WORK FOR WORLD'S FAIR BILL NEEDED.

Ex-Congressman Seth W. Cobb Tells What Remains to Be Done.

HE COMES HOME TO REPORT.

Executive Committee to Consider Plans for a Delegation to Washington on the Date of the Hearing.

Ex-Congressman Seth W. Cobb, who has been looking after the interests of the Louisiana Purchase World's Fair bill in Congress for several weeks, arrived in St. Louis last night to confer with the Executive Committee of the Business Men's League. He appeared very hopeful of the result of the Speaker's action in naming a special committee for the bill. "Though that is a long step toward the end sought, much work yet remains to be done, according to Mr. Cobb's statement to The Republic last night.

"The special committee can consider the bill as it chooses," he said, "and report it to the House, or let it die in the committee box. Nothing can be done in Congress by compulsion. If a favorable report is made the bill is placed on the calendar and will come up for consideration in its turn if it be ever reached. As a matter of fact not one bill in a thousand is ever considered in the regular way.

"Two ways remain by which the bill can be brought to a vote. Either the House must give unanimous consent for the consideration of the measure, or the Committee on Rules bring in a special rule advancing the bill on the calendar or setting a day when there can be a hearing on the measure in committee of the whole.

"There is absolutely no other way in which the bill can be acted upon than those I have named. There are a few standing committees which are 'privileged,' that is, can demand immediate action on their reports. But the only special committees with such powers are those on contested elections, where the highest privilege, the right of a member to his seat, is at stake. The only thing we can do is the matter of the World's Fair bill is to work and wait."

Mr. Cobb said that he hoped it would not be necessary for him to return to Washington. "I have spent five weeks there working as hard as I ever did in my life," he said. "Unless it is absolutely necessary I shall ask to be relieved from further duty at present. My business needs my attention, and I am willing for someone else to get into the harness now for a while."

The Executive Committee probably will hold a special meeting to-day to consider Mr. Cobb's report. At that time plans for a large delegation to visit Washington whenever the special committee shall express a willingness to hold a hearing on the bill will be thoroughly discussed. Every one connected with the movement here is jubilant over the outlook, and the strongest possible effort will be made to secure an early report and final passage of the World's Fair measure.

WORLD'S FAIR BILL'S FUTURE.

Early Report of Congressional Committee is Expected.

The Republic Bureau,
14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, March 23.—The official title of the House special committee of nine to consider St. Louis World's Fair legislation is "The Special Committee on the Centennial of the Louisiana Purchase." The bill which was reintroduced by Mr. Lane of Iowa, has been referred formally to that committee, and now is officially awaiting consideration and report. Under the rules this special committee may make its report to the House at any time during the continuation of the Fifty-sixth Congress. It will not need to await a call for reports in the rotation of committees. As soon as the bill has been considered carefully it is assumed that the committee will report to the House. The report will not necessarily be acted upon by the House on the day it is made, unless a special order from the Committee on Rules has first been obtained to this effect. But after reported there will be no delay in calling up the bill by the special committee under the daily "morning call."

Within a week, at most, from the time the bill has been reported to the House it will be brought up for affirmative action. Some debate naturally will follow in the House, but this will be limited to a reasonable time, and then the final vote on passing the bill will be taken.

Even in its amended form the bill is comprehensive and the special committee which will examine each clause carefully will be compelled to give somewhat extended time to its consideration, the hearing of persons interested and the preparation of its report.

The bill has been discussed informally by many of the members of the House since the formation of the special committee. In effect, quoted the measure is warmly commended. It has no opponents. When it is reported to the House there is a reasonable assurance that debate will be very short and the vote for it practically unanimous.

Provisions of the Bill.

The important provisions of the World's Fair measure are as follows:

Section 1. That an exhibit of arts, industries, manufactures and products of the soil, mine, forest and sea shall be inaugurated in 1903 in St. Louis.

Sec. 2. That a commission, to consist of two commissioners from each State and Territory, and the District of Columbia and eight commissioners at large to be hereby constituted, to be designated as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission.

Sec. 3. These commissioners and alternates shall be appointed by the President on the nomination of the Governors of the States and Territories and by the President eight commissioners at large, who shall perform the duties of such.

Sec. 4. These commissioners shall be called by the Secretary of State to meet in St. Louis for organization and election of officers.

