WEATHER.
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MUST SHOW LIGHTS

Order Applying to Vehicles to Be Rigidly Enforced.

BEGINNING SUNDAY NIGHT

Observance of Regulation Demanded by Commissioners.

STATEMENT GIVEN OUT TODAY

Hack Inspector's Report on Accidents at Night During the Past Year.

The "lights on vehicles" regulation will be enforced by the Commissioners beginning next Sunday night, January 1, according to a statement by Commissioner Rudolph today. The regulation has been on the books as in effect since December 18, but violations were overlooked by the police on account of the large number of extra Christmas delivery wagons that were put into use.

A list of accidents that have occurred through the absence of lights on horse-drawn vehicles has been furnished to the Commissioners by the police. The report is signed by G. H. Dawson, hack inspector.

Hack Inspector's Figures.

The report is as follows:

"I have gone over the morning reports from November 1, 1909, to October 31, 1910, taking the hours between 6:30 p.m. and 1 a.m., and find the following accidents:

"Collisions between automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles, 29; collisions between horse-drawn vehicles, 4; a total of 33.

"There were three persons taken to hospitals as a result of automobiles colliding with horse-drawn vehicles, but none of them was seriously injured. There were two horses killed as a result of collisions between automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles."

A list of persons figuring in collisions by night was given to the hack inspector. He interviewed them with the following result, as reported by him to Maj. Sylvester:

"I have interviewed several of the persons named in the within list of accidents, chauffeurs and drivers of horse-drawn vehicles, and have the honor to report that chauffeurs state had there been lights on the rear ends of the vehicles colided with they could have seen them in time to prevent accidents; while the drivers of horse-drawn vehicles state that if the chauffeurs had not been violating the speed regulations, and driving their cars in a reckless manner, the accidents would not have taken place."

What the Regulations Require.

The regulation to be actively enforced, beginning with the New Year, makes night liners and all night public cabs and hacks carry lights from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise. The lamps must be plainly visible from the front, sides and rear for 200 feet.

The regulation regarding private carriages and delivery wagons is a little more complicated, and is framed so that early morning milk wagons and baker wagons and other wagons which have to make their rounds in the small hours before dawn shall not be required to carry lights. From 1 a.m. private wagons, including baker and milk wagons, will not be required to have lights.

Vehicles Included in Order.

All wagons and carriages, trucks and carts will have to carry a light from half an hour after sunset until 1 a.m. This regulation does not apply to wagons and carriages belated by some long trip into the suburbs, for instance. In order to be fair to all concerned, the Commissioners have provided that private vehicles, business wagons, carts, etc., which are on their way home at a walk will be excused from carrying lights for one hour and a half after sunset.

FAMILIES SHALL NOT WANT.

Raising of Large Fund Prompted by Philadelphia Fire.

PHILADELPHIA, December 30.—Through the generosity and co-operation of Rodman Wanamaker and the city of Philadelphia a fund of $150,000 will be established for the support of the widows and orphans or dependent parents of all city employes who may be killed or incapacitated from injuries received in the discharge of their duties.

The creation of this fund is the direct result of the fire here last week, when thirteen firemen and one policeman were killed by falling walls.

JUMPS FROM A TRAIN.

Prisoner Arrested for Manslaughter Makes Successful Get-Away.

HAZLETON, Pa., December 30.—While being taken from this city to Luzerne borough after being arrested here on a charge of manslaughter, Charles Wallace, aged forty-five, went into the retiring room of a Wilkesbarre, and Hazleton railway car as it was running thirty-five miles an hour and jumped out of the window at Nescopeck pass, a wild section of country.

The car was stopped and backed to the place where Wallace made his escape, but he could not be found.

ARMY FEVER SUBDUED.

Inoculation of Troops Against Typhoid Successful.

Remarkably successful results, obtained by the experimental inoculation of troops with typhoid fever virus, are reported from Fort Oglethorpe, near Chattanooga, Tenn.

There is now ground for the hope that by general adoption of this system of inoculation troops in the field hereafter may be absolutely safeguarded against the disease which has worked greater havoc than weapons among them.

Last September Col. Parker, commanding at Fort Oglethorpe, ordered that all officers and soldiers under fifty years of age be inoculated against typhoid, the medical officers having reported that there was danger of an epidemic of the fever at that post.

