HOITY-TOITY TO BE MONEY MAKER

Splendid Show of Its Kind at the Bijou This Week.

BUSTER BROWN TO-MORROW

Great Demand for Tickets, and Clever Musical Comedy to Be Warmly Welcomed.

Hoity-Toity, one of the Webber and Field productions, showed to a packed house at the Bijou last night. That it will show to the same packed house during the rest of the week goes without saying to any one who saw last night's production.

One cannot define, or describe the so t of show Hoity-Toity is. Put together some sprightly music and a lot of beautiful costumes, form into these same costumes a chorus of shapely maidens, mix with this an absurd dialogue and a batch of good comedians, serve it in three acts and laugh oneself sick. That would about be the recipe for Hoity-Toity.

C. S. Sharp, Nat Bernard and Max Bloom, as the three Dutchmen, are as grotesque a trio of absurdities as one could well imagine.

A man of any brains feels like kicking himself for laughing at their mimicry and mis-pronunciation of the King's English, but he is too busy laughing to attempt it.

In the third, during the poker game when Samsbeauten's hand is called, with the familiar question, "what have you got?" His answer, "a wife and two children,' to use a spieler's phrase is worth the price of the admission alone.

Hazel Edna in her specialty is a wonder. She sings songs. But when she opens up, one grasps his seat and wonders where the voice came from. Needless to say, she can sing a coon song in a way that's a revelation. But it is pity a sweeter voice had not been assigned to the song, "My Irish Molly," for there are few songs in this class of shows that have more merit.

Harry Richards as General Steele and Madam Lilian Freirbling as Lady Grafter were both good. Madam Freirbling's voice is sweet and Richards gets many of the laughs. Their burlesque on grand opera was very funny.

The rest of the show was acceptable, Albert Livingston as Mr. Harvard Yale, being particularly so.

"Spangles" Poor Sparkler.

"Spangles," a new play from Philadelphia, came to the Academy of Music last night for an engagement of one performance. The play is the effort of Charles Nirdlinger, and while it is accredited with a run of one month in Philadelphia and a prospective one in New York. There is much yet to be done before "Spangles" will sparkle as a necesso. The plot is peculiar and seems to unravel a satire on the Carnegie library craze and the church fair. Songs are introduced at intervals but they appear irrelevant to the comedy.

The company does well with the material at hand and the cast contains several capable actors. The scenery is the most handsome seen at the playhouse this season and is too pretty to be dragged around on the "one-night stand route."

Lyman H. Howe's moving pictures, including thrilling scenes in the Alps and studies of animal life, will be seen at the Academy of Music to-night. Howe's pictures always have an individuality about them that no other promoter seems able to obtain and they furnish an amusement that is innocent and pleasing to everybody.

Buster Brown To-morrow.

If the sale of seats is a good prognostication of business, then "Buster Brown" will fill the Academy at two performances to-morrow, as the sale in size is without an equal this season. The company comes here direct from New York, and in the cast is Master Gabriel, the original "Buster," and George All as "Tige." It is the same that was seen at the Academy last September. "Buster" made many friends then and the show for uniqueness and a general atmosphere of freshness made an impression at the time.

The Chaperons.

Isadore Whitmark's pretty comedy opera, The Chaperones, comes to the Academy on next Friday night. The company was here last season, and the clever comedy and pretty music is still fresh in the memory of the big audiences that attended the engagement. The company is the same with Frank Wooley in the leading comedy role.

Only Conservators of Peace.

Judge Ingram decided a case of far-reaching effect in the Law and Equity Court yesterday. A suit was brought by B. N. Jones against W. J. Griggs, a justice of the peace. The justice of the peace undertook to try a case of unlawful detainer. Court held that under the charter of Richmond only the police court can try civil cases, the justice of the peace being only conservators of the peace. Messrs. E. T. Barrett and Isaac Diggs were counsel for Jones, and Mr. N. T. Mosby for Mr. Griggs.

Funeral of Miss Selden.

The funeral of Miss Harriet Heth Selden, daughter of Mrs. R. C. Selden, of Snowden, Goochland county, who died Saturday night in her home, took place from the Chesapeake and Ohio depot yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment was made in the family section in Hollywood. The service was conducted by Rev. Martin Johnson.

