the casket out of the room. They were unable to lift it owing to the flames. In the meantime several mourners who had fled terror stricken from the parlor sent in an alarm. Volunteer firemen succeeded in carrying the casket to the street, and then turned their attention to the blazing room. The furnishings were badly burned. William Thompson, the ninety-five-year-old grandfather of the dead woman, was missed during the excitement and the firemen later found him in the house almost prostrated by fright and grief.

The body was placed in another coffin. The funeral will take place from the house this afternoon. Miss Thompson died of tuberculosis last Tuesday afternoon.

MORE STOOP LINE FOR STOVER.

There Are Parks Where You Wouldn't Think of It Unless You Happened To.

Park Commissioner Stover was notified yesterday that counsel for Browning, King & Co. would apply at special term of the Supreme Court next Friday for a mandamus to compel the Park Board to proceed forthwith with the removal of encumbrances on the building at Broadway, Thirty-second street and Sixth avenue, occupied by Weber & David. The projections over the sidewalk from the ground floor have been there for several years. The Riverside Drive case promises to breed more work for the Park Commissioner. He is considering a general policy in regard to the removal of bay windows, street awnings and projections from the ground floor upon streets that come under his jurisdiction.

Dentist Dies of Exposure.

William F. Herman, a dentist, 54 years old, who had a furnished room at 310 Palmetto street, Williamsburg, died early yesterday morning of exposure in the doorway of a dwelling at 1410 Gates avenue. His identity was made out through a letter found on his person from his daughter, who lives in St. Louis.

Three Killed in Freight Wreck.

WHITEHALL, Dec. 16.—A freight train collision at Castleton, Vt., to-night killed Edward Skeels and Louis Fountain of Whitehall and John Hogan of Crandall's Corner, N. Y. The Rutland local freight ran into the caboose of the Whitehall Green Island freight.

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Attorney-General Says Application Must Be Made to Insurance Superintendent.

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—Attorney-General O'Malley to-day notified Milton G. Bucky, the New York attorney who sent him papers this week asking him to begin an action against the Knights of Pythias to cancel their authority to conduct a life insurance business in this State, that his application should be made through the State Superintendent of Insurance, who has authority under the law to supervise the insurance branch of this big fraternal order.

Because the rate to members had been increased materially in order to make good a deficiency caused by inadequate rates which had been assessed for many years there has been complaint from many old members to whom the heavy assessment had been burdensome. Attorney Bucky in his communication to the Attorney-General said that he represented certain such members who joined in a plea for the appointment of a receiver of all the assets and property of the order in this State, alleging that the condition of the order's treasury indicated that it was bordering on insolvency.

The Attorney-General quotes in his letter to Mr. Bucky the provision of law exempting the Knights of Pythias as a fraternal order from the jurisdiction of the State Insurance Department, but specifically including under the State department the endowment branch of such organization, which covers the two insurance classes, the fourth and fifth.

FLYING ACROSS THE ISTHMUS.

Engineer Sails for Panama to Survey Route Harmon Proposes to Take.

Lewis J. Haney, an engineer designated by the Aeronautical Reserve, sailed yesterday on the steamship Prinz August Wilhelm for the Isthmus of Panama to make a survey of the route over which Clifford B. Harmon proposes to fly from the deck of the steamship Moltke to the Pacific shore. Mr. Harmon has planned to make the flight in March and will depend entirely upon Mr. Haney's survey of the course.

The isthmus at this point is said to be a little less than fifty miles in width, and it will probably be necessary for Harmon to rise to a height of 2,000 feet to clear the level of the Andes. There are but few places along the canal available for landing, and these zones of safety must be selected and mapped. To mark off the course box kites will be flown at five mile intervals large enough and high enough to make the route clear. The Government will be asked to place at Mr. Harmon's disposal its heliograph stations. Mr. Haney believes that Mr. Harmon's route will parallel the canal.

Mr. Harmon proposes to rise from a platform in the side of the ship instead of at the stern, which will enable him to run from 100 to 150 feet before rising in the air.

In addition to the starting platform the steamship will carry a novel landing device which will make it possible for Mr. Harmon to return to the ship after his flight and alight with safety. This device consists of a strong net, with meshes two feet square held above the rear deck on stanchions. The forward posts will rise several feet into the rigging, while side wings will be in place to prevent the aeroplane slipping of the sides. In landing the ship will sail ahead at a ten mile an hour speed and the aeroplane will overtake it and drop into the net.

It was announced yesterday that the Aeronautical Reserve, of which Mr. Harmon is one of the organizers, has offered a prize of $1,000 or its value in plate for the first member who succeeds in flying from the deck of a ship a mile or more at sea.

AUDEMARS COMES BACK.

To Join Moisant's International Troupe of Fliers Doing Stunts in the South.

Edmond Audemars, the French aviator who took part in the Belmont Park meet, was a passenger on the steamship Teutonic, which docked yesterday. Audemars, who drives a Demoiselle monoplane, returns to this country to join the international troupe of fliers organized by Alfred Moisant, who is conducting exhibitions in the South. Moisant was in New York yesterday and says his meets so far have been a success. He says he has bookings for Mississippi, Texas, New Orleans and Havana, Cuba.