Now the colonel reports to the department that the 11th Cavalry at that post, having been duly inoculated, recently made a practice march of twenty-one days, extending from Oglethorpe to Knoxville and return, a distance of 300 miles.

"During this period, by authority of the department commander," says Col. Parker, "no attempt was made to boil water. October 17, the date of return to this post, the sick report of the command in the field numbered—none. No cases of typhoid have since developed."

FIGHT AGAINST PRISON FOR "BATHTUB" MEN

Lawyers for Members of Alleged Trust Confer With Mr. Grosvenor.

Prepared to make a number of concessions to keep their clients out of jail, attorneys representing some of the thirty-seven indicted members of the so-called "bathtub trust" were at the Department of Justice today for a conference with Edwin T. Grosvenor, special assistant to the Attorney General.

While great secrecy was maintained concerning the session, which was held behind closed doors, there is authority for saying that no offer of compromise was accepted by the department, and following the criminal action, which Mr. Wickersham has ordered expedited, a number of the defendants may serve prison sentences of from one to four years.

About thirty-seven defendants and about fourteen corporations have been indicted at Detroit. Each defendant is charged with ten counts in each indictment. Four counts charge conspiracy to violate the anti-trust law; four charge combination in restraint of trade and two charge monopoly.

It was reported at the department today that some of the lawyers for the indicted ones advised their clients to plead "nolle contendere," in the hope of having a court impose fines and not jail sentences. Officials of the Department of Justice declare the government has the evidence necessary to imprison the defendants and will accept no compromise whereby the so-called leaders will escape with fines.

Mr. Wickersham Not Present.

Attorney General Wickersham was not present at the conference, but he publicly declared on a recent occasion that he would insist on jail sentences in all future convictions of violations of the Sherman act. This statement was made following the imposition of ten-thousand-dollar fines by a Pittsburg court on indicted directors of the window glass trust.

All the evidence in the civil suit prosecuted by Frank H. Watson, United States attorney at Detroit, will be used in the criminal action. Mr. Watson attended the conference with the attorneys today.

Two or three days ago the defendants in the "bathtub trust" appeared in court in the Michigan city, pleaded not guilty and asked the right to change their pleas. Attorney General Wickersham gave personal instructions that if such reservations were to be made the time in which the pleas might be changed must be limited.

The court fixed January 3 as the last day in which such action could be taken. The conference today was one of the results.

It was said today that Mr. Wickersham would not be at his desk at the department tomorrow, and should the attorneys desire a conference with him, in spite of his edict to expedite the prosecution, such a meeting may not be held until Tuesday next.

TRUCE BETWEEN TONGS; PEACE IN CHINATOWN

Rival New York Societies Ratify Treaty Which Restores Harmonious Relations.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Peace has come to Chinatown at last. With all the ceremonial display that might characterize an international treaty the On Leong Tong and the Four Brothers' Society solemnly affixed their seals and signatures at midnight to the long-talked-of document which re-establishes friendly relations after years of bloody warfare.

Imperial Attaches Interested.

In the shadow of the great joss which dominates the temple of the quarter, and with the child ruler of the flowery kingdom represented in the persons of two attaches of the imperial legation at Washington and Consul General Y. Y. Yuing, the signatures were affixed and the signers shuffled away to feast in honor of the new-made peace.

Ceremonial Visitations.

The restoration of diplomatic relations followed interchanges of ceremonial visits between the high contracting parties. Under the leadership of the imperial representatives a delegation of five On Leongs called at the Four Brothers' headquarters, and on returning to their own building received a similar visit. All of the parties to the contract then traversed the quarter to the temple and the treaty was signed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHANGES ELECTION PLAN

Good Share of Ballots Expected to Be Cast in the Afternoon.

The annual election of officers and directors of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, January 10, will be held partly in the daytime, instead of altogether at night, as has been the custom in past years. This was decided on at a meeting today of the executive committee, at which President William F. Gude presided.

The ballot boxes will be open from 12 o'clock until 5 o'clock p.m., in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. From 5 o'clock until 7 o'clock no balloting will be permitted, but at the latter hour the boxes will be taken over to the Arlington and will be left open for late comers until 9 o'clock.