Sec. 5. The commission is empowered to accept such sites as may be selected and offered, and plans and specifications of buildings to be erected.

Section 6. The commission shall allot space for exhibitors, prepare a classification of exhibits, determine the plan and scope of the Exposition and shall appoint all judges and examiners for the exposition, award premiums and generally have charge of all intercourse with the exhibitors and the representatives of foreign nations. And the commission is required to appoint a board of lady managers.

Section 7. The regulations of the Louisiana Purchase corporation governing rates for entrance and admission fees or otherwise affecting the rights, privileges or interests of the exhibitors, or of the public, shall be established subject to such modification as may be imposed by a majority of the commissioners.

Section 8. The commission shall provide for the dedication of the buildings of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis not later than April 30, 1903, with appropriate ceremonies, and the Exposition shall be opened to visitors not later than the first day of May, 1903, and be closed not later than December 1.

Section 9. Whenever the president shall be notified by the commission that provision has been made for grounds and buildings, and there has also been tied with him satisfactory proof that not less than $10,000,000 has in fact been raised or provided for by valid, responsible and legally binding subscription to the capital stock of the corporation, and by the ordinance of the house of the city of St. Louis, he shall be authorized to make proclamation setting forth the time at which it will be held, and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of foreign nations copies of the same.

Provision for Appropriation.

Section 10 to 12 and 13 relate to routine details of the bill.

Section 14 provides that United States of all liability for acts of the Louisiana Purchase corporation.

Sections 14 to 18 cover provisions for extensive Government exhibits.

Section 19. That when the Louisiana Purchase Exposition shall have raised by the subscription to its capital stock of the Treasury $10,000,000 for and on account of Exposition, then the United States will authorize the appropriation of the sum of $5,000,000 for such Exposition to be disbursed under the direction of "The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission" in such manner and in such regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Provided, however, that said sum of $5,000,000 shall not be expended until the said sum of $10,000,000 raised by said Louisiana Purchase Exposition shall have been expended for and on account of said Exposition.

Section 20 authorizes the Comptroller of the Currency to designate one national bank located in St. Louis which may be selected by the Louisiana Purchase corporation to operate a branch upon the Exposition grounds from July 1, 1902 to 1904.

Section 21 provides that any foreign exhibitor from infringement of the United States patent, in connection with an exhibit at this fair.

Section 22 provides for the detail of army officers for duty in connection with the fair.

Section 23 fixes the salary of the chief officer of the commission at $4,000, the secretary of the commission at $2,000, and gives the chief officer a contingent fund of $5,000 a year.

Section 24 relieves the United States from liability for any deficit or expenditure in excess of the appropriation named in the bill.

PHILADELPHIA FAVORS THE FAIR.

Message From That City Extends Its Support.

Philadelphia business men are beginning to take an active interest in the movement for a World's Fair in St. Louis to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase, as the following telegram received yesterday by Oscar L. Whitelaw testifies:

"Am cordially in sympathy with your bill and its objects. Believe your World's Fair should have energetic support of every patriotic citizen. Will do everything in my power.

"W. P. WILSON,
(Signed) President of Philadelphia Museum."

The telegram was sent in response to a suggestion that St. Louis business men would appreciate the active support of business men in other cities for the bill now before Congress.

HELD WRONG MAN'S HANDS.

Bride's Mistake Almost Necessitated a Divorce Suit.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 22.—Before Justice of the Peace Murphy of Jersey City to-day appeared Michael H. McCarthy and Catherine Sheridan, to be married. Accompanying them as a witness was Michael A. Sullivan. Preliminary questions having been answered the Justice proceeded to read the marriage formula. He had just said, "Michael and Catherine join hands," and was preparing to pronounce them man and wife, when McCarthy exclaimed, in a trembling voice:

"Hold on, Judge, I think there is some mistake."

The Justice looked up from his book. The clubby hand of the bride was in the grasp of Michael Sullivan, her eyes were downcast, and her cheeks as red as the alternate bars in the flag.

"What's the matter?" asked the Justice.

"Sure, it's me she wants to marry, not Mike Sullivan," said McCarthy.

Sullivan dropped the girl's hand.

"You said, 'Michael take her hand,' an' I thought I was doin' right," said he.

