"ECONOMY" CAUCUS AGAINST BIG NAVY

Two Battleship Advocates See Plan to Block Project in New Move.

MAY FORCE PARTY STAND

Representatives Responsible for Call Authors of Bills Expending $80,000,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Representative Burnett of Alabama, who will report soon a $30,000,000 public building bill, and Representative Sherwood of Ohio, author of the bill passed last session that added approximately $50,000,000 a year to the pension budget, are responsible for a notice issued to-day asking the Democratic members of the House to meet in an "economy caucus."

Messrs. Burnett and Sherwood argue without a smile that appropriations are amounting up to enormous figures and that it is time to call a halt. They are preaching economy at this time with a view to defeating, if possible, the incorporation of an amendment in the naval bill authorizing the construction of two battleships. Despite the efforts of the Democratic leaders to keep the navy out of politics, the battleship programme is again to be subjected to the test of a party caucus.

While the movement set in motion by Messrs Burnett and Sherwood may upset the plans of the Naval Committee to provide for two battleships, the humor of the situation is not lost on the House membership. At the last session of Congress Mr Burnett, who throws his hat in the air every time he thinks of a new public building, raised a cry against any addition to the battleship fleet. He insisted that what the country needed was public buildings and expressed alarm over the extravagant notions of those who wanted to build up the navy.

Mr. Burnett rallied others to his position, a caucus was held, and much to the chagrin of the leaders, the party was put on record in opposition to battleships. Public sentiment forced the House Democrats to recede from this position, and the naval bill as it passed the House provided for one battleship. The leaders announced at the time that never again would they permit the navy to be made the football of politics in a caucus. They expressed alarm to-day when they learned that Messrs. Burnett and Sherwood, nicknamed the "economy twins," had circulated a petition for a caucus that would be used for the purpose, if possible, of knocking out battleships.

Mr. Burnett is acting chairman of the Public Building Committee, and is preparing an omnibus public building bill that is loaded with such scientific precision that even the leaders admit it would take a civil war or complications with a first class European power to prevent its passage.

On the other hand, Representative Sherwood is said to be convinced that the laws heretofore passed granting pensions have failed signally to recognize all of those whom he believes to be entitled to recognition. In fact, both Burnett and Sherwood seem to feel that there is likely to be more money for public buildings and pensions if the navy is slighted.

Despite the activities of the "small naw" members led by Mr. Burnett and Mr. Sherwood, the House Naval Committee is going ahead with its work. The battleship programme will come up for a vote in committee on Friday. Present indications are that the committee will vote in favor of two dreadnoughts, if in the meantime the Democratic caucus does not pass a resolution to a contrary effect.

The date of the "economy caucus" has not been fixed, but it will doubtless be held some time this week. Sentiment for an authorization for two battleships has been growing in committee and in the House generally for many weeks. This accounts for the renewed activity of Messrs. Burnett and Sherwood.

It is frankly admitted by members of the Naval Committee that the "economy twins" may be able to defeat the two battleship programme. One battleship is assured whatever happens, but disappointment is expressed that another controversy over navy extension should have been precipitated at a time when it seemed certain that Congress was disposed to readopt the long standing policy of two battleships a year.

It was learned to-day that Mr. Sherwood has been in correspondence with William J. Bryan on the subject of the plank in the Baltimore platform that declared for economy in public expenditures. Mr. Bryan is said to have encouraged Mr. Sherwood to go ahead with his economy plans. So far as can be learned, however, Mr. Bryan wrote Mr. Sherwood only in general terms, taking care not to express himself specifically on battleships or any other question of expenditure. The Baltimore platform also declares for an adequate navy.

The United States navy already has dropped considerably in its relative rank with other Powers as the result of the action of the Democrats at the last session in voting only one battleship, and if this new attack by the small navy men succeeds the prestige of the American navy will receive a further blow.

MILLIONS HINGE ON TEST CASE.

Result Will Determine Outcome of Many Suits in Cotton Trade.

The trial of the suit of H. L. Hannay & Co., cotton merchants of Liverpool, England, against the Guaranty Trust Company was begun yesterday before Judge Holt and a jury in the United States District Court.

