

SHIP STRIKES REEF; TWO HUNDRED DIE

Austrian Vessel Founders Off Island of Crete.

ONLY THIRTEEN SAVED

Impertrix, Bound from Trieste to Bombay, Lost.

Vienna, Feb. 23.—A dispatch received by the New Freie Presse states that the Austrian steamer Impertrix, carrying a crew of 180, and upward of thirty passengers, has been wrecked off the coast of the island of Crete, and nearly all of the passengers and crew drowned.

The exact extent of the catastrophe is not yet known, nor is the point at which the steamer is reported to have foundered clearly defined by the news report.

According to a telegram from the company's agent at Crete, twelve persons and a lieutenant have been saved.

It developed later that the Impertrix ran on a low reef near Cape Elaphonisi, island of Crete, and soon sank.

Agents of the company have received a letter from an officer of the steamer, dated Crete, which says: "Twelve persons and myself have been saved; the others were on board the steamer, which is breaking up."

The Impertrix was a vessel of 4,000 tons burden, and was of somewhat recent construction. She was in the regular service of the Austrian Steam Navigation Company, plying between Trieste and Bombay via the Suez Canal.

LAST SURVIVORS ASHORE.

Sturdy Dutch Swimmer Braves Sea and Carries Life Line to Ship.

Hook of Holland, Feb. 23.—The three survivors of the sunken steamer Berlin who were left on the wreck when the others were taken off yesterday were rescued to-day. This brings the total number of survivors up to fifteen.

A strong-armed Dutchman swam to the wreck to-day, carrying a life line, and the three passengers, two women and a girl, were taken off by this means.

Where the lifeboats had failed to get near enough to the wreck to carry a line aboard, the sturdy swimmer, after Herculean efforts, succeeded in hauling up persons on shore watched his heroic fight against the tremendous waves, which are still running. Time and again it seemed he would have to give up, but he never faltered.

When the life line was carried was attached to the wreck the survivors were sent ashore.

EXECUTOR LAWTON REMOVED.

Estate of Mrs. Mary D. Smith Again in Hands of Court.

Mincola, Long Island, Feb. 23.—Surrogate Jackson of Nassau County, has ordered the removal of N. Lawton, a Wall street broker, and prominent society man of Manhattan and New Rochelle, as executor of the will of Mrs. Mary D. Smith, who died at Washington in 1905, leaving an estate of more than \$200,000, and that all letters testamentary issued to him be revoked at once.

Late last year the surrogate ordered Lawton to appear before him and show why he should not render an accounting of the estate. The citation could not be served.

Edgar Smith, of Brooklyn, sole and principal legatee under the will, in his petition declares that he has repeatedly but in vain requested Lawton to render a statement. He alleges that in December Lawton gave a statement to his mother showing that he held \$50,000 personal property, and that on his investigation he found that many securities had been disposed of prior to the date of the statement.

DR. FLOWER RELEASED.

Alleged Swindler Manages to Regain Liberty on \$5,000 Bail.

New York, Feb. 23.—All hope of bringing to trial here Dr. Richard C. Flower, involving over \$1,000,000, has been abandoned by District Attorney Jerome, with the release in Philadelphia yesterday of Dr. Flower, under \$5,000 bail, awaiting the passage of an appeal of his case in Pittsburgh on April 19. Dr. Flower three years ago jumped a bond of \$20,000 in this city. The district attorney says it is nonsense to suppose he will remain for trial under the \$5,000 bail. Unless Flower can be caught again, Jerome has little hope of ever bringing him to trial.

Jerome said he could not understand how bail could have been fixed at \$5,000 without District Attorney Patterson, of Philadelphia, or himself being notified. Sergeant McConnell, who was prepared to go to Philadelphia with extradition papers for Flower, will go to-day and make an effort to locate Flower and have him extradited if he can be found.

THREE DIE BY ASPHYXIATION.

Mother, Daughter, and Fiance of the Girl Are Victims of Accident.

Bellevue, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Judge H. P. Ingals, probably the oldest living showman, is dying at his home in Huntsville, this county. Judge Ingals, in his early days, was the boon companion of Barnum, Forepaugh, and John Robinson the elder. He made his fame and fortune in exploiting the celebrated Siamese twins.

Peary Made Honorary Member. Rome, Feb. 23.—The Italian Geographical Society has elected Commander Peary an honorary member.

