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GEN. BOOTH'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.

Five Thousand Soldiers of the Salvation Army Welcome Him to London.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The monster procession of the Salvation Army today, upon the occasion of the "triumphal entry" into London of "Gen." Booth, was by far the greatest effort ever made by the Salvationists to attract attention to their work.

The general made a short stay at the Grosvenor Hotel, adjoining the depot, and from thence a procession was formed, marching by way of Grosvenor Place to Hyde Park corner, thence into the park itself. In this parade there were fully 5,000 salvation lads and lasses in line, the number being limited to 5,000 in order that the procession should not encumber the streets for too long a time, but there were fully 20,000 other salvationists in the throngs which witnessed the show.

The procession left Hyde Park by the Albert gate, proceeded up William street, Eccleston street and Buckingham Palace road, past the Victoria Hotel, practically for the occasion, the reviewing stand; from there by way of Grosvenor Gardens, through Belgravia, startling the inhabitants of its stately mansions, through Hyde Park, up Oxford street, across the Holborn viaduct, down Cheapside, through Queen Victoria street, where it disbanded. The line of march was packed with people, who cheered or jeered at the salvationists, as their humor prompted.

SNOW DRIFTS IN NEW YORK.

One of the Severest Storms Known for Several Years.

MALONE, N. Y., Feb. 13.—One of the most severe snow storms this section has witnessed for several years has prevailed for the past thirty-six hours.

FONDA, N. Y., Feb. 13.—The worst storm of the season has been raging in the Mohawk valley since Thursday night. Huge snow drifts block country roads, and snow ploughs are being run on both the West Shore and Central Hudson railroads.

PLAGUE FROM ITALY.

Italian Immigrants Spread Disease on Arriving in America.

NEWBURG, N.Y., Feb. 13.—A pronounced case of typhus fever has been discovered in this city among a number of Italians, the sick man having been a passenger on the steamship Massilia. He has been removed to the pest house and all the occupants of the building placed in quarantine. The building is to be thoroughly fumigated and the yellow flag displayed.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 13.—Max Rosenthal, who arrived in New York in the immigrant steamer Massilia, is down with typhus fever at 10 North Bond street, this city. Rosenthal stopped for a time in New York at 5 Essex street. The New York health officers informed the authorities here late last night of Rosenthal's probable presence in Baltimore. Early this morning he was located and the case is now well watched. Health Officer McShane does not apprehend any spread of the disease here. Rosenthal is already isolated.

There are two scarlet fever cases also in the house No. 10 North Bond street. Rosenthal nursed the sick immigrants on the voyage from Marseilles to New York.

THE BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET.

It Will Take Place Next Tuesday and a Large Attendance is Anticipated.

Much interest is being taken in business circles in the annual banquet of the Washington board of trade, which will take place at the Arlington next Tuesday night. This organization includes in its membership representatives of nearly every branch of business in the District, and is thoroughly interested in the development of the city. Its establishment has been of much value to the community in developing a local public spirit.

At the annual banquets there is usually a large delegation of legislators present and it is expected that even a greater number than usual will attend next Tuesday night.

It is believed that the coming occasion will be the most interesting event in the history of the board.

President Myron M. Parker will preside and it is anticipated that the intellectual menu will be fully equal to that of a material nature which will precede it. It is expected that something over a hundred members of the board will be present, together with a large number of invited guests.

Among the latter who have already accepted invitations are Senators Colquitt, Harris, Vance, Faulkner, Gallinger, Pettigrew, Perkins and Dolph, Representatives Fellows, Compton, Breckinridge, Richardson, Henderson, Cogswell and Washington, Judge Montgomery, Controller of the Currency Lacey and Mr. E. W. Halford.

The chairman of the banquet committee states that there are a number of the members of the board of trade who have informally expressed an intention to be present at the annual banquet, but have not formally notified him or the president of this intention. In order that places may be reserved for them and the proper arrangements made it is highly desirable that this information should be communicated at once.

HASTE OF THE SILVER MEN.

The Movement Thought to Be Started by Texas Men to Injure Mr. Mills.

The immense hurry of the silver people to get a free coinage bill before the House when it is apparent that they can get the bill through without any such display of haste has been hard of explanation to a great many members who have been importuned to take part in the movement.

One explanation of it is found in a report that the movement is being engineered by members of the Texas delegation and their friends for the embarrassment of Mr. Mills. The Texas senatorship is supposed to be involved in the matter. Mr. Mills has taken a position against free coinage which it is believed will make him unpopular at home. Mr. Culberson is a free silver man, as are also the other members of the Texas delegation, and it is said that they are trying to get the matter before the House as soon as possible, so as to force Mr. Mills to declare his position in the House. Mr. Mills' reputation for courage leads to the impression that if the question comes up he will not attempt to dodge it, and that he will follow such a course as may injure his chances of election to the Senate. It is suspected that this is being engineered in the interest of Mr. Culberson.

