CALL'S SPORT PAGE

EDITED BY R. A. SMYTH

Attell Boxes Three Speedy Rounds at the Olympic Club

Pacific Athletic Association to Control High School Boys

Lipton's Offer of Cup Is Accepted

Governors of Brooklyn Yacht Club Decide to Bring Off Proposed Ocean Race

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A special meeting of the board of governors of the Brooklyn yacht club will be called for the purpose of formally accepting the offer of Sir Thomas Lipton of a $1,000 cup for an ocean yacht race. The race will not be to Bermuda, as the members of the Brooklyn club believe this would be conflicting with the Corinthian yacht club, which also has on its programme a race to that place. An open sea course, which may be from Newport to Cape May and thence to the club's house in Gravesend bay, will be proposed. The distance for the race will be approximately 500 miles.

The international cup committee of the Brooklyn yacht club has issued preliminary rules for the international race for the cup which it has offered. All nations will be invited to enter yachts. The conditions of the challenge for the cup are as follows:

That the race shall be open to any yacht enrolled in a foreign yacht club of not more than 80 feet water line, if a schooner, of not more than 65 feet line if a sloop.

That the challenging yacht must proceed to the place of competition on her own bottom and under her own sail.

That the race shall be started from the Sandy Hook lightship and the course shall be of not less than 30 miles and not more than 40 miles in length on the open sea.

That the race shall be sailed under the rules of the Brooklyn yacht club in force at the time of challenging or under such other rules as shall be mutually agreed upon.

The other conditions have been drawn up but are held subject to revision at another meeting of the cup committee.

INGLESIDE COURSING

Some crack greyhounds are entered in the class stake, which is one of three events to be decided at Ingleside coursing park Sunday. The drawing:

Class stake—Rear Admiral vs. Golden Tralee, Princess Lightfoot vs. The Crowd, Roman Actress vs. Mr. Loujers, May Boy vs. Real Rocker, Our Porto vs. Lady Kelp, Tralee Lad vs. Roman Money, Gertrude vs. Bill Mullally, Rocked Asleep vs. Tralee's Best, Country Girl vs. Wildwood, The Governor vs. Little Wedgewood, Bon Ami vs. Tralee Girl, Cheyenne vs. Eleanor B.

Open stake—Ironhouse vs. Amandan, Cousin Jack vs. Georgetown, Lady Leeds vs. Stanley R, Cuban Star vs. Myrtle, Friendless Boy vs. Russell J, Elbe Royal vs. Hollywood, Little Wood vs. Young Rocker, Waubanaubkee vs. Lady Honesty, Primrose vs. Lady Fieldwick, Four Paw vs. Colonel North, Miss Flora vs. Golden Feather, Pagliacci vs. Fair Maid.

Unfinished open stake—Rose of Gold vs. Jim Madden, Fetterless vs. Wild Mamie, Presto vs. Bright Flower, Sangerman vs. The Rowdy, Raby Aurora vs. Curry.

WOULD BAR RIVAL TEAM

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—It cannot be confirmed, but it is generally reported today that the American league will refuse its consent to the placing of an American association club in this city. Reports from other cities in the league are to this effect and cast doubt upon the report that a franchise had been transferred to Chicago.

Crack Featherweights Draw Crowds at Their Training

By R. A. Smyth

The boxing enthusiasts are showing unusual interest in the training operations of Abe Attell and Owen Moran, who are to meet for the feather weight championship of the world on New Year's day. The training quarters of the rival boxers have been the objective point of many visitors. There has been considerable speculation as to the ability of the men to make the required weight—120 pounds on the day of the fight. There seems no doubt about it now, as Attell gave out his weight after his work yesterday at 121½ pounds, while Moran weighed 124. The latter is considered a good working leeway, as the fight is still two weeks off.

Attel did not go on the road yesterday morning. In addition to his afternoon work in the gymnasium he had promised to box three rounds in the evening at a private exhibition in the Olympic club. In the afternoon he went three rounds each with Kid Farmer and Monte Attell. Abe showed his wonderful skill with the gloves, and the bouts were marked by a lot of free hitting. Farmer is a sturdy welter weight and he went after Abe in earnest. The latter protected himself well and showed that he could deliver a hard blow. He is a great judge of distance, seldom missing his mark. In ducking a blow he never moved an inch more than was necessary. He has sturdy underpinning and shows great balance, never apparently getting into a position from which he cannot hit.

