

PLATT COUNCIL THREATENS PARTY

Senator's Conference for Depew Lines Up Republicans and May Cause Feud.

New York, Dec. 21.—Seventy-five politicians gathered early today at the Fifth Avenue hotel for the conference called by Senator Platt in the interest of Chauncey M. Depew's candidacy for re-election to the United States senate. One hundred men had been invited to be present.

Keen interest was felt in today's meeting because of the belief that it would show just who of the state leaders will stand with Platt in his fight for Depew. It was felt that Mr. Platt's statement last night to the effect that "it is now a fight to a finish," and that "everyone must line up" would force many leaders who have expressed themselves as friends of both the senator and Governor Odell to take sides.

This kind of a line-up is what many of the prominent republicans of the state have desired to avoid for more than a year past. Many men who are on good terms with the governor, and who had pleasant relations with Mr. Platt throughout his long term as state leader, hesitate to do anything that might offend either. The contest, if it comes to that, it is feared, may involve the organization through the entire state.

The speeches were all in favor of a harmonious solution of the senatorial problem; none of the speakers criticized Governor Odell's attitude toward Depew's candidacy, but all advised against a contest that would affect the party harmfully.

A committee left shortly after 1 o'clock, instructed to try to communicate with Governor Odell and express the sentiments of the meeting to him. The committee was composed of former Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, State Senator Raines and Congressman Vreeland.

An effort was made to reach Governor Odell by telephone at Newburgh. The governor's secretary said that Mr. Odell was not at home and he did not know whether the governor would be in New York until evening.

It was said by several of those present that the sentiment at the meeting was unanimously in favor of Senator Depew's re-election. The speakers all favored harmonious methods to bring about this result and the hope was expressed that a contest could be avoided.

STOESSEL ADMITS LOSS OF SHIPS

But He Says that Several Sunken Vessels May Yet Be Saved.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—While declining to give details, the admiral admits that Russian advisers from Port Arthur, sent by General Stoessel, substantially confirmed the Japanese admissions of the partial wrecking of the Russian ships in the harbor and the censor has been instructed to permit the publication of the dispatches.

It is said that several of the larger ships and a respectable number of torpedo-boat destroyers are still seaworthy, but they are not considered a factor in the coming fight between Admiral Togo's ships and the Russian second Pacific squadron.

The whole series of misfortunes that has attended the Port Arthur squadron is a bitter chapter in Russian naval annals, but since the arrival of the latest advices, there has been less disposition to criticize Rear Admiral Wiran's failure to make a sortie, General Stoessel having decided that further defense of the fortress would be impossible if the guns of the warships and the sailors landed, were re-embarked. Had the ships been able to go out they would have been at the mercy of the Japanese and have been sacrificed without hope of inflicting commensurate damage.

If the fortress is relieved it is believed most of the ships will be raised and saved. The report that a Japanese squadron of forty vessels had already sailed to meet the second Pacific squadron is regarded at the admiralty here as inaccurate and circulated for a purpose. Some reports say that eight warships and fifteen transports have gone to meet Rojstevensky.

MORE MEN MOBILIZED Action Will Necessitate Relief Measures for Families.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven military districts. This is the third and most extensive mobilization of the war, and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the far east.

While some of the reserve men called to the colors will be used to complete the strength of the regiments going to the front, by far the greater portion will be ordered to the rear to replace troops that have already gone to the far east. The new mobilization will entail additional relief measures for the families of reserve men, which probably will be met by increasing the credits of the zemstvos for this purpose.

SEARCHING FOR RUSSIANS Japs Making Careful Examination of Captured Steamer's Passengers.

Tokio, Dec. 21.—The examination of the cargo passengers and crew of the British steamer Nigretia, which was seized by the Japanese cruiser Tashima, Dec. 19, is progressing at Sasabo. Seemingly it is undetermined whether the cargo-breaking Russian officers are on board the Nigretia. The Japanese are carefully investigating this feature of the case because of the question it raises of the ability of the Japanese to break the Russian code of international law which forbids the internment of Russians who seek refuge at ports in China. It is considered vitally important.

PROMOTED AFTER DEATH Peculiar Honor Paid Memory of Japanese Officer.

Tokio, Dec. 21.—Admiral Togo, who has personally made a series of observations of the Russian battle of the sea, telegraphs to the navy department expressing the opinion that the Sevastopol is disabled. Great weight is attached to Togo's personal observations and opinions, and it is believed while torpedoing the Sevastopol, he was promoted and has been given other posthumous honors.