Then the bride, who had apparently not known which man had been holding her hand, looked up with a little scream, grasped the arm of her truly intended and was speedily made his wife.

"It's lucky you came to your sense in time, Mr. McCarthy," said the Justice, "for in another moment nothing but a divorce suit would have freed this young woman from your friend, Sullivan."

EXPELLED FOR TREASON.

Democratic Politician in Brooklyn Disciplined.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 23.—State Senator Michael J. Coffey, Democratic leader of the Ninth Assembly District of Brooklyn, was expelled from the General Committee of the Democratic organization of Kings County to-night on a charge of treason. Coffey had a personal grievance against John M. Gray, the regular Democratic candidate for Register of Brooklyn last fall, and boasted that he would defeat Gray. With a nephew of the candidate, one McGarry, he conducted a vigorous campaign against Gray, the combination spending no less than $5000 to encompass Gray's defeat.

Although the Democratic ticket was successful in Brooklyn, Gray was defeated by a narrow margin. Coffey's expulsion from the party resulted to-night. This action will precipitate trouble in the borough, as several districts are opposed to Gray from the first, and Coffey has quite a following.

MILES GOING TO CUBA.

He Is Expected to Recommend Withdrawal of More Troops.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 23.—There is a divergence of opinion between the Secretary of War and General Wood, the Military Governor of Cuba, as to the propriety of withdrawing any more troops for some time from Cuba. General Miles has been ordered by the Secretary of War to proceed to Cuba to make an inquiry into the military conditions there and incidentally to report on the question of the advisability of further reducing the army.

The opinion of General Wood is that more battalions of troops may be withdrawn. The present view of the War Department is, apparently, that no more troops be ordered home until the final government of the Cubans shall have been established.

War Department officials look for a report from General Miles stating that it would be advisable to reduce the forces on the island.

Bailey's Campaign.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., March 23.—Congressman Bailey departed for Cameron to-night to speak in his own interest for the United States senatorship to-morrow.

HE SURPRISED CONGRESSMEN.

The most recent photograph of the man who is called the "new Daniel Webster" of the lower House. He has made a record for himself as champion of Pierce River's rights. He is Charles E. Littlefield.

INFURIATED MOB SURROUNDS A JAIL.

Troops Called Out in Virginia to Protect a Negro Triple Murderer.

THEY ARRIVE JUST IN TIME.

Crowd Also Had Threatened to Lynch the Judge Who Summoned the Soldiers—Speedy Justice Promised.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Emporia, Va., March 23.—All day long a howling, infuriated mob has surrounded the little jail at Emporia, Va., clamoring for the blood of Walter Cotton, a negro, who hands are stained with the blood of three white men, two of them officers of the law of Greensville County, and the third a well-known citizen of Portsmouth.

Cotton's second crime was committed early yesterday morning, when the officers attempted to arrest him in a little hut not far from Emporia, on suspicion of having been implicated in a burglary in that place the previous night. As the officers entered the door, Cotton opened fire. One fell with a bullet through his brain, and the others retreated from the hut, dying soon afterwards.

The negro escaped, but such a posse, with bloodhounds, was on his trail, and the country was in an uproar from one end to the other.

Early this morning the negro was captured and taken to Emporia, the streets of which were filled with a crowd from far and near. As the officers took him through the streets, the crowd grew denser and the air was full of threats and maledictions. It was with great difficulty that he was gotten to the jail, hands being laid upon him to wrench him from the officers.

The sheriff would have been lynched within two minutes after he arrived in Emporia had the mob had a leader. As it was, the people surged restlessly around the jail, making threats, but taking no action. Seriously alarmed at the situation, Judge Goodwin of the County Court stationed twenty-five deputies around the jail and at once sent a telegram to Governor Tyler at Richmond, begging him to at once send troops to prevent a lynching.

The Governor acted promptly. Within half an hour after he received the message a special train was standing at the depot ready for the troops, and messengers were visiting the places of business of the members of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, notifying them of the call for their services.

In spite of this haste, it was nearly 3 o'clock before the special pulled out for the sixty-mile run. Meanwhile the Governor had received another message from Judge Goodwin to the effect that the mob had declared that they would string him (the Judge) up also if he insisted on bringing troops to protect the negro.