By getting most of the votes in during the afternoon it is hoped the results of the election can be announced by 10 o'clock that night.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce will entertain at a luncheon about 500 delegates to the tariff convention which meets here January 11 and 12. The luncheon will be held the 12th of January in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, where a number of authorities on civic and economic problems will be heard.

Named Sponsor for Arkansas.

Miss Mary L. Macon, daughter of Representative Macon of Arkansas, has been designated by the governor of that state as the sponsor of the battleship Arkansas at the launching of that monster warship at the shipyard of the New York Shipbuilding Company, at Camden, N. J., January 14. Miss Macon will be accompanied to Camden by her father and other members of the Arkansas congressional delegation.

ON THE WAY HOME

Fleet of U. S. Battleships Coming From Foreign Ports.

TO SAIL EARLY TOMORROW

Farewell Salutes Exchanged With French Squadron at Cherbourg.

GROUP OF SIXTEEN VESSELS

Will Maneuver at Sea and Engage in Tactics With an Imaginary Foe.

CHERBOURG, France, December 30.—The sixteen battleships comprising the United States Atlantic fleet rendezvoused off the Scilly Islands today, following good-byes at the French and English ports, where the officers and men have been entertained splendidly by government officials and civilians for six weeks. Tomorrow the warships will turn their prows homeward, the immediate destination being Guantanamo, Cuba, where they are due January 16.

Exchange of Salutes.

The first division, comprising the battleships Connecticut, Delaware, Michigan and North Dakota, under command of Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, sailed from this port at 9 o'clock this morning. As the vessels pulled out Admiral Schroeder, from his flagship, the Connecticut, signaled a cordial message of farewell to the French naval authorities. Salutes were exchanged with the French squadron.

The third division, the Minnesota, Mississippi and Vermont, Rear Admiral Murdock, commanding, sailed from Brest at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Earlier in the day the second division, made up of the Louisiana, Kansas, South Carolina and the New Hampshire, left Portland, England, while the fourth division, the Georgia, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Virginia, set sail from Gravesend yesterday.

Fleet Maneuves En Route.

In addition to the search problem, in which the battleships will attempt to escape the vigilance of the scout cruisers lying in wait for them and surprise the American shores, the divisions combined will undergo fleet maneuvers en route.

While in European waters the American ships, officers and men made a most pleasing impression.

WARSHIPS LEAVE PORTLAND.

English Vessels Man Yards as U. S. Fleet Departs.

PORTLAND, England, December 30.—The second division sailed today to join the other battleships of the United States Atlantic fleet in the English channel. The ships passed through lines formed by vessels of the British home fleet, the crews of which manned ship.

The American bands played the national anthem, the British musicians responding with "Auld Lang Syne." Salutes were exchanged as the division proceeded seaward.

MUST BREAK RECORDS TO CONCLUDE TREATY

Canadian Commissioners Coming Next Month to Discuss Reciprocity.

If a Canadian reciprocity treaty is to be concluded during the present session of Congress, all records in the matter of speed of negotiations must be broken. The incentive to haste lies in the realization by the administration of the difficulty of framing any sort of a reciprocity treaty that can safely be steered through the next Congress with its Democratic House, for although nominally the assent of the Senate alone is required to the conclusion of a treaty, yet in the case of a reciprocity trade treaty the House of Representatives must be afforded an opportunity to deal with the subject.

The Canadian reciprocity commissioners are expected in Washington in time to attend the diplomatic reception at the White House January 10. It is presumed that immediately after that event the negotiations will be resumed at the point where they were interrupted by the adjournment in Ottawa last November. As a matter of fact, not much progress was made during the first meeting of the commissioners. That meeting was confined principally to exchanges of views calculated to develop the positions of the two parties. It will now be necessary for the negotiators to enter the realm of definite proposals for the remission or abatement of duties on certain articles which must be specified, for it is clearly understood now that the State Department does not expect to secure in the beginning complete reciprocity on all products.

Including Sundays and one holiday, but seven and a half weeks' time will be available before the expiration of the present session of Congress for reaching an agreement upon the principles of reciprocity, electing the articles to be affected, drafting the treaty and the projected legislation necessary to give it effect and securing congressional action thereupon. It can readily be seen that an unexampled task confronts the administration in this undertaking.