The suit is to recover $7,320, the amount of a draft made by Knight, Yancey & Co. of Decatur, Ala., accompanied by a forged bill of lading for 100 bales of cotton which, according to the bill of lading, were shipped to the Liverpool concern. The draft was discounted by the Guaranty Trust Company and forwarded to the Bank of England which subtracted the amount from the account of A. L. Hannay & Co. The latter contends that the Guaranty Trust Company should stand the loss.

The issue of this suit will determine the result of a series of suits involving about $4,500,000.

The trial will go on this morning at 11 o'clock.

Liner Laurentic Back From Canal.

The White Star liner Laurentic, coming back from her first cruise to the Canal Zone and the West Indies, reported herself at noon yesterday 278 miles east of Sandy Hook. The Laurentic will sail on her Easter cruise lasting twenty-seven days, to the Canal and the Indies on March 12.

U. P. DISSOLUTION PROGRESSING.

Plan Now Is to Buy Central Pacific by Sale of S. P. Stock.

The dissolution plan for the Union and the Southern Pacific railroad systems is approaching definite shape, so that some official announcement is expected shortly, possibly to-morrow.

The executive committee of the Union Pacific met yesterday in discussion of the latest form of the dissolution plan, which provides for the purchase of the Central Pacific by the Union Pacific with cash raised from the sale of its Southern Pacific stock holdings to the stockholders of both the Union and the Southern Pacific companies at par.

It is understood that special meetings of the two boards will be held this week to approve of such a plan, which, it is believed, has been approved by the Attorney-General.

An underwriting syndicate is to be formed, according to the present plan, which is to handle the sale of the $126,650,000 stock of the Southren Pacific. The price mentioned at which it will get the stock is 97, to be offered to the stockholders at par. The personnel of this syndicate, it is understood, will be scrutinized by the Attorney-General in line with the mandate of the Supreme Court that no interests directly or indirectly connected with the Union Pacific control should participate in further stock ownership domination.

The figure talked of as that at which Union would purchase Central is between $100,000,000 and $105,000,000, leaving approximately $26,000,000 cash in the treasury of Union Pacific if all its Southern stock is sold at par. The amount of the stock that will be offered to Union Pacific stockholders, it is believed, will be somewhat over half, the Southern Pacific stockholders to get the smaller part.

Some apprehension as to the ability of the public to take such a large amount of Southern Pacific stock was reflected in the weakness of that issue on the exchange.

GROEHL TALKS WITH KELIHER IN PRISON

Hears Story of Protection for House Where Coleman Was Fleeced.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Assistant District Attorney F. J. Groehl of New York who came here especially for the purpose, talked for an hour and a half with William J. Keliher in the State prison. With Mr. Groehl and taking part in the interview were ex-Gov. John L. Bates, receiver for the National City Bank of Cambridge, from which Keliher got much of the loot taken by George W. Coleman, the bookkeeper, now serving a sentence at Greenfield, and Frank Hay, Mr. Bates's law partner.

The appearance of Mr. Groehl was due to that part of Keliher's confession in which he said that Martin Walsh bribed a New York ex-police lieutenant to protect the gambling and bunco places where Keliher and Walsh fleeced many wealthy men from Boston and other cities.

The visitors went to the prison after Mr. Groehl had been to District Attorney Pelletier's office and had a talk with him. They talked with Keliher in the prison clerk's office. When they came out Mr. Groehl said that it had been agreed among them that none should talk. He said it would be discourteous to District Attorney Whitman for him to tell what Keliher said.

Mr. Groehl was interested solely in what the prisoner had to say as to protection enjoyed by him and Walsh from the New York police at the time Coleman and others were swindled at faro in the house in West Seventy-second street. Keliher repeated to the New York official his story of the payment of $250 a "skilling" to a police lieutenant whose name he gave. He also mentioned the names of several other policemen in New York who, he said, were paid for permitting the game.

Keliher was anxious to talk and told Mr. Groehl that he would be glad to repeat his statements under oath. Mr. Groehl said that he could not say until he had consulted District Attorney Whitman whether or not the story told by Keliher promised to prove of any value in New York.

$1,000 WAS STAGE MONEY.

West Virginia Legislator Says He Wasn't Bribed by Senators.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections held an executive session for two hours to-day to consider a memorial submitted at the last session by Gov. Glasscock and several members of the West Virginia Legislature charging corruption in the election of United States Senators Chilton and Watson.

