

BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEES NAMED

President Rudolph Asked Members What Assignments They Preferred.

High Pressure Water Service and Other Betterments to Be Taken Up.

Cuno H. Rudolph, president of the Board of Trade, yesterday announced the personnel of the various committees of the board for the year 1908.

President Rudolph in making up the committee assignments followed a course calculated to bring about the most efficient and interested committee work among the members.

Asked to Appoint Chairmen. In addition to asking members their committee preferences, Mr. Rudolph also inquired whether they preferred to elect chairmen or have them appointed by the president.

President Rudolph is desirous that the Board of Trade take immediate action upon many of the recommendations of the retiring president, Gen. John M. Wilson, as made in his annual address last month.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES.

- Executive Committee, Thomas M. Morgan. Bridges, Alvin M. Lohrop. Charities and Corrections, Thomas C. Noyes. Commerce and Manufactures, William T. Gallier. Edwin C. Brandenburg. Membership, J. Louis Willige. Mercantile Interests, Edwin C. Brandenburg. Parks and Reservations, Albert M. Read. Press, J. Harry Cunningham. Public Buildings, J. H. Small, Jr. Public Health, Dr. D. Percy Hickling. Public Library, Fred G. Coldren. Public Order, Walter A. Brown. Public Schools, Wm. H. Singleton. Railroads, James T. DuBois. River and Harbor Improvement, M. J. Welser. Sewerage, Dr. J. B. Gregg Custis. Streets and Avenues, William G. Henderson. Taxation and Assessment, John L. Weaver. Transportation, John L. Newbold. Universities, William B. King. Water Supply, Edgar D. Shaw. Special Legal (Codification) Committee, Otto Luebker. Special Committee on Conventions, Otto Luebker. Special Committee on Hall for Public Conventions, Henry L. West. Special Committee on History of District of Columbia, Thomas P. Morgan. Special Committee on Abraham Lincoln Centennial, William V. Cox. Special Committee on Municipal Art, George Oakley Totten, Jr.

UTES ON RAMPAGE IN SOUTHERN UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 28.—A band of Colorado Ute Indians are reported to be on a rampage in the southern part of Utah, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington has been notified.

GOOD HEALTH RULES.

"There are rules for the good health of people who call upon the sick as much as for the patient himself," observed a doctor in one of the big hospitals.

Suffering Intolerable Says Siberian Exile

Men Beaten Till They Collapse by Cruel Cossack Guards—Some Cut Off Fingers to Escape Work.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Russ publishes the following letter from an exile, a man of culture, recently sent to Siberia and condemned to work with other political prisoners on the new Kolesnaya wheel road.

"We landed from our barge at 6 o'clock in the evening and set off in the morning for the camp, twenty miles distant. As soon as the village was out of sight the escort got to work with their rifle butts, urging us on with blows and curses.

"We took knee deep in mire and after a fortnight rheumatism sets in and the legs begin to swell. There is no respite Sundays, but we are compelled to sing a thanksgiving hymn in the evening.

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"I know two men who have cut their fingers from their right hands that they might be no longer able to work on the road. I know another who put his hand beneath a cart wheel that it might be crushed, mangled that his lungs and liver are injured. A third, named Gutkin, complained because he was ill, so the inspector kicked him out of his tent and beat in his face with his revolver butt.

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LIFE UPON MARS, PROF. TODD SAYS

Head of Lowell Expedition Will Lecture Here Tomorrow.

Prof. David Todd, of the Amherst College Observatory, will present at the Belasco Theater Monday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock his observation of Mars.

Prof. Todd has accumulated a mass of evidence in support of the proof that life upon the planet Mars is no longer to be considered in the realms of improbability, but is susceptible of conclusive demonstration.

There has been much interesting fiction in popular publications during the last few years about Martian life. Attempts have been made to communicate with the planet by means of powerful reflective and electrical signals.

Nothing, however, has ever added so much to the scientific knowledge of this subject as the recent Lowell expedition to the Andes, which was in charge of Dr. Todd.

No doubt he will have a large and distinguished audience.

Prof. Todd's numerous astronomical expeditions to China, Japan and to Africa have been conducted with such skill as to invite absolute confidence in what he has to say.

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ATTEMPT TO BURN AN ENTIRE FAMILY

Black Hand Fires House to Destroy Man, Wife, and Five Children.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Angered by his persistent refusal to be blackmailed, members of the Black Hand society attempted to burn Salvatore Scarito, his wife and five children to death today by saturating the big tenement in which they lived, 3 Rivington street, with oil and setting fire to it.