A little later another urgent message was received from the Sheriff, begging that the troops be sent at once. Upon receipt of this message the Governor determined to let the Judge take his chances and ordered the train to proceed.

The run from Richmond to Emporia, sixty miles, was made in seventy-seven minutes, there being three stops, and the troops arrived in time to save the life of the prisoner. The mob clamored for the negro, but was held back by the soldiers, who eventually restored order.

Cotton has had a remarkable career as a criminal. About a year ago he murdered a citizen of Portsmouth, he was arrested, tried and sentenced to be hanged. The death watch was placed upon him, but one night while his guard slept he escaped and no trace was found of him until his arrest this morning charged with two additional murders.

He will be speedily tried this time and there will be no delay in executing him.

An agreement was reached at Emporia this evening by which the militia are to be withdrawn to-night. A special guard of twenty-five citizens will be placed over the prisoner.

It is believed by special correspondents at Emporia that the citizens are putting up a job on Judge Goodwin and intend to expecting trouble before daybreak. It is reported that several hundred men are on their way to Emporia from Pleasant Hill, N. C., for the express purpose, and there is every probability of a lynching.

It was reported at Emporia to-night that an effort had been made to blow up Judge Goodwin's house with dynamite.

Cotton has confessed that he killed the two men and also that he has murdered twenty-five white men in his time. He is very cool and says he does not fear the end.

1:20 a. m. (Saturday). The military have again been called upon to take charge of the jail, it being reported that a lynch mob is forming on the edge of the town. Major Critchins has wired the Governor for another company.

At 2 this morning Major Critchins notified the leaders of the mob that he will protect the prisoners as long as he has a man standing and means to shoot to kill.

This has had the effect of dampening the zeal of the would-be lynchers, and, it is thought, law will prevail.

NOTES ABOUT TOWN.

A regular meeting of the St. Louis Homeopathic Medical Society will be held in the parlor of the West End Hotel this evening at 8 o'clock.

An address under the auspices of the Ethical Society will be given at Memorial Hall to-morrow morning by Professor W. Fite of the University of Chicago.

The Hustler Society will hold a meeting at Wimer's Hall this evening.

The Ladies' Spiritual Sewing Circle will give a charity society on the evening of March 27 at the Suburban Auditorium.

The Universal Brotherhood Theosophical Society will hold a public meeting at 8:00 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Ellipse Mandolin Club will give an entertainment, followed by a dance, at the Concordia Club Hall to-morrow evening.

H. I. Will of No. 2074 North Twelfth street has been missing from his home since March 12. The relatives yesterday reported his disappearance at the Morgue.

The Smithers Undertaking Company filed articles of incorporation with the Recorder of Deeds yesterday. The capital stock is $5,000. The officers are John A. Smithers, Chas. White and J. C. Reynolds.

The Catherine Lead Company filed with the Recorder of Deeds yesterday a statement of increase of capital stock from $5,000 to $100,000. The assets are given as $42,000 and liabilities $3,861.21.

An inventory of the estate of Thomas W. Roth, which was filed in probate yesterday, sets forth a personal estate of $1,246.

J. C. Henderson, the real estate agent at Nos. 4200 Olive street, who was arrested Thursday by the Federal authorities on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent bills, had a preliminary hearing yesterday before United States Commissioner Gray. He waived an examination and was held for the Grand Jury in the sum of $600. He furnished bond with Brooks Johnson as surety, and was released.

Frank Faulk, 14 years old, has been missing from his home, at No. 2844 Chouteau avenue, since Wednesday. His parents yesterday requested the police to attract him.

Voluntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday in the United States District Court by James B. Montgomery and Harry B. Gardner, both of St. Louis. Montgomery gives his liabilities as $5,431.27 and his assets as $52.20. His principal creditors are P. E. Everett of Trenton, Ia., $2,875.16, and John H. Wallbank of Washington, Ia., $2,558.21. Harry B. Gardner states his liabilities are $13,244.96 and assets $141. A. L. Abbott is the principal creditor, having a claim of $7,680.

CANADIANS' GALLANT LEADER.

General Hutton, who is in command of the Canadian volunteers in South Africa. He has been commended for his bravery shown at the time of Crooje's capture.

MUCH FUN AT THE ANNUAL SMITH ACADEMY SINGFEST.

