

COLLEGE CLUB HONORS ROOT

REPUBLICANS AND ALUMNI DINE NEW SENATOR

NEW YORKER EXTOLTS ROOSEVELT

Successor of Platt Also Compliments Taft for the Policies Reflected in His Inaugural Address

[By Associated Press.] NEW YORK, March 9.—The members of the Republican club and alumni of Hamilton college gathered at a banquet tonight to do honor to Senator Elihu Root.

Senator Root, replying to eulogistic speeches, referred to the change of administration at Washington.

"I call your attention," he said, "to the almost sublime spectacle, the peaceful transfer of the great powers of government.

"The simple ceremony of last Thursday accomplished a result that in days gone by was made by bloodshed and strife. We may congratulate one another in the fact that in obedience to the unwritten law that sets a limit to the chief magistrate, a Republican president who had another term in his grasp and the continuance of power within his control has voluntarily laid down the power that another might take it up."

Mr. Root referred to President Taft's inaugural address, declaring one thing that appealed especially to him was that this nation ought to enforce its obligations of treaties within its own territories.

Nations Rub Elbows "As our trade, wealth and travel in foreign lands increase," he said, "we are rubbing elbows with all nations of the world. We are becoming involved in more mutual relations with every other country. We must respect the rights of trade, travel and business.

"Our constitutional government gives the federal government the right to protect treaties. Our congress, through the federal courts, respects the rights and property of Europeans and Asiatics throughout the United States.

"A foreigner can sue to recover debts and demand the protection of his rights. Our congress, however, has not given the federal courts the right of criminal jurisdiction. His life and liberty are entrusted to the protection of the states, and when wrongs are done to recent foreigners and the sacred rights of treaties are set at naught, our government is bound to answer for its failure to keep its promise.

"I hope New York will exercise its influence to have our national government make law, to keep its word and enforce its promises and heretofore, Mr. Root as mentioned the Republican leadership in this state. "Your president was good enough to make the observation that I should prove to be the leader of the Republican party in this state," said Mr. Root. "I disclaim any ambition to become what is ordinarily called a 'boss' or 'boss' of the party in this state, but I should be glad to have the exercise of the powers that have come to me through the kindness and good opinion of my fellow citizens of my native state should enable me to provide an effective, successful, genuine and honest organization of my party in this state."

TWO MEN FATALLY HURT BY OIL TANK EXPLOSION

Accumulation of Gas at Refining Plant Causes Serious Combustion

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—The still in the refining works of the Standard Oil company at Point Richmond exploded today, presumably owing to an accumulation of gas. The building was wrecked and two workmen, N. B. Miller and George Shaw, fatally injured.

Both men were terribly burned and have not recovered consciousness since the accident.

The explosion was followed by a great fire, the flames enveloping the men and consuming all their clothing. The property loss will reach several thousand dollars.

The plant is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

Sentenced for Contempt

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—John Brambrick, one of the leading contractors of St. Louis, is serving a five day sentence for contempt of court. He was taken to jail last night. His firm operated a quarry after an injunction had been issued because of the noise which endangered lives. The prison sentence was affirmed by the court of appeals. Fines of \$50 and \$3000 had been carried to the supreme court of the state.

Identified as Slayer

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Vincent Briscoe, alias Frank Bennett, who is under sentence of one year in the San Quentin penitentiary for robbery committed here, has been identified by the local police as the man wanted in Chicago for the murder of Policeman Patrick M. Duffy who was shot and killed in February, 1907, while endeavoring to handcuff a prisoner named Hilley.

Explosion Injures Several

PETALUMA, March 9.—An explosion of gas occurred tonight in a room on the top floor of the Mutual Relief building. Samuel Goodwin was seriously injured and several others suffered minor hurts. The explosion took place in a small antechamber of the main lodge room of the Red Men, where the lodge members were about to convene in their weekly meeting.

WARDEN OF ASYLUM IN OAKLAND SAYS WARDS FILL WHEN MOON DOES

OAKLAND, March 9.—In a petition for the enlargement of the insane ward of the Oakland receiving hospital Warden Imlay states the place is always overcrowded when the moon is full. He said: "My records substantiate the fact that the insane ward is always overcrowded when the moon is full."

The records kept by Imlay show that when the moon is not full two patients a week is the average, but when the moon of the night begins to wax the insane begin to arrive until the cells are crowded beyond their normal capacity.