MRS. CHADWICK IS COURT SPECTACLE

Woman Haled Before Crowd, but Judge Is Unable to Make Her Speak.

New York Sun Special Service. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick was brought before Referee Hamilton in the bankruptcy court late yesterday, but it was merely a spectacle. Her counsel, Jay P. Dawley, defied the court to administer an oath to her and the court finally found a way out by excusing the witness. The force may be tried over again within a week or two, but the result will be the same.

During the proceedings, which lasted half an hour, her body shook convulsively and it seemed as if she might faint at any moment. Sometimes a "romantic" note that almost threw her from her chair.

Enjoyed by Crowd. The crowd enjoyed this hugely and whispered one to another: "See Cassie act," "Gee, ain't she great?" When it was all over, Mr. Dawley told her she was excused and could go back to jail, she whispered to him that she wanted her boy, who was in the back of the room. He pressed thru the crowd with the faithful Freda at his heels and fairly threw himself into her arms. They kissed and wept and fondled each other, while Freda hovered around trying to do something. She finally slipped behind her mother in a glass of seawater and mopped Mrs. Chadwick's face.

Another Satchel Missing. Still another satchel, one thought by Receiver Deane to contain valuables belonging to Mrs. Chadwick was today found to be missing. This developed in a short examination of Mrs. Chadwick's baggage. Mrs. Chadwick's former housekeeper, held before Referee in Bankruptcy Remington. Other witnesses will have to be examined before the receiver will be able to put his finger upon the supposed valuables, if at all.

The discovery is in addition to the missing trunk and grip that disappeared from the Holland house, in New York the day before Mrs. Chadwick was arrested.

HUMAN SACRIFICE AS MORMON RITE Elder in Reorganized Church Declares the Utah Church Holds Awful Secrets.

New York Sun Special Service. New York, Dec. 21.—"For forty years the so-called Mormon church of Utah has carried on its secret rites of an endowment house. Throats of victims have been cut, hearts torn out and bodies disemboweled in pursuance of the tenet of the church, which says that the only way the wrath of God may be appeased is by the shedding of human blood. I have knowledge in hand that they have offered to me human beings in the endowment house."

This statement was made to a reporter last night by Albert N. Hoxie of Boston, who is an expert on the subject of the church of Latter Day Saints, the headquarters of which are at Lamoni, Iowa. "I have written a letter to the senate committee on privileges and elections at Washington, which says that I advise them to call as a witness Joseph Smith, leader of the reorganized church, a son of Joseph Smith, the prophet. He knows of persons who escaped from the endowment house and the terrible fate that awaited them and who fled from the state, barely escaping with their lives. These reports, which say that the committee some interesting facts."

"The practice of sacrificing human beings, I have reason to believe, is going on now, only in greater secrecy than ever. If the proper authorities would go to Salt Lake City armed with government search warrants, and search every building, there is no question in my mind but that they would run across some startling evidence."

NEW MACHINE HUSKS TWENTY ACRES A DAY Special to The Journal. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—Methods of corn-raising in the west are to be completely revolutionized, according to M. D. Hatch of Lincoln, who has invented a device for husking corn, taking two rows at a time and missing no ears, whether the stalks are standing erect or lying upon the ground.

NAVY PATRONS KNOW FATE SOON

Showgirl's Case Will Go to Jury Tomorrow—She Is Confident of Acquittal.

New York, Dec. 21.—The case of Nan Patterson, the former show girl, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, will not go to the jury today. Justice Davis decided this afternoon that some of the jurors were not in shape to stand a night session.

The entire forenoon was taken up by Attorney Young, leading counsel for Miss Patterson, in the closing argument. As Assistant District Attorney Rand will speak three hours in closing for the prosecution, the charge to the jury will be deferred until tomorrow.

That the defense is supremely confident of the outcome there seemed no doubt, as was apparent from her own words. "I feel sure that the jury believes my story," she said, "and no matter what Mr. Rand says in regard to it, it will be convinced of my innocence. I know, of course, that such things are awfully uncertain, but I feel that I will be acquitted within a brief time after the jury adjourns to deliberate."

CONVERTIBLE LOCK CANAL IS FAVORED Sea-Level Plan Is Not Given First Place by Chief Engineer Wallace.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Walter Wellman, in a Washington special to the Record-Herald says: Not a sea-level Panama canal, but a canal with locks, and so constructed that it may be converted into a tide-water canal at any time without obstruction of traffic from ocean to ocean. This is the Panama project now in highest favor with Chief Engineer Wallace, member of the canal commission and leading public men who have given careful attention to the isthmian problem.