"A Solid Train of Comfort." For Florida, Alaska, and August—The "Southern" Palm Limited. Excellent Pullman and dining car service; electric lights and all modern conveniences. Leave Washington 6:15 p. m. week days.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Snow to-day, with rising temperature; to-morrow, partly cloudy; probably rain or snow; light to fresh southeasterly winds.

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SINGER AVERTS PANIC

Alice Nielson Displays Rare Presence of Mind.

ALARM OF FIRE IN THEATER

Short Circuiting of Electric Wires Causes Sparks to Leap Across the Stage of Auditorium Theater in Chicago—Flue Costumes Ruined, but No One Seriously Injured.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Hundreds of men fought to make their way to the doors of the Auditorium Theater when, in the midst of the performance of "Lucia di Lammermoor" to-night, electric sparks began to leap across the stage.

Two-thirds of the audience was on its feet, panic-stricken and fighting when Miss Alice Nielson, singing the principal role, dropped the thread of the score and advanced to the footlights.

"There is no danger," cried Miss Nielson, coming to the edge of the stage; "keep your seats. It will be all right."

Then above all the din of the fighting, panic-stricken mob in the body of the theater there arose the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner. Miss Nielson led the song, the frightened chorus was marshaled back into line, and in a moment the audience, forgetting its fear and panic, had joined in the words. Men in the boxes stood up and waved their handkerchiefs, women a moment before pale and frightened, joined in the chorus.

The fire did not amount to anything. It was caused by the short-circuiting of electric wires in the ceiling, resulting in their spitting fire above the heads of the crowd.

Investigation showed many fine costumes had been ruined in the crush, and many persons were bruised but only a few had received anything like serious injuries. Doctors attended these.

It was a narrow escape from a terrible catastrophe, however, as nothing could have stopped the crowd had smoke or fire followed the appearance of the electric sparks.

New York, Feb. 23.—Only the presence of mind of Miss Nora Bell, leading lady of Toby Claude's "Fantana" company, prevented a panic at the Metropolitan theater, New York, to-night. A fuse burned out in a calcium light and following came a flame of fire. The spectators were alarmed, and many rushed for the exits when Miss Bell started a song. Order was quickly restored.

THEIR MAJESTIES SURPRISED.

Mrs. Waldorf-Astor Creates Sensation at British Court.

London, Feb. 23.—"The entrance of Mrs. Waldorf Astor, formerly Nanny Langhorne-Shaw, of Virginia, into the ballroom before the King and Queen at last night's court reception was sensational," said one who was present.

"She was a perfect embodiment of the elegance of the empire period. Her light flashed upon her diamond crown, her deep collar, and necklace of blazing jewels, which outshone even those on the Queen's neck. Mrs. Astor's empire dress was composed of set with embroidered silk of Napoleonic wreaths. A founce of superb Brussels lace, the gift of her father-in-law, fell to the edge of her skirt, to meet the hem of rich ermine. Her blue velvet bolero was worked with close diamond designs. A glorious buckle of the same period, formed of matchless diamonds fastened the dress at the back. From the costly ornament a blue velvet train fell out in broad folds. Its whole edge was hemmed with royal miniver. The lining was of cloth of silver."

"Mrs. Astor carried a fan that was once the property of the Empress Josephine. Her silver shoes were powdered with fine diamonds. As Mrs. Astor retreated from the royal presence their majesties turned to follow her with their eyes."

STAGE ROBBERY IN OREGON.

Jacksonville, Oreg., Feb. 23.—A robber held up a stage near here yesterday and took about \$300 from nine passengers and a farmer, who drove up during the robbery.

Baltimore and Return, \$125. Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains, both ways, have electric heating and lighting. City Offices, 147 G. St. and 612 Pa. ave.

VICTIMS OF WRECK MAY ALL RECOVER

Postmaster Kline, of Joliet, Seriously Hurt.

HIS LUNG IS PIERCED

Chicago Postmaster Badly Injured, But Recovering.

Indications Are That Defective Bolt on Engine Caused Wreck—Shallow Water Averted Large Death List. Fifty Injured in Hospitals, Others Having Continued on Journey. Survivors Tell Thrilling Stories.

Alloupa, Pa., Feb. 23.—It appears tonight that all those injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania Railroad's eighteen-hour special near Johnstown will recover.

It had been thought that John F. Kline, of Joliet, Ill., and Frederick A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago, would likely die, but the doctors attending them now think that Busse will surely recover and that Kline has a good chance to pull through.