It is well understood by the silver men that if they can get a majority of the House with them in favor of the free coinage bill, without counting republican and alliance votes, they can get the bill before the House.

Therefore if they have confidence in the stability of their strength there appears no good reason for the haste that characterizes their action.

The object in getting members to sign a paper asking for a day to be set for the consideration of the bill is to convince the committee on rules that a majority of the House, counting only democrats, are determined to pass the bill. The committee on rules is not in favor of the proposition to force the silver issue upon the party, but if it can be shown that there are enough democrats to pass the bill who will not yield to party counsel against it it will be useless to try to stave it off. Thus far the requisite number of signatures have not been secured, but the belief prevails that they will yet be had.

The ways and means committee are trying to hurry up their free wool bill so as to get a special order for it not later than when the report is made of a special order for the silver bill.

SWEATING SYSTEM

To Be Investigated by a Committee of the House.

SAFETY OF NATIONAL BANKS.

An Interesting Debate on the Subject Today.

HOUSE.

Several executive communications were laid before the House and appropriately referred.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to investigate the pension office: Messrs. Wheeler of Michigan, Little of New York, Dungan of Ohio, Lind of Minnesota and Brosius of Pennsylvania.

THE SWEATING SYSTEM.

On motion of Mr. Hoar (Mass.) a resolution was taken up directing the committee on manufactures to investigate the so-called "sweating" system of tenement labor.

The committee is given authority to send subcommittees to various cities in carrying on the inquiry. The expense is to be defrayed from the contingent fund of the House. Mr. Holman of Indiana thought that the amount of expenditure should be limited to $1,000.

Mr. Hoar replied that the purpose of the committee was not to take any trip throughout the country that could be avoided. It hoped to be able to have the investigation carried on in Washington entirely. This matter was a very important one. It involved the tremendous question of labor in the large cities. The inquiry might result in the passage of a law restricting immigration and of one to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. He did not think that the House should limit the expenses of the committee to $1,000. It was an unnecessary limitation.

MR. OATES OBJECTS.

Mr. Oates (Ala.) opposed the resolution. Investigations were frequently gotten up by gentlemen (he did not refer to the gentleman from Massachusetts) for the purpose of gaining a little cheap clap-trap notoriety. It was in that way that the jurisdiction of Congress had been extended to investigate all kinds of subjects—subjects with which Congress had nothing to do—subjects which under the Constitution Congress had no right and power to legislate upon.

Mr. Babbitt (Wis.) said that he had received letters from two of the most important clothing merchants of Boston asking that the measure be postponed for one week.

MR. HOAR INSISTS THAT INVESTIGATION BE HAD.

Mr. Hoar urged upon the House the necessity of remedying evils which resulted from the sweating system.

Mr. Oates inquired why the evils could not be remedied by the state legislatures.

Mr. Hoar replied that they could not reach the evil. He believed that after the investigation was had the House would find that it had good reason to pass a more stringent immigration law.

Mr. Walker (Mass.) warmly advocated the resolution.

Mr. Bynum (Ind.) said that, while he would not oppose the pending resolution, he would oppose investigations in the future unless they were absolutely necessary. In the past investigating committees had expended a great deal of money and had been productive of but few satisfactory results.

Mr. Morse (Mass.) and Mr. Harter (Ohio) favored the resolution.

MR. REED'S INQUIRY.

Mr. Holman offered an amendment limiting the expenditure to $3,000. For some time Mr. Hoar held out for $5,000, and while he and Mr. Holman were disputing the point Mr. Reed (Me.) raised a laugh by asking dryly whether the contract was made.

Mr. Holman proved successful and his amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Chipman (Mich.) an amendment was adopted directing the committee to inquire how much increase the McKinley bill has caused in the wages of the workmen employed in industries provided by the terms of that bill.

The resolution was adopted.

SAFETY OF NATIONAL BANKS.

In the morning hour the House resumed consideration of the bill for the better control of and to promote the safety of national banks.

Mr. Lockwood (N. Y.) objected to the bill because he believed it to be both detrimental to the banking interests and to the general interests of the country to be constantly changing and modifying the laws relating to national banks.

ALEXANDRIA.

AN ALEXANDRIA ENTERTAINMENT.

A large company of representative Alexandria people enjoyed last night the selections prepared for their entertainment at the complimentary rehearsal of the Alexandria Musical Association. The association was assisted on the occasion by Mr. H. T. Statham of Washington, who gave two vocal solos: "The Song of Hybrais the Creton" and "I Fear no Foe," both of which were heartily encored. Mr. H. C. Nalls was encored in a euphonium solo from "Il Trovatore," and the association, as band and orchestra, gave some excellent selections, which were finely rendered.

MASONIC REUNION.

