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HALF MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN TOLEDO, O.

Panic in Theatres Averted by the Coolness of the Actors.

(Special from United Press.)

Toledo, O., Jan. 20.—Fire caused a $500,000 loss in the theatre section of the city and was gotten under control at 3 this morning after a hard fight. The flames broke out in Brown, Eager and Hull's building on Summit street, just before the performances in the Arcade and Empire theatres were over. The rush of the apparatus warned both audiences and it was only by the coolness of the actors that panics were avoided. The Hudson Dry Goods Company, the Scottish Woolen Company, the Japanese jewelry store, Flieschman's cafe and the Parish house of Trinity church were wiped out.

PUBLIC LIBRARY LECTURE

"European Home of the New Immigration" Subject of Tomorrow Evening's Lecture.

Mr. Herbert F. Sherwood, connected with the editorial staff of the New York Tribune will be the speaker tomorrow Thursday evening in the Public Library course, taking for his subject, "The European Home of the New Immigration."

More than seven million immigrants have landed in this country in the course of the last ten years, a part of the greatest human migration recorded in history and there are many questions which arise in the minds of American citizens when they contemplate this great stream.

For several years Mr. Sherwood has been studying the subject as a member of the Tribune staff, and more recently as a member of the party which visited Europe in the company of the United States Immigration Commission.

The lecture to-morrow evening will be well illustrated and descriptive of the customs and environment of the peoples of Italy, Austria-Hungary and Poland, who comprise two-thirds of the present American immigration.

Doors will be opened at 7 o'clock and lecture begin at eight.

ROOT TO RESIGN THIS WEEK

Hopes to Settles Important Matters of State Before Doing So.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Secretary Root will resign from the Cabinet some time this week.

The settlement of the Venezuela claims, the conference on maritime law now in progress in London, the Rudowitz extradition case, the Newfoundland fishery and claims treaties with Great Britain and several other important matters remain to be settled before Mr. Root leaves the State Department. He hopes, however, to complete this work by Saturday.

He will spend several weeks at Hot Springs, Ark., and will return to Washington shortly before the inauguration.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR COMPANY

At the third annual meeting of the Bridgeport Real Estate Investment Co., held yesterday, a 10 per cent. dividend was declared for the third time in the history of the company which is engaged in making cement blocks and building houses of the same material. During the past year the company extended its business to Norwalk, Conn., and the board of directors includes several citizens of that place. The directors elected are J. Croyden Tice, E. T. Buckingham, William Tolman, Joseph L. Peabody, Edward J. Naylor, Charles E. Dow, former Mayor of South Norwalk, and Elbert S. Adams of Norwalk.

Officers were elected as follows: President and treasurer, J. Croyden Tice; vice president, E. T. Buckingham; secretary, Joseph L. Peabody The business of the company for the past year was larger than that of the previous years of the company.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

(Central Association, 629 State St.

All members and friends are notified that the social which was to be held this week Friday evening, at the home of Mrs. Lucien Warner, 61 Broad street, has been postponed for one month on account of sickness in the home.

WORKERS NEEDED IN PHILIPPINES

Gen. Wright Sends Letter to Yale News Outlining Opportunities.

(Special from United Press.)

New Haven, Jan. 20.—The Philippines need workers, not speculators. This is the burden of a letter from Secretary of War Luke E. Wright, former Philippine governor to Yale men given out through the Yale News today in which the secretary tells of the opportunities the islands offer young men.

Mr. Wright does not think a college education so needful as native ability. He says: "In the Philippines as at home, the college man if he has profited by his advantages, will find himself starting in the race better equipped for the struggle but he will find himself starting in the race better equipped for the struggle but he will find that winning depends not only on equipment but on native ability, knowledge, nerve and——patience."

The opportunities are excellent, he says, but business must be worked up slowly and patiently. He takes the opportunity to boost Uncle Sam's Philippine employment bureau by saying that teachers, stenographers, etc., are being constantly sent out to the Philippines by the government which gives them an excellent chance to study the ground.

SENATOR MANWARING NAMED AS CHAIRMAN

Of Special Committee by State Business Men's Association.

Meriden, Jan. 20.—The directors of the State Business Men's Association held a meeting yesterday afternoon. The special object was to consider legislative matters, and the legislative committee was directed to appear before the judiciary committee of the Legislature at the proper time and support the public utilities bill.

The directors also considered the question of organizing a state collecting agency. At the last annual meeting a committee made a report recommending that $200 be appropriated for the purpose and that some one be hired to go around to visit the various local associations to interest them in the project. This report was turned down at the time, but the whole matter was again threshed out yesterday. It was finally decided to refer the matter to a committee of seven, of which Senator M. W. Manwaring of Bridgeport was named chairman, for consideration.

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AUTOMOBILES FOR TAFT

House Approves Appropriation of $12,000 for Them on a Busy Spending Day.

Washington, Jan. 20.—A record for recent years on appropriation bills was made by the House yesterday. The general pension bill, carrying more than $160,000,000, and an urgent deficiency bill appraprating $1,026,402 were passed and general debate concluded on the naval bill.