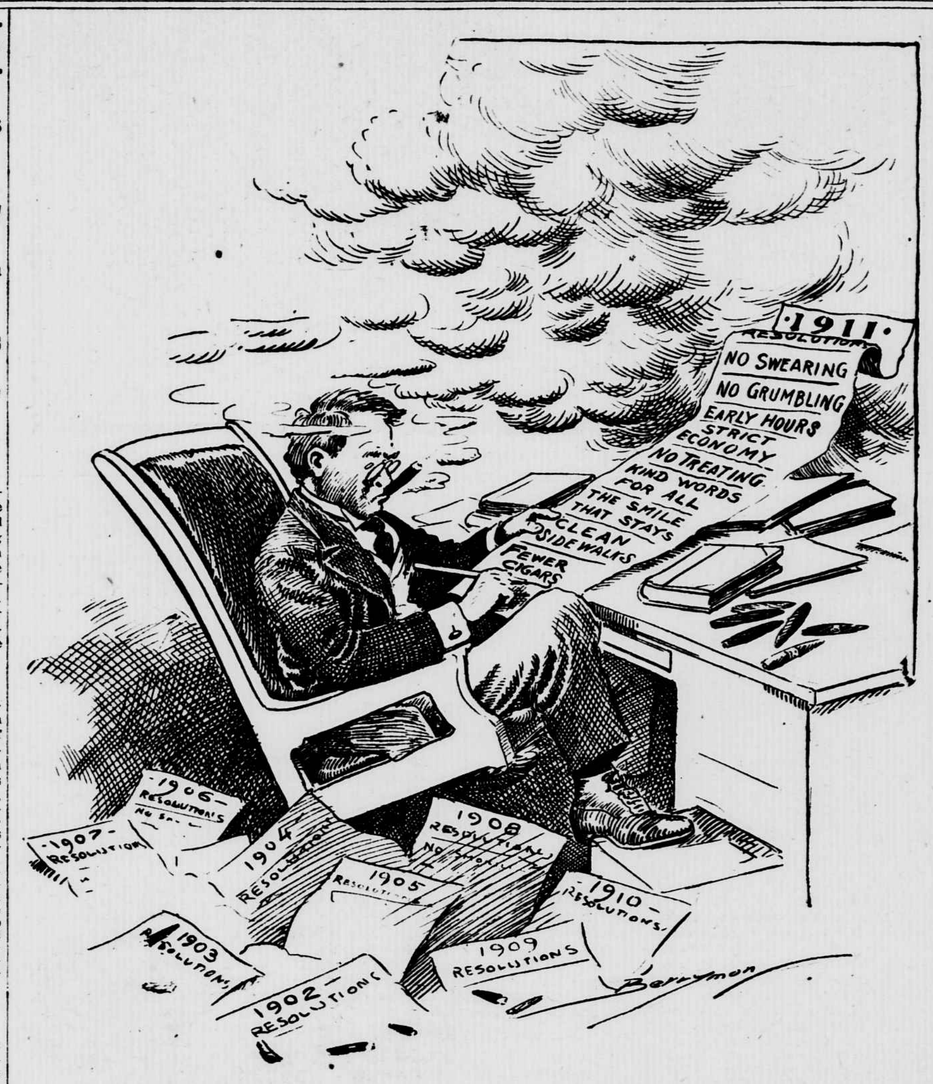
FIRE LOSS, $100,000.

Business Center of Phillipsburg, Pa., Visited by Destructive Blaze.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., December 30.—The town of Phillipsburg, in Center county, was visited by fire early today and destroyed property valued at $100,000. The flames started in Chase's barber shop, and burned several business blocks, including the forty-thousand-dollar building of the Bell Telephone Company. The fire started at 6 o'clock, and after a hard fight the firemen of the town got it under control by 10 o'clock.

All the buildings destroyed stood on Front street, the business center of the town. Among those burned were the opera house, the Schoonover and Hagerty blocks, containing offices and stores, several dwellings and other small buildings.

Assistance was summoned from Tyrone and Clearfield, but the Philipsburg firemen had the flames under control by the time the other companies reached the scene.