The presentation to Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Free Masons of a Masonic apron, a relic of the late war, was made the occasion of a pleasant reunion at the last meeting of the lodge. Messrs. Frederick Weber of Louisville, Henry Baldrey of Minneapolis, T. E. Anderson and the W. M. of the lodge, Mr. J. R. Chapman, delivered addresses.

CORPORATION COURT.

The corporation court, Judge Norton, continuing its civil business, has made a final decree in the case of McFarland agt. McFarland. In Wheatley agt. Turner a writ of possession has been ordered to be issued, and the case of Lee agt. Butler has been referred to Commissioner Calahan. In Maury agt. Blacklock commissioners of partition have been appointed.

HE IS A CANDIDATE.

M. L. Robinson, editor of the Alexandria *Leader*, announces himself in that paper as a candidate for delegate to the national republican convention from this district.

REVIVAL TO CLOSE.

The revival services that have been held in Trinity M.E. Church will close Monday night. Rev. Thos. A. Della, the evangelist of Baltimore, who has been conducting this revival expresses himself as greatly gratified at the number of conversions that have resulted.

Alumni Dinners.

Arrangements have been made to have the annual dinner of the Bowdoin Alumni Association at Welcker's next Wednesday night. The annual banquet of the Yale Alumni Association will be held at the Shoreham next Monday night. Among those who have accepted invitations to speak are Mr. Justice Brewer, who will preside, Secretary Noble, Senators Dawes, Gibson, Hawley, Higgins, Dubois, Representative Dalzell, Commissioner Simonds of the patent office and Mr. W. D. Bishop of Bridgeport and Mr. Case.

CAPITOL TOPICS.

THE PINKERTON AGENCY.

Representative Watson of Georgia has received a telegram from the miners' national convention in session at Columbus, Ohio, urging the necessity of adopting the resolution now pending in the House to investigate the Pinkerton detective agency.

THE FREE WOOL BILL.

The free wool bill will probably be reported to the House on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. The democrats of the ways and meeting held a long meeting today and made some very deep cuts under the Springer bill as it stood before.

SECRETARY ELKINS went to Baltimore this afternoon.

SECRETARY FOSTER'S PLANS.—Secretary Foster was questioned today in regard to the report that he contemplated a trip to Europe for the benefit of his health. He said the best answer he could make was to quote a telegram he had just sent to a friend in Ohio on the same subject in which he said: "Have made no arrangements to go to Europe. Will be here next week. May go to Europe or somewhere else some time."

Thomas Butcher, of Camden, N. J., while unloading a carload of iron, was instantly killed by a large bar of iron falling on his head.

TALKING FOR CHARITY.

Representatives of Various Institutions at the Capitol—The Girls' Reform School.

The subcommittee of the House appropriation committee having charge of the District appropriation bill gave a hearing this morning to representatives of various local charitable institutions to allow them an opportunity to ask for additional appropriations over the amounts estimated by the superintendent of charities.

Dr. Wilson asked $6,000 additional for the Industrial Home School.

Miss Chase and Miss Foster, in behalf of the National Temperance Home, protested against the omission from the estimates of the sum of $2,500, which the home received in the last two appropriation bills. They also asked for $14,000, with which to erect a building.

Representatives of the Association for Works of Mercy asked for an appropriation of $3,700 in addition to the amount estimated.

Mr. Hackett of St. John's Orphan Asylum asked for several small increases over the estimate.

Mr. Simon Wolff detailed the requirements of the German Orphan Asylum and asked a small increase in the estimate.

Sister Euphrasia of St. Joseph's Male Orphan Asylum asked for an appropriation of $3,000 to buy food for the asylum. The sisters now, she said, have to beg their supplies daily from door to door.

Dr. Percy Hickling and Mrs. Herron of the Young Women's Christian Home asked for $2,500 for maintenance for the year.

Miss Travers made an earnest plea for $3,000 for St. Rose Industrial School.

THE PROPOSED GIRL'S REFORM SCHOOL.

Mr. Everett of the proposed reform school for girls urged the necessity of the maintenance of this institution, and Commissioner Douglass, who was present, indorsed his statement. He suggested the erection of cottages to accommodate about forty inmates each.

Police Judge Kimball said that during the last year over 1,200 girls were arrested who were under twenty-one years of age. The majority of them were released from custody because it was not deemed best to send young girls to jail or to the workhouse. He thought $30,000 would erect two buildings.

Representative Henderson, a member of the subcommittee on appropriations, after listening to the testimony in favor of the girls' reform school, said:

"It is a disgrace to civilization that this school is not established."

The subcommittee listened with attention to the arguments in favor of this school and asked the advocates to submit in writing details of their plans for establishing the school.

Mrs. Waring and the treasurer of the Home for Friendless Colored Girls asked for $1,200 as a minimum figure.