Sunday School of Methods.

The Presbyterian School of Methods continues with unabated interest and usefulness. The meetings are being held at the Second Presbyterian church and it has been decided to change the hour of meeting from 3 P. M. to 4 P. M. Conferences of pupils, ruling elders, superintendents and other workers in the Sunday school are being held and the attendance is quite gratifying.

Mrs. Bridget Weber.

Mrs. Bridget Weber, widow of the late Bernard Weber, died at her residence, No. 8 West Marshall street at 9:30 o'clock last night. The funeral notice will be announced later.

Turks and Servians Clash

(By Associated Press.)

BELGRADE, SERVIA, February 12.—A serious fight has occurred in Old Servia between Turkish troops and two Servian bands near the villages of Nikujun, Dragomanzi and Chelopek. The Turks, who were attackers, lost forty men killed or wounded. The Servians lost eighteen killed or wounded.

Steam Trawler Lost.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, February 12.—The steam trawler Veronica, belonging to Stavenger, Norway, has been lost off Lossiemouth, Elginshire, Scotland, with a crew of ten.

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PENNSYLVANIA WILL PROBE COAL CARRIERS

Legislature Will Also Establish Truth or Falsity of Baer's Statements.

(By Associated Press.)

HARRISBURG, PA., February 12.—The Pennsylvania House of Representatives to-night adopted a concurrent resolution that the attorney-general be instructed to inquire into the allegations that the Pennsylvania Railroad and other lines are directly or indirectly engaged in the mining of bituminous coal, which is alleged to be unconstitutional, and if it be found that they are engaged in this business he shall proceed against them.

Another concurrent resolution was adopted providing for a commission to examine into the books and records of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and establish the truth or falsity of the statements set forth by George F. Baer, in his public declarations regarding the business of the corporations.

The House resolution directing the attorney-general to investigate a charge that certain railroad companies of Pennsylvania are violating the State Constitution, being engaged in the mining of anthracite coal, was adopted by the Senate to-night by a viva voce vote.

TRAIN MAKES 1,000 MILES IN 21 HOURS AND 15 MIN.

(By Associated Press.)

AUSTIN, TEX., February 12.—In its race against time to get the mail into Texas ahead of competitors, the train of the Iron Mountain system, operating in Texas over the International and Great Northern road, which reached this city this morning, made the run from St. Louis to Austin in twenty-one hours and fifteen minutes, a hitherto unknown record in this section for a 1,000 mile continuous run.

ATTORNEYS CONDEMN LYNCHING OF NEGRO

(By Associated Press.)

GADSDEN, ALA., February 12.—At a meeting of the Gadsden Bar Association to-day a resolution unanimously passed condemning in vigorous terms the lynching of Bunk Richardson Sunday morning, and announcing determination to do all possible to discover the identity of the lynchers. Several speeches were made by leading attorneys one of whom declared that an investigation should be made to ascertain whether the sheriff, jailer or other officers had been remiss in their duty.

BODIES OF 21 VICTIMS RECOVERED FROM MINE

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, W. VA., February 12. The bodies of twenty-one victims of the explosion at the Paral mine of the Stuare Collier Company, in Fayette county, last Thursday have been recovered. One still remains in the mine, making the total death list twenty-two. Chief Mine Inspector Paull and his deputies expect to make a thorough investigation of the accident this week.

Doesn't Like Hepburn Bill.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, February 12.—E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe, arrived in Los Angeles today. On the subject of proposed rate legislation by Congress he said that the Hepburn bill did not please him to a great extent and asserted that its passage would pass the power of administering the rate affairs of great corporations in the hands of a "political body."

"I hope to see the United States Senate modify the provisions of the bill," Mr. Ripley said. "There is a possibility of too much politics in the proposed bill."

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FIVE NEGRO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM JAIL

(By Associated Press.)

GREENVILLE, ALA., February 12.—Five prisoners escaped from jail last night. Genie Lewis, sentenced for life, for murder; Jim Reynolds, charged with embezzlement; John Edwards, with assault to murder; Dunk Amen, burglary, and Quill Bradley, with arson. All are negroes. A sixth negro refused to make his escape with the others.