The two Senators were before the committee. They told their colleagues that the charges were trumped up by political enemies and in refutation of the most important charge, that Delegate L. J. Shock had boasted that he received $1,000 to vote for the two Senators, a letter was submitted from Shock in which he made a sweeping denial. Shock wrote on January 8 last from Burnsville, W. Va., to Senator Watson and offered this explanation:

"I have let the talking go on because I hated to be put in a wrong light. The truth is that I set up the whole business. Nobody tried to buy my vote and I would not swear that they did. I wanted to nominate McGraw and I thought if I got this $1,000 and made this play it would hurt you and Chilton. The trick failed to work and now you have the truth."

In a reply prepared by Senators Watson and Chilton and read before the committee to-day the Senators made a denial of charges of corruption and intimated that $1,000 was supplied to Shock by political enemies so that he could make a display of it about the time the Legislature was in session, declaring that he had received it to vote for Watson and Chilton.

The Senators assert on their "honor as men and as Senators that "neither $1,000,000 nor any other sum was expressed to us or to any of our friends for the purpose of corrupting the Delegates or for any other purpose."

The Committee adjourned until Friday.

UNCLE SAM A GOOD COLLECTOR.

Customs Receipts of Dominica Increase Under His Care.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Customs receipts of the Dominican republic are increasing rapidly under the United States receivership and resulting in a much more rapid amortization of the $20,000,000 rehabilitation loan than was expected, according to reports received at the State Department to-day.

For 1912 collections were $3,657,595, a sum far in excess of the receipts for any previous calendar year since the receivership was established. Last year $2,882,772 was applied to the amortization of the Dominican bonds, a sum more than $88,000 in excess of what was applied to the same purpose in 1911.

AGED WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH.

Daughter Badly Hurt Trying to Beat Out Flames.

The clothes of Mrs. Anna McGrane, who was 72 years old, caught fire in the kitchen of her apartments on the top floor of 411 East Eighty-seventh street yesterday afternoon. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Murphy, attempted to beat out the flames and was severely burned. Before Dr. Scudder of the Reception Hospital arrived Mrs. McGrane died. Her daughter was taken to the hospital.

WILSON WOULD COPY WISCONSIN PRIMARY

Is Drafting Amendment to Allow Voters to Express Their Second Choice.

MISSES HIS HOME DINNER

Tells Col. Gorgas He Intends to Visit Panama This Summer if Possible.

TRENTON, Feb. 4.—Gov. Wilson said tonight that he favored an amendment to the Geran primary law which will make it possible for the voters to express their second choice for any office. He is having an amendment drafted to meet his views on this subject and it will be introduced in the Legislature within a few days.

The idea is the same as that now in force in Wisconsin. Under it the voter marks that candidate for office who is his first choice and also the man who is his second choice. Then in the event of there being no majority vote for any candidate the number of votes for the leading candidate as a second choice are added to the number he has as first choice.

It may happen that a candidate will be voted for more often as a second choice than as a first, in which event he would be declared nominated if the sum of votes cast for him as first and second choice constituted a majority of all the votes cast.

The Governor pointed out that this system of voting would do away with the selection of a candidate by pluralities. It would also meet such a situation as confronted the Democrats last fall when James Smith, Jr., of Essex county added himself to the list of candidates for the primary choice for United States Senator. Because of the fear that he might get a plurality as against Judge William Hughes or Judge Wescott, either of whom was favored by the Governor, Judge Wescott was asked to withdraw and did.

Had the proposed scheme of second choices been in force it would have been possible for the Wilson adherents to vote for either Judge Hughes or Judge Wescott as first or second choices and by combining the votes for one of these candidates to have obtained a majority against Mr. Smith.

The President-elect was invited again today to visit the Panama Canal before the water reaches such a level as to hide the intricate engineering feats that have there been accomplished. The invitation came from Col. W. C. Gorgas, member of the Isthmian Canal Commission and health officer of the Canal Zone. He said he hoped to see Mr. Wilson there soon.

"Yes," replied the President-elect, "I intend to drop in on you this summer if I can make it possible."

Gov. Wilson tried to make his train this evening in five minutes from the State House, but reached the station just in time to see it pulling out. He had dinner in Trenton accordingly and took the next train home to Princeton.

