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THE Midvale Steel Company, of Philadelphia, has apparently entered into combination with the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies to share in the profits of making armor plate for the government, and the hope of lower prices through competition has disappeared. Bids for armor plate opened at the Navy Department on Monday showed identical propositions from each of the companies for class A armor, and for such bids for class B, C and D as to make each of the companies a lowest bidder for one of the classes. In other words, it was obvious from the bids that the companies had entered into an agreement which would permit a division of the class A contract and insure the award to each of them of one of the other contracts. In the opinion of the naval authorities, there is no question that the bids show an agreement among the steel companies to divide the big contract for class A armor, and to force a distribution of the other contracts among them. When the Midvale company first entered the armor-plate competition it was with a bid so far below that of the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies that it was thought the monopoly enjoyed by those companies was to be broken. Notwithstanding this, however, larger contracts were given the older concerns, and Midvale got merely enough work to enable it to demonstrate whether it could make satisfactory plates. Again last year the Midvale concern was the lowest bidder, and again it got the smallest contracts. On Monday, however, the bids were identical, so it is evident that the old "armor plate trust" has been revived and extended, and now more than ever has the government at its mercy. They indicate also that the Midvale Steel Company, whose independent competition broke up the old "armor plate trust," has been either won over to trust ways or absorbed by the old "trust" companies. In reference to these armor plate bids the Philadelphia Record says:

One possibility suggested by the evident concert of action by the Midvale and its two former rivals is that during the parlous times of the panic last fall, or winter, the old "trust" companies, taking advantage of the necessities of their younger rival, obtained control of that company, and now dominate it, making firm their grip on the armor-plate situation. This view, if correct, raises the question: "To what extent did President Roosevelt aid in bringing about this condition of consolidation, control or absorption?" Last fall, when the steel trust practically asked permission of Roosevelt to buy up their greatest competitor, the Tennessee Iron & Coal Company, and be held blameless under the anti-trust law, Roosevelt is alleged to have given such permission. He is further alleged to have given this permission in such a manner that representatives of the steel trust took it as a tip that they might extend farther the process of buying up rivals, and that control of the Midvale company was the result of the cue thus alleged to have been given. How far this apparent immunity of the steel trust may go is likely to be indicated by the further actions of the federal authorities in the matter of the identical bids for armor plate.

THE untimely death of former Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, will recall the final scene of his brilliant career in the Senate. Just before his retirement from the Senate he, single handed, defeated the ship subsidy bill by filibustering. He took the floor Saturday afternoon and spoke from that time to final adjournment on the following Monday, keeping the Senate in good humor by his wit and oratory even though the friends of the subsidy bill were as mad as March hares. He was a man of unquestionable ability and was a genius as well as a debater and fighter.

THE government's contention for a rehearing of the case in which the United States Court of Appeals reversed the trial court in fining the Standard Oil Company of Indiana $29,240,000 for alleged rebating was denied in the Court of Appeals at Chicago yesterday as stated in the Gazette of that day. It is the general belief that two Sundays will come together before Mr. Rockefeller pays that twenty-nine million dollar fine.

MR. GOMPERS says he is honored by President Roosevelt's failure to invite him to dinner. That makes it mutual.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, Nov. 11.

A political luncheon will be held at the White House today. Republican leaders from New York will be there and it is expected that Elihu Root will be agreed upon as the next Senator from New York to succeed Thomas C. Platt.

The democratic minority in the House will hold a meeting shortly to elect a leader to succeed John Sharp Williams who goes to the Senate. Champ Clark, of Missouri, is the man who has been decided upon and he will have little opposition.

A number of paint and color manufacturers appeared before the ways and means committee tariff hearing today, to urge action that would stifle foreign competition which, they claim, is now making their business unprofitable. Fred Schoellkops and Isaac F. Stone, Representative Alexander, of Buffalo; and Eugene Merz and Arthur Sommers of New York, presented arguments showing the heartless manner in which the German colors manufacturers are doing up the American making (?)

The United States has decided to recognize the new government which was established in Paraguay as a result of the revolution last spring. Edward C. O'Brien, the American minister to Uruguay and Paraguay, has been in this country on leave of absence, and after a conference with Secretary Root, left for New York, whence he will sail today to resume his post.