Much confusion of mind appears to exist throughout the country over the abstract of the Panama canal project, as reported by Chief Engineer Wallace, recently published. Many persons have gained the idea that a sea-level canal has been decided upon. This is not true. No definite plan has been adopted, and Engineer Wallace and his staff are now at Panama, pursuing their investigations, preparing to submit a final and definite recommendation to the commission.

Criticisms Unwarranted. On account of the prevalent misunderstanding, criticisms are pouring upon Washington. For example, a New York paper, in a recent article, advised the Nicaragua route, today inquires, with a slight degree of asperity, why it is now proposed to change the plan. It says that when Panama was selected as the route, the cost of a lock canal would be only \$144,000,000 in addition to the \$40,000,000 paid the French company, which always had the French would be required for the work. Now, says the New York editor, "we are confronted with a proposal to have a sea-level canal costing \$500,000,000 and requiring twenty years for construction, and the questions are asked, will congress vote all this money, and is the country willing to wait a generation for a canal?"

Sea Level Not Urged. But Chief Engineer Wallace has not recommended the immediate construction of a sea-level canal. In fact, he has made no recommendations at all. He has only discussed various alternative plans, and in good time he will tell congress and the country which one of these should be adopted. It is, however, well understood that Mr. Wallace believes the United States should construct a canal which may at any time be converted into a tide-water canal. In this he is supported by Chairman Kittredge of the senate canal committee and by other public men who have carefully studied the situation.

The Suggested Solutions. In all the world today there is no other engineering problem one-half so interesting as the canal problem at Panama. There are four suggested solutions. First—A lock canal with the high level, ninety feet above the sea; cost about \$200,000,000; time required, eight or nine years. Second—A lock canal with the high level sixty feet above the sea; cost about \$225,000,000; time required, ten years. Third—A lock canal with the high level thirty feet above the sea; cost about \$250,000,000; time required, twelve years. Fourth—A sea-level canal with a tide lock at the Pacific end; cost about \$300,000,000; time required, fifteen years.

It is the third plan that is likely to be adopted. \$225,000 FIRE LOSS IN OHIO'S CAPITAL Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Fire today destroyed \$225,000 worth of property in the center of the Columbus business district and in an explosion during the fire five firemen were injured. The fire started in the Mitchell building, the rear of the First National bank. The second, third and fourth floors were occupied as flats. Fifteen families resided there, but all were rescued. The fire spread into the stores of the Krauss, Buller & Rennan company. Ten fire engines were put to work and were at first unable to get control of the flames, and every engine in the city was called out.

LAWSON OR BE SHOT TODAY

Boston Man Says He Will Meet New Yorker's Threat with a Bullet, on Sight.

New York Sun Special Service. Boston, Dec. 21.—Denise Donahue, reputed author of several articles in the New York Commercial attacking some of Mr. Lawson's mining properties, has so stirred Mr. Lawson to anger that last night Mr. Lawson prepared an advertisement defending his properties and addressing Mr. Donahue in most vituperative terms. The advertisement was telegraphed to New York newspapers for insertion this morning.

Mr. Donahue, having got wind of the intended publication telegraphed Mr. Lawson, so Mr. Lawson said, that if the advertisement was not recalled he would come to Boston and shoot Mr. Lawson. Mr. Lawson says he replied in effect challenging Donahue, and telling him that if he should appear in Boston the outcome will be different from that in the case of Colonel Greene last week.

This is the text of the alleged Donahue telegram to Lawson last night. "If that ad appears in the papers I will take the midnight train for Boston and put a bullet thru Lawson." "This is Lawson's reply: "Tell Donahue that the ad will appear. I know Donahue and all about him. If he comes here it will be no Colonel Bill Greene affair. Tell him that on the threat that he has made I shall be justified in shooting him on sight."

Lawson Poisoned Twice. Thomas W. Lawson declares that he has been poisoned twice in the last three weeks. Lawson makes light of it, but insists that there was no mistake. He has reasons of his own for keeping the story from the public, he says. "In about twenty days," he says, "I have been poisoned twice, and mysteriously stricken down twice. Once the doctor worked over me for twenty-four hours before they pronounced my life to be out of danger. In both cases the symptoms were those of acute digestive pains, nausea and the other signs that usually accompany poisoning."

In the most serious attack, which was some time after dining in a Boston hotel, Lawson's muscles were rigidly contracted and there was intense bodily pain and an alarming loss of strength. The attack was almost of a cataleptic nature. In general many of the symptoms of strychnine poisoning were noted. Mr. Lawson refuses to say in what direction, if any, their suspicions point.

