GENERAL ASSAULT ON RAILROAD BILL

Insurgents Side With Democrats in Bitter Attack on the Administration Measure

Fight Over Commerce Court Provision Waged Heatedly in Both Senate and House

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The railroad bill was the one conspicuous feature before both the senate and the house today.

In the house the "insurgents," joining the democrats, practically took charge of the measure. They succeeded in having adopted numerous amendments, one of which would remove from the president to the supreme court of the United States the authority for organization of the court of commerce. The entire day was devoted to discussing and voting on the commerce court provision. A motion by Hubbard of Iowa to strike out the entire commerce court provision was defeated by a tie vote.

In the senate Clapp of Minnesota hurled defiance at the administration and regular party leaders in congress for the supposed effort to read "insurgent" senators out of the party. He intimated the people were not following the leaders, who, he said, were merely reading themselves out of the party by the course they were adopting. He took especial exception to the recent speech of Attorney General Wickersham.

DENOUNCES THE BILL

Senator Hughes denounced the railroad bill as a whole and Senator Heyburn undertook to combat the contention that the Crawford-Elkins provision nullified the Sherman anti-trust law in so far as it affects the railroads.

Voting on the amendments to the railroad bill began in the house late in the day. It became evident that practically all the "insurgents" were voting with the democrats.

The house acting as in committee of the whole, no record vote was taken, the voting being viva voce, by division and by tellers.

Upon the motion of Hubbard of Iowa to strike out the entire paragraph relating to a commerce court, Bennett of New York, in the chair, announced the vote was 131 to 130 and then announced his own vote in the negative, which defeated the motion.

A demand for a vote by tellers was made. While this vote was being taken Speaker Cannon came into the house from his private room with the party organization. The vote by tellers was 140 to 139, Bennett again voting in the negative.

SPEAKER IS COLLARLESS

The defeat of the motion was accomplished only after the greatest activity on the part of the majority to summon regular republicans. A rather spectacular feature of this vote was the hurried entrance of the speaker without a collar. He had been called unexpectedly when there was not a moment to lose.

The "insurgents" varied in their voting. At times as many as 25 voted with the democrats, while on other motions their numbers were reduced to about a dozen.

In the senate Hughes made a sweeping attack on the railroad bill.

"It is not statesmanship," he said, "to urge through great measures like this without argument or explanation. The people have a right to ask greater consideration when their interests are so materially affected."

OPPOSES CHANGE IN COMMERCE LAW

Bureau of Merchants' Exchange Wants Long and Short Haul Clause Retained

The traffic bureau of the Merchants' exchange will oppose the amendment to the interstate commerce law introduced by Senator Dixon of Montana in the United States senate, by which he proposes to make the long and short haul clause mandatory, inasmuch as it provides that it shall be unlawful for a railroad to charge more for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line or route in the same direction.

At a meeting of the governing committee of the bureau, held yesterday afternoon, the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the California delegation in congress:

Whereas, there is now under consideration by the United States senate, an amendment to the act to regulate commerce, introduced by Senator Dixon of Montana, by which the long and short haul clause (section 4) is made mandatory, inasmuch as it seeks to make unlawful a greater charge for a shorter than for a longer distance over the same line or route in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance, and

Whereas, such amendment, if adopted, would be destructive to the advantages inherent to cities located upon navigable waters, as well as unfair to railways serving cities so located.

Resolved, that this bureau, through its governing committee, is opposed to said Dixon amendment, and its manager is hereby directed to convey such expression to the members of the California senatorial delegation, with the request that they strenuously oppose the adoption of the Dixon amendment, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be handed to the various commercial bodies of this city, with the recommendation that they take like action, and that copies be also forwarded to other Pacific coast traffic bureaus.