This is not the first time Scarito has been attacked in the dark by the murdering gang. He began receiving letters from the society in the summer of 1904.

"Send us \$500 or we will wipe out you and your family," one letter read. Scarito was then a barber with a good business in Second avenue, between First and Second streets.

Continuously hounded by the gang, Scarito was at last driven out of business. Recently he leased the tenement in Rivington street from Emanuel Rannheim. He had rented quarters in the house to other families, and in the past few months believed he had escaped the gang.

BERLIN APPLAUDS VIRGINIA PIANIST

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Berlin musical public, usually very chary in expressing approval of foreign artists, gave a remarkable ovation to John Powell, of Richmond, Va., the twenty-year-old pianist, who made his debut here tonight.

He was recalled many times, and tomorrow morning's papers will comment most favorably on his performance. Powell played selections from Chopin and Liszt, a composition of his own, and a piece by Hahr, the Richmond composer.

Catch Wild Man In French Woods; Was Shipwrecked

Behavior of Men While on Shore Commended on All Sides.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28.—A lone survivor of the wreck of the Norwegian barque Mygrea, wrecked on the French coast in 1836, has just been found in the forest of Soignies, near the Belgian town of the same name.

Craved by the terrors of the wreck, the dreadful battle in the waves after his ship went down, and the violence with which he was battered on the rocks, to which he finally clambered from the sea, the sailor has wandered for twelve years, a veritable wild man, in thickly settled France and Belgium.

Those who saw the man described him as a monstrous ape-like creature who swung himself from tree to tree, but always vanished when anyone was bold enough to address him.

His appearance he was scarcely human. His hair was long and matted, his body almost naked, and his skin weatherbeaten and scarred until he was as black as a negro.

While a captive in Belgium no one was able to induce him to speak. On going aboard a Norwegian ship at Antwerp, however, he was suddenly addressed by the captain in Norwegian, gave a terrified cry, and fell in a fit.

When he recovered he was able to answer the captain's questions intelligibly, said his name was Jensen, and that he was, indeed, one of the crew of the Mygrea. He lost consciousness, he added, while trying to reach shore after the Mygrea broke up, and of his subsequent wanderings in the French and Belgian forests had but the vaguest recollection.

KENTUCKY JAIL GUARDED TO PREVENT LYING

HARRODSBURG, Ky., Dec. 28.—A strong guard surrounds the jail here to prevent a mob from taking Charles Reed, who yesterday shot and probably fatally wounded Chief of Police J. C. Smith, from his cell and lynching him.

Reed was captured after an exchange of shots with a posse, and the citizens are demanding that summary punishment be inflicted.

FLEET ALL READY FOR ITS NEXT LAP

Behavior of Men While on Shore Commended on All Sides.

PORT OF SPAIN, Dec. 28.—All is ready tonight for the departure of Admiral Evans' Pacific fleet for Rio Janeiro tomorrow.

The behavior of the parties ashore is commended on all sides, and the officers of the fleet are highly gratified over the fine showing made by the men.

Only thirty have overstayed their leave out of hundreds that have come ashore, and it is believed these will be on hand before sailing time.

Admiral Evans said today that the welcome accorded the fleet by the government and people of Trinidad had been most cordial and friendly, and that United States ships like to come to Port of Spain, because they are sure of great hospitality.

JAP ACTRESS STUDIES THEATERS OF PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The celebrated Japanese actress, Mme. Sada-Jacco, and her husband, Kawakami, are in Paris studying French dramatic art.

Two new theaters are being built in Japan—one at Chosaka, which belongs to Sada-Jacco herself, and another at Tokyo, built by a company of which she is a member.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—James Simpson, former teller of the Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank, was held by Magistrate Beaton for further hearing on Monday on a charge of embezzling \$4,400 of the bank's funds.

Simpson had been with the bank for twenty-five years, having started in as an office boy. He led a model life and was regarded as usually "steady."

PUBLISHER COLLIER IS BADLY INJURED

Horse Falls On Him While on Hunting Trip in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Ireland, Dec. 28.—Peter F. Collier, the American clubman and publisher, who has been at his country place, Killeen Castle, three miles from this city, hunting and riding for several months, has been painfully injured while riding with the Meath Hounds at Dowdstown.

