## **GUNNER'S MATE PLAYS** PART OF SANTA CLAUS.

John Walsh of the Cruiser Baltimore Aids Dead Comrade's Mother in St. Louis and Means to Fill Little Chicago Niece's Stocking With Silver Dollars.

No. 364 Grand avenue, Chicago,

of Manila Bay. While his ship was still in Phillippine waters one of his comrades, Louis Mitchell, of St. Leuis, second-class gunner's mate on the gunbeat Nashville, was accidentally shot and killed by a ship-mate while returning from a visit to the city of Manila on the evening of September

Wash visited his relatives in Cherago. Shortly after returning to sea from his last visit his niece, Irene, was born. The child's father, William Walsh, is the sallor's youngest brother. When the little girl became old enough to understand she was told of her uncle and took the greatest interest in him. At times her parents would complain at not hearing recularly from John. Even when very young Irene would resent anything which was said not com-plimentary to the sailer. She was his whenever his name was men-

She continually asked questions concerning him, and when letters arrived from some distant port the little lass would in-

John Walsh, chief gunner's mate on the cruiser Baltimore, and a veteran of thirty-cight years' service in the United States Navy, who arrived in St. Louis Friday on a sixty days' farlough with a vallee full of silver dellars, has brought Christmas cheer to the mother of a dead courade and intends to play Santa Claus to-morrow for his little nice, Irene Walsh, who lives at the mother property of the fellid, Many of these he sent her, but the mijor part he has now to present on Christmas morning. The silver dellars on Christmas morning. The silver dellars No. 364 Grand avenue, Chicago.

Part of his money was received in the distribution of prize money after the battle girl's stocking he has saved out of his pay and prizes won in the last three years.

Walsh's family does not know that he has left his ship, and his visit will be a complete surprise. He will leave St. Louis to-night. His stay in Chicago will be short. He has been assigned to the heavy-artiflery ship Practice which said.

ship Prairie, which sails from New York under sealed orders on January 2. He S. Walsh heard that Mucoca.

Since his arrival here he has hunted up the woman and given her money to relieve her immediate needs, and brought her conhider to the notice of local charitable or
Says the with unspeasant and believes that all the hardships and pain which he has suffered in thirty-eight pain which he has suffered in thirty-eight pairs to the notice of local charitable or
sated by embracing her and watching ber carrerise and delight at the presents he will Walsh is 54 years old, but looks more like

a man of 25. His hair is beginning to turn gray, but his well-knit form is erect and he walks with an easy, springy step. He owns four medals awarded him for dis-tinction in the service. The only one of these which he wears is the bewey medal with which all the sailors who took part in the battle of Manila Bay were decorated. The other medals are the Maltese Cross, which was awarded to him by the English Hospital Society for assistance rendered in saving the lives of Spanish sailors after the battle of Manila; the long-service medal, given by the United States Clovernsome distant port the little lass would in-sist upon their being rend to her. Her mother and father, in their letters to Walsh, informed him of the child's at-Brooklyn Nevy Yard about ten years ago.

#### DIED BEFORE HIS FOUND WIFE DEAD REMITTANCE CAME.

John McCray, Who Is Buried in Potter's Field, Supposed to Have Had Well-to-Do Relatives.

BE EXHUMED.

It Was Interred Same Day That Money Order From Dead Man's Mother Arrived- Suicide Suspected.

John McCray, who was found dead in the Cherokee Hotel last Friday, is supposed to found dead yesterday morning by her hushave had well-to-do relatives in New York. band in an unoccupied bedroom at their The day before he died he looked for a money order from home and on Saturday after the body had been placed in a pauper's grave in potter's field, the Western Union Telegraph had a remittance for the dead man, from his mother, Mrs. J. C. Mc-Cray, who lives in New York.

McCray the day before his demise was in a morbid frame of mind, it is said, and a remark which he made has given some ground to the bestef that he may have com-mitted suicide. It is probable that his body will be exhumed and an autopsy held to de-

termine the cause of his death.

