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# BURNED TO DEATH

## Frightful Scenes at Hotel Fire in Iowa.

## TEN BODIES IN RUINS

### More Than Forty Persons Seriously Injured.

## TWO WILL SURELY DIE

### PANIC-STRICKEN GUESTS LEAP FROM WINDOWS.

### Street Filled With Men and Women Bruised, Battered, Broken-Limed and Half Crazed.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa., February 20.—Ten lives, according to the best information obtainable under difficulties, were lost in a fire which this morning destroyed the Clifton Hotel in this city.

The fire started at 2:30 o'clock, and at 10 o'clock the heat from the smoldering debris was so fierce that search for bodies was impossible.

Two persons were fatally injured and probably two score injured more or less severely, mostly by jumping from windows.

The list of dead may prove larger than the number given, but it is hoped that the information which accounts for all but this number is correct.

The task of learning the names of the dead is rendered difficult by the loss of the hotel register, which was burned.

**The Injured.**

The fatally injured: Vina Burns, head waitress, jumped from third story; L. C. Burnett, Nebraska City, Neb. badly burned.

The seriously injured: Sinda Williams, waitress, face badly burned, leg injured; Lizzie Kelly, waitress, burned; F. C. Outing, Center Point, left arm sprained, hands burned; Emma Smith, waitress; H. W. Bremer, Lyons, Iowa; F. R. Moore, Chicago; Beatrice Netolicky, Shueyville, Iowa; J. U. Winniger, Waterloo, face burned and wrist sprained; J. E. Anderson, Chicago, back strained; A. S. Farrow, Boone, Iowa; F. G. Gardiner, Woodburn, Iowa; D. F. Taylor, Davenport, Iowa, head injured and elbow fractured, hip injured and burned about hip; Louis Thompson, Cedar Rapids, badly burned; A. M. Larsen, Oelwein, feet injured and lungs hurt; C. W. Roberts, Cedar Rapids; L. O. Vernon, Delta, Iowa, cut on right side; May Beel, waitress, badly burned; N. P. Hoover, Tama, Iowa; T. J. Zally, Canton, Ill.; J. A. Elar, Davenport; C. L. Benedick, body burned; G. P. Hawes, Decorah, Iowa; F. O. Redmond, mail clerk, Tama, Iowa; N. O. Templeton, Monticello, Iowa; George Taggart, St. Paul, hands and face burned; James Lewis, colored porter; F. M. Gardner, Woodburn, Iowa; D. S. Taylor, Davenport; J. M. Dunbar, Monticello; John W. Lewis, Ottumwa, bruised; Dr. S. C. Grove, Cedar Rapids, terribly burned while hanging to fire escape, probably fatal; P. E. Strickland, Clinton, Iowa, jumped from third-story window, leg broken and injured internally, probably fatal; Cella Williams, waitress, badly burned; C. F. Hamburg, Leroy, Minn., limbs badly burned; R. C. McConahy, Aurora, Ill., hands and face burned; O. J. Lamb, Center Point, Iowa, seriously burned; G. F. Kaesser, Walker, Iowa, face and hands burned; C. A. Roseman, Independence, Iowa, legs and arms sprained by jumping from top floor, struck wires and landed in a snow bank; F. A. Chase, hands injured.

**A Veritable Fire Trap.**

The hotel, a three-story brick veneer structure, is said to have been a veritable fire trap.

The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement, presumably ignited by defective electric light wires.

The night clerk was on the third floor when the cry of fire, raised by a bellboy, startled him.

He took up the cry and in an instant the hallways were choked with frightened guests.

A rush was made for the stairways.

It was then that the crowd already collected in the street, heard heartrending cries of anguish and desperation, for the fire, feeding ravenously on the tinder-like material of the lower floor, had completely cut off escape.

**Stampede for Windows.**

There followed a stampede for the windows, the only means of exit left.

The street below was filled with a crowd scarcely less frantic than the despairing ones in the fast burning building.

"It was like a Dore picture of Inferno sprung to life," said one spectator, describing the scene.

"The flames, looking blood-red from reflection against the snow, lit up the pale, drawn faces of the people in the windows with the glow that was unearthly."

The victims were literally driven by the flames to jump.

Nearly every one of them lingered to the last moment, urged by the people below to wait as long as possible in the hope of assistance.

**One After Another Jumped.**

Then a cry would tell that the fire had reached some one or the smoke had made it impossible to breathe, and one after another jumped to the street, and some, more fortunate, to the roofs of buildings adjoining.

In a short time the street was filled with men and women, bruised, battered, broken-limbed and half-crazed.

All were in their night garments.