Magazine Sold Out. Early today a party of men having gone astray. The local distributing agents say they hope to have enough tomorrow to supply the demand, which is something phenomenal. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed today over this month's installment of Mr. Lawson's story. In view of his extensive advertisement of the month's number some hot stuff was looked for, and, however, the chapters furnished have far exceeded expectations.

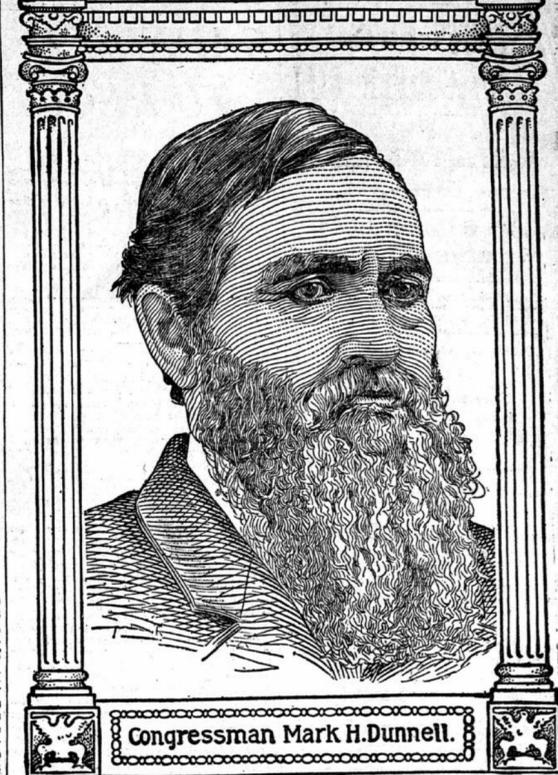
Mr. Lawson's advertised assertion that "the system" had frightened off \$15,000,000 of advertising this month is not true. Some calculations by people of a statistical turn. They figure it out that if Mr. Lawson's statement is correct, the loss is more than offset by \$28,000,000 worth of new advertising.

BRIBE MONEY IN TWO SUIT CASES Continued from First Page. The closing scene of a most significant drama—the release of Bay State Gas from a receivership by the payment of the national debt—was today enacted before Judge Wales on an eventful Saturday morning in the Wilmington circuit courtroom.

Several hundred persons were gathered in little groups representing the separate interests—Addicks and some of his lieutenants, my partner at the telephone, John Moore of partners and Rogers' counsel with their heads together; Braman and Foster near the judge, their eyes wandering toward two dress-suit cases piled before John Moore's partner, which, it was understood, were Rogers' money. Behind Braman was his clerk, and in the rear of the courtroom sat as many of Addicks' courts as could squeeze into the narrow space reserved for spectators.

Trouble came to order. Foster rose, announced that the claims of his client had been satisfied, and made a formal motion to dismiss the receivership. Judge Wales formally consented, and the clerk of the court was entering the dismissal in his minute book my partner telephoned the facts to me. I sent back the word that my directors were resigning—and resigned—that Rogers' directors were being elected—had been elected—that the Boston gas companies, which Addicks had agreed to exchange for the money in the receivership, were now owned by Rogers. My partner whispered my words to John Moore's partner and Rogers' counsel. At once the two dress-suit cases, each loaded with currency, were slipped to Braman and Foster. Simultaneously the messenger who was to telephone to their broker rose and quickly left the courtroom. A brief time later was consumed in signing receipts, certificates and other legal papers, and then the performance was over. Addicks rose and went out among his benches, and the crowd eagerly surrounded him. In the bustle Braman and Foster, each with his own party, fled.

"PE-RU-NA IS ADMIRABLE TONIC," SAYS CONGRESSMAN DUNNELL.



Congressman Mark H. Dunnell.

Congressman Mark H. Dunnell, in a letter from the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., writes: "Peruna being used by myself and many of my friends and acquaintances, not only as a cure for catarrh, but also as an admirable tonic for physical recuperation, I gladly recommend it to all persons requiring such remedies."—M. H. Dunnell.

PERUNA is an ideal remedy to promote health of the household. Peruna is positively necessary to the health of the household. Peruna is perfectly harmless. It can be used any length of time without acquiring a drug habit. Peruna does not produce temporary results. It is permanent in its effect. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio. All correspondence handled strictly confidential.

Ask Your Druggist for Free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

Lawson's accusations relative to the payment of money in Wilmington immediately after the receiver of the Bay State Gas company had been discharged by the Delaware courts. In his story Lawson charged that E. K. Chapman, member of the firm of Moore & Schley in 1896 and now the head of the stock exchange firm of E. K. Chapman & Co. was the man who carried out the deal in the dress suit cases to Wilmington.