McCray was 26 years old and for two McCray was 26 years old and for two weeks prior to his death had lived at the hotel. He seemed in bad health and was frequently advised by the other roomers at the place and by Joseph Reitz, the day clerk, to go to the City Hospital. Friday morning he did not arise at the usual hour, and when Joseph W. Vasey entered his room he found McCray lying dead upon the heal.

bed.

The body was taken to the morgue. He had no relatives or friends so far as was known, so he was buried in potter's field.

Saturday the Western Union Telegraph Company telephoned the Coroner asking corroboration of McCray's death. The death having been confirmed, the company stated that a money order had arrived from New York on Saturday for McCray from his mother.

the hotel it is not believed that Mo-killed himself. The clerk said he was cted to drugs and suffered from an in-

McArthur Johnston was unanimou

CENTRAL LABOR UNION

RE-ELECTS ITS PRESIDENT.

# AND GAS TURNED ON. W. W. Williams in Doubt

Whether Companion's Death Is a Case of Suicide.

MISSED HER WHEN HE AWOKE.

She Had Gone Into Next Room and Locked the Door-Had Been in Bad Health for a Year-Inquest To-Day.

Mrs. Anna B. Williams, 30 years old, was house, No. 2024 Pine street

The dead woman's husband, W. W. Williams, is a foreman at the C. F. Kelly Printing Company. They were married nine years ago. They had no children. Mrs. Williams conducted the establishment as a boarding-house, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Sarah P. Martin,

According to the statement of her husband, Mrs. Williams rose in the night and went to the unoccupied room, which is used as a parlor, leaving him asleep. He missed her upon arising and called her mother. They found the door of the room locked and Williams was forced to enter through a window. He found his wife's body lying on the bed with the gas turned on from a single jet hanging from the cell-

"My wife and I were downtown together last night," said Williams, "and went to bed at the same time. We undressed in the dining-room, which we use as a bedroom at night, and she seemed to go to sleep all right. Some time in the night she evidently arose and went to the next room. She often used to do this, as we kept a fire burning in the grate in our room and it

sometimes became too warm for her.
"I missed her when I got up this mornmother.

According to the story of another employe of the Western Union, McCary had asked several times within the week previous whether any money had come for him, and on being answered in the negative, had seemed very ocsponient. It was also stated that he remarked: "Well, I'll be passing in my checks pretty soon if it don't come."

Nothing was thought of the remark at the lime, but the man was found out two days later.

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At the held, it is not believed that Me. room locked I was surprised, because she was not in the habit of sleeping so late. I called her mother and as there was no re-sponse to our rapping on the door. I went around to the side of the house and climbed

gown. As soon as I smelt the gas in the room I realized what was the matter. We sent for Doctor Sahlender of the Terminal Hotel and he said that she had been dead

able malady.
The only person who knew McCray, so far Coroner Funkhouser has been able to cover; is the Reverend F. W. Cornell of 0. 1216 Locust street, city missionary for is Episcopal Church. McCray had worked with Mr. Cornell at various times, and when is clergyman discovered that the body ad been buried in the potter's field, he alled upon the Coroner and asked whether e could have it removed and buried in a rivate cemetery.

Indee and locus.

"I do not believe that she intentionally turned on the gas and yet she has not been sick and irritable and would get hysterical at times when she was crossed. One of the windows was up a fraction of an inch and it seems to me that she would have shu this down if she had intended to kill herself."

## BELIEVED TO BE A RUSE. Hospital Attendant Says Patient Admitted That He

Hoped to Escape. Adam Wentzel and John Williams, the "dude highwaymen," who are under indict-ment on eight counts for rubbery in the first

Adam Wentzel, "Dude High-

wayman," Is Sent to the

City Hospital.

JAIL PRISONERS DECLARE

degree and who are prisoners at the City Jail, apparently became violently ill yester day immediately after eating the contents of a basket sent to Wentzel by a person outside the jult. An attendent at the City Hospital last night said that Wentzel declared that he had been shamming in the hope that he would be sent to the City Hospital and that a change to escape would arise either on the way thither or at the institution.