Some of the prominent labor leaders, including John Mitchell, have declined the invitation to attend the White House dinner and conference. They cannot understand why this dinner should be given when the American Federation is in convention in Denver nor why Samuel Gompers, its president, should be left out of the invitation list.

"If you think Senator Foraker is out of the senatorial race, you are greatly mistaken; if you think he has lost his friends in Ohio you are mistaken again." So said Senator Dick last evening before starting for Ohio. Senator Dick asserted that Senator Foraker had not retired from the senatorial race, but intended to make the fight of his career for re-election. "And unless the supporters of all the other candidates combine on one man, say Charles P. Taft," continued Senator Dick, "I do not believe that they will be able to take the prize from him. The attacks upon Senator Foraker have served to rally his friends around him. The attacks have taken on the aspect of persecution and the inevitable result has been that a reaction in the senator's favor has set in." From another source it was learned today that Senator Foraker has prepared a speech in defense of his record which he will probably deliver soon after the opening of the Senate. He had intended delivering the speech during the campaign about the time of the Standard Oil letter disclosures, but, according to his friends, decided to wait until after the election before pouring the broadside into his enemies' camp. Had he done so before November 3, the republican cause might have been injured. "When Foraker delivers his speech," said one of the senator's friends today, "seats in the gallery will be worth $10 a piece, for the senator will not only defend his own character in forceful language, but he will tear the masks from the faces of his foes, and some men way up "will squirm."

Although National Chairman Hitchcock was able yesterday to report to Mr. Taft, at Hot Springs, that the recent campaign had been fought and won without his giving a single promise or pledge that would be binding upon the next president, it is quite probable that the candidate himself has a little list of men whom he proposes to reward for their support and fidelity. There is reason to believe that high up on this list is the name of Wm. Nelson Cromwell, the big New York lawyer, who conducted the negotiations through which the United States secured the Panama canal. While Mr. Taft was secretary of war and had the canal under his charge, he had occasion frequently to consult Mr. Cromwell, who was then as now, counsel for the Panama republic. In that capacity the lawyer naturally had great influence with the Panama government, and his assistance in smoothing over the differences which were constantly arising between the Republic and the United States, has been described by Mr. Taft as being of high value to this country. Mr. Cromwell was one of the original Taft men, and took a great interest in the campaign.

At the White House today Senator Sutherland of Utah said the delegation from that state would resist any interference with the duty on hides, wool, sugar and lead.

President Roosevelt today accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the corner-stone laying of the Colored Y. M. C. A Building in this city of the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day.

The fact developed today that William Nelson Cromwell, of New York, had returned to him $40,000 of the $50,000 campaign contribution which he offered to the national committee. It is said here in official circles that Cromwell's announcement at that time that he had no thought of public office, and would not accept one has probably precluded the possibility of his being placed in the new Cabinet.

No attention was paid at the White House today to reports from Denver quoting leading labor chiefs as having declined the invitation of President Roosevelt to attend a labor banquet at the White House on the 17th.

Nearly $3,000,000 was withdrawn from circulation today by various national banks in retiring the 3 per cent. certificates of indebtedness, call for the redemption of which was issued by the secretary of the treasury Monday. The certificates will mature Nov. 20, and banks desiring to maintain the circulation for which they are security, must either substitute other United States bonds in their place, or make payment in currency. Most of the banks are pursuing the latter course, and not maintaining the circulation for which they stood. The total issue of the certificates, $14,000 000 will likely be retired within the next few days.

Representative Burton, of Ohio, paid his respects to President Roosevelt today en route to Hot Springs. Later he declared that he was a receptive candidate for the U. S. Senate.

Postmaster General Meyer announced at the White House today that Postmaster Stewart, of Seattle had been removed on charges which had been supported by an inspectors investigation and that Senator Piles had been called upon to make a recommendation for Stewart's successor.

Chairman Hitchcock, of, the republican national committee, announced this afternoon that the list of campaign contributions would be ready for publication within a few days.

Death of Rear Admiral Miller.