He had no conference with the Democratic legislators on his corporation bills. He told Senator Davis, the majority leader and the chairman of the committee which has the bills in charge, that there was little need of discussing them until the public hearings have been concluded. He expressed his disapproval of the postponement of the hearings until next Monday and Senator Davis accordingly announced that the hearings will be resumed to-morrow morning. He expects to get through with them by the end of the week.

BOOM OHIO MAN FOR CABINET.

Colleagues Think Congressman Is Good Material for One Post.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—A movement was started to-day to bring about the appointment of Representative Matthew R. Denver of Ohio as a member of President-elect Wilson's Cabinet. Mr. Denver was not a candidate for reelection last year.

Representative Sherwood of Toledo wrote to President-elect Wilson to-day suggesting Mr. Denver's name. A caucus of the Ohio delegation on Thursday night will entertain a motion to indorse Mr. Denver and also to have the delegation go in a body to Trenton to submit his name to the President-elect.

Congressman Denver is a wealthy manufacturer, banker and farmer. His Ohio friends believe he would make an excellent Secretary of Agriculture.

THIRTEEN STEPS FOR WILSON.

Work Begun on Reviewing Stand at the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Work was begun on the reviewing stand in front of the Capitol to-day. Exactly thirteen steps are being built for Mr. Wilson to walk on to his carriage from the stand after taking the inaugural oath.

One hundred workmen with saws and hammers sounded the inaugural prelude to-day in constructing the stand. It will have 8,500 seats, 2,500 more than President Taft's stand four years ago. Tickets will be distributed by the joint Congressional committee in charge.

The platform upon which Mr. Wilson will take the oath and deliver his inaugural address will be a raised and open one with room for only a dozen persons.

DISAPPOINTED TENOR SUES.

Wants to Know What Impresario Did With Publicity Fund.

Paul Morenzo, a tenor, filed suit yesterday against Robert E. Johnston, an impresario, to find out how much it costs to "boom" a singer in this country in order to "enhance his commercial value" and get concert engagements for him. Morenzo says he paid $2,000 to Johnston with the understanding that it was needed for "working, pushing, booming, circulating advertising and exploiting in a dignified and effective manner."

As a result of his contract Morenzo says he got only fifteen concert engagements, for which he received $760 as his share, while his expenses were $630. He says he hasn't been able to find out what Johnston did with the $2,000 entrusted to him.

MORE TROUBLE FOR SICKLES.

Sheriff Gets Executions for $8,556 and Puts Them on File.

Two more executions against Gen. Daniel E. Sickles were received yesterday by Sheriff Harburger. They must be satisfied out of the General's property before the claim of the State of New York for $23,740 of monument commission money can be collected.

One judgment is in favor of August Heckscher for $8,015 and is for money loaned. The other is held by the National Bank of Orange county for $541 and is on a note of Paul D. Dumont which was indorsed by Gen. Sickles.

The Sheriff said he would make no effort to have the two executions satisfied pending the efforts for a settlement of Gen. Sikles's financial difficulties.

URGES 15 MILE SPEED LIMIT.

G. P. Le Brun Sends Recommendations to Auto Law Conference.

Records of automobile accidents for 1912, were sent yesterday to a conference convened to-day in the offices of the Secretary of State at Albany for inquiry into feasible amendments to State auto laws. Clerk George P. Le Brun of the Coroner's office compiled them by request of the Secretary and included recommendations.

In the year 1912 there were 234 fatal accidents in the city of New York, the records show, this being an increase of 40 per cent. over 1911. Of the 234 fatal cases 43 were caused by automobile trucks, 5 by taxicabs, 3 by hospital ambulances, leaving 182 to private cars. As far as could be learned about 25 of these cars were operated by owners and the balance of 157 by experienced chauffeurs.

"In my opinion," says Mr. Le Brun, "excessive speed in the operation of automobiles in the city is the cause of the majority of accidents; that, and the fact that there seems to be no punishment for running over pedestrians. Of the 234 fatal cases I am not aware of one of the drivers being sent to jail, fined or punished in any way. The records last year show but 30 per cent. of arrests in fatal cases. I believe the revocation of the license would be the means of making the operator of a car more careful.

"I would suggest another means to avoid accidents and that is an ordinance prohibiting pedestrians from crossing busy streets at other points than at crossings.

"The speed limit in the city of New York should not exceed fifteen miles an hour."

TELEGRAM TOLD OF ELOPEMENT.