Mr. Dodge made a vigorous appeal in behalf of the Associated Charities for $2,500. He explained the work of the association and represented the good results to be obtained with an appropriation of that amount.

At the conclusion of the hearing the committee went into executive session and interrogated Superintendent Warner upon the various items of his estimate.

Death of Mrs. W. A. H. Church.

Mrs. W. A. H. Church died at an early hour this morning of typhoid fever. She had been seriously ill for several weeks, but it was thought the crisis had been passed and her friends were beginning to be hopeful of her recovery. The deceased, whose maiden name was Maggie Clark, had lived in South Washington since her marriage some twelve years ago and was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, from which she will be buried Monday afternoon. She had a large circle of friends, to whom she was endeared for her many traits of noble womanhood. She was a stanch friend, a devoted wife and daughter and leaves her sorrowing husband and relatives the memory of an earnest Christian life. The sympathy of the community in which she lived is with the bereaved ones in their affliction.

A New Riding Club.

A party of ladies and gentlemen have organized a riding club known as the West End Riding Club. The club held its first ride Wednesday evening, eighteen of its members participating. The grand march was begun at 8 o'clock and was led by Mr. Geo. Spartas, "ridingmaster." The different movements were admirably arranged and executed. The ladies rode well and seemed to have complete control over their horses. The club meets every Wednesday and on these occasions the doors of the academy will be open to spectators.

Among those participating were Wm. McCaulley, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Malcolm Henry, Mr. and Miss Muelican, Miss C. Force, Mrs. Perry, Dr. Wm. G. Schaffhirt, Harry King, Miss Russell, Mr. Talmage, Miss Howe, Miss Talmage, Robinson Riley, Mr. Middleton, Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins, John T. Waggaman.

The Insurance Bureau Bill.

Assessor Trimble today made a report upon Senate bill 1001, to establish an insurance bureau in the District of Columbia, in which he said: The proposed bill, while possessing in some respects undoubted merit, is, in the opinion of this office, too cumberous, too elaborate in its requirements and, above all, too expensive.

"Great as is the necessity for amendments to existing law," Mr. Trimble says, "I cannot recommend the passage of this bill, but would respectfully suggest that if Congress will authorize and provide for an insurance clerk with a fair salary ($2,000), who will be able to give his individual attention to insurance matters, the public interest would be as well protected and at much less expense than in the proposed bill."

Charge Against a Druggist.

Today in Judge Kimball's court there was a charge of unlicensed bar against V. H. Eisenbeiss, the druggist. It was charged that he sold half-pint bottles of liquor, and, although the bottles were marked "for medicinal purposes only," the proof was that the liquor was sold and no questions asked.

The court imposed a fine of $105, and Mr. Cahill asked that payment be suspended for a few days, which request was granted.

Charges Against a Wife.

Frank J. Litz appears as the complainant in a suit for divorce from Ella G. Litz. The bill, filed by G. W. Kern, sets forth the marriage in Baltimore in June last, and charges desertion in October last after he had forbidden her receiving visits of a certain party, and that she frequently flirted with men; that she is addicted to drinking, and his customers were driven away by her.

Mr. Hyde's Condition Critical.

At a late hour this afternoon it was reported that there has been no change since yesterday in the condition of Mr. Anthony Hyde, who is lying critically ill at his residence in Georgetown.

In the Jury's Hands.

Judge Wilson concluded his argument in the Talty will case about 1 o'clock, and after recess Judge Montgomery charged the jury, who took the case about 2:30 o'clock.

An Autopsy to Be Made.

Deputy Coroner Schaeffer will make an autopsy on the body of Brightwell, which was found in the canal, and if the result indicates foul play an inquest will probably be held tomorrow.

A Private Detective in Trouble.

Last evening about 9 o'clock there was an exciting time in a house near 16th and Corcoran streets when James Dustin, a private detective, and William S. Appleton, or William Sappleton, went to the house, where Dustin had rented a room. The men had two women with them and the landlady refused to let them in, whereupon the detective's friend, it is alleged, kicked in the door.

The woman of the house called upon Lawyer John B. O'Neill to take her part and when he did so Dustin assaulted him. A policeman appeared and Dustin was locked up on a charge of assault.

The case was heard in the Police Court this morning and Lawyer O'Neill, who appeared as a witness, said he was at the house to see his client when the trouble occurred.

It was in proof that Dustin did not break the door, and he was therefore acquitted of a charge of destroying private property. He was fined $15 for the assault.

While Judge Miller was hearing the case a warrant was issued against both Dustin and Sappleton, charging false pretenses, and on that charge Dustin was sent to jail. Sappleton has not yet been arrested.

Range of the Thermometer.

The following were the readings at the office of the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 17; 3 p.m., 29; maximum, 30; minimum, 16.

THE BERING SEA JOINT COMMISSION resumed its sessions at the State Department this afternoon.

HELP THE SUFFERING.