In an hour St. Luke's Hospital contained fifteen injured, while many more, chiefly those who had escaped with comparatively slight hurts, were being cared for in buildings near the scene of the holocaust.

Some who jumped owe their lives to the fact that their falls were broken by telegraph wires which interposed in their downward flight.

**Stumbled Over Bodies.**

A number of the guests who were able to converse calmly following their escape declared that they stumbled over prostrate bodies as they rushed to the windows.

The flames literally were chasing them, and the smoke made it almost impossible to breathe.

The proprietor of the hotel placed his estimate of the number of persons in the building when the alarm was raised at between seventy and eighty.

Many of them were delegates to the state convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, which began here yesterday.

**Stood Barefoot in Snow.**

Those who were first to escape, where they were not too severely injured, stood for some time barefooted in the snow, chained to the spot and rendered unconscious of the cold by the horror of the scene.

Many of them had to be led away.

The bodies of W. A. Mowry and an unknown woman were taken from the ruins shortly after 11 o'clock. The bodies were frightfully charred.

### WELCOMED BY DIAZ.

**Mexican Monetary Conference Begins Its Labors.**

MEXICO CITY, February 20.—The Mexican monetary conference held its first session yesterday and was addressed by Finance Minister Limantour.

It then organized with Pablo Macedo as president. Committees were appointed.

After finishing its business the members of the conference proceeded to pay their respects to President Diaz, who wished them success in their labors.

The next meeting will be held Saturday.

### MGR. JAMES McDERMOTT DEAD.

**For Forty-One Years He Was Rector of Church at Glens Falls, N. Y.**

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., February 20.—The Rt. Rev. Mgr. James McDermott, for forty-one years rector of St. Mary's Church, Glens Falls, died today.

He had been in an enfeebled condition since June last. Monday he submitted to a surgical operation, but did not rally.

He was born in Ireland in 1830, educated at Baltimore, and ordained a priest in Albany in 1862.

In December, 1901, Pope Leo, in recognition of his services in the interest of Catholic education, appointed him prothonotary apostolic, which carried with it the title of monsignor.

### BURIED THE RECORDS.

**Pathetic Story of Suffering Brought Out by Suit in Court.**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 20.—Behind a decision handed down by the United States court of appeals in the case of R. D. McDoughall against the Northwestern Commercial Company there is a pathetic story of suffering.

The case was brought by McDoughall, who recovered judgment in the second district of Alaska. The appeal was taken to the appellate court.

All the papers were sealed in a box and given in charge of Charles Low, who started overland from Nome for Seattle. In the party were Low, Dr. Miller and a man named Griswold.

When Illiamina bay was reached Dr. Miller perished from the cold.

The others decided that their only hope to reach Seattle was to leave their incumbrances behind, so they pushed on after burying the box containing the records of the case.

An effort was made to perfect the records from memory, but it was ineffectual, and the court was forced to dismiss the appeal because of the incompleteness of the records.

### CHINESE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**Celestial Merchants of 'Frisco Will Petition Legislature.**

SAN FRANCISCO, February 20.—A movement is on foot among the Chinese merchants to force admittance for their sons to the public schools.

The Examiner says that it has been decided to petition the legislature to amend the law which restricts the Chinese youth to the Chinese public schools.

The Chinese fathers of native sons declare the exclusion of their sons from the public schools is not only unjust, but at variance with the Constitution of the United States.

### ANOTHER EXPLOSION VICTIM.

**Two Others Injured at Fort Lafayette Will Likely Die.**

NEW YORK, February 20.—W. H. Van Gurt, an ordnance man, who was severely injured in the explosion at Fort Lafayette yesterday, died today, making the fifth death as the result of the accident.

He regained consciousness before he died, but was unable to give any explanation as to how the explosion occurred.

It was said today that John Clancy and Martin Thorgorsen, ordnance men, who were badly hurt, could not recover.

The coroner, who has been called upon to issue death certificates for the men killed, said he had been unable to get any statement from the naval authorities concerning the explosion, and that until he got some kind of an explanation he would not issue the necessary certificates.

### YOUTHFUL PATRIOTS

**Take Possession of the House of Delegates at Richmond.**

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., February 20.—The proceeding of the house of delegates were interrupted today by several hundred children from the kindergarten schools of the city, who invaded the hall. The children ranged in age from three to seven years. Each bore a tiny American flag, which was waved vigorously. The children marched directly in front of the speaker's stand, the members applauding the tots vigorously. Business had to suspend while the children were in the hall. They were celebrating Washington's birthday.