Sixteen-Year-Old Anna Morrisroe Went From Store to Church.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 4.—"Married happily. Don't worry. Going west," read a telegram received on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. John Morrisroe from their daughter Anna, 16 years old. It was dated in Newark on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Morrisroe started inquiries and learned that their daughter was married last Saturday afternoon to Thomas Dugan, who is said to be about 40 years old. Where the elopers have gone the parents cannot guess.

Miss Morrisroe was working in the cashier's department of Bamberger's department store in Newark, where Dugan was a salesman in the rug department.

John Morrisroe, who is gardener for William Read Hoxe, in Llewellyn Park, heard of his daughter's fondness for the salesman two weeks ago and ordered her to have no more to do with him. It is said that he warned Dugan that he would be in danger if he did not drop his attentions to the girl. Neither orders nor threats were of avail.

Mr. Morrisroe's wrath had not cooled to-day and he announced his purpose to make it hot for his son-in-law.

Miss Morrisroe succeeded in passing as 18 years old before the license clerk in Newark and the clergyman who married her, the Rev. Thomas Walsh, rector of the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, Newark.

MRS. McDONALD WINS SUIT.

Wife of Railroad Builder Gets $2,000 From Her Husband.

A jury before Supreme Court Justice Gaynor returned a verdict for $2,000 yesterday in a suit for Mrs. Edith M. Donald against James P. McDonald, railroad builder and financier, to recover $12,500 for farm property and furniture in a city home alleged to have been taken by McDonald.

In the course of her yesterday testimony Mrs McDonald was asked to explain a check for $23,000 she received from her husband. She said:

"Early in 1909 I learned that he had been unfaithful to me, and I was planning to get a divorce from him when he asked me how he could square himself. I told him there was no way I knew of, and then without a word from me he made out that check for $23,000 and gave it to me. I dropped my divorce action.

"Do you mean, madam, that in return for this sum of money you condoned your husband's offence?" asked Judge Gaynor.

"Yes, that is I dropped the divorce suit because he gave me the present voluntarily and promised the thing wouldn't happen again."

McDonald denied the statement.

GIRL, 16, SAVES BABY BROTHER.

Goes Into Central Park Lake Up to Her Neck to Rescue Boy.

A thin covering of ice on Conservatory Lake, on the Fifth avenue side of Central Park near the Seventies, yesterday morning tempted three-year-old Hugh McCullough, of 169 East Sixty-ninth street, who set on a sled drawn by his sister Margaret, 16 years old, along the narrow board walk around the lake.

Hugh extricated himself from numerous wraps, rolled down the cobblestone incline and fell in the water. Margaret saw him disappear and went after him. Hugh was out of sight, but coming in the lake up to her neck she found him and carried him to the board walk.

Mounted Patrolman Kane came along and soon Dr. Palmer of Flower Hospital was on the spot with an ambulance. Little Hugh and Margaret went to the hospital where they were treated, and then went home.

FINLAY WILL TEST ALL CURES.

Banker Besieged With Offers From Tuberculosis Experts.

Charles E. Finlay, president of the Aetna National Bank, who offered Dr. Friedrich Franz Friedmann of Berlin $1,000,000 for the American rights to his anti-tuberculosis serum if it proved effective after trial on a hundred patients in New York, said yesterday that he has received no communication from Dr. George M. Heath, professor of chemistry in the National University of Arts and Sciences in St. Louis who is reported to have announced his intention of asking for a comparison test between the Friedmann serum and one that he has discovered.

Mr. Finlay has been besieged with physicians and laymen who say they have a cure for tuberculosis ever since his offer to Dr. Friedmann was reported and he announced yesterday that he intended to investigate every one.

Woman Sues Goelet Estate.

Rose Salimino filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday to recover $10,000 from the estae of Ogden Goelet. She alleges that on May 29 last while she was standing on the sidewalk in front of 407 East Fifty-sixth street, which is owned by the Goelet estate, the framework of a bridge fell on her and caused injuries which resulted in the removal of a piece of her skull.

AVIATORS EAGER FOR STATE FLYING CORPS

Throng to Albany to Urge Speedy Passage for Assemblyman Cuvillier's Bill.

PUBLIC HEARING TO-DAY

Personnel of Organization as Suggested Contains Many Experienced Men.