The only item in the urgent deficiency bill which occasioned any discussion was the appropriation of $12,000 for the purchase and maintenance of automobiles for the use of the President. This, Mr. Tawney explained, was made necessary because President-elect Taft proposed to use the buzz wagons instead of horses and carriages. The item was carried.

JEWISH FARMERS ORGANIZE.

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Jan. 20.—Thirty Jewish farmers from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts have wound up their two day convention here by forming a national organization known as the Jewish Farmers of America. A Jewish agricultural fair will be held each year during October. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, S. P. Becker, Connecticut; vice chairman, Samuel Hein, New York; secretary, J. W. Pincus, New York, and treasurer, Samuel Kleinfeld, New Jersey.

YACHTSMEN LAY TO AT SOUND OF GUN

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET OF THE BRIDGEPORT YACHT CLUB AT THE STRATFIELD LAST NIGHT.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Bridgeport Yacht Club took place at the Stratfield last night. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the old board as follows: Commodore, Henry A. Bishop; vice-commodore, Carl Foster; rear commodore, C. V. Barrington; secretary and treasurer, T. B. Beecher. In addition to the above the board of governors consists of Howard D. Pike, William E. Burnham, A. L. Riker, A. H. MacKenzie, C. L. Gulick, F. T. Bedford.

The big dining hall was decorated in a novel and attractive manner. The 100 guests were seated at small tables. On the centre table was a semaphore and gun. The report of the cannon was the signal for the club to go into commission at the tables. The club's burgee was raised on the semaphore at the report of the gun. The guests were Commodore Wilson Marshall, Morton W. Smith, Augustus Mott and Eugene Robinson of the Larchmont Yacht Club. The most interesting events of the evening were the presentations of the cups won in the regattas last summer. Chairman Eames of the regatta committee presented H. A. Jennings with the seven cups he had won. Ex-Commodore T. H. Macdonald presented rear-Commodore Barrington with five cups. Ex-Commodore T. B. Warren performed a like service when he tendered two cups to Commodore H. A. Bishop, J. W. C. Bullard received two cups from vice-Commodore Foster. William E. Burnham won one cup with the Gull and Thad Beecher made the presentation. Other trophies were sent to the winners who were not present.

Morton W. Smith, fleet captain of the Larchmont Yacht Club and one of the party on the Atlantic when she won the historic race across the Atlantic ocean, made an interesting and amusing address.

Wilson Marshall asserted that Bridgeport was important enough to have a harbor with 25 feet of water. He called upon Harbor Master Charles H. Morris to get after the Congressmen from this state and obtain the required appropriation. Commodore Bishop had something to say in the same line. Capt. Morris had other suggestions to offer among them a breakwater from Fayerweather's Island toward the spar buoy. Other speakers were Dr. George L. Porter and Alderman Robert Gould.

SACRED HEART SOCIETY IN FLOURISHING SHAPE

Frank O'Brien is Newly Chosen President—Whists Coming.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the Sacred Heart T. A. & L. Society the following officers were elected: President, Frank O'Brien; vice president, James Walseh; treasurer, Edward Skane; financial secretary, James Grant; secretary, James Skane; recording secretary, John Lyons; trustees, James Garrity and John Skane.

The reports of the officers for last year were read and show the society to be in better financial condition than ever. The report of the Dance committee was read and showed a net balance of over $125 cleared on the dance of Jan. 1. The Whist committee completed arrangements for a series of whists at Warner Institute to start Friday evening, Feb. 5.

PROF. PHELPS BEFORE ENGLISH CLUB, MONDAY TO RECITE BROWNING POEMS

The next lecture by Professor William Lyon Phelps of Yale will take place before the English Club on next Monday evening, January 25. The lecture will continue the subject of "Browning." The lecture will be an illustrated one. Professor Phelps will give selections from the following poems, and these poems he requests the members of the audience to read before coming to the lecture:

"Pippi Passes," "Love Among the Ruins," "Fra Lippo Lippi," "Andrea del Sarto," "A Toccate of Galluppi's," "The Guardian Angel," "The Statue and the Bust," "The Ring and the Book."

The stereopticon views to be used at the lecture are made from photographs taken by Prof. and Mrs. Phelps during their travels through Italy.

REPUBLICANS VOTED FOR HILL.

Hartford, Jan. 20.—On the vote for U. S. Senator in the House yesterday, 14 Republicans voted for Congressman Hill. They were: Hartford county, Messrs. Rockwell, Moses, Mueller; New Haven county, Messrs. Tift, Smith, G. F., Warner; Fairfield county, Northrop, C. B.; Litchfield county, Norton, Everett; Middlesex county Fowler; Tolland county, Peck, A. H., Wood, Metcalf. The Senate stood by the caucus nominations.

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Oak Revolving Chair, saddle seat	13.25	10.60
Oak Revolving Chair	7.25	5.80
Arm Chair to match	5.50	4.40

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Mahogany Desk, low roll-top, sanitary	169.50	135.50
Oak Roll-top Desk, sanitary	106.50	85.25
Oak Roll-top Desk	56.00	45.00
Oak Flat-top Desk	44.75	36.00
Oak Typewriter Desks	35.00	28.00
Oak Desk, low roll-top, sanitary	72.75	58.25
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Sauce Dishes	were .96, now	.48
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