The delivery was made by some one from the outside who made an opening through the brick wall and then broke the lock to the cell, using a scantling and piece of iron. The jailer did not hear any noise during the night and knew nothing of the trouble until this morning.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS ELECT OLD OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, MD., February 12.—The Woman's National Suffrage Association to-day re-elected the old officers as follows:

Honorary president, Susan B. Anthony, Rochester, N. Y.; president, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, Philadelphia; vice-president-at-large, Florence Kelly, New York city; corresponding secretary, Kate M. Gordon, New Orleans, La.; recording secretary, Alice Stone Blackwell, Boston, Mass.; treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton, Warren, Ohio; auditors, Laura Clay, Lexington, Ky., and Dr. Annice Jeffreys Myers, Portland, Ore.

FIRE DRIVES TWENTY FAMILIES INTO STREET.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, February 12.—Twenty families occupying a four story tenement, at 475 Tenth Avenue, were driven into the street late to-night, by a fire which damaged a big factory building at 477-483 Tenth Avenue, to the extent of $50,000 and threatened to spread to the adjoining structures. Many persons suffered severely from exposure.

The Way of Her.

"Yesterday afternoon between 3:10 and 3:15," said the bright boy, "my mother killed my father —"

"What! Why, your father went to New York yesterday morning and —"

"Yes, and at 3:10 ma got a telegram from him. She killed him in half a dozen different ways before 3:15, when she summed up enough nerve to read the message."

PUBLIC HEARING ON R., F. & P. BILL

Merger Feature Will Be Met With Strong Objections in Committee.

REDISTRICTING UP TO-DAY

Railroads Win Out in Fight Over Sadler Flat-Car Bill in Senate.

At a special meeting to be held Friday night of this week the Senate Committee on Finance and Banks will, in open session, hear arguments for and against the bills allowing the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac to surrender its old charter and if it so desires to merge with another railway corporation, provided that the State receives, under the reorganization or consolidation, a block of stock equal in value to that it now holds in the present company.

Since the bills were introduced, some days ago, the matter has been discussed more or less thoroughly in legislative circles, and the objection suggested in the original reference in this paper to the measures has been strongly emphasized. State officials and legislators generally seem willing to permit a surrender of the old charter, which would mean nothing more than a reorganization of the present company on a modern basis. The State would receive its fair share of stock, and would, besides, recover taxes annually from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, which, under the old charter, is exempt.

But violent objection to the merger feature and to the clause declaring that the road shall never be paralleled is developing in many quarters and there will unquestionably be a strong if not an absolutely overwhelming array against the plan in this aspect. As for the merger itself the objection is based chiefly upon the danger that it would open the way for the corporation which controls the Washington and Southern Pennsylvania Railroad to absolutely swallow the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and seriously damage the interests of the State. A merger, it is held, made under a bill setting forth that the road should never be paralleled, would in effect be sufficient to create the assumption of a contractual obligation on the part of the State which it would be impossible for the State at any time to set aside or repeal. This, entirely apart from what is believed by many would be an unconstitutional proceeding, would forever remove from the State the most effective check it now has upon the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac—the power at any time to permit the road to be paralleled.

There are several interesting phases of the situation that are coming to light and the legislators are going over the bills very carefully. The hearing Friday night will probably be one of the most interesting of the session.

Minority representation on boards of directors of corporations is provided in a bill offered yesterday in the Senate, by Mr. Thomas, of Lynchburg. Under this act, at each annual meeting of the stockholders of any corporation, holders of as much as thirty per cent. of the capital stock, will have the right to elect for the ensuing year, one director of their choice.

After a hearing lasting over three hours, the Senate Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation last night, reported with the recommendation that it do not pass the Sadler bill, requiring railroads to furnish factors with standards. There was but one vote for the bill. Representatives of practically every railroad operating in Virginia were present.

The Senate Committee on General Laws yesterday afternoon, reported favorably the Tovenner bill to prevent adulteration in the manufacturing and sale of intoxicating liquors, and the Sale bill, to prevent the shooting of pigens and other birds for amusement. The Senate Committee for Courts of Justice, rejected the Patterson bill, allowing women and men under 21 years of age, but over 18, to qualify as deputy clerks of courts and again reported adversely the Thomas bill, establishing the right to condemn an easement.