MEXICAN MINISTER TO UNITED STATES



AMBASSADOR FROM MEXICO MAKES 'HIT'

Last Diplomat to Present Credentials to Roosevelt Said to Have an Impressive Personality

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Senor Francisco Leon de la Barra, Mexico's new ambassador, who has been at Washington about two weeks, is one of the closest personal friends of President Diaz in the southern republic and has cut quite a figure in Washington because of his striking personality, having been minister to Belgium for nine years.

He is an able man and has the distinction of being the last diplomat to present his credentials to Roosevelt. He is a strong man in Mexico and has many friends.

To Discuss Rate Decision

CHICAGO, March 9.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Western Passenger association will be held here tomorrow to formulate a plan of action in view of the Missouri 2-cent rate decision. A meeting of the executive officials of the western roads will be held soon with a view to concerted action against all 2-cent passenger laws.

Ticket Agent Promoted

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—James S. Duffy, city ticket agent of the Santa Fe railroad, has been appointed general agent of that company in San Francisco. He entered the employ of the Santa Fe nineteen years ago at Albuquerque and has served it ever since at Prescott, Ariz., San Jose and San Francisco. He will assume his new position March 15.

Seek Writ of Mandamus

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 9.—The coal and coke railroad, among whose heavy stockholders are Senator S. B. Elkins and former Senator Henry G. Davis, has applied for a writ of mandamus to prevent the Kanawha county officials from enforcing the law which strikes a street car as she was claiming it is confiscatory.

Killed by Street Car

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Mrs. Dolly Gray, who resided at Ingleside, was struck by a street car as she was crossing the track at Fair avenue and Mission streets last night and thrown heavily to the ground. She was taken to St. Luke's hospital, where she died today.

VATICAN'S GALLERY GREATLY ENLARGED

NEW COLLECTION CONSISTS OF 300 CANVASES

His Holiness Permits Correspondent to Inspect Sacred Pictures Prior to Formal Opening of Court

ROME, March 9.—The new picture gallery of the Vatican is to be inaugurated today for a preliminary view. The old Vatican gallery contained sixty pictures, but the new collection numbers not fewer than 300 canvases, displayed in seven beautiful halls opening on the magnificent Belvedere court.

The first hall contains a unique collection of Byzantine pictures; the second is given over to the Tuscan school, headed by Fra Angelico; the third by Fra Angelico and examples of the Umbrian school; the fourth is a gem of the collection, Raphael's Transfiguration; the fifth hall is given over to the Venetian school, headed by Titian; the sixth, to examples of the sixteenth century, and the seventh to pictures by foreign artists.

Adopt Bank Guaranty Bill

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—The assembly today passed the bank deposit guaranty bill framed by a joint committee of the two houses. The measure, one of the issues which W. J. Bryan declared to be paramount in the Nebraska campaign last fall.

Western Pioneer Dies

UTICA, N. Y., March 9.—John Buttfield, who was one of the party of seven who outlined and established the first overland mail route to the Pacific coast in 1838, later adopted by the American Express company, died at his home here tonight, aged 82.

Six Killed by Tornado

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 9.—Six deaths and eight injured are reported today in this vicinity as the result of the tornado. Among the dead are three brothers.

"RIGHT OF WAY" IS MASTERFUL DRAMA

MASON PRODUCTION IN HANDS OF GOOD COMPANY

Both Acting and Staging Are Characterized by Faithful Adherence to Detail in Pictures of Canadian Wilderness

BY LEMUEL PARTON There is a fable of an old book belonging to a priest which revealed to the man who read it only that which he sought to find. He of the frivolous mind found entertaining tales; viewed the pages, the pages flashed forth wisdom; the philosopher found deep truths, the poet enchanting rhymes, but the fool saw only blank pages.

The night of Eugene Presbrey's dramatization of Sir Gilbert Parker's novel is as diversified in its appeal as the magic book. Lured melodrama, the French Canadian background of insuperable mystery, the awesome mystery of life; childlike love and innocence are interwoven with the darkest designs of hate and murder; there is the inevitableness of destiny and the fortuity of human things; the compelling intensity of human will and the elusive subtlety of the absolute, the voice of man who questions life, death and love, and reads the answer in the eye of a good woman.

The story is known, but your appreciation of it is not. It is none the less on account of your having read the book. Guy Standing and Theodore Roberts as Steele, the disolute and in man, and the French Canadian habitant, give two stage characterizations not often excelled. Mr. Roberts was ill last night, and his place was taken by Miss Walls, gets over the Ethier. Mr. Ethier gives a splendid portrayal of the role. So admirable was his performance last night that few in the audience who had not read the book, and who are not French Canadian, have created a tremendous character, requiring a wide range of histrionic power. Mr. Standing's Steele, in the past shows rare intelligence and understanding. The character stands out vividly and clearly drawn. There are three distinct personalities in Mr. Roberts, all of which are faithfully and convincingly portrayed.