Kline is suffering from internal injuries and from a wound in his right lung caused by a splinter, but if the doctors can stave off pneumonia he will not die. Of course, he suffered greatly from exposure, and, therefore, the chief danger is pneumonia. He was returning to his home from Washington, where he had been to see the President and thank the latter for having given him the postmastership.

Postmaster Busse Conscious. Mr. Busse is suffering from bruises all over the body and from internal injuries, as well as from exposure. Some members of his family arrived here to-night, and others will get here before morning.

He is having the best of care and is conscious and as cheerful as could be expected to-night. Busse was caught under the wreckage and held fast for more than three-quarters of an hour before being rescued.

S. F. Nixon, the theatrical manager, and Felix Isman, the real estate broker, of Philadelphia, who were declared to have been badly hurt, will be able to leave the hospital and return to their homes the first of next week. All of the other injured who were taken to the hospitals at Johnstown and this city are, it is believed, will be able to go to their homes very soon.

Slightly Hurt Continue Journey. In fact, the wreck is going to create a new record, in view of the fact there is to be no deaths, and speaks wonders for the latest constructed equipment.

Many of the slightly hurt were able to continue their journey West on the special train that the company provided, and are now at their destination.

The report that the wreck was due to speed makes sense to be an unjust imputation on the veteran engineer of the limited. According to one report current here, examination of the wrecked cars seems to show that the bolts which were used to anchor the brake rigging of the engine, had a flaw in it, which permitted the bolt to snap and let the brake shoe down on the rail. It struck the projecting end of a tie as the train was swinging around the curve at full speed, but with the air slightly on to keep the drivers close to the rails.

Shallow Water Averts Disaster. The result was the derailment of the train, and the rear cars swung, like the cracking of a whip, and spilled over the embankment. Had the Conemaugh River been deep at this point, those in the cars must have been drowned, but as it was the cars were submerged to but a depth of two feet, and this averted a fearful disaster.

Another report is that one of the bolts in the steel gress the gave way and the tracks sprung, and the train, running around the curve at sixty miles an hour, to make up its lost time, was thrown into the river.

When the heavy train went over the embankment, everything went before it, including the victims. For that reason it was hours before the outside world could be communicated with and assistance given to the injured. And in the meantime they were being helped, many of them devoid of any clothing whatever, others with what clothing they did have soaked with the icy waters of the Conemaugh, and still others with cuts and bruises that many wounds congealing over their bodies.

Only Two Awake When Crash Came. Only two passengers were awake when the accident happened—Emil Pastr, director of the Pittsburgh Orchestra, and W. M. Hall, a Pittsburgh attorney. Mr. Pastr was returning home after a series of concerts in New York and other Eastern points. They had just entered the smoking-room and were enjoying a cigar before retiring when the crash happened. Neither of them was badly injured, and were able to come to this city. Mr. Pastr is at his apartments at the Hotel Schenley, suffering from shock.

One of the prominent passengers on the train was Jacob J. Kern, of Chicago, a well-known lawyer and former city attorney of Chicago, and also State attorney of Illinois.

Coaches Boiled Over Twice. "The coaches which went over the sixty-foot embankment into the river, made about two revolutions," said Mr. Kern. "The side of the embankment was covered with ice, and it was fortunate that it was. This gave the cars an opportunity to slide. But notwithstanding the ice, they made two complete revolutions and then slid the remainder of the way."

There were four women on the train. One was Mrs. Samuel Smith, of Bay, N. Y., who occupied the stateroom. One of the astonishing features of the accident was that none of the women screamed and all of them escaped serious injury. Mrs. Smith received a slight cut on the lower lip. She lost most of her clothing. Attorney Kern gave her his overcoat. Mrs. Smith was subjected to a great deal of exposure, because the night was bitterly cold, but she continued on her way and manifested considerable pluck.

"I am glad that I escaped," said she. "I was penned up in my stateroom and was glad to get out alive. Even if I did lose my coat, I would be thankful that I am able to live to tell the tale."

Frank A. O'Neil, secretary and general manager of the Mailman Adlograph Manufacturing Co., of New York, was also on the train.

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A la Carte Lunch Served Daily At Eckstein's from 12 to 2. 142 N. Y. ave.

ELOPES WITH HIS AUNT.

Rancher's Son Writes Asking His Father's Forgiveness for His Act.