SPEECHES, SONGS AND SHORT TALKS.

Various Degrees Conferred by the Assemblage—Programme in Detail.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

The annual entertainment hall on the top floor of the Smith Academy was the scene of much revelry. It being the occasion of the annual singfest of the academy, given by the class of 1900. The entertainment was one of the most enjoyable events ever held at the academy.

The graduating class numbered twenty-four, and included a number of young men of well-known families. The classical and scientific graduates, members of the literary and several of the Alumni Association were present. They met for an evening of fun and music, and no deviations were made from the original programme, which included the popular songs of the day, several school songs, selections by the Mandolin Club and the toasts and speeches.

When all were assembled they marched, headed by the Mandolin club, upstairs to the dimmed hall and took seats at the festive board. Up to the hour for departing the merriment was not allowed to lag. Good fellowship reigned supreme, and the songs and speeches were rendered with that gusto and spontaneity common to an evening in which the college student takes part. The Class Mandolin Club was kept busy during the evening, and whenever it played a familiar air the voices of the singers would blend harmoniously with the music.

Charles P. Curd was the toastmaster of the evening. The other speakers were V. Mott Porter, whose toast was "Give Me the Man, Who Living, Makes a Name", S. W. Fordyce, Jr., of the class of '94, whose toast was, "There's a Time for All Things," and Charles P. Senter of the class of '98, who toasted "Smith Academy in Athletics."

One of the most amusing features of the singfest was the short talks by the scholarsts.

The talks were certainly short. Most of the students made their maiden efforts at speech-making last night, and some of them did not get further than the bow. Another interesting feature of the occasion was the conferring of degrees by the class. The degrees were conferred in the classical and scientific classes. They were: First, the Degree of Bachelor of Popularity; second, Bachelor of Beauty, and, finally, Bachelor of Assurance.

In the scientific class Dorine Hopkins received the Degree of Bachelor of Popularity; Robert Aull, Bachelor of Assurance and Louis Johnson, Bachelor of Beauty. In the classical class the degree of Bachelor of Popularity was conferred on Warren Carr; Bachelor of Assurance on Guy Ellermann and Bachelor of Beauty on Wilbur Lee.

The following students were present: Classical graduates—W. B. Clark, H. Belcher, C. C. Dula, C. P. Eldridge, W. B. Holmes, J. P. Hyde, J. W. Lee, Jr., H. E. Mack, Jr., C. A. Morgan, A. Schaub, P. H. Stubler, E. H. Sulzer, Jr., J. Weidemeyer.

Scientific class—G. L. Allen, Jr., W. H. Allen, J. P. Aull, C. Hadden, E. S. Bauman, S. T. Bixby, A. W. Bryan, J. C. Campbell, S. Carter, Jr., A. J. Christian, E. D. Davis, W. Eyring, E. P. Evers, C. L. Garrison, Jr., E. S. Hussing, M. Kohn, L. Lipman, Jr., S. M. Schoenberg.

The programme of the evening was as follows:

Song ..... South Academy
Music ..... The Class Mandolin Club
Conferring of degree ..... The Stein Song
Bachelor of Popularity
Song ..... Bells of Silver, Bells of Gold
Toast—Give Me the Man, Who Living Makes a Name ..... V. Mott Porter, '97
Conferring of degree ..... Bachelor of Beauty
Music ..... The Class Mandolin Club
Song ..... Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party
Toast—There's a Time for All Things ..... S. W. Fordyce, Jr., '94
Conferring of degree ..... Bachelor of Assurance
Song ..... Many Years Ago
Toast—Smith Academy in Athletics ..... Charles P. Senter, '98
Song ..... Oldie
Short Talks ..... The Class
Auld Lang Syne ..... The Company

ST. LOUIS COUNTY NOTES.

A marriage license was issued at Clayton yesterday to Thomas E. Mountain and Minnie L. Pope, both of St. Louis.

Charles Hamed of Webster died at the Alexian Brothers' Hospital Thursday night from an attack of hernia. Mr. Hamed was a leading member of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Protective Association of St. Louis County. He was 47 years old and leaves a widow and grown family. The funeral will be held to-morrow from his late home in Webster.