Both men are confined in cell No. 64. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon, after having eaten a quantity of facel sent them,both were seemingly setzed with convulsions and had vomiting fits. Wentzel seemed the worst afflicted. He rolled over and over on the floor of his cell, crying out that he had been poisoned.

Doctor S. R. Johnson of the City Dispen-

sary was sent for. He examined the men and advised that Wentzel be sent to the City Hospital. Doctor Johnson said that he could not tell positively whether the men were poisoned or not; that their symptoms indicated cholera morbus. Such symptoms could be produced, in the

opinion of the doctor, either by ptomaine poisoning or poison introduced into the food or by a skillful shom.

Wentzel was received at the City Hospital by Senior Assistant Rassieur. He was apparently very ill, and was carried in on a stretcher. Ressieur applied the stomach numb. Wentzel violently objected to this treatment. The strength exhibited in mani-festing his objections aroused the doctor's suspicions, and he endeavored to evoke from Wentzel a confession that his sickness was a sham. But it was without success, Rassieur, however, was not satisfied, Wentzel impressed him as a desperate man, and he ordered him to the prisoner's ward guard over Wentzel,



John Bull: "Sure as I live there's something wrong with their 'eads."

THEY ATE POISONED FOOD. TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

ADAM WENTZEL

instead of to ward No. 8, where poison cases are usually sent. Wentzel was no sooner locked up than his apparent weakness left him, and he walked about as it nothing were wrong.

Wentzel asserted for a long time that he had been poisoned. He said that he knew of two men who had sworn to have his life, and he thought that one of these had sent him the food which caused his sickness. He averred that he had received two baskets yesterday, one from his sister. Mamle Wentzel, who lives at No. 2022 Franklin avenue, and a second, the sender of which he did not know. According to him the second basket contained potate boiled rabbit and a can of coffee. He vided the coffee and food of the second basket with Williams, and the two became sick immediately after drinking the coffee. But he retracted this story last night when talking to an attendant in the pris-oner's ward of the hospital, and admitted that his illness was a ruse. He said that he had expected to be taken to one of the sick wards at the hospital, where there would be no guard put over him and from which place an escape would be com-paratively easy. He also stated that he had thought that he would try to escape while in the ambulance on the way to the hos-pital, but that he had been strapped hami and foot, which precluded an attempt.

Officer Cashel of the Central District was

Senor Paterno, Former Leader of

Insurgents, Joined Hands With

Party of Loyalists.

Mantla, Dec. 22.-The recently organized

autonomy party was hunched to-day at a

meeting attended by virtually all the loyal

The declaration of principles was read,

and, after some discussion, adopted by a

vote of 123, less than half a dozen declining

to vote. All signed an indersement of the

Filipino leaders in Manila.

PARTY LAUNCHED.

#### FILIPINO AUTONOMY ONE MAN STEALS 5000 CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

Salvation Army Soldier Confidenced Out of a Job Lot of Good Things to Eat.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—One man stole 5,000 Christmus dinners yesterday. He also took a horse and buggy. The dinners, still uncocked, were piled on a Salvation Army wagen and consisted of turkeys, chickens, butter and canned goods, which had been donated by South Waters street merchants for the dinner which was to gladden many a poor man and weman on Christmas Day. While one Salvation lad was carrying out a barrel of apples a well-dressed man acsted the soldier driver with: "There are two big crates of stuff waiting for you fel-lows at the Masonic Temple." The soldier said he would drive over as soon as his companion joined him. "But if you wait you

will miss some good things," the stranger remarked, "You'd better go and return for your partner later." The wagon a minute later was at the Masonic Temple. Awaiting the soldier was the well-dressed man, who directed him to get the crateon the ninth floor. After a fruitless search the soldier returned. But the well-dressed man, the horse, wagon, turkeys, butter, cranberries, all were gone.