Harrison, Neb., Feb. 23.—Wilber Herbert, nineteen years old, son of a ranchman, William Herbert, living near here, and Miss Jessie Witherbe, his aunt, aged fifty-seven, eloped from the home of the young man's father, and are now husband and wife, if their plans have not miscarried.

Young Herbert sent his father a note telling him that he and his aunt were in love with each other, and had gone away to get married, and asking his forgiveness. The father did not suspect their attachment until he received young Herbert's note to-day.

Miss Witherbe, who was a sister of the elder Herbert's deceased wife, was never regarded as a handsome woman. She taught school for many years.

DYNAMITE KILLS THREE.

Thirty Others Injured and Buildings Destroyed Near Halifax.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 23.—An explosion of dynamite occurred at Meadow Plaster Quarry three miles from Windsor, to-day, killing William Umlugh, John Schorder, and Fred Smith, and seriously injuring thirty others, five of them probably fatally.

He announced that President Metz, who has succeeded in breaking up the practice of filling fraudulent claims against the city for damages to properties alleged to have been caused by defective sewers, has now started to fight the system under which the city has been paying heavily every year on claims made for injuries caused to persons and animals by bad pavements.

Metz said to-day that the records in his office showed that such claims were sent in, as a rule, several months after the alleged accidents, so that it is impossible for the city to prove that the injuries were not caused by defective sidewalks or street pavements.

He announced that President Metz, of the S. P. C. A., and Police Commissioner Bingham had agreed to forward to him immediately all reports coming to them of injuries to individuals or horses.

DINNE AGAIN NAMED

Municipal Ownership Mayor Renominated at Chicago.

REPUBLICANS TO NAME BUSSE

Wreck Victim Will Be Opponent of Present Chief Executive in Contest This Spring—Carter H. Harrison's Name Is Not Placed Before the Democratic Convention.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Edward F. Dunne, apostle of municipal ownership, was unanimously nominated to-day by the city convention for re-election as mayor of Chicago. He is still in favor of municipal ownership of public works.

The Democratic party is unalterably pledged to municipal ownership of all public utilities," he said. The platform further presents Dunne's policy, and denounces the ordinances adopted by the city council, which, if sanctioned by the people at the spring election, the platform claims, will preclude the possibility of municipal ownership of street railways.

Carter H. Harrison, for four terms mayor, withdrew his name from before the convention. The convention adopted resolutions of sympathy for Postmaster Busse, injured in a wreck, who will be Dunne's opponent. Other candidates nominated are:

For city treasurer, John E. Traeger; for city clerk, to succeed "Cip" Anson, former baseball magnate, Thomas Little; for superior court judge, W. W. Witry. Other nominations for judicial and sanitary district officers were left to the discretion of the county central committee.

At a conference of leading Republicans to-day it was decided to nominate Postmaster Busse for mayor, despite the injuries he received in the Pennsylvania wreck at Johnstown this morning. While the postmaster is known to be seriously injured, and will probably be unable to make an active personal campaign, it is understood that his wounds are not necessarily fatal.

President Brundage, of the board of county commissioners, said that voters will rather be inclined to aid the postmaster toward election on account of his injuries than desert him, because he does not appear before them in a fireworks campaign. This view was adopted by to-day's conferees.

DEMOCRATS DEPOSE CAMPAU.

Michigan National Committeeman Routed in County Convention.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 23.—Daniel J. Campau was thrown headlong into his political grave to-day by the Democratic county convention. His foes flocked into the hall, deposed the chairman, a Campau man, elected one of their own, and elected delegates to the convention.

His political enemies say he will not be re-elected national committeeman.

PRELST SHOCKED BY WIRELESS.

Wirkshart, Feb. 23.—Rev. Joseph Wirkshart, the Slavonian Catholic priest, who has invented a wireless-telegraph system, was severely shocked to-day while experimenting upon a new wireless underground system. It is believed that he sustained about 2,000 volts. He will recover, but will probably be confined to his room for several days.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Pittsburg, Feb. 23.—Fire to-night destroyed the beautiful South Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of Wilkingsburg, and badly damaged two dwelling houses adjoining.

To the Golf Links of Pinehurst, N. C. Excellent service via Southern Railway. Leave Washington week days, 8:30 a. m. sleeper, 9:30 p. m. arrive Pinehurst early next morning.

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Best Quality Lehigh Furnace Coal, \$2.50 per ton. W. J. Zeh Co. Phone M. 64.