A petition is being circulated by Eugene Guerin of De Hodiamont asking for the formation of a new election district out of the Clayton and Webster districts. The new district will include the territory south of Laclede avenue and west of the Suburban tracks as far, probably, as the Skinker road. It will send four delegates to each of the county conventions, as the two parties in this section are almost evenly divided.

G. C. Eckers, Sr., of De Hodiamont was painfully injured yesterday by a flying spike in his shop at Hamilton avenue and the Suburban tracks. The missile struck him squarely in the left eye, totally destroying the sight in this organ.

M. Jules Daussin has resigned his position as steward of the Country Club, near Clayton, and moved to St. Louis.

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the German Evangelical St. Luke's congregation of Sappington will be celebrated on Sunday, April 1. A special programme has been prepared. The Rev. Carl F. L. Haeberle of Eden College will officiate at the morning services. At this service the history of the congregation will be read, and a number of new members admitted. In the evening a magic-lantern exhibition will be given in the Concord Farmers' Club Hall.

A special meeting of the Hazel Hill Improvement Association will be held in the hall of that organization to-night. Secretary Henry Cole has sent out notices requesting a full attendance.

Wireless Telegraphy.

The recent wonderful accomplishments in wireless telegraphy bring to mind most forcibly the value of the marvelous power which made them possible. The Twentieth Century will probably be known as "The Electrical Age." It is probable that much work will be saved by means of the subtle fluid. There is no limit to its possibilities. Applied to material objects, it causes them to move as with life, while without it the human body cannot be strong and healthy. One of the best means of filling the body with vitality is by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Lack of life in the stomach causes indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, malaria, liver troubles, nervousness and insomnia. Any of these symptoms means that the Bitters is needed at once. Just at the present time, when the seasons are so variable, it is particularly valuable, and a regular dose will keep the bowels active and healthy.

ONE BOLD BANDIT HOLDS UP A TRAIN.

Goes Through Pullman Car and Relieves Passengers of Their Valuables.

SECURES $500 AND ESCAPES.

President Burt of the Union Pacific One of the Victims—How the Lone Robber Did His Work.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 23.—One lone robber held up a Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad train just south of Hamburg, Ia., at 2 o'clock this morning and with great skill and coolness robbed every passenger in the Pullman car. President H. C. Burt of the Union Pacific road was one of the victims. The robber secured over $500 in cash and a gold watch and then made his escape.

The Burlington company has offered $1,000 reward for his capture. Detectives are now scouring the country in the vicinity of the holdup. Immediately after the train left Hamburg, at 1:45 o'clock this morning, Flagman Moore discovered a man on the rear platform of the sleeper. He was attired in black and wore on his face a queer, white mask made of paper marks, completely concealing his features.

"Keep your mouth shut or I'll shoot," said the man, poking a pistol into Moore's ear. "Now walk along into that car, and don't you make a move unless I tell you to."

With that the robber compelled the flagman to enter the sleeper and march down the aisle to the other end. Pullman Conductor Colton and William Jarett, the porter, were at the other end and they did not notice the approach of the men until they too were covered by the murderous looking revolver.

"Now, one of you fellows get down!" commanded the robber. The order was obeyed.

The robber then backed his retreat through the train, compelling the three men to lay beside him while he robbed the passengers. They were attentive spectators but were afraid even to breathe hard. Every time they opened roads to balk he turned his gun in that direction.

I. Oppenheimer of Baltimore, Md., a traveling man, who is now at the Hotel Metropole, in this city, was in the first berth.

"I want your money," said the robber, "and I want it quick."

Oppenheimer had been awakened by the voices of the men and he was prepared for the intruder.

"I haven't got a cent," he said, quietly, but firmly. The robber, whom Oppenheimer claimed to be very nervous, immediately went on to the next berth.

The First Booty.

The passenger in that tried the same game but did not succeed in bluffing the robber. No sooner had the passenger refused to give up than the robber raised his pistol and fired, the shot shattering the window above the passenger's head. This brought immediate results in the way of money and valuables.

In the next berth was F. B. Lee of New York, a traveling man, who was wide awake before the robber made his demand. While the latter was busy at the other berths, Lee, who had a roll containing $900 in his pocketbook, had taken the money out and secreted it underneath the mattress.

"I want your money, no more monkey business or I'll kill some of you," said the robber to Lee. With that Lee handed out the empty pocketbook, which the masked man promptly dropped into the pocket of his overcoat without opening it.