Like Joe Gans, Abe does not keep a high guard, his gloves seldom being held above the waist line, unless to ward off a blow. From the pace at which he went yesterday it was evident that he could enter the ring at short notice and do himself full justice.

It was intended that Attell's bout at the Olympic club would be merely an exhibition of his skill with the gloves. Brother Monte, however, became ambitious, with the result that the two went at it at top speed and neither spared the other. Monte had two discolored eyes to show after the bout, while Abe's right eye showed where his brother had landed a telling blow. The handball court of the club was crowded to its capacity and the members cheered the clever work of the brothers.

Tiv Kreling escorted a party of friends to Moran's quarters at Shannon's near San Rafael yesterday, and the little English boxer put in a hard day's work for their benefit. He boxed with Alf Wicks and did not spare him at any stage of the game. The visitors were surprised at the cleverness shown by Moran and also at his strength. He is training with unusual zeal and seems to have no doubt that he will be successful in his meeting with Attell. He shows great ruggedness and enjoys every moment of the time he is at work in the gymnasium. He has not been at the game long enough to become blase, and takes delight in learning new points from visitors.

Moran boxed a few rounds yesterday with Warren Gregory, a man from one of Uncle Sam's cruisers. Gregory weighed 140 pounds and did not have the cleverness of Moran, but the latter did not take any advantage of him, being content to stand off and box artistically. Men who have gone from one camp to the other and have seen the cleverness of the midget boxers are enthusiastic over the possibilities of a great match when the men meet.

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Battling Nelson has not taken George Memsic's latest announcement seriously. eH did not keep the appointment for a meeting with Memsic, but said that if the latter would post a forfeit with The Call he would cover it at once. Nelson also suggested that as Memsic was so eager for a match he engage a promoter who would be willing to handle the meeting between them. As there is no other match on the card for January it should be easy to get a club to take charge.

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The Olympic club boxing tryouts last night attracted an immense crowd to the club's handball courts. Many were unable to obtain admission and the street in front of the building presented the appearance usually seen outside a pavilion where an important contest is being held. In addition to the exhibition bout between the Attell brothers, there were a lot of tryouts of aspiring amateurs.

The most promising of these were William Robertson of the Siaplamat Indians and F. J. Schaeffer, an unattached boxer. These men weighed 158 pounds and they proved to be so evenly matched that the boxing officials agreed to put them on at the big tournament which it is intended to hold in January.

Ed Johnson and Ed Leonard, both 115 pound boys, were picked out as unusually talented with the gloves.

Phil Wand acted as referee, John A. Kennedy and Joe Mayer timers and Rearden T. Lyons as announcer. The boxing was under the general direction of Nick Prendergast, the club's boxing commissioner. The bouts were between the following boxers:

John B. Gibson, unattached, and Tom Hennessy, unattached, 115 pounds; J. Ford, Rosedale club, and George Ryan, unattached, 115 pounds; Jim Ward, Siaplamat Indians, and H. Gore, unattached, 125 pounds; William Robertson, Siaplamat Indians, and F. J. Schaeffer, unattached, 158 pounds; W. Indig, unattached, and Dick O'Mara, Hawthorne club, 120 pounds; Willis Dale, unattached, and Willie Borden, Noe Valley club, 115 pounds; John Ahrens, unattached, and Al Harms, unattached, 105 pounds; Willie Canole and Eddie Lennon, unattached, 115 pounds; Jim Ticken, California club, and Ed Johnson, unattached, 115 pounds; Al Smith and Ed Knottner, unattached, 135 pounds; Jim Lawlor and Tom Maher, unattached, 125 pounds; George Brown and George Fisher, unattached, 110 pounds.

Jim Flynn Favorite Over Squires

Numerous Sportsmen of Note Will See Them in Battle Friday Night

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 18.—Both Jim Flynn and Bill Squires are drawing to the end of their training work for their 20 round battle here Friday night. Squires has finished his sparring and will endeavor to protect his hands from injury. Flynn did some sparring today.

Several small bets on the fight were recorded tonight, with Flynn a favorite at 4 to 5. The Pueblo fireman has been making an excellent impression with the local sportsmen on account of his speed as compared with that of Squires.

Numerous luminaries of the prize fight game will be at the ringside. James J. Jeffries has promised to attend, while Owen Moran is expected to be in Squires' corner. Johnny Frayne, "Tex" Rickard and "Happy" Hogan will be behind Flynn. Jack Welsh of San Francisco will referee.