PRESIDENT PLEASES HARVARD STUDENTS

Spends Long Day Between Cambridge and Boston

ATTENDS A CHRISTENING

Talks Books, Makes Speech, and Goes to Initiation.

Defense of Football Draws Enthusiastic Approval from College Men. Position on Athletics Directly Opposite to Views Entertained by President Eliot—Family Visits Relatives on Chestnut Hill.

Boston, Feb. 23.—It was nearly midnight when President Roosevelt ended his visit to Harvard University, but it is not on record that he made any complaints of being fatigued when he went to bed in the old style Beacon street residence of his host, Dr. William S. Bigelow, which faces Boston Common, near Charles street.

The day was about as strenuous as one as the President has had for many a month, but the clear, cold atmosphere set the blood tingling, and every minute of the sixteen hours spent in doing and seeing things in Boston and Cambridge was a "bully" one to Harvard's most distinguished alumnus.

Beginning at 8:12 this morning, as soon as he alighted from the train at the Back Bay Station, it was one round of pleasure for the President until he jumped from an automobile at the door of Dr. Bigelow's home late to-night.

Giving Teddy a Bear Hug. The first thing he did on leaving his car was to grab his son Teddy and give him a real bear hug, to the delight of the half-frozen spectators who had waited for nearly two hours at the station. Then he shook hands heartily with Dr. Bigelow, and hustling up stairs to the street, stepped into an open carriage and drove to the Bigelow house for breakfast.

The muffled up Bostonians who were waiting their way to business in a zero temperature, passed a moment about a greeting to the President, who always responds by tipping his silk hat to any considerable gathering of cheering citizens.

Godfather at a Christening. Following breakfast the President drove to the home of Guy Marchie, a Rough Rider comrade, and acted as godfather at the christening of Donald Marchie, the first born son. Then came a hurried visit to the offices of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., publishers of the Roosevelt books. A call upon the Lees, his first wife's relatives, at Chestnut Hill, followed, and then came the visit to Harvard.

In the university city, the President visited the University Press, met the faculty at luncheon at the Sphinx Club with Teddy, Jr., and some of his classmates, Congressman Longworth, and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon. From this club he went to the Harvard Union where he delivered an address.

Attends Porellian Club. After the function at the Union President Roosevelt visited the office of the Harvard Advocate, the Peabody rooms, and was given an informal reception at the Hasty Pudding Club, returning to Boston for tea at the residence of Bishop William Lawrence. Soon after 6 o'clock he went to Cambridge again, this time to the Porellian Club, where he witnessed the final initiation of his oldest son as a member of the organization. This affair is private. Then he came back to Boston for the night.

The most interesting feature to Harvard men of President Roosevelt's address at the Union was his advocacy of athletics. Just at this time the Harvard underdog in seeing Harvard as any other college turn out molly coddles in lieu of vigorous men.

"Our chief concern should be to widen the base, the foundation in athletic sports; to encourage in every way a healthy rivalry which shall give to the largest possible number of students the chance to take part in vigorous outdoor games."

Opposes Eliot on Football. President Roosevelt, in his speech to-day, took a stand diametrically opposite to the opinions of President Eliot, when he said:

"It does not in the least object to a sport because it is rough. Rowing, baseball, lacrosse, track and field games, hockey, football are all of them good. I emphatically object to seeing Harvard or any other college turn out molly coddles in lieu of vigorous men."

"Our chief concern should be to widen the base, the foundation in athletic sports; to encourage in every way a healthy rivalry which shall give to the largest possible number of students the chance to take part in vigorous outdoor games."

"It is in my mind simple senseless, a mere confession of weakness, to desire to abolish a game because technicalities show themselves, or practices grow up which prove that the game ought to be reformed."

TRAIN OVER HOUR LATE.

The President and his family reached Boston this morning at 8:12 o'clock, one hour and seventeen minutes later than the hour scheduled for their arrival. Accompanying the President were Mrs. Roosevelt, Congressman and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary M. C. Latta, and two Secret Service men. The only persons to greet the Presidential party were Dr. Bigelow and the President's eldest son, Theodore, Jr. The principal delay to the train was caused before New York was reached, but the intense cold made it hard for the train to keep up sufficient steam to enable it to make up much of the lost time.

As early as 6:20 a fair sized crowd was on hand at the Back Bay station to catch a glimpse of the President and his family. One hundred uniformed policemen were at the station, besides a large number of mounted officers and police inspectors, so as to make sure there would be no untoward incident upon the arrival of the distinguished guest. When the train came to a stop, a Secret Service man was the first to leave the car, and then followed Mrs. Roosevelt.