PREPARING THE LIST.

ROBIN MUST FACE CHARGE OF LARCENY

Arraignment This Afternoon Indicates That Banker Has Been Pronounced Sane.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Announcement that Joseph G. Robin, whose financial operations caused the closing of the Northern Bank of New York and the Washington Savings Bank, would be arraigned today on a charge of larceny of $80,000 from the savings institution was taken to indicate that the alienists who have had Robin under examination since his indictment yesterday have found him to be sane.

The financier had been committed to an upstate private institution as a paranoiac, but was denied admission and came back to this city.

An indictment was speedily found. He was put under detective surveillance pending examination by medical experts on the understanding that he was to be arraigned if found mentally fit.

The examination by alienists was made last night. William Travers Jerome, counsel for Robin, announced that they would report to the court today. This morning Isidor Kresel, associated with Mr. Jerome as counsel, said the indicted banker would be taken to court this afternoon for arraignment.

Robin stands formally charged with larceny of $80,000 from the Washington Savings Bank. The district attorney advised the court that he expected to obtain other indictments against the banker.

It took the grand jury just an hour yesterday to indict Robin on a charge of the larceny from the Washington Savings Bank, of which he was president. The bank passed into the hands of the state banking department yesterday, there to keep company with the Northern Bank of New York, of whose executive committee he was chairman, and with which his name has hitherto been more prominently connected.

The district attorney explained that out of a mass of evidence drawn from the records of both institutions he had chosen the charge that he thought could be presented most simply to a jury.

Fit to Appear in Court.

It developed before the time set for Robin's arraignment that the examining alienists had paid less attention to his mental than to his physical condition. Neither Dr. Austen G. Flint nor Dr. William Mabon would say what they considered his mental state to be, but both pronounced him physically fit to appear in court.

Justice Page, in the supreme court, today signed an order turning over the assets of the Rochester Title Guarantee Company, one of Joseph G. Robin's companies, to State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss for the purpose of winding up the concern. The assets have a nominal value of $180,000 and were seized by the attorney general's office last week when the first rumors of trouble in Robin's affairs reached Albany.

Deputy Attorney General Frederic C. Tanner, who made the descent on the title company, told the court today that it was practically defunct, because of Robin's operations in substituting questionable securities for good ones.

RESCUED FROM LYNCHERS.

Negro Bears Two Wounds, But Is Safe in Jail.

GULFPORT, Miss., December 30.—After rescuing his prisoner from a mob bent on lynching him, Deputy Sheriff J. M. Williams arrived here today with Jesse Odom, charged with murder at Bond, Miss., and placed him in the county jail for safekeeping.

The prisoner bears two gunshot wounds inflicted by the mob before Williams, assisted by other officers, dragged him into a building and stood off the would-be lynchers with drawn revolvers.

The lynching was attempted at Bond last night, while Williams was on his way to the train with his prisoner. Odom's wounds are not serious.

NO SIGN OF TROUBLE DISTURBS HONDURAS

Gunboat Tatumba Not Dispatched to Try Issue With Hornet, as Far as Known.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, December 30.—The rumors of political disturbances, real and impending, continue to reach the capital from outside points. So far as the government and the public here are aware, they are baseless.

What the future holds in store is a matter of doubt. In Honduras, like her sister republics, one can never tell what a day may bring forth in affairs political.

Up to today, however, there has been no revolution, and there are no signs of an uprising. There have been no assassinations and no political imprisonments.

So far as known here the gunboat Tatumba has not sailed from Puerto Cortez to give battle to the steamer Hornet, reported to have been converted into a revolutionary warship.

Congress will meet for its regular session Sunday. The preliminary organization was effected last Saturday, according to custom. Nothing out of the ordinary developed.

The city is quiet and business is proceeding as usual.

MOBILE, Ala., December 30.—A wireless message received here today from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, states that the United States gunboat Tacoma has arrived off that port and is awaiting instructions from Washington.

No information is contained in the message regarding the steamer Hornet, which recently left New Orleans supposedly for Honduras.

TWO WOMEN SHOT DOWN.