GARDNER-MUSTAIN FIGHT

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 18.—George Gardner of Lowell, Mass., and Terry Mustain of Omaha are training hard for their fight, which will take place Monday evening before the Bay City athletic club. It promises to be the best light heavy weight go seen here since the meeting of Gardner and Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, when Flynn won.

High School Teams Select Captains

Athletes Are Busy With Plans for the 1908 Football and Track Season

Athletes of the high schools have completed the season of 1907 and are devoting all their attention to plans for next year.

At the Oakland high school John Stroud, who played halfback on the football team, has been elected captain of the eleven for the ensuing term. Stroud's election was unanimous. Flynn, left tackle of Lowell, and Holman, halfback of Lick, will be the leaders of their respective elevens.

Gregory Padilla, who ran such a plucky race in the quarter mile at the last academic meeting, will be captain of the Lick track squad.

It is expected that next season will be more successful than the one which has just closed, as more enthusiasm and more careful preparation are being shown than at the beginning of 1907.

Governing Body in Athletics to Rule With Firm Hand

The board of governors of the Pacific athletic association met last night and showed that it had taken a firm hold on the promotion of all amateur athletics in the district under its jurisdiction. It virtually forced the San Francisco athletic league and the bay counties athletic league, which are made up of the high schools about the bay, to join the association. It also went after the academic athletic league and the latter's members will have to bow to the rule of the more powerful organization.

The officials do not want irresponsible high school boys to run meets as they have been for years, when they have not had to account to any one in authority for the gate receipts, with the result that scandal has crept into the management. In order to bring this directly under the control of the association the board of governors adopted the following rule last night:

No member of a school, college or club within the jurisdiction of the Pacific athletic association shall be allowed to promote or manage athletic games or meetings where gate receipts are charged, without permission first being granted by the registration committee of the Pacific athletic association. The penalty for disobeying this rule shall be expulsion from amateur standing.

The Bay Counties Athletic league and the San Francisco Athletic league were admitted to membership in the association after a long discussion. It was made a condition of their acceptance that the treasurer and the delegate to the Pacific Athletic association be either alumni or members of the factulty and not students. This was done in order to insure a businesslike administration of the affairs of the leagues.

A committee of three, consisting of Herbert Hauser, Andrew Giarner and A. McCrystal, was appointed to select a cross country course for a championship race to be held next spring.

Secretary Hauser was instructed to write to the American committee on the London Olympic games and ask that a series of preliminary trials be held here. Under the present arrangements the American athletes who want to qualify for the competition in London must compete on June 6 either in New York or Chicago. Five of the Pacific coast athletes won championships at Jamestown this year, and it is felt that this coast is entitled to a series of these preliminary trials. Pacific coast men who were successful were Rose in the shot put, Dan Kelly in the broad jump, Smithson in the hurdles, Gilmore in the shot put and Gerhardt in the 100 yards. The latter won in the junior championship.

H. M. Strickler, the basket ball commissioner, reported that games were being played by four leagues. These include the Young Men's Christian association, universities, high schools and athletic clubs. They will complete their schedules by March and the winning team in each league will then be entitled to play for the coast championship.

A committee from the Pacific athletic association consisting of L. A. Wolff, Thurman and James, was appointed to assist the Academic athletic league in organizing subleagues throughout the state.

President Skaife of the Academic athletic league was present by invitation and addressed the delegates on the scope of his organization. He believed that the league should have jurisdiction over the high school sports, but as there has been a laxity in the promotion of them the Pacific athletic association officials insisted on having the power to keep the sports free from all taint of commercialism.

Reinsmen Elect New Presiding Officer

At the annual meeting of the San Francisco driving club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. J. Kenney, president; Charles J. Lecari, vice president; Charles Becker, secretary; Fred Lauterwasser, treasurer. Owing to pressure of business Luke Marisch retired from the office of secretary which he has filled during the last year.

The matinee races to be held on the park speedway on Christmas day were postponed until New Year's day. The club has offered silver cups for three races, a free for all, a 2:20 trot and a 2:20 pace. If the track is in proper condition on Sunday the special race between the horses owned by Al Hoffman, Charles Lecari and Luke Marisch will take place.