Young Roosevelt Greets Party. She was quickly greeted by Theodore, Jr., and then the President stepped from the rear platform. He and Dr. Bigelow started off at a brisk walk and they almost ran up the steps leading to the

GOVERNMENT'S COST INCREASES RAPIDLY

Now Twice as Much as It Was Ten Years Ago.

MUCH GOES TO THE NAVY

Outlay \$200,000,000 More Than in Last War Year.

Per Capita Expenditure on Account of Federal Establishment Far Greater Than at Any Time in Past. Appropriations of Present Session Exceed Estimates by \$50,000,000. Comparative Figures Given.

It costs just a little more than twice as much to run the government of the United States now as it did ten years ago. One session of the Fifty-ninth Congress, by the time it has completed its labors, will have appropriated more than both sessions of the Fifty-fourth Congress. Ten years ago the per capita cost of government was \$9. Now it is \$12.50.

The cost of government per capita is now greater than at any other period since the extravagances of Congress have been a matter for newspaper agitation and political consideration. The Forty-fifth Congress for the years 1879 and 1880 appropriated in round numbers \$24,000,000, an average of \$57,000,000 annually. The population of the United States at that time, in round numbers, was 50,000,000, showing that the cost per capita was \$7. The Fifty-ninth Congress for the years 1889 and 1890 appropriated, in round numbers, \$80,000,000, and at that time the population of the United States was, in round numbers, 62,000,000. The average appropriation for the biennial period at that time was \$13, or \$5.50 annually.

The cost per capita of government during this ten-year period, therefore, had not increased. On the contrary, there had been a pronounced decrease. The total appropriations in ten years for the biennial period were advanced only \$90,000,000. It is significant that the annual appropriations at this time exceed the biennial appropriations of the Fifty-fifth Congress. The total appropriations for 1889 and 1890 were only \$74,000,000, at that time considered a big figure. The appropriations for this short session alone will exceed the appropriations for both sessions of the Fifty-fifth Congress by more than \$30,000,000.

First Billion-dollar Congress. The Fifty-first Congress was the first in which the aggregate of the appropriations for the biennial period reached \$1,000,000,000. That fact was a tremendous issue in the campaign, and the Republicans were driven from power by an overwhelming adverse majority. The per capita cost of government, according to the appropriations of that Congress, was \$5 less per year than for the Congress which will close March 4, 1907.

If the wealth of the country, rather than its population, is considered, the cost of government is now at a much less figure than ever before in the history of the Republic. The fact that big Congressional appropriations are no longer political issues shows that the people care little for economy in administration so long as there is a general prosperity. The majority of the Congress the minority seeks to show that there have been great extravagances in appropriations. The presentation made by the ranking Democrat of the Appropriations Committee does not really show what it is demanding. Neither will it support a referendum of disputed bills to popular vote nor the substitution of an elective body for the present upper house.

KINGSTON SEVERELY SHAKEN.

Walls Go Down, Killing Five—People Are Leaving Island.

Kingston, Feb. 23.—There was a renewal of the earthquake shocks this afternoon when a severe shock followed by two other mild ones caused a number of walls of damaged building near the docks to fall.

Four negro laborers, who were at work clearing the ruins, were caught under falling walls and killed, while half a dozen others were more or less severely injured. One white man, who was driving through the streets, was killed by a damaged building collapsing and burying him and his team.

The people were thrown into panic, and all who could do so made for the park and the open country. The renewed shocks have caused the greatest alarm, and many persons who had decided to stay in the city and recover from their fallen fortunes, have now decided to leave for some place which gives prospects of being more stable.

BRYAN IN ELEVATOR ACCIDENT

Lift Falls at Chicago and Democratic Leaders Are Shaken Up.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Mayor Dunne, William Jennings Bryan, Louis F. Post, of the board of education, and E. H. Roche, the latter of the mayor's confidants, were imperiled in an elevator accident at the Sherman House to-day. They escaped with a severe shaking up. The elevator dropped about fifteen feet to the bottom of the shaft. Mr. Bryan, who was passing through the city, had called at the mayor's headquarters on the second floor of the hotel.

LIBERALS DO NOT WANT THE UPPER HOUSE ABOLISHED

OBJECT TO ALL REFORM PLANS