

FISH MAY TAKE UP CHICAGO RESIDENCE

Associates Say If Re-elected Railroad Director He Will Move.

Harriman Attorney Replies to Argument Against Illinois Central Injunction.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Stuyvesant Fish likes Chicago. Some of his intimate friends reported today that the New York millionaire has determined to make Chicago his home for at least six months of every year.

Though Mr. Fish declined to discuss the report, the declaration of his associates is that he has determined, if he is re-elected a director of the Illinois Central railroad at the conclusion of his fight to curb the influence of E. H. Harriman, to live in the State where the property he so long controlled is centered.

This report concerning the New York railroad king came after another day in Judge Ball's court, in which counsel for E. H. Harriman sought to combat the arguments made by Edgar H. Farrar, attorney for Mr. Fish, against the motion of the Harriman faction for the dissolution of the injunction to restrain the voting of the stock held by the Union Pacific railroad and the Railroad Securities Company.

Harriman Attorney Argues.

Attorney R. S. Lovett, representing Mr. Harriman, in answering the argument of former Judge Farrar that no foreign corporation could hold stock in an Illinois corporation, said:

"If this argument is to be sustained, the policy of the State of Illinois will be upset. It is a fact, for example, that the majority of the stock of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad is owned by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railroad Companies. This stock is pledged to meet bonds owned the world over to the amount of several millions of dollars. If the view of the complainant is sustained these bonds would be absolutely void of security."

Not Competing Lines.

"Chicago is one of the greatest railroad centers of the world, and surely the Illinois Legislature is not going to turn back the wheels of progress in this community unless it makes a specific charge that stock in Illinois corporations shall not be held by any foreign corporation. Thus far it has not done so and the construction placed by counsel for Mr. Fish upon the foreign corporation act of 1905 is not the idea which was held by the legislators when the law was passed. The restrictions apply only to competing corporations and there is in this case nothing of that character."

Arguments will be resumed Monday.

CZAR'S STRATEGIC RAILWAY LINKS RUSSIA WITH AFGHANIS

Russia has completed the great steel and concrete bridge across the Oxus at Karki, on which it has been busy ever since the autumn of 1905. This bridge is the last and principal link in the new strategic railway which is being built between the great city of Samarkand, in Russian Turkestan, and the little village of Bostaga, on the Afghan frontier, and as soon as the rails are laid, which will be in a few months, the czar will be able, should he wish, to mass a million men upon the border of this debatable territory. Another of these strategic railways has also been recently completed from the Caspian to Pengljen, by way of Merv. These trunk lines have been constructed secretly.

Shoppers Mix and Mingle On Hunt for Santa Claus In All Capital's Corners

Evidences of Prosperity and Gay Holiday Season Found Throughout the City—Many Visitors From Afar.

Entering one of the large department stores last night several thousand shoppers were confronted with an ominous overhanging sign, which read:

"DO YOU REALIZE THAT THERE ARE BUT TWO MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS?"

A person doesn't necessarily have to believe in signs to read the answer. It has been apparent upon every street, in every shop, and in every glance of the passerby these past few days.

Crowd on F Street.

To ascertain if the Christmas spirit was really abroad in the land a Times reporter strolled down F street yesterday afternoon. The "stroll" lasted for about half a block, and after the seeker for information had been jostled off the sidewalk several times by the scurrying shopping-mad throngs, he was content to join in the rush and become one of the countless hundreds who jammed that fashionable thoroughfare every moment of the day.

They were all there—the young man and his sweetheart, each seeking a hint as to what the other really desired most; the doting parent and the enthusiastic youngster, just becoming initiated into the wonderful mysteries of the time of Santa Claus; the widow with her mite, and the millionaire with his auto and his bulging pocketbook. They besieged the tired girls behind the counter, some buying, some pricing, and some "just looking today."