Miss Evelyn Walls gives decidedly the strongest characterization in the women's roles. She appears as Paullette Du Bois, "the red woman," for whom Portugals commits the murder. In her scene with Portugals, in the third act, Miss Walls gets over the footlights with some really excellent acting. The cast is a large one and every part is admirably done.

The performance of the French Canadian wilderness. There were many among the audience last night who were familiar with the play, and all agreed that the stage pictures are accurate copies of the original to the minutest detail. In its entirety, both in the dramatic content of the piece, in the acting and the staging, "The Right of Way" is one of the strongest dramas of the local season.

Florence Leslie, the well-known instructor of dancing and the ballet of the Auditorium, will seal the production with a performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," taking a much needed rest, prior to her opening in a similar capacity under the management of H. Blackwood. Patrons of the Auditorium will, no doubt, miss the beautiful stage pictures and dancing, as well as other work of Miss Leslie's.

The Empire theater opened Monday night with a high class show, scored a hit and responded to several enclosures. Miss Carranza is a native daughter and, since returning from a tour of the theater, she is meeting many of her former California friends. Miss Carranza was one of the features of the James Jeffries show, which she presented at the Jeffries' departure for New York.

Renfrow & Jensen are a clever team of entertainers and created much laughter with their musical comedy, "The Second Mr. Fiddle," by Will M. Hall, was played by the Empire Stock company.

MAILS HIS VICTIMS SARCASTIC POSTALS

FORMER CITY INSPECTOR PUT UNDER ARREST

Accused of Posing as Deputy Assessor and Tax Collector, and Gathering Toll from Property Owners

Robert A. Taylor of 1015 East Forty-third street, formerly employed as an inspector by the Los Angeles Railway company and later by the city as an inspector in the street department, was arrested last night by Detectives McNamara and Cowen at the central station on suspicion.

Taylor was arrested on the complaint of County Assessor E. W. Hopkins, who complains to the police that some one had been working through the southwest part of the city, collecting toll and personal property tax, on the representation that he was a deputy assessor and tax collector.

Working under the name of E. W. Gear, Taylor, it is alleged, collected nearly \$100 from disreputable citizens, giving them receipts for the same as a deputy assessor. The following day it was his habit to send his victim postal cards informing them that they were easy marks and that he "needed the money."

Taylor was found at Fourth and Spring streets by the detectives and made no resistance to arrest. He is believed to be a denier. Six weeks ago he was arrested for issuing fictitious checks.

FORMER CONSUL ENDS LIFE BECAUSE RAILWAY PROJECT WAS FAILURE

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Heart-broken because of his dream of having an international railroad open to commerce, the fertile valleys of Central and South America had never materialized, Hinton Rowan Helper, former United States consul general at Buenos Ayres, committed suicide here today. His widow and children live in Chicago.

Mr. Helper was an author, railroad projector and civil war veteran. He vainly sought means to carry out his project, planned more than forty years ago, for a railroad designed to connect the straits of Bering and Magellan.

To Avoid Delinquency

Quick action was necessary by the council yesterday to keep the park department from going delinquent on an assessment for street improvements. The park department is assessed \$249,567, \$259,713 for street work done on Lookout Drive along park frontage. The council appropriated the sum from the general expense fund and placed it to the credit of the park department to pay the assessment.

Leaves to Defend Mexicans

Attorney Job Harriman was summoned by telegram yesterday to Tucson, where he will take part in the defense of the Mexican liberal leaders who were confined so long in the Los Angeles county jail and were recently taken to Arizona.

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Municipal Affairs

DR. WILEY ON TRIAL BEFORE COMMISSION

ASSISTANT POLICE SURGEON FACES CHARGES

Accusations of Neglect of Duty and Incompetency Made as Result of Death of A. R. Hathaway

After hearing evidence on charges against Dr. E. H. Wiley assistant police surgeon, until 9 o'clock last night, without so much as thinking of dinner, the civil service commission took the case under advisement until next Tuesday. It is probable a decision will be rendered before that date.