Senator Hobbs, of Prince George, yesterday offered a joint resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution so as to have one-half of the State senators elected every two years to serve a term of four years. In the opinion of the Prince George member the clause in the new Constitution requiring the election of all the senators at the same time is dangerous as making it possible under certain circumstances for an entire set of men representing some popular fad to be swept into office. The hold-over members under his plan would, he thinks, be a sort of check and balance wheel upon the new senators. The amendment proposed by Mr. Hobbs provides that in the districts bearing odd numbers (including one senator from the city of Richmond) there shall be elected on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1911, for a term of two years, members of the State Senate, who shall assume office the second Wednesday in January succeeding their election. Thereafter the senators in the odd districts (including one from the city of Richmond) shall be chosen for a full term of four years.

In the districts bearing even numbers (including one senator from the city of Richmond) there shall be chosen on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1911, members of the State Senate, who shall serve for a full term of four years, beginning with the second Wednesday in January, 1912, and their successors shall thereafter be chosen each four years for a full term of four years.

A bill offered late yesterday afternoon in the Senate by Mr. Holt, of Newport News, directs the State Corporation Commission to recall and cancel all assessments made against building and loan associations or corporations for State franchise taxes, and to make no assessments until the further direction of the General Assembly. Senator Holt said yesterday that it was the idea of the bill to permit time to amend the laws so that the actual issue of stock, instead of the maximum allowed by charter, should be assessed for taxes.

In the Senate yesterday Judge W. H. Mann, of Nottoway, offered a bill making it unlawful for any person to expectorate upon the floors or any part of any car or coach owned or operated by any steam railroad, or any urban, suburban or interurban electric railway in the State. All corporations or persons owning or operating such roads are required to post a copy of the act in each car or coach. Any person or corporation violating the provisions of the act or failing to post the notice, as required, will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and will be fined not less than $1 or more than $10 for each offense.

Another legal battle will begin in the Senate to-day at 1 o'clock, when the special order calling up Captain Camm Patteson's bill in relation to demurrers of evidence is reached. The bill has attracted considerable attention. As originally drawn it was adversely reported by the Committee for Courts of Justice. Certain changes were made, the measure was considered again, and this time secured a majority of one vote in the committee. Among those who will speak for or against the bill will be Senators Patteson, Phlegar, Fulton, Sears, Strode, H. T. Wickham and T. A. Wickham.

Three bills offered just before the adjournment of the Senate yesterday by Judge Phlegar, of Montgomery, provide for appropriations aggregating over $50,000 for paying for the Capitol furniture, supplying additional furniture, completing payments on light and power plant, and allowing a fee to the members of the executive committee of the building commission.

A total of $8,511.29 is appropriated for the payment for the following furniture already purchased:

Executive offices	$5,204.20
Corporation Commission	2,997.90
Secretary of Commonwealth	310.00

A total of $11,606.70 is appropriated for the purchase of the following additional furniture:

For battleship linoleum for the floors of museum and basement rooms in Capitol	$2,006.70
For furniture and floor coverings for State Library	2,000.00
For furniture, floor coverings and metal file cases for Department of Public Instruction	3,500.00
For furniture and metal file cases for rooms of Register of Land Office	4,100.00

A total of $33,000 is provided in the third bill, which makes an appropriation of $26,000 for the furniture purchased by the commission for the two assembly halls and the committee rooms; allows $1,000 each to A. J. Montague, George Wayne Anderson and S. L. Kelley for services on the executive committee, and recites that the original appropriation of $25,000 for the light and power plant was inadequate; that the total cost of the plant was over $33,000, so that after applying to the payment thereof the balance of $5,000 left of the Capitol appropriation unexpended, there still remains a deficit amounting to about $4,000. This deficit with the $26,000 for the furniture and the $3,000 for the executive committee, makes necessary the third appropriation of $33,000.

The Sale-Holt congressional re-apportionment bill will come before the House Committee on Privileges and Elections at 10 o'clock this morning, and a spirited debate is expected.