Cases of Distress Which Need Relief From Those Charitably Disposed.

The cold weather increases the suffering among the poor people, and at present there are numerous families in want of both food and fuel. All the charitable organizations are busy selecting the most worthy cases, as the funds on hand are not enough to supply all applicants. The Associated Charities has about 700 cases on hand, and the police are being asked for assistance from day to day, but beyond a few contributions received now and then they have nothing to give. During weather like yesterday and today fuel is in great demand, as many poor persons are the recipients of food from their neighbors, who seldom think of sending a bucket of coal or a stick of wood.

Mrs. L. A. Overacker of No. 917 O street, who spends almost her entire time looking after the needs of the poor, told a STAR reporter last evening that there was a great amount of suffering among the poor people here just at present. She is past president of the Ladies' Aid Society of Phil Kearney Post, Sons of Veterans, and a member of Potomac Relief Corps, as well as being connected with the Associated Charities, in each of which organization she is an active worker.

In speaking of cases of destitution and suffering, Mrs. Overacker told the reporter of a case in Southeast Washington of an elderly woman, a widow with two grown sons, and now that they were old enough to support her they were dying. One, she said, is suffering from a cancer and the other has the consumption. Another case is a family located in Northeast Washington. The family consists of a mother and six children, aged two, five, seven, eight, twelve and sixteen years. The eldest, a boy, earns $4 a week, and that is the only income the family has.

Another case mentioned was that of an elderly couple from Virginia. The husband, who has been in the hospital, returned only few weeks ago, and he is now dying and without the actual necessaries of life.

Persons desiring to assist either of the three families, Mrs. Overacker says, may call upon her and she will furnish the names and addresses of those in need.

Capt. Austin of the police department told a STAR reporter that during the present cold snap many applications have been made for assistance, and had not they been able from the contributions to have rendered some little assistance some families would have suffered for want of necessary food.

Thus far this season Chief Clerk Sylvester has received contributions amounting to $390, all of which with the exception of a few dollars has been expended.

Recent contributions have been received as follows: Mrs. J. A. K., $25; T. B., $2; Prof. H., $10; Feb. 12, $5.

THE CENTRAL STREET RAILWAY.

It is Approved by the Commissioners After Reconsideration.

The Commissioners, after reconsideration today, have recommended favorable action upon Senate bill 2003, "to incorporate the Washington Central Street Railway Company."

This road if constructed and used, they say, would be very useful to portions of East Washington, where the lack of means of transit is a source of general embarrassment and inconvenience. The portion of its route in the western section seems to be well adapted to convey the patrons to the principal points of general interest and resort in that part of the city. Its route interferes as little with those of other street railroads as any that could probably be selected and be of reasonable service to the public.

Section 1 should be amended by adding after the word "passengers," in line 60 and 61, the words "wherever more than one of the tracks of said railway company shall be constructed on any of the public highways in the District of Columbia the width of the space between the two tracks shall not exceed four feet."

The bill should also be amended so as to require the company to pay a tax of 4 per centum on its gross receipts in lieu of personal tax.

The Commissioners understand this bill to be a modification of the project embraced in Senate bill 1433, "to incorporate the Washington and Bladensburg Street Railway Company," and in view of that impression will not make further report respecting the latter measure unless further notified.

This charter, if granted, would be a valuable franchise and the road would probably be constructed at once.

TO EXTEND THE TIME.

The Commissioners Draft a Bill in Reference to the Assessment Now Going On.

The Commissioners today submitted to Congress a draft of a bill "to extend the time for making an assessment of real estate in the District of Columbia, outside the cities of Washington and Georgetown," and recommend that it be introduced and favorably acted upon as soon as practicable.

They say: "The assessment which is now in progress is being conducted in a very thorough manner, but the assessors and the Commissioners are satisfied that it cannot be completed within the time fixed therefor by the existing law. The assessors are making a personal examination of each piece of property in the District, and the Commissioners believe that the results of their labors will be more equitable and satisfactory to the property owners than any previous assessment made since the organization of the District government. The assessors have about completed their work in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, but in order that they may give the same care and attention to the assessments of the property in the District outside of those cities the extension of time asked for must be given.

"The object of section 3 is to obviate the necessity of having two separate collections made within such a short period of each other.

Section 4 is intended to do away with one of the inequitable features of the present law, which forbids the board of equalization to reduce the aggregate valuation of the assessors. Under this law if the board of equalization finds that one piece of property has been too highly assessed it can only reduce that assessment by adding the amount deducted therefrom to the assessment of some other piece of property, which may, in their judgment, be assessed already its full value. To do justice to one they must wrong another.

"The operation of this provision causes much embarrassment to the officers of the District and dissatisfaction among the property holders. Its repeal is urgently recommended."

THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONERS.

They Call Upon the President—No Authority to Conclude a Treaty.