At all the large stores there was a constant game of hide-and-seek with the pansies of the revolving doors. To one aged shopper the revolving door of an F street store presented a problem. In one hand the old man, evidently a grandfather from one of the smaller towns nearby, held two chickens; in the other he clasped the chubby hands of two grandchildren; they, in turn, clasped two dolls. There had to be a separation, and the door revolved so quickly that the general could not plan his campaign. At last he planted a No. 10 in the niche and he and the chickens occupied one compartment, the youngsters appropriated one each amid sundry yells, and with much elation quitted finally landed within among the bargains.

Christmas Sights.

The day was replete with incidents similar to this, seen perhaps only at Christmas time. At the corner of Elevation and at the scene of the fasted. Two sides of the street were lined with improvised florist stands, where half a dozen impromptu florists spied the relative superiority of wreaths, ferns, and Christmas trees, with here and there a bunch of flowers lending a touch of red to the bank upon bank of green. A Mexican in full regalia held forth with divers strings of beads just across the way, while perched upon the four corners might be seen other street artists, who offered some catchy toy or Christmas joy producer. And the crowds surged on and on and in and out laden with bundles of every conceivable shape and hue, laden with everything, it seemed, except a heavy heart.

Dropping into the florists' shops one might, after a long wait, find opportunity to pin the frantic proprietor down and inquire about the demand for flowers. "Better than ever," came the reply. "Got more than we can do, all of us. Never saw such a demand for holly and wreaths in my life."

One F street florist bore out this statement by saying that he had sold over 4,000 wreaths, and the demand seemed "just starting."

Center Market presented another anticipated scene. It was about the market that the rural vender got in his most deadly work. Here one can find anything from a five-cent sprig of holly to a Christmas tree of the most pretentious dimensions. In the majority of instances the original ebony-hued woodman stood guard and explained to the prospective purchaser that he had but a few hours before searched the forest over and "cut this very tree just specially for or select 'customer.'" The ruralists reaped a harvest, and the end is not yet. Many of them have improvised stands guaranteed to withstand more unfavorable weather than that handed out yesterday, and they will be on hand again tomorrow and Tuesday, rain or shine.

One of the more energetic of the clan rushed up late in the afternoon with his third wagonload of holly, and before midnight was brushing the little red berries from an empty wagon body. Just another indication of how Washington is going to celebrate.

Tempting Displays in Stores.

And the stores! Never before have the floor walkers surveyed such tempting displays as that brought on by Washington merchants for the Christmas trade of 1907. There's not a thing that spells "panic" in any of them. Even the alphabet blocks seem to tumble down when you attempt to work in the word some way. Santa Claus has absolutely refused to take cognizance of the troubles of Wall Street, and Washington merchants are backing him up.

Before passing from this old gentleman, however, it is well to chant a line or two over the bier of the "Teddy bear." That individual is certainly getting his. A year ago the little "nature faker" stood upon this highest pinnacle of fame and looked disdainfully down upon the forlorn "dollies" on the shelves below. The merchants bear testimony this year that "dolly" is coming back into her own. The decadence of the "Teddy bear" had its hand, and was he unto the dealer who has laid in more of these busy places. It's costing the Washington postoffice just about \$2,000 for extra help this season in handling the Christmas mail, and Postmaster Barnes expressed the opinion that the year will be a record breaker. The holiday rush began in earnest yesterday. A little over 28,000 packages left Washington last Christmas for all parts of the world. No figures are obtainable for the incoming mail, but if Washingtonians continue to send as liberally as they have begun, 35,000 won't tell the tale for 1907.

Rush to Postoffice.

At the express companies they believe that the outgoing express may be perhaps a little off in volume so far, but judgment is withheld until Monday. Washington relatives seem to have a little the best of the argument up to the present time as it is said that the incoming express is up to the usual quantity. The warehouses of the companies will be open today and packages will be received and delivered therefrom. The downtown offices will take a rest and be prepared for the siege tomorrow. At the express offices, just as at the postoffice, arrangements have been

SWEARS BEFORE WOMEN; RICH PLANTER KILLED

SHAWNS, Miss., Dec. 21.—"Bud" Doughty, a wealthy planter of Sunflower county, was shot and instantly killed today by A. A. Wilson, a prominent merchant. Ned Robinson, colored, was wounded slightly by a bullet which passed through Doughty's body. Doughty had been drinking, and began using profanity before several women. Wilson ordered Doughty to stop swearing, and then ordered him from the store.