Mr. Collier's horse reared when about to take an obstacle, and fell back on the rider.

Although badly bruised and dazed, Mr. Collier, who, while sixty years of age, is still vigorous and robust, picked himself up, and ascertaining that no bones were broken, remounted and rode to his home.

Friends tried to induce him to have medical attendance, but the veteran huntman merely laughed and got astride the horse.

Mr. Collier is a well-known figure in all the riding to hounds in this vicinity, and he is one of the most venturesome riders that follow the hunt.

Mr. Collier arrived here November 30, and will return to America March 1.

MARCONI IN STRUGGLE TO BE "WIRELESS" CZAR

Marconi, the "Wireless King," is aggressively fighting the ratification by the Senate of the international wireless telegraph convention, now before the Foreign Relations Committee.

He will, through former Attorney General John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, bitterly oppose the opening up of all wireless telegraph stations, whether between the coast and ship or between vessels, to public service under uniform regulations because of the monopoly he holds with Great Britain and Italy.

The United States has already turned down his demand of \$500,000 a year for himself, high prices for his instruments, and an agreement that no other wireless system should be used by this Government.

The Senate Committee will hear arguments immediately after the holidays. The members are believed to be practically unanimous for the ratification of the international treaty.

G. W. U. CLASSICAL CLUB TO HOLD CELEBRATION

Announcement cards have been issued by George Washington University for the eighth anniversary exercises of the Classical Club, to be held Saturday evening. The club was founded by Prof. Mitchell Carroll in 1900, and has been a prominent factor in the study of the classics among the student body as well as among the cultured people of Washington.

STORE OPENS 8:30—CLOSES 5:30
Lansburgh & Bro. 420-26 7th St. Through to 8th
Note These Big Reductions in Stylish Dress Goods
We announce a clearance among the Dress Goods which will make that section the center of shopping interest during the next few days. Probably the most radical reductions you have ever known at this season have been made on quality fabrics in the newest and most popular colorings and mixtures.
The items listed here illustrate the acute reductions which prevail in this Department, but only hint at the variety of the underpriced Dress Goods involved in this determined clearance.
\$2.75 Fancy Cloths, \$1.49
20 pieces Fancy Stripe and Check Broadcloths, 50 to 56 inches wide. Formerly \$2.00 to \$2.75 yard. Special... \$1.49
89c Black Panama, 75c
44-inch All-wool Black Panama, thoroughly dust-resisting, 89c value. Special... 75c
\$1.50 Suitings, 98c
56-inch Fancy Mixtures, in checks and plaids. Excellent for tailored suits or separate skirts. \$1.50 values. Special... 98c
98c Black Voile, 69c
42-inch All-wool French Voile; crisp finish; pretty black. 98c value. Special... 69c
\$1.50 Black Goods, 89c
All-wool Fancy Black Suitings, such as Granites, Basket Weaves, Fancy Chevots, and various other weaves. Values up to \$1.50. Special... 89c
\$2.25 Black Kersey, \$1.69
56-inch Lustrous Black Kersey; heavy weight, for coats. \$2.25 quality. Special... \$1.69
\$2.00 Black Broadcloth, \$1.39
Imported Black Broadcloths, chiffon weight, and rich, lustrous finish; 50 inches wide. Instead of \$2.00, special... \$1.39
\$1.50 Heavy Suitings, 98c
56-inch Mixed Suitings, for walking skirts, or boys' clothes. \$1.50 values. Special... 98c
\$1 Navy French Voile, 79c
Lupin's Fine French Voile; full 44 inches wide; in two good shades of navy; \$1 value; at, per yard, 79c
\$1.00 Panama, 79c
An extra fine quality Cream Panama; only 10 pieces; all wool; 45 inches wide; worth \$1; at, per yard, 79c
69c All-wool Panama, 47c
Brown, green, red, navy, cream, &c.; all wool, closely woven; nice for knockabout suits. We sponge 'em gratis. Per yard, 47c
Navy Herringbone Mohair, 69c
Almost a never-wear-out fabric; very sturdy; very popular; in a good shade of navy; \$1.00 value; to go at, per yard, 69c
50c Navy Batiste, 39c
20 pieces 42-inch All-wool Batiste in two good shades of navy. This is less than wholesale cost. Special, per yard, 39c
69c Cream Serge, 55c Yd.
40 pieces All-wool Cream Serge; full 38 inches wide, and a very scarce article. Our regular 69c quality. Special, per yard, 55c



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