#### BALMY AT STOCKHOLM.

Weather Is Unusually Mild for the Christmas Season. Stockholm, Dec. 23.—The weather in Stockholm is the mildest that has been

known for many years at the Christmes

platform, including Senor Paterno, one of the most influential of the former insurgent leaders, whose real attitude toward American authority has been much questioned. The principal discussion was with reference to the organization of the government of the party. A council of twenty-five members was elected, together with an Execu-

tive Committee. ON A SYMPATHETIC STRIKE. Walkout of Girl Employes May

Tie Up Lace Mills.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 23.—Two hundred and fifty girls employed at the Wyomins Valley Lace Mills, this city, have notified the management that they will not report for work to-morrow. They go out in sympathy with the weavers of the mill, who have been out on strike for nine months. The fellure of the girls to report for work will necessitate the total suspension of the single.

### LEADING TOPICS

For Missourl-Fair Monday and Tuesday: winds becoming northerly. For Bilnois-Fair and cold Monday. Tuesday, fair; bigh west to north

west winds. For Arkansas-Fuir Monday and Tuesday; west to northwest winds.

1. Two Boer Columns Are in Cape Colony. Gunner's Mate Plays Part of Santa

"Hig Market" Will Surely React Soon Central Labor Union Re-elects Its Pres-Falls Dead at a Companion's Grave,

Planning to Make Better Indians, Pioneer Builder Passes Away, Martinelli Will Be Made a Cardinal. "Can't Solve Social Problems by Strikes." Scranton Street Rallways Tied Up. Rank Robbers Hauls.

3. Yates's Friends Are for Shanahan, Horses and Mules for Great Britain, Cusishy Kidnaping Case, Have a Weakness for Chorus Girls, Japanese Views of Chinese Questions,

Christman Is Not His Feast, Turf Gossip. Cycling Club Radly Beaten by C. B. C. During Cross-Country Rider.

5. Christmas Sermons.

The Stage.

Porto Rican Judges Americanized. Vexing Problems in the Philippines, Jolly Week in Prospect. 7. Jobless Operators Blame Dolphin,

Nebraska Contest Begins in Earnest, Prominent New Yorker Dead. Mac Donald's Old Grudge at Morris, In a Deal With Spaniards, In the City News.

8. Republic Want Ads.

9. Republic Want Ads. Plans to Stamp Out Smallpox, May Give Colonel King a Christma Pardon. Lead and Zinc Report.

Auto-Sleigh Will Climb Pikes Peak. Family Locked Up. Weather Bulletin

0. Tabulates Vote of Texas Call for a Topeka Minister,

11. Movement of Grain. Spot Cotton Markets. River News.

2. Christmas Dinners for City's Wards Hollday Travelers Fill Union Station. Priest Denounces Cremation of Dead. Visitors at the Hotels. Passenger Leaped Off Car.

#### BRITISH WILL NOT YIELD.

London Times Declares Hay-Pauncefote Treaty Not Satisfactory.

London, Dec. 21.-The Times, in an editerial on President McKinley's decision to submit the Huy-Pauncefote canal treaty to Great Britain, repreaches him with "shifting a dangerous responsibility" on the British Government, and says: "The President must bear the responsibility for any friction that may ensue. The amended treaty is a hereafn to which we cannot agree and to which no reasonable American, who takes the trouble to reflect upon our side of the question, can expect us to agree.

"When Senater Lodge announced that Americans expect Europe to 'keep out' of America, he forgets that England is a great North American Power and means to remain such a Power. If the Hay-Pauncefore treaty is not adopted in a form acceptable to us, we shall stand quietly upon our indubitable rights under the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, rights which cannot be affected by any action the American Senate may choose to take."

#### FIRST TOUCH OF REAL WINTER.

In Iowa Temperature Falls and Miniature Blizzard Prevails. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 23.-The summer mildness of winter was suddenly changed to bitter cold this morning when the mercury fell below freezing point and a heavy rain was changed to sleet and snow. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Havana, Ill., Dec. 23.—A blizzard reached here this evening; snow is falling to-night.