### STEAMER IN TROUBLE AT SEA.

**Bristol City Liner Was With Disabled Craft When Sighted.**

NEW YORK, February 20.—The Star line steamer Bovic, which arrived here today from Liverpool, reports that February 17, in latitude 40.50, longitude 65.43, she passed a steamer with two short masts and one funnel, apparently stopped, with a Bristol City line steamer standing by.

There are two Bristol City line steamers due at this port, the Brooklyn City from Swansea and the Bristol City from Barry.

The Bristol City was spoken February 16, in latitude 40.58, longitude 65.13, by the Italian steamer Sardegna, which arrived February 8, and the Brooklyn City was spoken February 8, in latitude 40.32, longitude 66.06, by the North German Lloyd line steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm, which reached this port yesterday.

The Bristol City line steamer reported by the Bovic probably was one of these vessels.

### INTERNATIONAL LAWN TENNIS.

**English Association Issues a Challenge to America.**

LONDON, February 20.—G. R. Mewburn, secretary of the English Lawn Tennis Association, has dispatched a challenge to America for the international tennis championships.

Both the Dohertys have promised to participate if they are wanted, but the representatives of the English association will not be selected until after the championship games here.

Mr. Mewburn anticipates that the matches will be played on the Boston courts.

# SMOKED OUT AND SHOT

## Negro Kept Fifty Policemen at Bay for Hours.

## BARRICADED HIS ROOM

### SWORE HE WOULD DIE BEFORE HE WOULD YIELD TO OFFICERS.

### Tried to Escape When Nearly Suffocated, but Bullets Brought Him Down.

NEW ORLEANS, February 20.—After holding half a hundred policemen at bay for several hours, during which scores of shots were exchanged, Lafayette Sims, a desperate negro, was killed by the police early this morning in a negro boarding house in South Rampart street.

The room in which he was besieged had to be set on fire and the fire department called out before Sims could be driven from his post.

As he attempted to escape, still carrying his gun, he was shot down.

The body was taken to the morgue without any demonstration from a mob of several thousand negroes who crowded the vicinity of the tragedy.

**Trouble Had Trival Origin.**

The origin of the trouble was trivial.

Sims occupied a room in the boarding house in which there were seven beds.

On retiring last night he locked the door, and when the landlord early this morning asked him to open it so that another lodger might be admitted Sims refused.

Then the landlord sent for the police.

Efforts to persuade Sims to open the door failed and a hole was smashed in it.

Through the aperture Sims began shooting. One bullet knocked a pistol from the fingers of Officer Windstein, and a second shattered the lantern which the officer carried.

**House Surrounded by Police.**

Thereupon additional police were sent for and the house surrounded.

When the reinforcements had arrived the negro landlord and an officer again went to the room and pleaded with Sims to come out and surrender.

"No, I won't," he answered, with an oath. "I'll shoot if you don't go away; I am not going to leave here. They'll burn me in oil. They'll fry me."

Sims had piled some of the furniture in the room against the door, and was prepared to fight for his life.

As the landlord and the officer retreated the desperado fired at them, without doing any damage.

**Decided to Smoke Him Out.**

All efforts to induce the prisoner to surrender having proved ineffective, Supt. Journee decided that there was nothing to be done but to smoke the negro out.

An alarm was turned in and a portion of the fire department brought to the scene.

A quantity of cotton oil and sulphur was sent for, the cotton rolled into balls and saturated with oil, a match applied and the blazing substance hurled into the room, every avenue of escape being guarded.

**Nearly Suffocated.**

The furniture in the room caught quickly, filling the place with smoke and flame. Sims hung onto his hiding place until he was nearly suffocated and then made a break to escape.

As he appeared at the door Patrolman Fred Smith fired at him.

The negro staggered, mortally wounded.

Instantly other policemen fired at him and he fell dead.

The firemen extinguished the flames, and the body was dragged out and taken through a lane of excited negroes to the police station.

**Had Officer's Revolver.**

Examination of the room following the tragedy showed that Sims had gotten possession of Officer Windstein's revolver after shooting it from his hands.

### MR. BOWEN HIGHLY PRAISED.

**The State Department Not Displeased With His Conduct.**

The fact that Mr. Bowen has kept aloof from the State Department for the past two weeks or more appears to have caused some erroneous conjecture as to his relations with the State Department, and it has been intimated that some dissatisfaction was felt at the minister's conduct of the Venezuelan negotiations. Now the statement is authorized and directed by the highest authority that Mr. Bowen has at every stage met the wishes of the department where it had any right to expect him to give heed to them. His conduct of the negotiations cannot be officially commended by the State Department, for the reason that Mr. Bowen in his present capacity is not its agent and consequently official comment would be invidious. But looking at his work as the representative of Venezuela, dispassionately, the State Department officials, one and all, do not hesitate to speak in terms of high praise. His methods have been direct and energetic to a point that severely strained the traditional workings of diplomats, but in a short time he has achieved results that might by other methods have failed of realization, and he has certainly, in the judgment of the State Department officials, left behind no scars, but maintains the pleasantest relations with the trained ambassadors and ministers against whom he has been obliged to work.