The Canadian reciprocity commissioners, accompanied by Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Pauncefote, called at the White House today and were formally presented to the President in the blue parlor. They met at Secretary Blaine's house at 11 o'clock and their call lasted about half an hour.

The visit was merely for the purpose of paying respects and there was no formal discussion under consideration. At the close of yesterday's meeting at the State Department it was decided to hold the next session on Monday, when the negotiations will be continued. There is no means of ascertaining at present just how much longer the process will be continued.

It is understood that at the conference yesterday Secretary Blaine elicited the fact that the commissioners from Canada have in reality no power to conclude any reciprocal trade arrangement at present and that on that basis he intimated that a further prolongation of the discussion of the question at this time would be useless, as the ground that may be covered in these preliminaries would have to be gone over again should Canada ever send down a commission empowered to bind the government to a treat.

It is further understood that Sir Julian Pauncefote, in replying to the queries put by the Secretary, admitted the absence of any final negotiating power on the part of the present commission, but that he added that it was expected that Lord Salisbury would consider favorably any request within the bounds of reason that the commissioners might make of the home government.

It is rumored that the adjournment until Monday was taken in order that the cables might be utilized toward obtaining from the government at London some official expression giving the present negotiations the color of authority.

Divorces Granted.

Judge Hagner in the Equity Court today made a decree of divorce in the case of Jessie D. Martin against Herman J. Martin in favor of complainant.

Judge Hagner today also granted a decree of divorce to Clara D. Harvey in her bill against Charles F. Harvey.

AMUSEMENTS.

ALBAUGH'S.—Mr. A. C. Gunter's stories are always brimful of dramatic material, and his long experience as a playwright enables him to reproduce his own stories for the stage. "Mr. Barnes of New York" on the stage far outstripped in popularity his prototype of the novel, and the experience of "Mr. Potter of Texas" on the road has proven a repetition of this happy result. "Mr. Potter of Texas" now comes for the first time to Washington and will be the attraction at Albaugh's next week. The story has been so widely read that only a brief resume of the more important points of the plot would seem necessary at this time. Mr. Gunter has drawn for his hero or principal character a rough and uncouth Texan ranger, the Hon. Sampson Potter, whom he makes a big-hearted, honest and shrewd man. Potter's love for his daughter marks his predominating characteristic. Ida Potter has been educated in Europe and has developed into a beautiful young lady, with all the refinement and culture that her father's vast wealth could give her. When Mr. Potter appears on the scene he finds his daughter about to engage herself in marriage with Arthur Lincoln, the son of Judge Lincoln of the queen's bench, recently raised to the peerage. Potter on his arrival is confronted with an accusation of theft, said to have been committed twenty years previously. Mr. Potter is obliged to clear his name of these imputations, which are false, of course, in order that his daughter may marry into this English gentle family. He succeeds finally in establishing his innocence and all ends happily. Manager Sanger of the Broadway Theater, New York, promises a cast of unusual excellence, as the names of Joseph Wheelock, Jeffreys Lewis, Frank Allen and others easily indicate. The scenery will be the same that characterized the original New York Star Theater production, and altogether the occasion should prove notable.

HARRIS' BIJOU THEATER.—Next week the popular soubrette, Miss Florence J. Bindley, will appear at Harris' Bijou Theater. She is a star whose attractions never failed to excite interest and admiration. She is an exceptional soubrette in many respects. She is a capable actress, has a sweet voice and a liberal musical education, and is a most graceful dancer. She is remarkably pretty and has a peculiar charm of manner that makes her at once a favorite. Her play is "The Pay Train." She assumes the role of *Bessie Burton*, a heroic girl who redeems her father's reputation and saves him from ruin through her own pluck and energy. In one portion of the performance she assumes the role of a boy, and she is as graceful a youngster as was ever seen behind the footlights. The mechanical effects used in the production are wonderfully elaborate. The Brotherhood of Engineers showed their appreciation of the production by presenting Miss Bindley with a beautiful miniature locomotive and train. The usual profile train is not used, but the interiors of the cars are used and the train is uncoupled while in motion in full view of the audience. There are numerous other strokes of realism, the wreck at the mine, caused by the bursting of a defective boiler, being one of the most noteworthy. The company is spoken of in terms of general approbation.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATER.—Lily Clay's Colossal Gaiety Company, the attraction at Kernan's Lyceum Theater next week, promises an entertainment that will eclipse all its former efforts. Manager Jack has gathered together a collection of beauties, and among them are some of the brightest vocalists and merriest dancers in the profession. It has been Manager Jack's policy to combine beauty with talent, and to provide an entertainment in which the honors are equally divided. This season he has a very happy company which serves his purpose well. The entertainment is marked by that lavish elegance and completeness of detail that characterizes all the entertainments with which Manager Jack is identified. There is a musical soiree entitled "A Bower of Beauty," which serves as an introductory and introduces many fresh features and rich novelties, including new songs, dances and music. The two burlesques, "Don Jose" and "Robin Hood," are produced with careful attention to detail, including special scenery and an excellent cast, made up of the most talented and beautiful artists in the company.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Tomorrow (Sunday) night Mr. Edmund Hudson will deliver an illustrated lecture upon "The German Emperor and the German Army." The subject is one that is of general interest, for the young ruler of the German empire is the most important figure in Europe, and his army is considered to be the finest military organization in the world. Mr. Hudson has had abundant opportunity for obtaining correct information of the subject he has chosen, for he was in Europe last fall and attended the German military maneuvers near Gotha, and of these he will speak from personal observation. His pictures are those which he obtained abroad and a lifelike representation of the persons and incidents treated. The United States Marine Band will furnish appropriate German military music to add to the interest of the entertainment. This lecture was delivered to the cadets at West Point and was received with great favor. Col. Wilson, the superintendent of the Military Academy, characterizes it as a masterly and instructive effort.