Baltimore Man Kills Wife and Stepdaughter.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 30.—William C. Strickler shot and killed his wife and nineteen-year-old stepdaughter, Beulah Kile, at their home, 2417 East Lafayette avenue, this city, today. Strickler then fired a bullet into his own body.

Domestic trouble was given as the cause of the tragedy. Strickler was employed as a fireman at a power house.

Luethy Succeeds Swiss Chancellor.

The appointment of Friedrich Luethy, announced from Berne, Switzerland Wednesday, was not for the purpose of superseding Henri Martin as secretary of the Swiss legation here, but to succeed Otto Sahli, chancellor of the legation, who died recently.

ADACHI KINNOSUKE

a well known Japanese writer, contributes a timely article to our next Sunday Magazine.

"Where New Year's Is 'It'"

is the title of a most interesting account of the wonderful way the people of his country celebrate the birth of a new year. "With us," says the writer, "New Year's is the combination of your Christmas, Thanksgiving, birthdays, May Day, All Fools' Day and all other festal days."

And the festivities sometimes last two weeks!

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BARGE STRIKES PIER; IS SUNK NEAR SHORE

Caught by Flaw of Wind While Passing Through Railroad Bridge Draw.

As a tow of seven coal-laden barges on the way from Baltimore to Georgetown was this morning passing through the draw of the railroad bridge across the Potomac river a heavy flaw in the northwest wind caused one of the barges, the Brandywine to swing out of her track behind the tugs Bohemia and Southern of the Southern Transportation Company service and crash into the pier. The blow was heavy enough to start the barge leaking rapidly.

Towed to Virginia Shore.

The tugs at once went to her aid, and to prevent her sinking in the deep water of the channel towed her to the Virginia shore, where she sank in water level with her decks, leaving the living quarters of the crew well above water. The vessel is owned by the Southern Transportation Company of Philadelphia, of which Joseph H. Lee of Georgetown is the local representative. Steps will at once be taken to have the sunken barge raised and taken to a shipyard for repairs. It is stated that no damage of consequence was done the barge by the collision. The Brandywine has aboard about 700 tons of coal for Georgetown dealers.

SANTO DOMINGO AND HAITI APPEAL TO ARMS

Rumor of Fighting on the Border Cabled to State Department.

Rumors of serious fighting on the border between Santo Domingo and Haiti are reported to the State Department in a cablegram dated yesterday from United States Minister Furniss at Port au Prince. He states that the Haitian government, while denying these rumors, is sending soldiers to the border. The Dominican government alleges that Haitian troops under Gen. Ferdinand fired on a Dominican guard at Pedernales. The Dominican republic has requested that the Haitian troops be withdrawn immediately, pending which the Dominican government is also sending troops to the seat of trouble. The President of Haiti, however, looks for an amicable settlement.

Rumor Regarding Collector Beale.

Mr. Furniss refers to the old rumor that Collector Beale had been killed in a collision between the Haitian and Dominican troops at Comendador. That report has been exploded by receipt of reports to the insular bureau of the War Department directly from Mr. Beale of later date than Mr. Furniss' advices.

The auxiliary cruiser Yankton has sailed from San Juan, Porto Rico, for Samana bay, on the north coast of Santo Domingo. The object of her visit is to lay out courses for torpedo practice by the Atlantic fleet within the quiet waters of the bay.

C. N. Bliss' Illness Not Serious.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Cornelius N. Bliss, former Secretary of the Interior, and long treasurer of the republican national committee, who at the age of nearly seventy-eight years has been confined to his home here by illness for more than a week, was said today by his attendants to be resting comfortably. His illness is not regarded as alarming.

TO HELP COMMERCE

Plans for United States-Canada Tribunal Made.

CONFERENCES ARE HELD

Arrangements Perfected by Chairman Knapp and President Mabee.

LATTER EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS

Says Both Railroads and Shippers Will Be Benefited—Details Not Announced Yet.

President J. P. Mabee of the Canadian railroad board and Chairman Martin Knapp of the interstate commerce commission, who were appointed by their respective governments to perfect a plan for the establishment and operation of an international commerce tribunal, with jurisdiction over all lines crossing the Canadian border, completed their work today and Mr. Mabee expressed the opinion that the court would be in operation in the near future.