If Mr. Bowen does not go to The Hague it will be no manifestation of dissatisfaction on the part of the State Department with his work. It will mean simply that the non-allied powers interested in Venezuelan claims have decided to place the presentation of their case before the great tribunal in the hands of a very few, perhaps only one great counsel, skilled in international law.

### RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

**Routes Established in Maryland and Virginia.**

The Postmaster General has authorized the establishment of the following rural free delivery route in Maryland:

Parsonburg, Wicomico county, one carrier, length of route twenty-three and one-quarter miles, area covered eleven square miles, population served 459, number of houses on route 101. Post office at Wango to be discontinued. Star route 13438 to be discontinued. Mail to Parsonburg, Md.

The service of the routes will begin March 2.

The folowing rural free delivery carriers for Maryland and Virginia have been appointed to begin service March 2:

Sylvester R. Randall, Cordova, Md., vice Olin A. Randall, route 1.

Virginia—John W. Huff, Castlewood, vice Robert Vond, route 1; Lewis W. Rector, Seven Mile Ford, vice J. M. Preston, jr., route 1; Thomas J. Harlow, Waynesboro, vice F. P. Garber, route 1; Blair D. Preston, Seven Mile Ford, vice Denis D. Price, route 2; Martin W. Brunk, Waynesboro, vice Hershey W. Brunk, route 2.

### GEN. BAIRD RETIRED.

**Gives Up Active Service After Over Forty Years' Service.**

Brigadier General George W. Baird, recently promoted from colonel in the pay department, was placed on the retired list today on his own application, after more than forty years' service. For many months past General Baird has served as the chief disbursing officer of the army in this city. Born in Connecticut and graduating from Yale College, he entered the army in August, 1862, as a private in the 1st Battery, 1st Connecticut Artillery, and was honorably mustered out at the close of the civil war as colonel of the 32d United States Colored Volunteer Infantry. In May, 1866, he was appointed second lieutenant of the 19th Regular Infantry and after three years' service in that arm he was appointed major in the pay department. He reached the grade of lieutenant colonel and deputy paymaster general in July, 1899.

### TO SEEK THE ALEXANDER.

**Three More Vessels to Be Sent Out by the Department.**

The Navy Department has decided to send three more ships in search of the naval collier Alexander, which has been adrift in the Atlantic since the 10th instant. These are the Hannibal, now at Norfolk; the Prairie, at Galveston and the Topeka, at Kingston, Jamaica. The Lebanon is already in search of the Alexander, under the direction of Mate Adamson of the latter vessel, who brought the news of her helpless condition to the Navy Department.

### UNFAVORABLE TO SCHLEY.

**Majority Voted Against Mr. Mudd's Motion to Report Bill.**

At a meeting of the House committee on naval affairs held this morning Representative Mudd made a motion that the resolution providing that Rear Admiral Schley shall have the pay and emoluments of a rear admiral on the active list, and which has been pending for some time before the subcommittee on organization, rank and pay, be recalled and ordered favorably reported to the House.

Not a republican member supported Mr. Mudd in this motion, and two democrats also voted against the proposition.

It is regarded that this action will end all efforts in Admiral Schley's behalf at the present session of Congress.

### CURRENCY FOR PHILIPPINES.

**Senate Bill to Be Reported to the House With Amendments.**

By a strict party vote the House committee on insular affairs today agreed to favorably report to the House on the Senate bill for a Philippine currency, with two amendments. One was to add to the end of section 3, which provides "that the silver Philippine peso, authorized by this act, shall be legal tender in the Philippine Islands for all debts public and private, unless otherwise specifically provided by contract," the words "that debts contracted prior to December 31, 1903, may be paid in the legal tender currency of said islands existing at the time of the making of said contracts, unless otherwise expressly provided by contract."

The other amendment was to strike out all of section 14, being the Patterson amendment, providing for an international convention for the purpose of formulating an agreement for a universal gold standard.

It is the intention of Chairman Cooper to bring the bill up in the House as soon as possible, and ask the House to agree to the bill and amendments, and then ask a conference on the provisions which are changed.