THE MARINE BAND.—The concert of Newman Loyal Temperance Legion to be given at the Congregational Church on the night of Washington's Birthday promises to be unusually successful. The United States Marine Band, under the personal direction of its leader, Mr. John Philip Sousa, will be the principal attraction, and will play a number of novelties, including a new descriptive piece by Mr. Sousa, entitled "Sheridan's Ride." Mrs. Nellie Wilson Shir-Cliff, soprano, and Dr. J. W. Bischoff, organist, will assist in the program and will add to the interest of the occasion. Reserved seats may be secured at Ellis' music store on Tuesday next.

THE BISCHOFF CONCERT.—The third concert in the Bischoff course will occur on Wednesday evening next, and will be given entirely by local artists, the instrumental part of the Washington Musical Club, assisted by Mrs. Nellie Wilson Shir-Cliff and Dr. J. W. Bischoff. The club will appear in two trio numbers and also in accompaniment to one of Mrs. Shir-Cliff's solos. Each member of the club will render a group of solos, Mrs. Shir-Cliff will give three numbers and Dr. Bischoff will play his new arrangement of Schubert's "Erl King" for the organ. Tickets are on sale at Ellis & Co.'s.

THE MIERSCH CONCERT.—An interesting program has been prepared for the Miersch concert at the Universalist Church on Monday evening, and great enjoyment is anticipated by musical people. Among the numbers are round names such as Vieuxtemps, Meyerbeer, Moliigue, Wieniaroski and Papper. The piece de resistance of the evening will undoubtedly be the "Chaconne" by J. S. Bach, a piece written for violin without accompaniment. In this Mr. Johannes Miersch is at his best, as it is well adapted to show off the broad and intellectual conception of this artist. By the performance of this number Mr. Miersch has aroused many European audiences to the greatest enthusiasm. The sale of seats has been large and continues at Metzerott's and Knabe's.

ORGAN AND HARP RECITAL.—The organ and harp recital to be given at Calvary Parish Hall on Thursday evening next has attracted much interest, not only among those who know the charitable object of the entertainment, but also among music-loving people who are satisfied that an enjoyable program will be presented. Mr. George W. Morgan, organist; Miss Maud Morgan, harpist; Miss Amy Hare, pianist, and many prominent amateur vocalists will participate. Tickets may now be obtained at Metzerott's, Brentano's, Droop's and Knabe's.

THE MODERN ATHLETE.—Tonight Mr. Alonzo A. Stagg, Yale's famous pitcher and foot ball player, will lecture in Gymnasium Hall, Y. M. C. A. building, on "The Modern Athlete." Mr. Stagg is a pleasing and forcible speaker and, of course, is thoroughly familiar with the subject he has chosen for his lecture. All young men are interested in the subject of athletics and a large audience will undoubtedly greet the great base ball and foot ball player tonight.

MASONIC TEMPLE.—The ladies of the Spinner Memorial Association will give a concert and hop to swell their memorial fund at the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening next. The Marine Band and other artists will participate in the program and the entertainment will be highly enjoyable. The object of these ladies in honoring the memory of the man who first gave women employment under the government is one that commends itself to every right-thinking man and woman, and their efforts in this instance should be generously sustained. After the concert there will be dancing.

NATIONAL RIFLES' ARMORY.—The concert and hop of the Washington Mandolin, Banjo and Guitar Club at the National Rifles' Armory last night was a decided success in every respect. The program was well arranged and each number was satisfactorily performed, although the numerous encores drew it out to an uncomfortable length. The individual and concerted work of the members of the club compared favorably with that of more pretentious organizations of a similar character that have visited the city during the season and was gratifying to those who take an interest in home talent. Of the outside assistants Hub Smith, in his new song, "The Country Band," created a veritable sensation and he and his "band" were brought back again and again. After the program was over dancing was indulged in by many.