The measure has already passed the Senate in an amended form, which seeks to take the counties of Giles, Bland, Wythe, Pulaski, and Craig out of the Ninth and to put them in the Sixth District.

It is the amendment over which the debate will arise, and there promises to be many speeches on both sides.

Messrs. Jennings and Bowman yesterday offered in the House three companion bills, appropriating in the aggregate $53,117.39 to discharge the debt incurred by the Capital Commission in supplying the legislative halls and State offices with furniture, fixtures, etc.

One of the bills contain three items giving $1,000 each to Governor Montague, Colonel George Wayne Anderson and Hon. S. L. Kelley for their services as members of the committee. These gentlemen composed the Executive Committee of the commission, and looked personally after the details of the work.

Hon. E. P. Cox yesterday presented in the House a petition from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, asking that no legislation be put through improving the Capitol grounds, which will involve the destruction of the old Bell House, or the removal of the iron fence. It is asked that the Capitol gates be restored, and that permission be given to planting around the Bell House.

The paper is signed by the following committee, representing the society: Mrs. Joseph Bryan, Mrs. W. G. Stanard, Mrs. W. T. Robins, Mrs. C. B. Ball, Mrs. E. V. Valentine, Mrs. Decatur Axtell, Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson and Mrs. William Ruffin Cox.

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SOMETHING UP IN CLOWES AFFAIR

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sudden end. I should not be surprised how soon this were to happen."

Promotion for Dr. Drewry.

Other developments in hospital affairs yesterday added interest to the general situation. A rumor gained currency that a bill is about to be offered in the House of Delegates calling for an investigation of the Eastern State Hospital. This rumor, so far as could be learned, is incorrect. Following in its wake was another to the effect that a special secret committee would shortly set out for an inspection of all the hospitals. This statement could not be traced to its source.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Wickham, of Hanover, offered a bill providing that the commissioner of State hospitals shall hereafter be an expert alienist and experienced physician.

The act increases the salary of the commissioner from $2,000 a year and expenses to $3,500 a year and expenses. The present law simply requires that the commissioner shall be an expert accountant. The change would make the incumbent, Colonel L. W. Lane, Jr., ineligible.

It may be asserted positively that behind the Wickham bill is a movement to place Dr. W. F. Drewry, superintendent of the Central State Hospital at Petersburg, at the head of the hospital system of the State. Dr. Drewry is recognized as one of the leading chemists in the country. He has received flattering offers from cities outside Virginia. The increase in the salary of the commissioner to $3,500 is designed as an inducement to him to accept this position if it is tendered to him when Colonel Lane retires a year or two hence. Dr. Drewry now receives $2,500. He has under consideration at the present time an offer of the superintendency of the Western State Hospital at Staunton, which pays a salary of $2,250.

The commissioner of hispitals is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years subject to confirmation by the Senate. As commissioner, he is ex-officio chairman of the general and of each of the special boards of directors, and is responsible for the proper disbursement of all moneys appropriated or received from any source for the maintenance of the hospitals. The commissioner has general supervision of the medical and business management of the asylums, makes regular inspections and reports annually to the Governor, with recommendations for the improvement of conditions at the hospitals. He executes bond in the sum of $10,000.

ANOTHER MARCH OF LONDON UNEMPLOYED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, February 12.—There was another march of the "unemployed" through the streets of London to-day with the object of impressing the new government and legislators, but the demonstration fell flat. The procession was hardly half the length of the previous demonstrations, and the attitude of the public towards the subscription collectors showed that interest in the "poverty parades" has been decidedly waning since they took on a distinctly political character."