Dies Suddenly in Sanitarium.

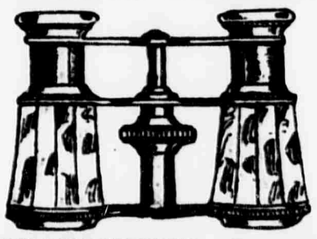
Frank V. French of 314 West Forty-third street, died suddenly last night in a sanitarium at 465 Lexington avenue. He had gone to the sanitarium early in the afternoon. At 7 o'clock he was found to be breathing heavily and Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon, who is visiting physician to the sanitarium, was called in. When he got there French was dead. Dr. O'Hanlon said death had been caused by alcoholic poisoning of the brain. French had letters which showed he recently had been in Boston and may have lived there.

Acquitted of Murdering a Woman.

Hyman Benjamin, tried in the General Sessions on the charge of murder in the first degree for the killing of Rachel Rooten, was acquitted last night after the jury had been out five hours. Rachel Rooten was killed at Grand and Forsyth streets on May 30 last by a bullet intended for Jacob Sigel. It was alleged that Benjamin fired at Sigel.

Court of Appeals Adjourns Over the Holidays.

ALBANY, Dec. 16. The Court of Appeals to-day adjourned over the holidays. The next session of the court will be held on Tuesday, January 3.



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Move to Secure Randolph Bedle's Release From Crazy House.

Alexander Simpson, a Jersey City lawyer, said yesterday that he expects to make application to a Vice-Chancellor some time to-day for a writ of habeas corpus directing Dr. Britton D. Evans, superintendent of the State Asylum for the Insane at Morris Plains, to produce Randolph Bedle, the youngest son of the late Joseph D. Bedle, once Governor of New Jersey, in court, in order that it may be determined whether or not the young man is insane. Bedle, who has been an inmate of the asylum for fourteen months, has signed the application for the writ and vehemently protests that he is not crazy.

Bedle is a lawyer. He was committed to the asylum by County Judge John A. Blair of Jersey City on October 6, 1909, after an examination by Dr. J. C. Parsons and Dr. J. J. Bowyer, both of that city, who certified that he was suffering from hallucinations and was in a highly nervous state. The young man's condition was brought about by an excessive use of stimulants, and the decision to send him to the institution was at the insistence of his mother, Mrs. Althea Bedle, and his brother, former District Court Judge Joseph D. Bedle of Jersey City. Mrs. Bedle and her daughter, Mrs. Adolph Kiss, of New York city, have paid for his board and care at the asylum.

Both ex-Judge Bedle and his mother said yesterday that they would not resist the move to secure the young man's release. Mrs. Bedle said she had believed at the time that her son was mentally unsound, and that confinement was necessary to save him. She had hoped that he would be well enough to leave the institution before Christmas, and only a few days ago, she said, she received a letter from Dr. Evans saying that he might be discharged at an early date.

Randolph Bedle escaped from the asylum last May and turned up later at his mother's apartment in the Hotel Walton. Yesterday Mrs. Bedle told him that he would have to return for his own good, and he went back alone.

The young man long ago lost his desire for strong drink, and has since fretted over his confinement in an asylum for the insane, informing his friends that constant association with cranks is enough to drive any level headed man out of his senses. He insists that he is just as sane as any normal man, and he is very anxious to secure his liberty.

CHINESE LOADED IN CAR AS HAY.

Bales Piled in Front of Door Left Room for Fifty Men.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16. The newest plan for smuggling Chinamen from Mexico into the United States was exposed here to-day. A carload of hay at the freight house at Ysleta, this county, attracted the agent's attention because the car appeared to have been filled very quickly. Immigration officials, when informed, watched the car, and at 4 o'clock this morning discovered men on top of it, who had come out of the brush from the direction of Mexico. Soon the men disappeared.

The officers arrested Oliver M. Elliott and Red Burges, two former railroad men. Upon opening the trap door on top of the car they found that a bale of hay that was apparently the top of the load was suspended from wires under the trap door and that by swinging it back they could get in.

Dropping down they found sixteen Chinamen secreted in the car with provisions enough to last a month. The bales of hay had merely been piled before the doors and the interior was roomy enough to accommodate fifty men. From the outside, when the doors were opened, it appeared to be an innocent loaded hay car. It was billed for Shreveport, La.

New York Central Linemen Want More Pay.

Demands for a new wage scale for the linemen on the electrical division of the New York Central railroad were decided on yesterday, to be presented next week and enforced by a strike if they are refused. These linemen are now getting 32 cents an hour and will demand $3.50 a day for nine hours.

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Memorial Hospital for Lakewood.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 16.—Preparations are being made by a committee of about twenty-five cottagers for the erection of a hospital as a memorial to the late Dr. Paul T. Kimball, who died last month. He was the physician who attended the family of George J. Gould and accompanied them on their yachting trips abroad. Among those who are on the committee are Mr. Gould, A. B. Claflin, S. K. De Forest, Jasper Lynch, A. D. Davis, Dr. George Fales Baker and Elbert F. Baldwin.

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