### TRIAL OF LIEUT. WELLS.

**Charged With Neglect in the Loss of the Tug Leyden.**

Secretary Moody today appointed a general court-martial to meet at Coaster's Island harbor, Narragansett, R. I., on the 26th instant, for the trial of Lieut. Chester Wells, United States navy, on charges of neglect of duty in connection with the loss of the naval tug Leyden on the rocks off Block Island January 21 last. The detail for the court is as follows: Commander E. K. Moore, Commander Frank W. Bartlett, Lieutenant Commanders W. I. Chambers, H. S. Knapp and York Noel, and Lieuts. Roger Welles, jr., and John S. Doddridge, with Capt. Rufus H. Lane of the marine corps as judge advocate.

### FOR FILTRATION PLANT.

**A Second Set of Bids Opened at the Aqueduct Office.**

A second set of bids for the construction of the proposed filtration plant of the District of Columbia was opened at noon today at the Washington aqueduct office. The first bids, submitted the 28th ultimo, were not within the appropriation for the work, and were accordingly rejected and new proposals called for. The names of the bidders were not made public up to a late hour this afternoon, when the officials of the aqueduct office were busily engaged figuring upon the proposals.

### MUST STAND TRIAL.

**Ensign Wortman to Be Court-Martialed for the Massachusetts Disaster.**

Secretary Moody has ordered the trial by court-martial of Ensign Ward K. Wortman, the officer who was in direct charge of the eight-inch turret of the battle ship Massachusetts when the explosion occurred on that vessel which resulted in the death of nine enlisted men. This action reverses the recommendation of the court of inquiry that no further proceeding be had.

**Movements of Naval Vessels.**

The training ship Hartford and the Potomac have arrived at San Juan, and the gunboat Isla de Luzon has left San Juan for Mobile, Ala., to assist the battle ship Alabama in the Mardi Gras celebration.

The battle ship Indiana has arrived at Pensacola, the Texas at New Orleans and the Atlanta at Natchez.

The battle ship Kentucky and the cruiser New Orleans have left Cavite for Chinese ports, and the cruiser Gloucester has left St. Thomas for Culebra.

The Navy Department is informed that the flagship New York and the cruisers Boston, Marblehead and Ranger of the Pacific squadron arrived at Acapulco, Mexico, yesterday on their way to Amapala on the coast of Honduras, to look after American interests during the existing political troubles in that country.

**Cadet's Resignation Accepted.**

The Secretary of War has accepted the resignation of Cadet Charles F. Heyde, fourth class, United States Military Academy.

**Personal Mention.**

Mr. Donatus O'Brien has been very ill for the past two weeks at 451 G street northwest. His friends are most attentive to him, and they hope to see him fully recovered before long.

# AT THE WHITE HOUSE

## Governor Cummins of Iowa a Caller Today.

## BRIEF POLITICAL TALK

### PROBABLE PLATFORM OF THE REPUBLICANS NEXT SUMMER.

### Secretary Cortelyou Meets for the First Time With the Cabinet—Some of Today's Callers.

Gov. Albert B. Cummins of Iowa called on President Roosevelt today, paid his respects and remained for a brief chat. He will spend more time with the President before his departure from the city, as it is his intention to remain here until the first of next week.

"I have been working a little hard," said Gov. Cummins to a Star representative, "and Mrs. Cummins and myself concluded we would take a short vacation. Washington suited us as the place to spend it. We will be here four or five days. Oh, no, there isn't anything political in Iowa at this time. Everything is moving along smoothly and satisfactorily with the people and possibly with the majority of the politicians."

The yearly state convention of the republican party of Iowa will meet this summer, either in June or in August. The convention will nominate a candidate for governor, lieutenant governor, superintendent of public instruction and several other state officers. Gov. Cummins has no opposition for renomination. All the talk of Speaker Henderson becoming a candidate against Gov. Cummins has stopped, and there is apparent harmony in all departments of the party in Iowa. The principal work of the convention will be the platform. Preceding a presidential election year, the platform to be made will be of importance. It is shrewdly surmised that Gov. Cummins, who will run for governor for a second term upon a platform that will suit him, will discuss features of the prospective platform with the President while here, that there may be no repetitions of apparent differences in the attitude of the Iowa republicans and of the party in general.

**Probable Platform.**

When asked about the platform and the probabilities of its contents, bearing upon the tariff especially, Gov. Cummins said: "Of course, no one knows in advance what a convention will do or what it will say. If I am nominated for governor I assume that the platform will not be inconsistent with the utterances of the party in the past." The past utterances of the Iowa republicans have been much in advance of the balance of the republicans of the country on the tariff and trust questions. Gov. Cummins has been a leader of the faction that advocates tariff changes under certain circumstances, and because of his position has made some influential enemies in his party. The people, however, are said to be with him, and this is regarded as evident, in view of the lack of organized opposition to the continuance of Gov. Cummins in power. Gov. Cummins is undoubtedly more radical in his views on tariff reform than the majority of the men of prominence from Iowa, and is at complete variance with the position of the eastern republicans on this subject. As Gov. Cummins' platform will be such a one as he is willing to make a campaign on its tariff utterances will be watched by men of both parties this year.