Philadelphia, Nov. 11.—Rear Admiral J. Madison Miller, retired, commandant of the Naval Home in this city, died in the hospital department of the home this morning. During the Spanish-American war he commanded the collier Merrimac, which was later sunk at the mouth of Santiago Bay by Captain Hobson.

Today's Telegraphic News

Prof. Hull Attackes President.

Philadelphia, Nov. 11.—Declaring President Roosevelt to be the most dangerous enemy to the cause of international peace to be found in this country, Professor William I. Hull, of Swarthmore College, launched a savage denunciation of the president's naval policy before the Friend' Peace Association here last night. "We are seeing the same policy that Bismarck, the 'iron chancellor,' pursued being applied in the naval policy of this government," said Dr. Hull. "Our president, Congressman Hobson and Admiral Evans are the foremost advocates of expansion and enlargement of our fighting strength, and they are doing much to thwart the efforts being made to develop the modern idea of peace. There is danger of our throwing aside the opportunity to take the first place among world powers in the great movement."

Referring to the editorial position which the president has accepted on the staff of the Outlook, Dr. Hull said: "In becoming a contributor to the pages of that magazine, the president will have an excellent opportunity to wield his influence in favor of an increased naval and military strength, and the Outlook will carry even more of the same sentiment than it has carried in the past."

Still After William.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—With no appreciable diminution of interest, the Reichstag began the second day's debate on Emperor William for his recent "indiscretions." Prospects of further violent attacks on the emperor and chancellor brought a crowd to the packed galleries. None were disappointed. Some of the speakers were very severe in their arraignment of the kaiser. Chancellor Von Buelow sat through the arraignment. It is believed that only his loyalty to the emperor in this trying hour prevents him from yielding his post. Just as soon as the atmosphere has cleared a bit and the people have had an opportunity for forgetting the affair, Von Buelow's friends say he will give up his post.

A slight swinging of the pendulum of popular favor toward the emperor was noticeable today. One day of such fearful grilling as he received in the Reichstag yesterday naturally arouses some pity for him. The spectacle of his "sacred rights" and "divine prerogatives" being rudely assailed in the national assembly amid the jeers and ridicule of lawmakers and spectators alike, is so radical that the people are wondering whether a little bit of it is not enough.

Threats of Suffragettes.

London, Nov. 11.—The Woman's Social and Political Union is predicting the extension of franchise next year to all English women. The 1909 suffragette campaign just outlined is to be the fiercest the union has ever waged. The main features are: A $250,000 campaign fund; the breaking up of every meeting at which a cabinet member is scheduled to speak; continual raiding of the parliament house whenever the national legislative body is in session; incessant "rushing" of the ministers in their own houses, at their offices and whenever they venture out of doors; organization of a woman's cavalry troop, both for advertising purposes and for the more effective breaking of police lines during the contemplated suffragette demonstrations; concentration on the defeat of all liberal candidates for parliament at by-elections. The union obtained nearly $130,000 last year, and its membership has been largely increased. The dates fixed for the various raids and "rushes" are kept secret for the present. The union gives warning that there must be no "false politeness."

The Killing of ex-Senator Carmack.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 11.—The entire state may be plunged into a feud as a result of the killing of ex-United States Senator Edward W. Carmack, editor of the Tennessean, by Robin Cooper, son of Col. D. R. Cooper. The special grand jury summoned to investigate the case met today, and before this body Carmack's friends, it is asserted, will demand that the charges of complicity of high officials be looked into. Excitement among the followers of both men remains unallayed. A touching tribute was paid to Carmack's memory when the remains were taken to his old home at Columbia, Tenn., for interment. Bands of W. C. T. U. workers gathered on the spot and sang "Lead Kindly Light." The funeral car was packed with flowers. The Coopers are still in custody. Their attorneys fear their release at the present time would only precipitate trouble.

Killed in Railroad Wreck.