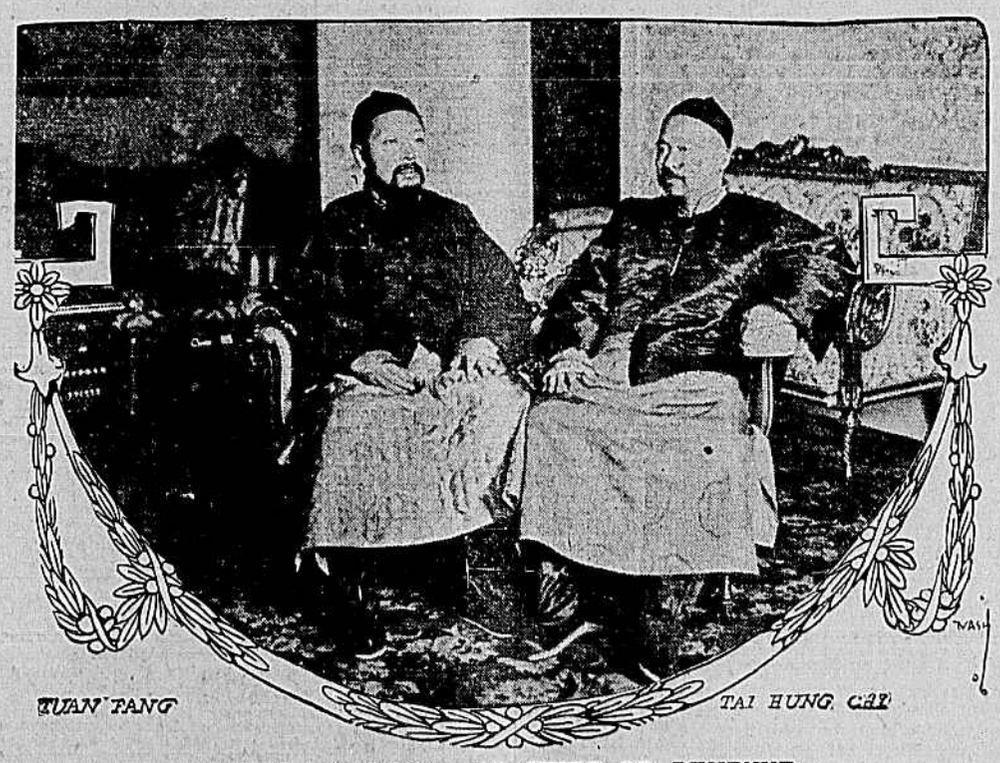
The Champion Hand-Shaker.

To his many other distinctions President Roosevelt has recently added that of being the champion hand-shaker of the United States, and probably of the world. At the New Year's reception of 1906 in the White House the President, in three hours and forty-four minutes, shook hasds with 9,652 persons, or at the rate of forty per minute. This surpasses even the high record he made last year, and, as practice makes perfect, he will doubtless do still better on January 1, 1907.—Leslie's Weekly.

Mr. Frank L. Meaves, of Seattle, Wash., formerly of Wilmington, N. C., was in the city yesterday visiting relatives and friends.

Anatole Le Braz, professor of Celtic literature at Rennes, France, began last night his Hyde lectures in French before the Cercle Francais, of Harvard University.

BOSTON GIRLS DELIGHT CHINESE COMMISSION.



CHINESE VICEROY AND CHIEF OF REVENUE.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., February 12.—The Chinese imperial commission to-day inspected a number of cotton mills in this vicinity.

An interesting incident occurred at one of the cotton mills, at Lawrence. In the exhibit room of the mills the commissioners found a hundred or more girl operatives assembled, each of them carrying the Chinese flag which she had made from cotton produced at the factory. The emblems were collected by one of the officials and distributed to the members of the party. The incident delighted the commissioners, particularly Viceroy Tuan, who marched about the room waving the flag enthusiastically. Viceroy Tuan was especially interested in the weaving process as demonstrated in this mill because he, himself, is the proprietor of a cotton mill in China.

The Chinese commissioners to-night were given a banquet by Governor Cutis Guild, on behalf of the State. The speakers included Richard Olney, formerly Secretary of State; Amery W. Lawrence, president of the Boston Merchants' Association; Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, and others. The speeches were couched in friendly terms toward the Chinese. Mr. Lawrence said:

"One great commercial link between the people of China and of the United States, is the substantial and rapidly growing sale in China of cotton goods manufactured in the mills that you have visited to-day, and in others like them in Massachusetts, and in the Southern States. Over 562,000,000 yards, valued at over $33,000,000 were exported to the Chinese empire last year. We feel keenly that China's prosperity is our prosperity, and that her adversity is our adversity.