A committee from the club will meet the park commissioners at the latter's convenience to discuss the building of a grandstand from which the racing can be viewed by the spectators without interfering with the work of the horses. The Park amateur driving club also will be represented by a committee when this question is brought up for discussion. One question to be decided is that of the most suitable place for the stand, some wanting it at the southeast corner of the speedway, near the foot of Strawberry hill, while others believe it should be placed at the northwest corner, where the sheds are located.

FISHER'S TEAM RETURNING

HONOLULU, Dec. 18.—The San Francisco baseball players sailed for home today on the steamship Alameda.

PHYSICIAN A SUICIDE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Dr. William B. Turner was found dead in his bedroom at his home in Eighth avenue tonight with a bullet wound in his head. Turner's wife is now en route home from California. Writing to his wife, Turner said that he thought she would be happier if he left her.

Amateurism in Auto Racing Defined

Athletic Union Assumes Jurisdiction Over Motorists Who Engage in Contests

By R. R. l'Hommedieu

The wave of amateurism has swept over the automobile game and the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has taken a hand in motor car racing. At the annual meeting a resolution was adopted, declaring that automobilists who raced for cash or against professional drivers were not amateurs and notice was sent to the various registration committees to refuse to grant amateur standing to these automobilists.

This will have a great effect on races to be held throughout the United States, especially in California and particularly in San Francisco. Under the rulings of the amateur bodies it would not be possible for an automobilist who cared to preserve his amateur standing to compete in contests in which hired chauffeurs participated. Thus an amateur taking part in an endurance run to Del Monte or Witter Springs, driving a car against paid chauffeurs, would suspend himself from competition in events over which the amateur athletic union has jurisdiction.

For some time the national body governing automobiling has made a faint attempt to draw the amateur line, but without much success. Now that the amateur athletic union has taken a hand in the game the line between amateurism and professionalism will be drawn rigidly.

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In the 118 mile sealed bonnet contest just held at Washington, D. C., two out of the three model D Franklin air cooled motor cars which entered finished with perfect scores. During the race, which was run over almost impassable roads, the needle valves on the Franklin machines, which operate from the dash and control the mixture of gas, were sealed.

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FATHER WILL GO TO AID OF MAN WHO SHOT GIRL

Further details of the double shooting Monday which resulted in the fatal wounding of a woman of the red light district of Rawhide, Nev., and a waiter who ran to her rescue, by Deputy District Attorney Martin O'Brien of Goldfield, reached the father and mother of O'Brien at their home at 503 Noe street, San Francisco, last night. The elder O'Brien at once made arrangements for a trip to Nevada to be with his son during the trouble into which the latter has plunged himself.

According to the story told here, O'Brien, who has been deputy district attorney but a short time, has been madly infatuated with a tenderloin habitue known as "Gold Tooth" Bessie Gardiner. He has several times threatened her life, but this was understood by the woman herself and her friends to mean that O'Brien would drive her from the town of Rawhide if he found her accepting the attentions of other men.

In this she was mistaken, for on Monday last O'Brien, who is said to have been infuriated by liquor at the time, walked into her rooms and pointing a revolver at her threatened her again. In the struggle that followed the girl was shot through the groin and will die. A waiter named Curley ran into the place on hearing the first shot and received the second bullet, which was also intended for the girl, in the lower part of his left leg.

This is the second time that sons of the O'Brien family have brought trouble upon their parents. Eight years ago another son, James, was arrested and tried for an alleged assault on a young girl in Alameda county, where the family was then living. The girl, the daughter of a prominent Australian horseman named De Lopez, who had a stable near Pleasanton, appeared in court and the testimony was of a sensational nature. The youth was convicted. Later, however, he was released on technical grounds.

It was stated at the time that the father of the young man had spent nearly all of a considerable fortune in procuring the release of his son. Later the family moved to San Francisco.

Martin O'Brien, the son now under arrest in Rawhide, is a graduate of Santa Clara college and has practiced law both in Oklahoma and Arizona, where it is said that he has gained a reputation for ability.

INSCRIPTIONS PERMITTED ON PACKAGES BY MAIL

Postoffice Department Calls Attention to Law Governing Third and Fourth Class Matters

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A statement recently published has caused the postoffice department to call attention to the law governing writing upon mail matter of the third and fourth classes. It appears that the department has been accredited with a statement to the effect that holiday greetings written upon mail matter of the classes mentioned might subject the offender to a fine of $10. As a matter of fact, the law governing this subject reads as follows:

"Such inscriptions as 'Merry Christmas,' 'Happy New Year,' with best wishes, etc., together with the name and address of the addressee and of the sender, may be written upon mail matter of the third and fourth classes or upon a card inclosed therewith without affecting its classification.