Cheynne, Wyo., Nov. 11.—Nine persons are dead and three others badly injured as the result of a wreck on the Union Pacific, at Bore, 11 miles west of here today. An extra freight collided with an engine and caboose. The wreckage caught fire. Engineer Schley, Conductor Murphy and Fireman Christensen are among the dead. The badly hurt are Fireman Tracy, Fireman Percy Hanson and Engineer Joe. Clinton. The freight train got beyond control on the heavy grade to Bore, and dashed into the engine and caboose. The train doubled up in a heap. The wreckage took fire and the flames baffled all efforts to subdue them. The bodies not already recovered will probably be consumed by the fire.

Killed in Rear-end Collision.

New Orleans, Nov. 11.—Fourteen people were killed and a number injured in a rear-end collision on the New Orleans and Northeastern Railway this morning at Little Woods, twelve miles from this city. Nine bodies have already been taken from the wreck. The accident was caused by the train running into an incoming passenger train. The Northeastern train was made up of five coaches and a baggage car, and all were derailed. The wreckage caught fire, but was soon extinguished. Four cars on the Northeastern train were smashed to kindling. Two of them were packed with passengers and not a soul escaped uninjured. It is expected many of the injured will die.

On Verge of Civil War.

Budapesth, Nov. 11.—Servia is today on the verge of a civil war owing to the demand of the anti-regicides that King Peter abdicate in favor of Crown Prince George, as a preliminary step to the punishment of the regicides.

Edward Moyes & Co., cotton brokers of New York, published today a forecast for that crop. They estimate the crop at 13,400,000 bales, 15,000 in Virginia.

News of the Day.

The Federal Court of Appeals in New York yesterday declined to order Charles W. Morse admitted to bail.

One hundred students at the University of Vienna were injured by the falling of a balcony during a race fight yesterday.

James H. Tillman, nephew of Senator Tillman and former lieutenant governor of South Carolina, who in 1903 slew Editor Gonzales, is reported in a dying condition, on his farm in Edgefield county, S. C.

John R. Collins, a farmer, of Potomac, swore out a warrant yesterday evening, at Rockville, Md., charging James Evans, 21 years old, with criminally assaulting his 11 year old daughter, Capitola. The child is said to be critically ill. Evans is at large.

Despondent over the defeat of William Jennings Bryan for the presidency, H. L. Smith, union station agent at Varina, N. C., took a double-barreled shotgun yesterday and blew off the top of his head. Smith left a note in which he said he was perfectly sane, and had contemplated suicide for some time. Ever since the election the man had been very despondent. He was an ardent democrat, and is said to have taken the defeat of the democratic ticket very much to heart, and had been very despondent since the day after election.

BISHOP OF WASHINGTON.

The convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, in session yesterday, elected Rev. Dr. Alfred H. Harding, rector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, of that city, as second bishop of Washington, to succeed the late Henry Y. Satterlee. The convention was in session all day, and it was after 6 o'clock that evening before the fourth and successful ballot which elected Dr. Harding was taken.

The morning session of the convention was taken up with a discussion as the salary to be paid the bishop, and after much debate the convention decided that the salary should be $5,000 per annum, the use of a house rent free and $1,000 for the employment of a secretary. An attempt to raise the salary to $8,000 was lost, but Dr. George Carter secured the passage of a resolution for the appointment of a committee of five laymen of the church who should endeavor to raise a fund to be placed in the hands of the bishop to be used by him to pay for hospitality or entertainment which was necessary to maintain the bishopric.

After luncheon, the convention listened to nomination speeches. The following were nominated: Rev. Randolph McKim, Washington; Rev. James B. Winchester, of Memphis, and Rev. R. P. Williams, of Washington, and Rt. Rev. Dr. Sheldon Munson Griswold, Missionary Bishop of Salina, Kan. At 4 o'clock the balloting began. The first ballot resulted as follows: McKim, 34, clergy, 36 laity; Griswold, 32 clergy, 25 laity; Winchester, 10 clergy, 9 laity; Williams, 3 clergy, 5 laity; Harding, 1 clergy, 3 laity; Buck, 1 clergy, 1 laity; Slattery, 0 clergo, 1 laity.

No choice having been made a second ballot was entered. On this ballot Dr. McKim reached the highest vote, 40 clergy and 33 laity and Bishop Griswold 30 clergy and 26 laity. The other votes were scattered.