## TWO BOER COLUMNS ARE IN CAPE COLONY.

**Kitchener Reports Many Battles—Clements** Again Attacked, but Result Is Yet Unknown.

De Wet, Now Described by Correspondents as a Military Marvel, Is Directing a Thoroughly Organized Boer Campaign Against British.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Lerd phant's Nek, but I do not yet know the re-kitchener, dated Pretoria. December 22. sult." Kitchener, dated Pretoria, December 22,

"The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut off the rallway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up,

"General French has been in contact for wo days with the commandes of Beyers and Delarey south of Magallesberg. He is pursuing them. The enemy have lost coniderably, and Commandant Kreuz and others have been captured.

"General Colville engaged two separate mmandos December 21, near Vlakfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retiring." An earlier dispatch to the War Office

om Lard Kitchener, dated Pretoria, De-"As far as it is possible for me to form

on opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Case Colony has been checked. "Of the forces that entered the colony, the astern is still north of the Zoutpansberg lange, while the one that entered west ap-

pears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. "Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized, which will be dispatched immeare most wanted.

"The Boers have not received much as-sistance in Cape Colony, as far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communicaion has been much interrupted by the very

Lord Kitchener's dispatches breathe a confidence hardly justified by their contents. They are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa; but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but reseate

Mues.

Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency in Brussels that 5,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well-planned affair. In connection with this, a correspondent sends an extremely inter-esting letter, dated Bethulle, December I, describing General De Wet and his doings. "De Wet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent. "It is of

choish." says the correspondent. "It is of little use to pursue him, as he fights a rear guard action, and gains twenty miles while he is being fought. He is a born military genuls, whose wonderful powers have kept up this phenomenal resistance.
"Once he fails, the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single commando under his supervision. All his

commando under his supervision. All his patrols and columns march and counter-march on his order. The forces under his mand have been reduced by his strength command have been reduced by his strength of will to a properly organized army, moving at his word. The sconer the British rid themselves of the idea that De Wet's forces are a mere rabble, wandering aimlessly, the sconer they will grasp the need of the determined effort which is necessary to capture him." to capture him.

Other advices from Cape Town report the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers, and as boasting that the whole dis-trict of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force

lad weather.

"De Wet is in the neighborhood of Sene-kal. General French. In conjunction with General French. In conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyers, south of the Magallesberg. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction, toward Pochefstroom, and were followed by General Gordon, with a column of French's force.

"Yesterday evening, about 5 o'clock, Clements's force was engaged south of Oil-

### CHINA, THROUGH EARL LI, GETS POWERS' NOTE TO-DAY.

Spain's Representative, as Dean of Diplomatic Corps, Will Ask for Prompt Action—Reply Is Expected Thursday.

Pekin, Dec. 23.-Li Hung Chang, answer ing an inquiry from the foreign envoys regarding his health, said he believed that

he would be able to attend the meeting tonorrow in order to accept, with Prince Ching, the preliminary joint note. The note will be presented by the Spanish Minister, Senor B. J. De Cologan, doyen of the diplomatic corps, with a few words expressing a hope of as prompt a reply as possible to a note which has been carefully prepared with every desire to continue the dynasty and not to be hard toward the nation, and of a further hope that the Chinese plentpotentiaries will urge upon Chinese plenipotentiaries will urge upon Emperor Kwang Su the necessity of im-

An answer is expected about Thursday. SAYS CHINA WILL RESPOND.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL,
Washington, Dec. 23.—Speaking of the erms formulated and signed by the forterms formulated and signed by the for-eign Ministers in Pekin, Wu Ting Fanc, Chinese Minister, said to-night: "The demands are hard, but China is dis-posed to meet the Powers half-way in bringing about an early settlement. There will be no delay in imperial action. There

is a telegraph line between Pekin and Tsinan-Fu, where the imperial court is es-tablished, so that the agreement, as soon as presented to Prince Ching and Earl Li Hung Chang, will be telegraphed at once to the Emperor. I am sorry that the efforts of the United States to eliminate the word irrevocable from the agreement was not crowned with success, but I hope that the Powers will not be inclined to interpret that word in its strictest sense," Uncle Sam's Bill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL
Washington, Dec. 22.—Two hundred million dollars is the maximum sum the administration wants the Powers to demand of China as indemnity, yet the figures are likely to be mapy times that amount. The United States Army has a deficiency of \$11,000,000 for transportation and army sup-

China.