Gov. Cummins is ambitious and able, and it is declared that his tariff views will not be sacrificed or greatly tempered in the platform to be adopted this year, but at the same time he will probably not want to take a position that is materially different from that likely to be taken by the republican national convention next year. Therefore the visit of the governor here is of significance and widespread interest. The Iowa chief executive will gather the opinions of the President and other republican leaders, will get a glimpse of the shadows that forecast possible events and will be prepared to get as near to harmony with the prospects of next year as can be done consistent with his acknowledged attitude, and with his own determination as to what the republican party should do.

**President Means Business.**

The President forcibly reiterated to some of his callers today his purpose to call an extra session of the Senate in case of the failure of that body to act upon the Cuban and canal treaties. The President will call the extra session in the event that either treaty fails of action, but especially should the Cuban treaty be left untouched when the session concludes its work. The President has been contemplating leaving Washington the last of next month on the initial part of his long trip to the west. His plan has been to first go to Colorado for several weeks' vacation, and to return from there to St. Louis to take part in the ceremonies of the Louisiana purchase exposition. After this was over he intended to depart for the west and the Pacific coast. An extra session of the Senate would interfere with the present plans, but it is thought the Senate would not be in session long with nothing but the treaties before it for consideration.

**Many Bills to Be Signed.**

William M. Palmer, one of the Senate clerks to the committee on enrolled bills took to the White House today over 100 bills, resolutions and acts of Congress that are to be passed upon by the chief executive, thereby furnishing the President with much additional work. About 125 other measures are in process of enrollment and must go to the White House within a few days.

Solicitor General Richards, who has been nominated as judge of the sixth circuit and Assistant Attorney General Hoyt, who will succeed Mr. Richards, as solicitor general of the Department of Justice, called on the President today to thank him for the good things they had secured.

**Invited to New Orleans.**

Representative Davey of Louisiana, introduced Marshal Cushing, secretary of the National Manufacturers' Association, and M. J. Sanders of New Orleans, who formally invited the President to attend the annual convention of the association to be held in New Orleans about the middle of April. The President doubted whether he would be able to visit New Orleans at that time, but he would certainly be glad to receive and consider the invitation.

Senators Elkins, Proctor, Burrows and Warren and Representatives William Alden Smith and H. C. Smith of Michigan, called to present friends.

**Larger Fisheries Building.**

George M. Bowers, fish commissioner, called at the White House today and conferred with Secretary Cortelyou, who continues to make his headquarters at the White House. After July 1 the fish commission will pass under the Department of Commerce and Labor and be under Mr. Cortelyou. The business will be conducted in the buildings occupied by the commission for so many years, but Mr. Bowers is going to endeavor to enlist the aid of Mr. Cortelyou in a plan for an appropriation for a large and modern building that will contain an aquarium of the proportions the commission ought to have.

"I have had some estimates made of the cost of a suitable building for our business," said Mr. Bowers, "and they show that the proper building can be constructed for about $500,000. With an additional appropriation for a large and well-constructed aquarium we would be fitted up in a manner that the business deserves. Our aquarium at present is maintained from our small contingent fund. With the facilities we have for the collection of all species of fish by steamers, cars and through our special agents, we should be given a commodious aquarium, one that would not only meet our needs and wants, but one that would attract the attention of visitors from all over the world."

Commissioner Bowers entered upon his duties as fish commissioner in 1898, and in five years has distributed in the different waters of the United States 5,704,452,404 of every well known variety of fish. From 1872 to 1897, a period of twenty-five years, the total number distributed by his predecessors was 5,051,166,009.

**The Cabinet in Session.**

Secretary Cortelyou, representing the Department of Commerce and Labor, occupied the north end of the cabinet table at the regular meeting of the President's advisers today. The same ease and grace that have won him honors in former positions of trust and importance followed him to the new one, and the old cabinet members, some of whom have been in the service of the government nearly five years, found that the presence of the newcomer harmonized admirably with affairs and suited the wishes of all present. The cabinet table is now surrounded by ten people. The President occupies the south end of the oblong-shaped table, a new piece of furniture installed with the occupation of the new offices. On the east and west sides are eight members of the cabinet, four to a side, while at the north end sits the new official.

Secretary Cortelyou was made to feel at home by the assurances of his distinguished colleagues that no man in the world could receive a warmer welcome than himself. Secretary Cortelyou briefly informed the cabinet of some of his plans for his new department.