Just as the third ballot was to be taken Dr. C. Ernest Smith, of Washington, in an eloquent speech nominated Dr. Alfred H. Harding, of St. Paul's Church, and paid a high tribute to him as a man and clergyman.

The third ballot was then taken, and although Dr. Harding got the majority of the clerical vote, he fell short by eight votes of the laity, and as it requires a concurrent vote of both orders, he failed of election, but the fourth ballot was taken immediately and he was the choice of both orders on this ballot and was declared elected bishop of Washington.

The new bishop of Washington was born in Lisburn, county Antrim, Ireland, in 1852. His father removed to this country when Mr. Harding was a lad.

He prepared himself entirely unaided for a college, and in 1872 he entered Trinity College at Hartford, Ct. In 1875 he graduated at the head of his class

He was ordained deacon by Bishop Littlejohn, of Long Island, and served his diaconate at Trinity Church, Geneva. He was ordained priest in 1883 and was immediately called to St. Paul's in Baltimore as assistant to Dr. Hodges.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

The coasting barque Island has been lost somewhere between the English and Irish coasts and little doubt remains today that she sank in Saturday's storm. She had a crew of 19, all of whom were undoubtedly drowned.

A posse with blood hounds is today searching the county south of Mount Gilead, O., for a tramp who late yesterday assaulted Mrs. Henry Armstrong at her home near Eddison, O. The woman's condition is critical.

A morning of golf and an afternoon devoted to correspondence made this the most quiet day President-elect Taft has spent at Hot Springs, Va There were no callers at the cottage.

Fire today gutted the council chamber of City Hall in Dublin. Many paintings that hung in the chamber, including the historical picture of Daniel O'Connell, were destroyed.

Theologians of all denominations, free thinkers and aethists, today have taken up the debate begun in Boston last night upon the alleged decline of Christianity.

Six nights in Tombs prison in New York has added ten years to the appearance of Charles W. Morse, the convicted bank wrecker. His hair, slightly streaked with gray at the time of his conviction, has turned nearly white and his face is haggard and seamed, like that of an old man.

Mrs. Sarah Lopez, a Portugese, 60 years old, was found in a lumber yard near her home in Provience, R. I., today with her clothing burned off and unconscious from burns which caused her death an hour later. It is believed the woman was murdered and fire was used to conceal evidence of the crime.

Charged with killing Frank Meldium who it is alleged he found in his sister's room, Ralph Hickman, son of a wealthy merchant of Toll Gate, near Parkersburg, W. Va., was placed in jail today. After beating Meldium over the head with a club Hickman is alleged to have chased him over a high cliff. Meldium's body was found the next day badly mangled.

City Council.

There was a short session of the City Council last night, and a comparatively small volume of business was transacted.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

There was but one paper on the clerk's desk when the board was called to order—a communication from the auditor announcing the exhaustion of the appropriations for the chain gang and fire plugs. This was referred to the finance committee.

When the report of the committees on public property and poor concerning the condition of the alms house and recommending an appropriation of $400 for the repair of the same was received from the Common Council, Mr. Hill said when the term of the present superintendent shall have expired it would be to the interest of the city to turn over the building and the fourteen acres of land attached to it to a practical man who would cultivate them with the understanding that he would board such persons as may be sent to the poor house, the city remunerating him in such sum as should be agreed upon. The land, the speaker said, was not cultivated now, and the building is in a deplorable condition.

Mr. Ballenger, of the joint committee, did not think the report was exactly in the language of that agreed upon. He directed the messenger to repair to the lower board and invite Mr. Marshall to the aldermen's chamber. That gentleman soon appeared and stated that he had written the report in accordance with the action of the joint committee and had altered nothing.

The action of the Common Council was concurred in.

An invitation was subsequently received by the aldermen to meet the Common Council in joint session for the purpose of electing a police commissioner from the First ward and to fill vacancies in the school board caused by the expiration of the terms of certain members.

Mr. Ballenger said he was willing for Council to proceed to the election of a police commissioner, but would oppose the election of school trustees, as sufficient notice had not been given. The speaker said at least two weeks should intervene between the notifications of vacancies and elections. It looked as though this thing had been sprung upon the aldermen. He, therefore, moved that the board accept the invitation to participate in the election of a police commissioner, but that of school trustees be deferred until the next meeting.