A determined effort will be made by the President and Secretary Hay to induce the Powers to consent to the arbitration of the average of the country of the second of the country of the second of the country o

pointed in conformity with the provisions of The Hague treaty.

Article 6 of the agreement, signed by the foreign Minsiters in Pekin, requires the payment by China of "equitable indemnlities" of a very sweeping character. The indemnity to be paid to the Governments is in the nature of a restitution of the expenses incurred in dispatching and maintaining troops in China, and may be made to include sums to be paid to the heirs of those killed in action, or to those who received wounds during the engagements, incident to the capture of Pekin.

The total losses of the allied forces defending the legations were 67 killed and 129 wounded, and many Chinese in the employ of missionaries and the legations lost their lives. An idea of the indemnity to be demanded for the expenses of the several of The Hague treaty.

be demanded for the expenses of the several military expeditions may be obtained from this table, showing the strength of

Russia, 48,500 men, brought from Siberia; Japan, 22,573 men, transported from Japan; Germany, 15,600 men and 44 guns, all but a few hundred of whom, stationed before the outbreak occurred at Klao-Chaou, were brought from Germany; Great Britain, 8.746 brought from Germany; Great Britain, 8.745 men, brought from Hong-Kong and India; United States, 5,618 men, dispatched from the Philippines and the United States; France, 5,378 men, sent to the North from Cochin-China; Italy, 1,900 men, transported from Italy, and Austria, 294 men, landed from her warships.

The societies named are the religious bodies which maintain missionaries in China, many of whom were killed. They will not only want heavy sums to indemnify the heirs of those killed, but to solace those who were insulted, and also to repair the damage done in the destruction of mission property.

### **GERMANY OBJECTS** TO TURKISH PLANS,

Is Responsible for Delay in Issuing Imperial Irade for Construction of Warship.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.-The expected imperial trade authorizing the signing of the ontract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, together with the initial deposit of (100,000, has not yet been issued. It appears that the German Embassy has protested to the Porte against the payment to the Cramps before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

#### ROBBERS LEFT HIM TO FREEZE Bound and Gagged Their Victim-

He Lay in Alley All Night.

Mitchell, S. D., Dec. 23.-N. J. Nellson treasurer of the Workmen Lodge of this city, was held up by footpads at midnight last night. He was bound and gagged, his pockets were rifled of \$250 and he was left lying in an alley to freeze.

When found by a night watchman, Neilsen's hands and feet were badly frozen and he was unconscious. The money taken from his pockets was funds he had collected as treasurer of the lodge, and which he was preparing to turn over to his successor. There is no clew to the perpetrators of

# FALLS DEAD AT A COMPANION'S GRAVE.

While Assisting at the Unveiling of a Monument, C. Hutchinson Dies of Heart Trouble.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Windsor, Mo., Dec. 23.-While attending over the grave of E. E. Garrett, a brother Woodman of the World, here this afternoon, C. Hutchinson of Clinton, fell dead of heart failure. He was the oldest man and the oldest member of the Clinton lodge and the first one to die in that lodge. He leaves a wife and five children

#### FORTY-FIVE FILIPINOS KILLED.

Sixty Americans Give Natives Costly Defeat Near Guinobatan.

Manila, Dec. 23.-Advices brought to-day by steamer from Southern Luzon say that a Lieutenant and sixty men of the Ninth nited States Cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents last Wednesday, near Guino-batan, Province of Albay. After the battle forty-five dead insurgents were counted, to-gether with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a Sergeant, who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo.

The rebel loss was the heaviest recorde

among recent encounters. The cutting of wires has delayed the official report of the



ally denied the charge. After about two hours of acrimonious debate a resolution was adopted completely exonerating the acalse members and declaring the charges MCARTHUR JOHNSTON. Re-elected President of Central Trades