WOMEN PRINCIPALS OUT—Berkeley, Dec. 18.—A new rule that women are not eligible for principalship of grammar schools having eight grades has been passed by the board of education. Miss Emilie Bergen, principal of the Emerson school, will be the only woman affected by the new rr"

ASKS $25,000 DAMAGES FOR ALIENATION OF WIFE

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Twenty-five thousand dollars is what Joseph G. Carson, late of Los Angeles, wants for the alienated affections of his wife. He has sued L. H. C. Hadley, vice president of the Carriage and Omnibus Transfer company of Portland for that amount, charging that Hadley has superseded him in the woman's affections.

Carson was arrested this morning on a charge of threatening to kill his wife, Elizabeth, who alleges that Carson waved a revolver in her face December 4, and said, "Young lady, I'll fix you this time proper." Carson furnished bonds to the amount of $1,000, and he will appear in the municipal court tomorrow to answer.

Meanwhile he has filed his damage suit. The Carsons were married in San Francisco December 28, 1906, Mrs. Carson's maiden name being Elizabeth B. Higbee. They went at once to Los Angeles and the husband says they were happy until Hadley's insidious wiles poisoned the mind of his wife and finally caused her to leave him.

Later he came to Portland and a reconciliation was effected. Now a second time Hadley, Carson says, has come between them. Carson is a shoe salesman here.

Telegraph Brevities

FOR SALMON PROPAGATION—Washington, Dec. 18.—President Roosevelt indicated that he would set aside Wood river in Alaska for salmon propagation. The order will prohibit salmon fishing in this river.

PIONEER DIES—Redding, Dec. 18.—James Morris, for 55 years a resident of Weaverville and proprietor of the New York hotel, died there this morning, aged 71.

ASPHYXIATED ON RANCH—Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 18.—John Graham, aged 50, and Percy Parker were asphyxiated on a ranch two miles south of this city last night.

ELECTRICIAN SLAIN—Bakersfield, Dec. 18. Ed Murray, an electrician, was killed by 2,000 volts of electricity passing through his body this afternoon. Murray was 22 years old and has a home in Royal Oaks, a suburb of Detroit, Mich.

CONSECRATED MISSIONARY BISHOP—New York, Dec. 18.—Rev. Robert Lewis Paddock, pastor of the Church of the Holy Apostles in this city, was consecrated Episcopal missionary bishop of the diocese of eastern Oregon today.

SHOT BY REVOLUTIONISTS—St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Police Colonel Kalchau was shot dead and several of his men were wounded today in a fight which followed an attempt to search a revolutionist house in the Vasilian section of the city.

POLICEMEN IN DUEL—Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—In a pistol duel tonight over a woman, it is alleged, Patrolman G. W. Giddings was killed and G. W. Bradley twice wounded. The police are hunting for Bradley, who, a report has it, has killed himself.

BUYS SANTA CLARA BONDS—Sacramento, Dec. 18.—The state today bought 40 water, light and power bonds of the town of Santa Clara. The bonds are of 40 years' issue, bear 4½ per cent interest and cost the state, with accrued interest, $21,630.87.

NOTED CIRCUS MAN DEAD—New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Gus Kingling, head of the circus combination which controls the shows of Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey and Forepaugh-Sells, died here today at a sanitarium. His death was due to a complication of diseases.

CHAMPIONS RIGHTS OF POLES—Paris, Dec. 18.—Henry Sienkiewich, the Polish author, has published a protest and appeal to the intellectual world against the Germanizing of Prussian-Poland, especially the recent proposition made by Prince von Bulow, the German chancellor, for the expropriation of land belonging to Poles.

BLIND STUDENT IS GRADUATED—Chicago, Dec. 18.—George Rex Clark, blind from birth, graduated from the University of Chicago yesterday with an A. B. degree. Like Helen Keller, he made marvelous advancement in his studies and found time also to take up telegraphy and typewriting. He was also one of the most loyal rooters of his class on the football field.