H. J. Peterson of New Britain, Conn., who is also at the Metropole, was one of the heaviest losers. At the demand of the robber he handed over his pocketbook, which contained a roll of bills amounting to $500.

"I hated to give it up," said Peterson to-day. "But with that gun in my face I couldn't do anything else. The light was dim in the car and I couldn't get a good view of the robber. He looked comical with that false face on, but I didn't see anything to much at while he was relieving me of my money. He had the trainmen fairly bluffed and passed over all the railroad lines in the country. The pocketbook will be of little value to the thief, as the roads will be immediately notified that they have been lost, and if anybody attempts to travel on them arrests will follow.

His Night's Work Done.

As soon as the robber had completed a tour of the berths, he ordered the trainmen to apply the air-brakes, and when the train had slowed up sufficiently he jumped off and disappeared in the darkness. Conductor Moore, who was in charge of the train, knew nothing of what had been going on until the train stopped.

When the train reached Langdon, notice of the robbery was sent to the Burlington headquarters in St. Joseph. Officials were notified and Special Agent Ritchie went immediately in search of the robber. Special agents have been sent out from Omaha and Kansas City, and a description of the robber has been sent to every station and town in this part of the country. The man is described as being about five feet ten inches in height and his weight is given at 170 pounds.

The St. Joseph police were notified of the hold-up at an early hour this morning, and every avenue leading into the city is being watched in the possible hope that the robber may be found. This was the boldest and daring, this robbery exceeds any of those committed in this locality in recent years. A similar robbery occurred on the Missouri Pacific near Kansas City last December, but two men did the work, and they were less successful than was this lone robber.

NEW WEST POINT CADETS.

Two St. Louis Boys Among the Successful Ones.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 23.—The list of successful candidates for cadetship to West Point has been approved at the War Department, and is as follows:

Alabama—Gordon A. Catts, Virbeau; Bernard P. Bissell, Tuskegee.
Connecticut—Nathan F. Budd.
Georgia—Joseph A. Atkins, Atlanta.
Idaho—Nathan J. Davis, Salmon City.
Illinois—Ralph D. Bates, Bloomingdale; Edmund B. Gregory, Canton; Robert R. Parker, Robinson; Edward E. Miller, East St. Louis.
Indiana—Charles W. Owens, Indianapolis, Iowa—Gerald E. Brant.
Kansas—John C. French, Topeka; Donald C. Cubbison, Kansas City; Clarence E. Barick, Osborne; Albert N. Madaska, Leavenworth.
Kentucky—Napoleon W. Riley, Newskad; Eric M. Wilson, Louisville.
Maryland—Thomas M. Robbins, Snow Hill; Ursa M. Diller, Double Pipe Creek.
Massachusetts—Arthur F. Gheta, Sherborn Whipple, Charles R. Alley, George F. Waugh and Edward L. Hopper.
Michigan—Irving J. Chillipson, Anton C. Civin.
Minnesota—Edward A. Finn, Cleveland.
Missouri—Robert R. Hewitt, Kansas City; Karl D. Clemm, St. Louis; John J. Moller, St. Louis.
Montana—Edwin Burcher.
Nebraska—Rollo F. Anderson, Jay L. Benedick and Charles A. Meals.
Nevada—John D. Cameron, Virginia City.
New Jersey—Charles E. Bamford, Albert N. Barkley.
New York—Walter H. Martin, Henry J. F. Reinswig and Augustus B. Van Wermiste.
North Carolina—James T. Dortch, Goldsboro.
Ohio—Edmund L. Gruber, Charles Donovan, David McCall, Charles F. Conroy, Chauncey L. Fenton and Clement H. Wright.
Pennsylvania—Walker Singles, Richard J. Newman, William H. Hawes, Jr., Robert F. Harbold, Charles P. Ames and Albert A. Norris.
South Carolina—Robert C. Richardson, Charleston; Tillman H. Bunch, Clark's Hill; Joseph H. Earle, Greenville.
Tennessee—George W. West, Telford; John J. Kingman, Chattanooga.
Texas—John G. George, Ennis; James K. Crain, Cuero; Martin C. Wise, San Antonio.
Virginia—Ralph Dickinson, Marian; Wm. D. Anderson, Lexington.
Washington—Charles W. Sweeney.
Wisconsin—Christopher Pensvold.
At Large—Clifford Lee Corbin, William E. Merrit.