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—Much interest has been manifested in the Cuvillier bill establishing an aviation corps in the National Guard on which the Assembly Military Affairs Committee, whose chairman is Assemblyman Louis A. Cuvillier, introducer of the bill, will give a hearing to-morrow. A large delegation of aviators and military men who are trying to secure the passage of the bill will appear before the committee. Mr. Cuvillier says it will be reported favorably.

According to the bill the aviation corps is to consist of three flying squadrons, the first to have three biplanes and three monoplanes, the second to have two hydroaeroplanes and the third to have one aeroplane. A chief aviator, with the rank of major and power to give pilot certificates and brevets, is provided for, with other officers.

It is expected that the corps can be formed with a total expenditure of about $75,000. The yearly expenses of the corps would be under $20,000, it is estimated.

This lineup of officers has been suggested, all of the men named having expressed a desire to get into the corps:

Major Mortimer Delano, secretary of the Aero Club of America, who has served in the militia eight years, is a quartermaster sergeant and member of the veteran corps artillery.

Quartermaster (First Lieut.) Walter L. Suydam, Jr., who is a graduated major of a military school.

Adjt. (First Lieut.) George P. Montgomery, who has seen two years service in the veteran corps artillery.

Capt.-Pilot Beckwith Havens, aviator with pilot's license, who has served as a lieutenant in a volunteer company and also in signal corps and with United States army flers during the manœuvres in Connecticut.

Capt.-Pilot Grover C. Leening, hydroaeroplane flyer and chairman of the technical committee of the Aero Club, who would act as technical officer of the corps.

Capt.-Pilot F. Harrison Higgins, a Curtiss flyer.

Lieut.-Pilot W. Irving Trombley, monoplane flyer with pilot license.

Lieut.-Pilot Frank T. Coffyn, Wright flier, with a reputation and a license.

Lieut.-Pilot W. Fitzhugh Whitehouse, who has a French pilot certificate and American balloon pilot's license.

Officer-student Francis D. Gallatin, Second Lieutenant of the Twelfth Regiment, who served as First Lieutenant on the staff of Gen. Nunez in the Cuban war and in the Guides Swiss Cavalry.

Some of the objections to making the aviation corps a separate part of the National Guard have been received from some of the Signal Corps men, who believe the aviation corps should be a part of their organization, but this will be swept aside.

Among those who will come to the hearing are Cornelius Vanderbilt, Major Hoppin, Lieut. White, Major Reeber and other members of the Aero Club, with Mortimer Delano, and Major-Gen. John F. O'Ryan, commanding officer of the National Guard. Adjt.-Gen. Henry DeWitt Hamilton is in favor of the bill.

BOY CONVICTED OF BURGLARY.

Accused of Dynamiting Safe in Store and Stealing $750.

It took a jury before Justice Goff just ten minutes yesterday afternoon to find a verdict of guilty against Harry Roos, 17 years old, who had six sticks of dynamite and half a hundred fuses in his suitcase when he was arrested. Roos was charged with burglary.

According to the police he was one of a half dozen young men who had broken into a number of business places in the Bronx and blown open safes. The indictment he was convicted on charged him with entering the store of the Tetelbaum Furniture Company at 146 Westchester avenue on December 27, blowing open the safe and stealing $750 in cash.

Roos pleaded that the whole case against him was a police frameup. He admitted that he had a long criminal record for a boy. He said that while he was in the Tombs Detective Meyer tried to get him to plead guilty.

"No man ever got away from Goff and his juries," Roos testified that the detective told him. Detective Meyer denied he had said anything of the sort. Six others are to be tried on the same charge.

MOTHER-IN-LAW IN POLITICS.

A Hitherto Neglected Feature of the Equal Suffrage Millennium.

"Think what an outlet for mothers-in-law politics will be," said Harriet Holt Dey at the Equal Suffrage League's press day at the Astor yesterday. "She won't have any more time to give the household the benefit of her experience.

"And yet the world needs her experience. Suffrage will bring the mother-in-law spirit of the world into politics and every official will listen to it just as he used to. When she knocks at the door of the Executive Mansion and says, 'Mr. Governor, have you signed that child labor bill?' the Governor does not try to deny his guilt. He knows his hair is wet. And he signs that and the pure food bill."