Mr. Hill agreed with Mr. Ballenger. He said the election should be deferred for two weeks, as other gentlemen in the city might desire to submit their names as candidates.

After further discussion Mr. Ballenger's notice was adopted, and President Curtin directed him to proceed to the chamber of the Common Council and make known the action of the Aldermen. Upon his return he stated that the lower board had acquiesced.

After the aldermen had concurred in the action of the lower board on all other papers sent in, the members proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council and after participating in the election of Mr. Zora Hill to succeed himself as commissioner from the First ward adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the Common Council was held last night with fifteen members present.

The committee on streets recommended an appropriation of $265 to be used in purchasing a new street sweeper, which was adopted.

The committee on streets also recommended an appropriation of $765 for the extension of the sewer on Wolfe street eastward from Royal to Fairfax.

Mr. Leadbeater explained the necessity for the appropriation at this time. He spoke of the new buildings being erected on that square and others in contemplation if the sewer was laid. He referred to the willingness of those who had signed the petition which was read to tap the sewer when constructed.

Mr. Burke said he wanted to be conservative in the matter of appropriating the city's money, but he thought this sewer a necessity. He hoped the appropriation would be made. He referred to citizens who wanted to build on that square and said that if the sewer was not laid they would be compelled to dig wells.

Mr. Uhler asked the chairman of the committee on streets if it was proposed to charge a frontage tax in addition to the regular charge attendant upon the laying of the sewer.

Mr. Leadbeater answered in the affirmative.

The Chair said he favored the construction of the sewer, but he thought the amount asked for by the committee to build one square of pipe sewer excessive. He, however, wanted to encourage building in the city and would not oppose the construction of the sewer.

Mr. Leadbeater explained the matter and plans of the committee in regard to the construction of said sewer and said he did not think the amount excessive.

Mr. Spinks asked for a second reading of the recommendation of the committee, which request was complied with.

Mr. Evans said he agreed with the Chair and thought the appropriation too large for one square of sewer. He, however, could understand why it would require $765 if it was the intention of the committee to put in five or six catch basins or sewer traps.

Mr. Spinks stated that he would vote against the appropriation unless the sewer was extended to the river on Wolfe street. He said that from personal observation he knew that the Royal street sewer was now taxed to its capacity, and he thought the extension of the Wolfe street sewer to the river would relieve the Royal street sewer considerably.

Mr. Leadbeater insisted that this sewer would not place any additional burden on the Royal street sewer.

The Chair reminded the members that the sewers west of Lee street emptied into the Royal street sewer.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted by a unanimous vote and the appropriation made.

In compliance with one of the recommendations made by Mayor Paff in his inaugural address in which he asked for an investigation of the conditions at the Alms House, Mr. Marshall, from the joint committee on public property and poor, submitted a report of recent investigations by the joint committee relative to conditions at that institution in which it was stated that the building was badly in need of repairs. The committee asked for an appropriation of $400 to be used for needed repairs to the building and to be expended under the supervision of the joint committee on public property and poor and the city engineer.

A bill of F. L. Entwisle for groceries ordered by the health officer during the period when a number of house were quarantined was referred to the finance committee without debate.

The committee on streets at the first meeting in September had announced that the appropriation of $5,000 for street and sewer work had been exhausted and had asked for an additional appropriation of $6,000. This matter had been passed by the board of aldermen on a report from the finance committee and had been laid over by the common council under the rules. The appropriation was made last night.

A communication from E. S. Leadbeater, secretary of the Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company, asking council to repair and otherwise improve the meeting room at the engine house was referred to the committee on public property.

A communication from the auditor announcing the exhaustion of the appropriation for the chain gang and fire plugs was referred to the committee on finance.

The term of Police Commissioner Zoro Hill, of the First ward, having expired on motion of Mr. Brill the board of aldermen were invited to a joint session to elect his successor. The terms of four members of the school board also having expired he included the election of these in said motion, which was adopted.