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11th, Ethelwyn Warden, Center, Colo.
12th, Miss M. O. White, 2611 Morgan st.
13th, Miss Mary Stockbridge, 1501 orchard, Mo.
14th, John Cochlan, 1946 Sidney st.
15th, Miss Clara Bretson, 1322 Cass ave.
16th, J. F. Ingler, 1919 Utah st.
17th, John Hoehring, 1311 Allen st.
18th, Mrs. J. F. Donahue, 4425 Lincoln ave.
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ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT LAW.

Attorney General Akin Interprets It to Benefit Property Holders.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—Attorney General Akin is receiving numerous inquiries relative to the duties of Assessors under the provisions of the new revenue law, one of the holdings of the Attorney General in response to these inquiries is of vital interest to the taxpayers as well as to the Assessors in each county.

According to the Attorney General's interpretation of the assessment act of 1898, if no change in value of any tract or lot has taken place since April 1, 1899, and the Assessor last year made a mistake in the valuation thereof, then such mistake cannot be corrected in the assessment of this year, nor until the expiration of the four years for which the assessment of April 1, 1899, was made.

However, where any change in the value of any tract or lot has taken place since April 1, 1899, decreasing the value of such property by fire, flood, tornado or other agency of God, or increasing the value by the erecting of new buildings or other improvements, the Assessor has authority to add to or deduct from that assessment the amount of such change in value.

The Auditor of Public Accounts has sent to the Supervisor of Assessments of the various counties of the State printed instructions to Assessors for assessing personal property, to be distributed among the Assessors.

INSPECTING FAIR GROUNDS.

Members of Missouri Board of Agriculture at Springfield, Ill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., March 23.—A delegation of five prominent Missourians, representing the Missouri State Board of Agriculture, spent to-day in Springfield, inspecting the Illinois State Fair Grounds. The visitors were entertained by W. C. Garrard of the Illinois board, and furnished full information regarding the Exposition buildings, stables and grounds. The representatives of the Missouri board arrived in Springfield after an inspection of the State Fair Grounds at Columbus, O., and Indianapolis, Ind. Their purpose is to secure practical ideas to be employed in the planning of the Missouri State Fair Grounds, recently located at Sedalia. The members of the party were former Governor Norman J. Colman of St. Louis, N. H. Gentry of Sedalia, Colonel J. H. Rippey of Columbia, secretary of the board; Alex. Maitland of Richland and George B. Ellis of Appleton City.

Ryan Injunction Enforced.

Judge Withrow overruled a motion yesterday to dismiss a proceeding against William F. Ryan for alleged contempt of court. Last July Judge Withrow entered an order restraining Ryan from prosecuting any case against Mrs. A. E. Barrington on a contract in regard to collecting insurance on the life of Mrs. Barrington's dead husband. Mrs. Barrington charged that Ryan was prosecuting a suit in New Jersey on the contract.

Ryan moved that the contempt proceeding be dismissed on the ground that neither the restraining judgment nor a copy of it had been served upon him and that he was, therefore, not liable for not observing it.

New Trial for Taylor Kirk.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

El Reno, Ok., March 23.—The Supreme Court of Oklahoma this afternoon reversed the District Court's decision in the case of Taylor Kirk, now in jail here under sentence of death on the charge of having murdered his sister. A new trial was ordered.

POLICEMAN SHOT A NEGRO.

Outcome of a Fierce Struggle on the River Front.

James Deckery, a patrolman, who walks a beat in the Fourth District, which includes that part of the levee between Lucas and Washington avenues, shot Silas Brown, a negro, 29 years old, in the abdomen at 11:45 o'clock yesterday morning. The negro was sent to the City Hospital, where Doctor Nietert pronounced his wound not serious.

Brown is proprietor of a rendezvous for negro crap shooters at No. 707 North Levee. Yesterday Deckery found Brown and three other negroes in a wordy war. He placed them under arrest, but before he could reach the patrol box at the Levee and Locust street with them, the negroes knocked him down. Brown took his revolver from him.

"You are the 'peeler' that has been waiting for a chance to arrest me, so I'll just blow your