Mr. Chapman admits this fact and laughs about it. He says, and Roger Foster and Dwight Braman confirmed him, that the money was not actually paid over in the courtroom, but in the office of Judge George Gray, then United States senator for Delaware. Mr. Chapman said today that he had with him in two dress suit cases \$225,000 in \$5 and \$100-bills.

Mr. Chapman refused to say whether the \$225,000 had been furnished by Mr. Rogers thru the republican national campaign committee, as stated by Mr. Lawson. He would not say where the money came from.

Foster Says Story Is False. Roger Foster, whose office is at No. 15 Broad street, says: "Mr. Lawson's article in Everybody's Magazine is in almost every statement in which I am named absolutely false. I have had time now to contradict it in detail." He admits that the money was brought to Wilmington in valises, but he declined to say how many valises, which rested in the destruction of the Turkish fleet. The admiral was born in 1814 and entered the navy in 1826.

Always Remember the Full Name Laxative Bromo Quinine Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days E. W. Grove on every box, 25c

Men's Slippers Here are some splendid bargains in Men's splendid slippers that would make splendid Christmas gifts: A large lot of sample men's nice kid slippers, sizes 6 to 8; values \$1.25, at 69c Another big lot of Men's \$1.50 sample slippers, kid lined, sizes 6 to 9, at pair 98c Men's imitation alligator slippers, in black or tan, also men's embroidered velvet slippers, all sizes; at pair 49c Many lines of Men's Slippers in regular sizes at 49c, 69c, 89c, \$1.19, \$1.25, \$1.48 and \$1.98

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Port, Sherry, Tokay, Muscatel, Sweet Catawba (This offer good until January 1.) We carry the most complete stock of Choice Wines and Liquors, which we are selling at wholesaler's prices. Satisfaction Guaranteed or Money Cheerfully Refunded. Twin City, 728. North-Western, Main 2860.

MATT HANSEN, 420 Sibley St., St. Paul, Minn.

NO CONSTITUTION, SAYS THE CZAR

Emperor of Russia Will Grant Only "Rational Measures of Reform."

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—The delay in the issuance of the imperial manifesto outlining reforms has led to the fiercest rumors, according to which Emperor Nicholas has turned back on the idea of making any concessions, the immediate downfall of Interior Minister Swistopolk-Mirsky is imminent and the prospective nomination of Lieutenant General Kleigels, governor general of Kiev, as his successor, may be looked for. These reports, according to the Associated Press informant, are entirely without foundation.

It is believed the reform measures about to be announced will be uniformly satisfactory, except to the extremists and to many liberals, who will be content with nothing less than a complete revolution of the government. The program for a constitution, according to the Associated Press informant, is a definite program of rational measures of reform has been decided upon and shortly will be announced.

GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

CAINE CONVICTED AT SIOUX CITY—HIS ATTORNEY KNOCKS DOWN THE MAN WHO CALLED HIM A LIAR.

Special to The Journal. Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 21.—After being out three hours in the jury box, D. F. Caine, for conspiracy in the packinghouse strike last summer, brought in a verdict of guilty on both counts. Caine is a saloonkeeper and was indicted jointly with Charles McGuire, leader of the strikers, upon the charge of confederating to commit assaults upon the strikebreakers and injure the property of the Cudahy Packing company.

The trial lasted ten days and the verdict caused some surprise. In the final arguments, Wilbur Owen, attorney for Caine, declared that Whitney had drunk beer at Caine's bar and Whitney instantly yelled, "You are a liar." "I am not," retorted Owen, and the two were about to clinch when separated by the bailiff.

When the men left the courtroom, Owen spoke to Whitney, who said he wanted nothing more to do with him. Angry words followed and Owen finally told Whitney to bring him an attorney, and then walked calmly on his way.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR HOLIDAY RECESS Washington, Dec. 21.—After a session of four minutes' duration, the senate adjourned today until Jan. 4 next. The proceedings consisted of a prayer by Chaplain Hale, the reading of the Journal of Monday, the signing and the receipt of a number of nominations from the president.

The house adjourned at 12:59 p.m. until Jan. 4, after Mr. Mann objected to Whitney's want to take up the inaugural resolution.

Rheumatism

Does not let go of you when you apply lotions or liniments. It simply loosens its hold for a while. Why? Because to get rid of it you must correct the acid condition of the blood on which it depends. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured thousands.