Mr. Ballenger, of the board of aldermen, subsequently appeared and announced that the upper board had agreed to a joint session for the election of a police commissioner but had disagreed to the election of the members of the school board. The action of the board of aldermen was concurred in.

The aldermen then appeared and President Curtin announced the business to be the election of a police commissioner.

Alderman Brill placed in nomination Mr. Zoro Hill, the present incumbent

There being no further nominations a vote was taken and Mr. Hill received 21 votes.

President Curtin then announced that Mr. Hill had been unanimously re-elected.

The joint session was then dissolved and council adjourned.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held November 10, 1908, there were present:

J. R. N. Curtin, esq., President, and Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Field and Sweeney.

A communication from E. F. Price, Auditor, announcing the exhaustion of the appropriations for the chain gang and fire plugs was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous votes:

Report of the Committee on Streets on a resolution appropriating $265 for the purchase of a street sweeper.

Report of the same committee on a resolution appropriating $765 for a sewer on Wolfe street from Royal to Fairfax.

Report of the Committees on Public Property and Poor on a resolution for an investigation of the affairs of the almshouse.

Bill of F. L. Entwisle, $17.32, for supplies for the health department.

Communication of Hubert Snowden, Clerk of the City School Board, announcing the expiration of the terms of certain school trustees.

Petition of E. S. Leadbeater, secretary of executive committee of the Columbia Fire Company, to have the meeting room of the company repaired and repainted.

An invitation was received from the Common Council inviting the Aldermen to participate in a joint session for the election of a police commissioner from the First ward and a school trustee from each of the four wards of the city.

On motion of Mr. Ballenger the invitation to participate in the election of a police commissioner was accepted with the understanding that the aldermen would participate in the election of school trustees at the next meeting. Mr. Ballenger notified the Common Council of this action, and he reported that that board had agreed to the aldermen's proposal.

The aldermen then proceeded to the chamber of the Common Council for the purpose of participating in the election of the police commissioner, and upon their return adjourned.

J. R. N. CURTIN, President.

Teste: LUTHER H. THOMPSON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held November 10th, 1908, there were present: Hubert Snowden, Esq., President and Messrs. Leadbeater, Burke, Rishell, Smith, Brill, Baader, Burrell, Monroe, Hellmuth, Harrison, Uhler, Marshall, Spinks and Evans.

The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of $765 to construct a sewer from the Royal street sewer eastward on Wolfe street to Fairfax street, the amount to be available when $1.25 has been paid for sewer taps, and the report was adopted—ayes, 15; noes, 0.

The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of $265 to purchase a street sweeper, and the report was adopted—ayes, 15; noes, 0.

The joint Committee on Public Property and Poor submitted the following report which was adopted—ayes 15; noes, 0:

Your Committee on Public Property and Poor visited the Alms House and made a thorough inspection of the condition of the buildings and farm and the management of same. We find the main building in a deplorable condition; the farm has been only partially cultivated; the fencing and outbuildings in a dilapidated state. We find seven inmates—four females and three males, one of the former acting as cook to the establishment, and one of the latter driving the garbage cart and doing other work about the place. We find upon examination of the records it costs about eighteen hundred dollars per annum to maintain this institution, and it appears to your committee that this farm if properly managed should be almost self-sustaining. Your committee recommends that the sum of four hundred dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated for absolute necessary repairs and the work be done under supervision of the joint Committee on Public Property and Poor and the City Engineer.

CHAS. B. MARSHALL,
Chairman joint Committee.

Bills from Mr. F. L. Entwisle for groceries furnished the Board of Health amounting to $27.97 was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the Columbia Fire Company requesting that repairs be made to the meeting room of the company was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

A resolution making an additional appropriation of $6 000 for street and sewer work which was laid on the table October 13, 1908, was called from the table and passed—ayes, 15; noes, 0.

A communication from the Auditor informing Council that the appropriations for chain gang and fire plugs are exhausted, was received from the Board of Aldermen and their action concurred in.

A communication from the Clerk of the City School Board requesting Council to fill vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Messrs. L. H. Thompson, First ward; P. M. Bradshaw, Second ward; Herbert Bryant, Third ward; and T. L. Carter, Fourth ward; was received.