The board of which Mr. Mabee is president has the same authority in Canada as the interstate commerce commission has in this country, and the new tribunal is to fill the void between the two. Their authority ends at the border line, and it is in this zone that the new court will have the final say in all matters relating to rates. Its members will be appointed jointly by the two governments.

"Mr. Knapp and myself have agreed on every item in the plan, and it now appears to me that the near future will see the long-wished-for tribunal in full operation," said Mr. Mabee. "Our ideas coincided in every way and we both believe that we have worked out a comprehensive scheme for the establishment and operation of the proposed tribunal.

Fills Long-Felt Want.

"There is no doubt in my mind that it will fill a long-needed want on both sides of the border line. It will put an end to the acrimonious discussions that are continually arising between carriers and shippers; it will engender a better feeling between the two interested classes and in every way will facilitate traffic between the two countries.

"Both the railroad interests and the shippers in Canada will welcome it with open arms, and I imagine that the same is true of those on this side of the line; but of them I am not in a position to speak. However, I may say, from what I have seen in Washington, I believe it will receive the aid of the present administration.

"I had a long talk with President Taft yesterday and he seemed to be thoroughly in accord with our plan. The same is true of the officials of the State Department. If the Washington government pushes the matter through as quickly as the Ottawa government will, I am satisfied it will be but a short while before the tribunal is in full operation.

Treaty Must Be Made.

"Even though our plan is perfectly satisfactory to both governments, it will, of course, be necessary to draw up a treaty and to have the same ratified by the legislative bodies. Canada is ready and willing to act, so that no loss of time need be looked for from that side. I trust that the same will be true of the United States."

Asked concerning the exact plan of operation of the tribunal, the mode of selecting judges and their number, as proposed by the plan, Mr. Mabee said it would be impossible to make any statement until a full report is made to the government. He said, however, that the tribunal would have practically the same authority in its sphere as the interstate commerce commission has in this country and that the officials would be selected jointly by the two governments.

ANNAPOLIS INCENDIARY IN PERIL OF LYNCHING

Citizens Aroused Over Frequent Fires—Want Mayor to Offer Reward.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., December 30.—Annapolis is thoroughly aroused to the necessity of energetic measures for the capture of the incendiary whose activity has resulted in four fires, all in unoccupied buildings, during the present month, the last of which occurred early this morning.

Following so closely upon the fire of yesterday morning and agitation for the offer of a reward for the capture of the guilty, this morning's fire indicated a degree of audacity on the part of the firebug which has caused widespread alarm. Talk of making short work of the culprit, if he is discovered, is heard.

The citizens will make an appeal to Mayor James F. Strange this morning to offer a reward for the capture of the fire fiend. Several have pledged themselves to assist in getting up money for a popular reward.

This morning a fire broke out on the water's edge, endangering lives and much property. The flames burst from an unoccupied stable on Water street, owned by the Kealey heirs, completely wrecking it.

Before the fire department could respond the inflammable structure was a ruin, the flames had spread to the stable belonging to Mayor Strange and had then jumped dangerously close to the grocery store of Campbell & Phippins. In the rear of the burning sheds were residences on Prince George street.

The fire was discovered by Patrolmen Frank Smith and John Jacobs. A few minutes before the patrolmen saw a colored man acting in a suspicious manner. He soon disappeared in the darkness. They say they are sure that this man was the incendiary. They are therefore working on this as a clue.

Most of the buildings set afire have been one or two story structures.

Messina Suffers From Fire.

REGGIO DI CALABRIA, Italy, December 30.—Firemen and police summoned from here to help fight a fire at Messina returned today. The flames were controlled after the post office, the telegraph office and a dozen wooden huts had been destroyed. There were no casualties. The burning of the telegraph office interrupted wire communications with the outside, but the service will be resumed tonight, it is expected.

KINGS ARE PREVIOUS

Several New Year Messages in Ahead of Time.

TAFT TO BIDE HIS TIME

Kaiser's Good Wishes Come First and More Follow.

FEW WHITE HOUSE CALLERS

C. P. Taft and Longworth Join President in Discussion of Ohio Affairs—Cabinet Meeting.

Several of the best known kings now reigning cabled New Year greetings to President Taft today.