Doughty went out, but returned with an open knife. Wilson drew a revolver and fired four shots, all of which took effect.

made for the prompt weighing of packages. A patient looking young man occupies a throne behind a pair of scales and dispenses equal justice to all with but little formality. At the office they have even gone so far as to arrange another table near by, and the careless purchaser may find mullage, wrapping paper and twine, all for the asking. The wrapping process of the young man will be glad to tell you just how much more coin it will require before your Christmas gift really becomes a gift and the stamp window supplies the rest.

Squabble on Rates.

At the express companies there is more room for argument. For instance, a very insistent young man kept a line in waiting yesterday afternoon for a number of precocious moments while he argued with a florid man behind the counter that a given rate should be 60 cents per hundred, instead of 70 cents per hundred.

"What's the matter up front," inquired a meek little man kept in the rear as he shifted a quid of tobacco and also a collection of bundles for his country cousins. "Some freak up front is trying to get

BOOKMAKER IS HELD; SUSPECTED JEWEL THIEF

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 21.—The police here are holding a man who claims to be Samuel Austin Collins, a bookmaker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., under suspicion that he is John Collins, wanted in Canton, Ohio, for the theft of a trunk of jewelry valued at \$25,000, from a salesman for the Pittsburg firm of White & Christy.

Collins was betrayed to the police by Alice Murphy, a woman whom he met in Chicago, where he is said to have fled after the robbery. He gave her \$2,000 in money and jewels valued at \$10,000.

off an anti-trust editorial," came the reply from a fellow-sufferer. The affair ended and the line moved up a bit when the insistent young man swore he wouldn't pay it and the company's rate man invited him to "tote it down there yourself, then."

Turning from the commercial atmosphere, however, there is much that will make this Christmas memorable from the viewpoint of sentiment. In every quarter of the city preparations are being made to make the day happier for the unfortunate and the poor. Homes that have never known the visit of a Santa Claus before will be remembered this time, and if the patron saint doesn't get around to them all it will not be on account of a desire to do so.

Salvation Army Dinner.

Washington members of the Salvation Army are busy making preparations for the dinner to the poor on Christmas Day in the hall, 500 Pennsylvania avenue, and the distribution of basket dinners Christmas eve. Last year 250,000 worthy poor persons throughout the United States were given turkey, cranberries, plum pudding, and all other Christmas dinner accessories by the Sal-

OWNERS RESPONSIBLE IN BUILDING ACCIDENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The first damage award was made today under the new law holding the owners, as well as the constructors, of new buildings, responsible for injuries sustained by workmen employed in their erection. The allowance was \$10,000. It was made in favor of Henry Ward, a plumber's helper who was crippled by a fall down an unguarded elevator shaft in a structure under construction, against Contractors J. B. and J. M. Cronell and Bala and Coon, the owners.

vation Army. It is planned to gladden as many, if not more, hearts this year. Donations of food and cash are needed by the Washington branch of the army. Subscriptions or contributions should be sent to Major M. E. Barter or Adj. William S. Quirk, care of the Salvation Army, Adjutant and Mrs. Quirk have charge of the Washington branch and are well known because of the great amount of good they have accomplished during the past five years here.

The Central Union Mission will hold Christmas services at their chapel at 10 o'clock Christmas morning and at the conclusion tickets will be distributed to the deserving for a Christmas dinner. This follows a long-established custom. At the same hour Saks & Co. will follow the custom of years by giving away at their store 100 overcoats.

Other plans are under way by individuals, organizations, and firms, and between this time and Christmas morning much will be said and done to make life happier for those who see its weary side and to perpetuate the gospel of "Peace on earth, good will to all men."

THE MARBLE HEART.

"Dear uncle," wrote the young man who was trying to make a touch-out coming right out and asking for the money. "I have pawned my watch to get a postage stamp to write to you."

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