Other speeches were made by women reporters. Miss Mary Taft showed "The Simplicity of the Question," Miss Helen Hoffman, "The Inconsistency of Men." Miss Eleanor Simmons gave some "Don'ts for Suffragists," which included not giving out the best news of the day to the last reporter without telephoning the others, and Miss Emma de Zauche explained the position of suffrage to the newspapers.

THE SHEPARDS GO ABROAD.

Helen Gould and Husband Sail on European Honeymoon.

Finley J. Shepard and his bride, who was Miss Helen Gould, sailed yesterday for Cherbourg by the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie, which carried away more than 400 cabin passengers, an unusually large number for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were not on the ship's passenger list, as they wanted as much as possible to avoid publicity. Many of their friends who were let into the secret of their departure filled their cabins with flowers.

Mrs. Shepard's sister, the Duchess de Talleyrand, formerly Anna Gould; the Duke de Talleyrand, Anthony Drexel and the explorer Stefansson are also on the Kronprinzessin Cecile.

Mr. Drexel said there would be popular disappointment after the revision of the tariff if the American people expected far reaching benefits from lower tariff rates; conditions might be worse instead of better; experiments with low tariffs had been always a failure; immediate revision might mean that our industries would suffer irreparable harm.

HIGH BRIDGE BANK REOPENS.

Looted Concern Resumes With Ex-Gov. Voorhees as President.

HIGH BRIDGE, N. J., Feb. 4.—The First National Bank of High Bridge, which closed its doors on January 23 following a confession by Abram L. Beavers, its cashier, that he was a defaulter, will reopen tomorrow morning. The directors held a meeting last night and provided for the resumption of business.

Ex-Gov. Foster M. Voorhees was elected president in place of Percival Christie, who resigned on account of poor health before he knew of Beavers's doings. Mr. Voorhees will take Beavers's place in the directorate. Herbert L. Staples was elected cashier to succeed Beavers. He has long been cashier for the Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company. E. P. Baylor was chosen a director in the place of ex-President Christie.

Beavers, who surrendered himself on January 28, is at liberty in $10,000 bail. The case against him will come up in the United States District Court in Trenton on February 13.

It is reported here that proceedings will soon be taken against C. L. Hudson & Co., brokers, of 36 Wall street, Manhattan, to recover bonds hypothecated by Beavers.

DEMANDS LABELLING OF BEER.

Miss Lakey Tells Dr. Wiley Malt Liquors Escape Pure Food Act.

As chairman of the executive committee of the National Consumers League, Miss Alice Lakey calls the attention of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chairman of the board of food and drug inspection, to the alleged fact that one of the greatest industries in the country has escaped the rigid enforcement of the pure food law because no regulations have been established for the labeling of malt liquors.

Beer may have been made from malt once, her statement goes on, but now brewing sugars, rice, corn, crude starch, glucose, brewing syrups and chemical preservatives are frequently used in the place of barley malt and hops. She asks the board to establish and enforce regulations for the correct labelling of malt liquors.

To the statement is added an opinion by Dr. Ira S. Wile of New York which says:

"I have learned that so-called beer is not made from barley malt and hops, but rice, and that it often contains unsuspected ingredients for taste, color and hastening the manufacture.

"I should not prescribe beer as a tonic under any consideration while its alcoholic content is as high as it is in this country and its nutritive content so low."

OWES EX-HUSBAND $23,000.

Mrs. Bolton Goes Into Bankruptcy With Him as Chief Creditor.

Mrs. Tillie J. Bolton of 641 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, who got an absolute divorce from James H. Bolton in Manhattan in August, 1911, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court in Brooklyn, with liabilities amounting to $23,000 and no assets.

She says the principal claim against her is held by her former husband in a judgment growing out of a lawsuit between them over bonds valued at more than $23,000. She sets forth that after judgment was filed against her she returned nineteen of the twenty-three bonds in dispute, which were worth over $18,000. The bonds were part of the $145,000 estate which Bolton inherited from his father in 1906. Bolton alleged that his wife took them from a safe deposit vault and refused to surrender them.

Mrs. Bolton alleges that for more than a year her former husband has not paid any part of the $125 a month alimony the court allowed her. She was formerly a school teacher.

New Line, Canada to Trieste.

Phelps Bros. & Co., general agents of the Austro-American Line in the United States, received word by cable yesterday that the line would next month establish a monthly twin screw service between Trieste and Mediterranean ports and Quebec and Montreal.