MASONIC TEMPLE.—The Wallace Dramatic Company will give a benefit at Masonic Temple on Monday night for the benefit of the widows and orphans. The play will be the beautiful English love story, "Parted," by Wybert Reeves. This play is given for a charitable cause and should be well patronized. There is to be a real live baby in the play.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, GEORGETOWN.—The Ladies' Aid Society and the Cosmos Circle of Mt. Tabor M. P. Church will hold a rainbow bazar next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Odd Fellows' Hall in Georgetown. An enjoyable program will be furnished each evening and it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

MASONIC TEMPLE.—There will be a grand concert at the Masonic Temple on March 1, for the benefit of Burnside Woman's Relief Corps, No. 4. A section of the Georgetown Amateur Orchestra, the Philharmonic Quartet, Miss Hattie Meads, soprano; Mr. A. W. Meyer, pianist; Mr. Frank Baxter, tenor; Mr. Anton Kaspar, violinist; the Columbia Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, and other talent will participate in the program.

HIGH SCHOOL HALL.—At the hall of the High School last night an enjoyable entertainment was given for the benefit of the public school library fund. The Washington Musical Club, with Misses Meads and Rogers, furnished some musical selections, and a one-act comedy was given by a cast from the pupils. The chief interest, however, centered in a drill contest between the commissioned officers of the High School battalion of cadets. Capt. Burton R. Ross was the judge, and as one after another dropped out the interest became intense. Finally Mr. H. G. Ogden was declared the winner amid the most enthusiastic applause.

THE THURSBY CONCERT.—The concert at the Metropolitan M. E. Church last night was not largely attended, and those who expected to hear the pure, flexible voice that years ago gained for Emma Thursby the title of Queen of the Concert Stage were disappointed. The last time Miss Thursby sang here it was evident that her powers were failing, but those who admired her hoped that rest would restore the sweetness and resonance to her voice. That has not been the case, and though her method is the same the tone is not there. The tenor, Mr. Gustave Thalberg, created a favorable impression and the others sustained their share of the program satisfactorily. An incident not down on the bills was that of an interruption by a venerable gentleman who protested against the use of the church for such a secular object, but the concert continued notwithstanding.

TAMMANY CONGRESSMEN.

They Are Called to New York to Confer With Senator Hill.

It is suspected that Mr. Hill has found the situation in New York, in the light of the Cooper Union meeting of protest, to be serious enough to demand more than ordinary attention. The Tammany members of the House have been called to New York by telegraph for a conference with the Senator.

The eulogies on the late Representative Spinola were set for today, but Mr. Cochran ashed for a postponement.

Mr. Cummings, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Fellows had accepted invitations to dinner tonight, but were compelled to break the engagement this morning.

THE G. A. R. ELECTION.

A Lively Contest Over the Choice of Department Officers.

Grand Army circles are very much stirred up over the annual election of officers of the Department of the Potomac, which takes place at the annual encampment, which will open Monday evening at 6:30 in the hall of the Builders' Exchange building, 719 13th street. There are some 294 members of the encampment, and it is expected that the attendance will be about 274. There are two tickets in the field and the contest is on about the same lines as that of last year. The candidates for the chief positions on the two tickets are as follows: S. E. Faunce, commander; Mr. Potter of Post 5, senior vice commander, and Mr. Hanbach, junior vice commander; A. F. Dinsmore, commander; John McElroy, senior vice, and Nathan Bickford, junior vice. Mr. Dinsmore is the present senior vice commander and is in direct line of promotion.

Mr. Faunce has held the position of senior vice and last year was a candidate for commander and was defeated by Mr. Pipes.

The two parties are practically the same as last year and the present administration men claim that their ticket will be elected by a majority of between fifty and sixty votes. It is possible that a third ticket will be put up. The officers will be nominated Monday night and on the following night, according to a new arrangement, polls will be open from 6 to 9 o'clock, so that the voting will not interfere with the transaction of business.

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A PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY.

A numerously attended and gay surprise party was last night tendered Mr. Charles Tolson at the Jefferson street residence of Mr. Harry Darling. The time was spent in dancing and refreshments contributed to the occasion. The guests were Miss Mary Dorsey, Miss Blanche Griffith, Miss Annie Vermillion, Miss Gertie Vermillion, Miss Lottie Littie, Miss Jessie Darling, Miss Grace Allen, Miss Fannie Anderson, Miss Gertie Gates of Washington, Miss Millie Peck, Miss Eva Shields, Miss Annie Green, Miss Lizzie Watson, Miss Eulalie Prevost, Messrs. Charles Tolson, Warren Tolson, Jilson Entwisle, Charles Entwisle, Richard Keating, Harry Kelly, Maurice Haines, Maurice Arnold, Milton Fillius, George Kennedy, Paul Conner, Theodore Snell, Charles Snell, Frank A. Dony, Ar