MINING MAN DIES—Oakland, Dec. 18.—H. B. Vercoe, formerly a well known mining operator, is dead at his home in England. His son John L. Vercoe, a mining expert, has been summoned home. H. B. Vercoe operated in Fresno and Riverside counties for years. He returned to England on account of failing health.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD CHARGED WITH FAILURE

Failure on the part of the civil service commissioners to live up to the spirit of the civil service reform movement and to adequately meet the exigencies which arise in filling places in the city government under the merit system are charged against the incumbent board by the municipal civil service employes' association in a communication addressed to Mayor Taylor last evening. The document was signed by J. D. Campbell, president of the association, and Ed M. Coffey, secretary. It was prepared by Attorney E. R. Zion, in conjunction with the executive committee of the association.

In its opening the communication relates the scope of the merit system of appointments as provided by the charter. It declares that while the charter has been in force nearly eight years there are 802 persons supposed to be under the merit system who have not yet been examined.

Complaint is made against the system in vogue that no broad classification is made. It is cited that a special examination for the position of secretary of the fire pension fund committee had to be held while there were several eligible lists of clerks from which the position could have been filled and there was even an eligible list for the almost identical position of secretary of the police fund pension committee. Under the national civil service regulations, it is pointed out, the classification is much broader.

"The failure of the commission broadly to classify positions has enabled the heads of departments to create new designations for the express purpose of making personal appointments," the report says. "In the four civil service departments under the mayor," the paper continues, "promotion is secured by political favor and disrating is incurred by political disfavor. This condition forces into politics employes who are supposed to be out of politics."

To avoid this condition the association recommended that the commission make rules, as it was particularly charged to do, providing for the promotion of civil service employes on merit. The commission, it was urged, should also work to have the sheriff's, county clerk's and other county offices included in the scope of the civil service provisions. In conclusion the report states that the present civil service commission was no worse than its predecessors had been.

SAFE CRACKERS FOILED BY VIGILANCE OF CLERK

OAKLAND, Dec. 18.—Two safe breakers with a complete kit of tools, including dynamite and drills for blowing open a safe, were surprised and driven away from the big steel vault of the Charlton bazaar at Tenth street and Broadway last night by the timely arrival of W. W. Hoffman, a clerk in the Berkeley establishment of the firm.

Hoffman, on his arrival at the Broadway door of the bazaar, noticed a light in the front room of the bazaar. He tried the door and found it locked. Going to the side, or Tenth street entrance, he passed two men, who hurried away in the dark.

Hoffman found a complete kit of burglar tools lying ready for use before the safe. It included drills, a dark lantern and dynamite. He notified the police.

GIVES CHURCH BELL—Palo Alto, Dec. 18. Miss Mabel Seale has given the new Presbyterian church a large church bell in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Seale.

SAYS CONGRESS IS LOTH TO PROBE THE FLURRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Senator Culberson today discussed his resolutions directing the committee of finance to investigate the causes of the financial stringency. He referred to the messages of the president in which he suggested the necessity of legislation in the near future and said that either the president had changed his mind or that congress was loth to carry out recommendations.

"I have noticed," said Culberson, "that statements from Mr. Roosevelt have not always been received with that degree of welcome as was those of his illustrious predecessor, George Washington."

Culberson had read an article in a Philadelphia paper declaring that banking laws had been dictated by banking interests.

"It is said by some," he said, "that this condition is due to the machinations of stock gamblers who would cripple commerce in order to force the money which was in the interior banks to the east, where it may be used for speculative purposes."

The resolution was referred to the finance committee.

Resolutions were introduced by Senator Tillman asking the interstate commerce commission to report whether any corporation engaged in interstate commerce was the owner of the stock of any other corporation carrying passengers and freight, and calling on the interstate commerce commission to define the authority of the federal government and of the states in respect to the control of the liquor traffic through the operation of the interstate commerce law.

These resolutions provoked considerable debate and were finally referred to the senate committee, though one of them was transformed into a bill.

The bill provides that all intoxicating liquors transported into any state or territory or remaining therein shall upon arrival within the state and before or after delivery to the consignee be subject to the laws of such state in the same manner as though such liquors had been produced in such state or territory and shall not be exempt therefrom by reason of being introduced in original package or otherwise.

COUNTRY'S COAL MINES CLAIM MANY VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employes as those of most European countries. In the last seventeen years 22,840 men have given up their lives in the mines in this country. As many violent deaths have occurred in the mines during the last six years as during the preceding eleven years.