Secreary Wilson told the cabinet of the action of his department in investigating the truth of a report that the mouth and foot disease is prevalent in the northwestern portion of Mexico. The British consul at Portosi informed his government that the disease was in existence there. Upon this report Secretary Wilson dispatched a representative of his department to Mexico to investigate conditions. Pending his report an embargo has been placed on the importation of cattle to this country. So far the agent of the department has not encountered the disease. If he does not the embargo will be raised.

It is understood that President Roosevelt has been afflicted with throat trouble for several months—indeed, ever since he had an attack of the grip. A throat specialist was called to the White House last night to consult with Dr. Rixey regarding a course of treatment.

It is said to be the intention of President Roosevelt to take another trip shortly, when he will, perhaps, have occasion to do considerable speaking, and it is his desire to have his throat in good condition before starting on the tour.

**Presidential Nominations.**

The President today sent these nominations to the Senate:

Registers of land offices—Bruce Wilcox, at Alliance, Neb.; Samuel A. Abbey, at Pueblo, Col.

Receiver of public moneys—John J. Lambert, at Pueblo, Col.

### PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT.

**Agreement of Conferees and Report Made to the House.**

The conferees on the bill for the protection of the President have agreed and their report has been submitted to the House. The Senate accepts the House amendment to the original bill, with some changes in the wording.

### AN IMMENSE TIDAL WAVE.

**Four Hundred Persons Were Washed Into the Sea.**

The State Department is in receipt of dispatches from the consul of the United States at Tahiti, Society Islands, reporting that a fierce gale laid waste a section of the Paumota Islands, and that a tidal wave swept over these islands, doing much damage to buildings, wharves and piles of copra on the beach. The schooner Galwaz was compelled to throw overboard her deck load of cattle and some stores and lost one sailor. Many new openings into the lagoons have been made in reefs. The gale broke part of the sea wall in Tahiti and has rendered the road impassable.

It was reported that the tidal wave completely depopulated Hao and Makemo, and caused great loss in Hikueru, where 400 persons were washed into the sea.

**Prizes Awarded for Essays.**

The Military Service Institution of the United States has awarded these prizes for essays on "The Organization and Functions of a Bureau of Military Intelligence:" First prize, a gold medal, $100 and life membership, to Lieut. Edwin R. Stuart of the Corps of Engineers, on duty at West Point; second prize, a silver medal, $50 and honorable mention, to Capt. T. Bentley Mott of the Artillery Corps, military attache at the United States legation in Paris; third prize, honorable mention, to Major Robert K. Evans of the adjutant general's department at Vancouver barracks, Wash. Lieut. Stuart also carried off the gold medal of 1901.

**Launching of the Juniper.**

The new lighthouse tender Juniper, built at the yard of the Spedden Company at Baltimore for the lighthouse department, will be launched Thursday next. Appropriate ceremonies will take place on the occasion, and Miss Beatrice Hawley, daughter of Commander John M. Hawley, United States navy, inspector of the fifth lighthouse district, will christen it. The launching will be attended by a number of the officials from the headquarters of the lighthouse board here. The Juniper is designed for service on Chesapeake bay and adjacent waters.

**Calculating Service in the Navy.**

The House committee on naval affairs today authorized a favorable report on the bill which has passed the Senate providing that service in the army, navy and marine corps shall be credited in computing the necessary thirty years' time for the retirement of petty officers and enlisted men of the navy.

**To Be Naval Attache at Paris.**

Lieut. Commander Roy C. Smith, now serving on the battle ship Massachusetts as navigator, has been selected for the desirable assignment of naval attache of the United States embassy in Paris. Lieut. Commander Smith married a daughter of the late Rear Admiral William T. Sampson.

**Capt. Fuller's New Station.**

Capt. B. H. Fuller, commanding the marine guard on the flagship New York, has been ordered to report to the commander-in-chief of the Pacific station for duty as marine officer of the fleet.

**Carter Harrison Subpoenaed.**

CHICAGO, February 20.—The grand jury today issued forthwith subpoenas for Mayor Harrison, Alderman Carey, John A. Spoor of the Chicago Junction railway and William E. Kent, in connection with the aldermanic bribery investigation.

# GLITTERING SPLENDOR

## Marked the Great Jubilee of Pope Leo Today.

## MRS. AND MISS CHOATE

### AMONG AMERICANS WHO ATTENDED THE FESTIVITIES.

### His Holiness Completed the Dazzling Functions of the Day Without Undue Fatigue.

ROME, February 20.—"It seems impossible that it is twenty-five years since I have been there," was Pope Leo's exclamation as he looked from a window of his apartments this morning into the sunlit piazza of St. Peter's.