When Rudolph Forster, assistant secretary to the President, gave out this news item of international importance this morning he did not accompany it with an explanation of why any king pretending to reign according to modern methods should beat Father Time to the wire two whole days.

Emperor William's message was the first royal salutation to arrive this morning. Others came in during the forenoon. President Taft will reply on schedule time.

Few Callers Received.

Outside of the cabinet meeting there was little of interest around the White House today. There were few callers and they all talked freely after seeing the President, indicating either that their calls were purely social or that their business was highly unimportant.

Dr. Ira Remsen of Baltimore, president of Johns Hopkins University, saw the President about filling the vacancy on the "referee" or "benzoate of soda" board, caused by the death of Dr. Herter. The President told Dr. Remsen, who is president of this board, to select some one to take Dr. Herter's place.

President Taft congratulated Dr. Remsen on the completion only yesterday of the million-dollar fund for Johns Hopkins.

Alvin H. Sanders of Chicago, of the tariff board, saw Mr. Taft for a few minutes this morning and talked about the permanent tariff commission proposition. He thinks this is the biggest question now before Congress and the country, and commented today as he left the executive offices upon the great change in public sentiment during the last few years with respect to this subject.

"The advocates of the permanent tariff commission idea and of the piecemeal revision of the tariff were called visionaries not so long ago," said Mr. Sanders. "Now it is realized that they are working along the right line."

C. P. Taft Here for Ball.

Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, the President's brother, came to town this morning with his wife and daughter to attend the White House ball tonight in honor of Miss Helen Taft. Before the cabinet met the President chatted with his brother about Ohio politics in general and several Cincinnati appointments in particular.

Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio arrived while they were together. He was invited in and there was a three-cornered conference about these matters and also something of a discussion of Mr. Longworth's bill, now all ready to introduce on the day Congress convenes, for the creation of a permanent tariff commission.

The bill, Mr. Longworth said on leaving the White House, proposed to create a commission of five members, to serve six years each, at an annual salary of $7,500. After the initial short term appointments had expired, the members of the commission, appointed for full six-year terms each, would change one member each year.

The cabinet at its regular meeting today took up a number of matters of administration detail and touched on the tariff board proposition and on the admittedly big question of the fortification of the Panama canal. The President and all the members of his official family realize that if the recommendation of the fortification board—that the heaviest and most modern methods of defense be erected on the isthmus—are to be met by Congress with appropriation of the necessary millions a good deal of missionary work in both houses of Congress will be necessary.

Fortification Idea Scouted.

Some of the most prominent members of the House and Senate are convinced either that the proposition to protect the canal by fortifications is faulty from a military standpoint or that existing treaty provisions render it impossible of accomplishment without international complications of a grave sort.

No official statement was given out at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting with respect to the attitude assumed toward these phases of the matter by the President and his advisers.

Among the President's callers today were four high officers of the newly reorganized lighthouse service, Commissioner G. R. Putnam, Deputy Commissioner A. V. Conover, Chief Constructing Engineer J. S. Conway and Superintendent of Naval Construction George Warrington called to pay their respects.

ADMITS SHE SHOT HUSBAND.

Woman Fires Two Shots and Coolly Awaits Developments.

BOSTON, December 30.—The office boy employed by a downtown insurance firm unlocked the door of the office this morning and found Lillian M. Green sitting in one of the chairs with a revolver in her hand and her husband, Joseph M. Green, the janitor of the building, groaning on the floor with two bullet wounds in his body. The woman told the first policeman who appeared that she shot her husband because he left her two weeks ago for another woman. At the relief hospital Green was found to have received one bullet in the head and the other in the stomach.

"Green is twenty-nine years old and lived in Roxbury, and his wife, who is 25, said that she boarded in Brookline. She was locked up to await the result of her husband's injuries.

AKRON CARS ALL TIED UP.

Cold Contracts Wires and Poles Snap Off.

AKRON, Ohio, December 30.—Street car service on all lines in Akron and on all lines connecting with nearby towns is at a standstill today. Not until the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company, which operates every electric line in and entering the city, can erect new wire poles to take the place of two dozen on South Main street which collapsed last night will transportation be resumed.

The cold wave and snowstorm which swept Ohio last night contracted the wires, causing the poles to snap off and fall. The power was shut off.