The number of fatal accidents each year is now double that of the year 1895. In 1906 6,861 men were killed or injured in the mines, the dead numbering 2,061 and the injured 4,800.

These facts have been gleaned by government experts acting under orders from Secretary Garfield of the interior department to investigate the nature and extent of mine disasters, particularly those resulting from explosions, and also to make suggestions as to how mining conditions may be improved and accidents prevented.

George Otis Smith, director of the geological survey, through explosives experts, made a number of examinations of the more dangerous coal mines of Indian Territory. In addition the nature and causes of a number of disastrous coal mine explosions in several of the states were made.

The conclusions of the experts are found in a bulletin issued today on coal mine accidents, their causes and preventions. The statement in the bulletin that an increase in the number and in the seriousness of mine explosions may be expected to continue has already proven fateful, for since the words were written the country has been startled with the news of three mine explosions costing nearly 500 lives.

HEYDENFELDT IS HIGH PRIEST—Palo Alto, Dec. 18.—The local lodge of Royal Arch Masons elected the following officers last night: Thomas O. Heydenfeldt, high priest; O. L. Koop, king; John D. Boyd, scribe; C. E. Childs, treasurer; C. H. Dobbel, secretary.

PROPOSES PENALTY FOR TAX DODGING COMPANIES

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 18.—Enactment of laws which will compel corporations to give to the state board of equalization all the information it holds necessary for making just assessments was considered at length by the state revenue and taxation commission and the state board of equalization today.

The commission took up the revision of the political code sections relating to the taxation of banks and insurance companies and the subject of penalties to be imposed upon the failure of such corporations to make reports as required by the state board of equalization and what machinery should be provided for the payment of various corporation taxes.

As to punishments, it was the decision that there should not only be penalties for officers of corporations who failed to appear when cited, but also for the corporations themselves in case they refuse to allow examination of their books or to furnish information.

When State Controller Nye was asked how changing the code would affect such cases as that of the Pullman company, which refused to give the state board certain information it desired, he said:

"It was stated by the officials of the Pullman company that they were not in a position to give certain information asked by the state board. Under the new law proposed it would be compulsory on the part of such companies to give the information asked, as the law would be specific and enumerate just what is required of the companies, so that neither the Pullman company nor any other would be able to get around it."

The session of the commission came to a close today. No date was set for another meeting, and it is probable that none will be held for six months. The commission will make its report direct to the legislature.

MAY SELECT STOCKTON AS A FREIGHT CENTER

Santa Fe Officials Looking for a New Divisional Point in California

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

STOCKTON, Dec. 18.—The Santa Fe is about to create a new freight division point in California, and indications are that railroad officials who visited this city today will decide upon Stockton as the most central point for that purpose. The present freight division covers a territory reaching from Point Richmond to Bakersfield.

General Traffic Manager Chambers of the Santa Fe is in favor of the selection of Stockton as a freight center. The matter will be taken up with the chamber of commerce next Monday. Large tracts of land for the necessary yards and freight sheds are offered the company in the Fair Oaks addition to Stockton.

BUREAU OF ELECTRICITY REQUIRES MORE MONEY

The police and fire committees of the board of supervisors met in joint session yesterday and took up the matter of improving conditions in the department of electricity. Superintendent Hewitt reported that he had been compelled to lay off 26 of the 57 employes to meet a deficit of $2,500 in the appropriation. In consequence complaints were coming in from owners who were compelled to wait to have their buildings inspected after the installation of electric wires. Hewitt said that the work was being hurried as fast as circumstances would permit.

After considerable discussion the joint committee decided to prepare a list of the employes actually required and present it to the supervisors' finance committee for action. They will also furnish separate reports on the cost of maintaining the fire and police alarm system, the general office and the inspection department.

It is considered not unlikely around the city hall that when the commission reports on the employes required Hewitt's name may be missing from the list. He is not held in high esteem by the supervisors, as he has twice disregarded instructions from them, the last instance being in the issuance of a permit to the United Railroads to erect trolley wires in Pacific avenue. While Hewitt did not himself issue the permit, one of his subordinates did, and the supervisors feel that if he had been attending to his duty it would not have occurred. At a recent meeting of the supervisors the matter was called to the attention of the mayor with a request that he take such action as he deemed proper.

ELKS WILL ENTERTAIN—Oakland, Dec. 18. Oakland lodge No. 171 of Elks will hold a Christmas jinks in Elks' hall Thursday evening.

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