This was the pontiff's only reference to his long term of self-imposed imprisonment in the Vatican, during which he has never gone beyond the palace grounds and St. Peter's, which is considered to be a part of the Vatican.

"What a glorious morning for the jubilee of my pontificate," the pope added as he proceeded with evident pleasure to peruse the almost innumerable telegrams, letters and addresses of congratulation which have reached the Vatican from all parts of the world.

**In the Hall of Beatification.**

The hall of beatification, above the portico of St. Peter's, where the pontiff held his jubilee reception, presented a brilliant scene.

It was beautifully hung with antique brocades and illuminated by thousands of electric lights and wax candles.

The boxes lining the long, narrow hall were filled to their capacity with members of the Roman aristocracy, diplomats, women with black veils, men in evening dress and monks and sisters in varying garb.

**Papal Guards in Bright Uniforms.**

Here and there groups of papal guards in bright uniforms lent color to the whole.

Notable among the diplomats was Count Almodovar, head of the special mission sent to represent the king of Spain at the jubilee.

The struggle to get into the hall was terrific. People were swept off their feet and women were overcome, but no one was really injured.

The babel of tongues raised in protest testified to the world-wide character of the gathering.

**Americans Present.**

Among the Americans present were Bishops Maurice Burke of St. Joseph, Mo., and Edward Dunne of Dallas, Tex.; Fathers S. P. McDonnell and Hugh O'Gara McShane of Chicago, Ill., and Thomas O'Gara of Wilmington, Ill.; Mrs. and Miss Choate and R. U. Johnson.

There was a long and tedious wait before the ceremony commenced and the audience was growing restless, when suddenly a great roar of "Long live Leo!" and "Long live the pope-king!" announced the arrival of the pontiff.

**Pope in Gorgeous Robes.**

His holiness was borne in the sedia gestatoria on the shoulders of eight men habited in red brocade.

The pope himself wore gorgeous robes and had the triple crown on his head.

He bestowed his benediction right and left as he passed through the cheering concourse, whose enthusiasm was so great and whose desire to touch the hem of the pope's gown was so intense that the presence of the guards seemed really necessary for his protection.

In a procession, surrounded by such a brilliant escort of prelates, aristocracy and guards, Pope Leo always appears at his best. His feebleness and bent form are hidden, and the public sees only the venerable patriarch, with cameo-like features and kindly smile.

**Happiest Day of His Life.**

The pope completed the functions of his jubilee today without undue fatigue. Upon returning to his apartments he exclaimed:

"This is really the happiest day of my life."

### FIERCE FIRE AT HOUGHTON.

**Half Dozen Blocks Destroyed and Others Are Burning.**

HOUGHTON, Mich., February 20.—Fire that started at 2:30 o'clock this morning in the basement of L. Miller's department store, a three-story frame building, and which threatened to destroy the business portion of the town, was still burning at 4 o'clock.

Miller's dry goods store, O'Connelly's saloon, Siller's grocery and the Murphy and Deerick cigar store have been destroyed.

The Harrington block, Miller block, Foley residence and the Paeffer House are burning.

The loss so far is $180,000. The Miller stock was valued at $75,000.

### THREE MORE MAY DIE.

**Victims of Yesterday's Frightful Collision at Newark, N. J.**

NEWARK, N. J., February 20.—The victims of yesterday's collision, who are in the hospitals, were all reported to be doing well today with three exceptions. Those whose condition is not favorable are Peter Brady, the motorman of the wrecked car; Oscar Beckliff, engineer of the Lackawanna train, and Miss Jennie McLelland.

The house surgeon said today that Brady's death might occur at any time. The motorman is suffering from a fractured skull and other injuries.

The condition of Miss McLelland, who is sixteen years old, is extremely critical. She, too, is suffering from a fractured skull and is otherwise injured.

Beckliff's head is crushed and his face badly lacerated.

**Morocco's Minister of War Killed.**

MADRID, February 20.—A dispatch received here from Tangier, Morocco, says it is persistently reported there that El Menebhi, the minister of war, was killed in battle February 12.

**Bishop of Southampton Dead.**

LONDON, February 20.—The bishop of Southampton, Arthur Temple Lyttelton, died today at Petersfield, Hampshire. He was born in 1852.

**Steamship Cedric Sighted.**

NEW YORK, February 20.—The new steamship Cedric of the White Star line was reported off the Nantucket lightship at 4:30 a.m. today.

**Vessel Arrivals.**

NEW YORK, February 20.—Arrived: Bovic, from Liverpool.