Milton K. Young, president of the board, announced that it was probable a conclusion would be reached as soon as the commissioners had talked the matter over among themselves. If it is it will be in favor of Dr. Wiley, for no witnesses for the defense, except Dr. Wiley himself, were put on the stand last night. Numerous witnesses were examined, but they were all called by the prosecution.

The charges against Dr. Wiley were brought by Harry L. Hathaway, who was in charge at the time, and incompetency. It was charged that Harry R. Hathaway, father of Harry L. Hathaway, was knocked down by a cab the night of February 3, whereby his skull was fractured. He was taken to the receiving hospital and there Dr. Wiley, who was in charge at the time, diagnosed the case as one of intoxication and ordered the man taken to the drunk cells. The attention of Dr. Garret was called to the case later, and after two examinations of the patient, he diagnosed the case as fracture of the skull.

The evidence showed that the symptoms when this case was first brought into the receiving hospital were the same as those ordinarily observed in intoxicated persons, and that those who were held in the cell until about two hours after the patient was taken to the hospital.

The following day Mr. Hathaway was held in the county hospital, where he died two weeks later.

A gruesome exhibit in the case last night was a human skull which was found by the coroner at the autopsy on the body of Mr. Hathaway, used to illustrate how he had removed the scalp and found a fracture four inches long across the top of the head.

All the evidence produced last night tended to show the inadequate facilities of the receiving hospital, and the urgent need for more room and better accommodations. The council is trying to work out this matter now, but it is being held by the finance committee until certain minor details of the plans can be adjusted.

Dr. Wiley was represented by Attorney Frank Schenk and J. W. Pearson, and Mr. Hathaway by Attorney James Copp.

COUNCIL CONDEMNNS BILL TO ESTABLISH PLUMBERS' BOARD

The council yesterday passed resolutions, condemning the bill now pending before the legislature, to establish a state board of plumbers and require all master and journeymen plumbers to take out a license.

The bill is identical the same as the one the plumbers presented to the city council last December and which that body refused to pass.

It is asserted the passage of the bill will make the plumbers' association an even more close corporation than it is now. This was the attitude assumed by the council yesterday, with the exception of Councilman Lyon, who fought the resolutions and voted against them.

CITY HALL NOTES

Instead of purchasing, at 50 cents each, precinct maps every time there is an election, the city will have its own plate made and print the maps as they are needed. It is estimated that when the plate is once made the maps can be printed for \$10 a thousand.

The communication of Joseph H. Call, calling the attention of the council to the favoritism shown street railways in paving matters, was referred to the city attorney for investigation. The council granted the G. A. R. \$100 yesterday, to be used in securing emblems for parades.

U. S. Cruisers Arrive

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, March 9.—The United States cruisers West Virginia and Maryland, Rear Admiral Swinburne commanding, arrived at San Jose yesterday. The admiral and his staff were received by a committee and brought to the capital on a special train.

To Play Leading Role

PARIS, March 9.—It has been announced definitely that Lucien Guilty will play the principal role in Rostand's "Chanticleer," which is to be produced at the Theater Porte St. Martin with the opening of the fall season.

APPROPRIATE MONEY TO PAY LOBBY BILLS

City Council Will Send Representative to Sacramento to Aid in Passing Park Bill Before Legislature

The council transferred \$75 from the general expense fund to pay the expense of a representative of the city to Sacramento to lobby for the park bill, now before the legislature. Either John Morley, park superintendent, or Howard Robertson, assistant city attorney, who drew the bill, will be the representative.

The bill was introduced by Assemblyman Percy V. Hammon. It has been reported to both houses and been returned to the printer, but it seems to have a good chance.

This bill provides that land for park purposes may be acquired under the provisions of the Yrooman act. The land can be purchased by condemnation proceedings and the cost assessed to the property owners most benefited. If the bill becomes a law it is probable the entire Arroyo Seco will be the first piece of land acquired under its jurisdiction.

Law to Restrain Bankers

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 9.—The Nevada assembly passed a bill today making it a felony for directors or any officer of a banking institution to receive deposits when a bank is insolvent. The measure was passed to remedy the defect in the Nevada banking laws under which, according to a recent decision of the supreme court, directors and officers of a bank cannot be held criminally liable for accepting deposits when the institution is insolvent.

Hand Grows Back On

KALAMAZOO, Mich., March 9.—The hand that was severed from the wrist of Charles Miller at a paper factory here recently has been successfully rejoined to his right arm, and it is said the young man will shortly be discharged from Bronson hospital with the prospect of regaining full use of his hand. Only a small piece of flesh held the hand and his arm together when the accident occurred.

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