Upon motion of Mr. Brill the Board of Aldermen was invited to convene in joint session for the purpose of filling vacancies on the Board of Police Commissioners from the First ward, and school trustees from the First, Second, Third and Fourth wards

Mr. Ballenger from the Board of Aldermen reported that his board had accepted the invitation to go into joint session for the election of a police commissioner from the First ward, but requested that the election to fill vacancies on the School Board be laid over until the next meeting. The request was granted and the joint session convened for the election of a police commissioner from the First ward. Mr. Zoro Hill was nominated and unanimously elected by the following vote: Messrs. Leadbeater, Burke, Snowden, Risheill, Smith, L. Brill, Baader, Monroe, Hellmuth, Harrison, Uhler, Marshall, Spinks, Evans, Hill, J. Brill, Marbury, Ballenger, Field, Curtin, Sweeney, (21). The joint session dissolved and the board adjourned.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Teste: DANIEL R. STANSBURY, Clerk C.C.

Virginia News.

A handsome silver service was presented today at Norfolk to the armored cruiser Montana The silver is the gift of the people of the state of Montana.

The County Life Commission, appointed by President Roosevelt, to look into rural life conditions in the principal agricultural states, began its work in Richmond yesterday.

John Houser, died on Monday at his home, near Waterford. He was a farmer, an ex-Confederate soldier and a member of the Loudoun artillery. He was 68 years old.

Licenses to marry were issued in Washington yesterday to Miss Ruby B. Byrnes, of Falls Church, and LeRoy Henry Harrison, of Cherrydale, who were married today by Rev. S. R. White.

The Rev. Edward L. Goodwin has sent out invitations for the marriage of his daughter, Margaret Lewis, to Mr. James W. Ballard, on Tuesday evening, November 24, at 6 o'clock, in Zion Church, Fairfax.

The Virginia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, convened in Norfolk today. The presiding officer is Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of Baltimore, the senior bishop of his denomination in the south, and is the fourth time he has wielded the gavel of this body.

Clerk R. T. Wilson, of the State Corporation Commission, yesterday gave out a compilation of the statements of the state banks in Virginia at the close of business Sept. 23, the last statement received by the commission. The resources on that date were $66,053. The bill deposits amount to $44,544,788.

Miss Theodora Irvine, of New York, the alleged victim of Dr. W. S Gregory, the dentist accused of attempting to assault her while she was under the influence of ether in his office, went on the stand in Richmond yesterday and testified. She said the dentist put her under influence of ether and then attempted to assault her.

Miss Mildred Dryden Kensett, daughter of Mr. Thomas H. Kensett, was married in Norfolk last night to Mr. Edward Murrell Daniel, son of U. S. Senator John W. Daniel, of Lynchburg. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, and was attended by a large number of guests. Rev. D. W. Howard, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony. Miss Nannie Kensett served as maid of honor and Mr. Yelverton Garnett, of Washington, was best man.

The "pure food law" is designed by the government to protect the public from injurious ingredients in both foods and drugs. It is beneficial both to the public and to the conscientious manufacturer. Ely's Cream Balm, a successful remedy for cold in the head, nasal catarrh, hay fever, etc., containing no injurious drugs, meets fully the requirements of the new law, and that fact is prominently stated on every package. It contains none of the injurious drugs which are required by the law to be mentioned on the label. Hence you can use it safely.

Socialist Demonstration.

Budapesth, Nov. 11.—A violent demonstration by socialists occurred in the heart of the city here today. Scores were injured before the police, with drawn swords, were able to disperse the mob. They threaten another outbreak tonight. The socialists were led by student agitators.

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DIED.

At 7 o'clock Wednesday, November 11th, 1908, ERVIN J. LANGLEY, beloved son of John T and Sarah Jane Langley. Funeral from his parents' residence, 205 Queen street, tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 4 o'clock.

At 6 a. m. Wednesday, November 11, 1908, GOLDIE E., infant daughter of Wm. H. and Goldie E. Beach. Funeral from her parents' residence, 227 south Fairfax street, tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 2 o'clock.

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