"DAMON AND PYTHIAS" WILL OPEN TONIGHT

Initial Performance of Famous Play Assured of Success

The first performance of "Damon and Pythias," under the auspices of Phoenix lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, in aid of their fund for entertainment of delegates to the meeting of the supreme council in this city in 1915, will take place at the Valencia theater this evening.

Phillip Keene, a young actor and nephew of the late tragedian, Thomas Keene, has been engaged, with his company, to produce this famous play of fraternal devotion, and the version that he uses, written and adapted by himself, has been given with success for Pythian bodies all over the United States.

Keene will play Pythias, having made that the dominant role, and his support, which includes Laura Keene, is said to be of a high order of excellence.

Members of the uniform rank of Phoenix lodge will constitute the army and mob incident to the play, and the scenic and costume effects will be historically correct.

The second and last performance of "Damon and Pythias" will be given tomorrow (Thursday) night.

GYMNASIUMS NEEDED MUST AID SCHOLARS

GEORGE A. MERRILL
Principal Lick High School.

R. K. ROGERS,
Lick track team. Only winner in Saturday's meet from San Francisco.

FRANK H. MORTON,
Principal Lowell High School.

T. R. BANNERMAN,
President of the Board of Education.

MRS. LOVELL WHITE
Of the Playground Commission.

If progress is made along the lines suggested we can look for victorious teams instead of vanquished ones. It is time the high school principals got together and devised a uniform system of physical training. The right chord has been struck.

The teams of the city high schools are almost hopelessly lost in the present disorganized conditions which surround them.

Instead of having them invade the pool rooms and nickelodeons we must offer them inducements at school to keep them from unhealthy associations.

Let's strike the iron while it's hot. Now is the time to do something to lift the boys back on their feet. Let us listen to their cause.

Everything should be done to bring about results. The cost in dollars is as nothing compared to the threatened cost in vitality.

CHICAGO RECEIVES CHINESE PRINCE

Confusion of Party With Japanese Consul General and Entourage Causes Worry

CHICAGO, April 26.—Prince Tsai Tao Poy Lak, Chinese minister of war and uncle of the boy emperor, with a party of 17, arrived here today and departed for the east tonight.

K. Midzuno, consul general from Japan to New York, with his personal staff of 12, also arrived.

The Chinese and Japanese delegations arrived over different railroads, and thereby hangs a tale. In this connection General Frederick D. Grant added to his soldiery name a reputation for being a diplomat and a seer.

The Chinese and Japanese parties traveled from San Francisco to Omaha on the same train. The train was split at the Missouri river. One section, carrying Prince Tsai Tao, came into Chicago over the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. The second section, containing the Japanese, came in over the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad.

Mistaking the Japanese for the Chinese delegation, a Milwaukee conductor telegraphed Chicago headquarters saying that he had Prince Tsai Tao aboard his train. Railroad officials attempted to have General Grant remove his reception committee, secret service men and detachment of police from the Wells street station to the union depot to meet the Milwaukee train.

Although unable to secure definite information General Grant refused to be swayed from the original plan. As the trains were more than an hour late the situation grew extremely tense. Gloom and uncertainty, however, were finally dispelled as the famous uncle of "the brother of the sun" stepped from his belated train into General Grant's arms at Wells street.

An automobile drive about the city, a banquet and a visit to a grand opera performance followed. The prince's party, which includes Lord Li Chang, son of the great Li Hung Chang, left for Washington shortly after midnight.

BRITISH RIVAL CHINESE IN TEA DRINKING HABIT

Fragrant Beverage Is Popular Throughout United Kingdom

The people of Great Britain are large consumers of tea. In London in each city square one will find one or more retail tea houses, where this beverage is dispensed with other light refreshments. In the less pretentious sections of the city a cup of tea with a roll of bread and fresh butter are served at 8 to 10 cents, and in the more pretentious neighborhoods this charge is doubled and quadrupled.

The total imports of tea into the United Kingdom increased considerably in 1909, amounting in value to $56,726,873, as compared with $52,223,030 in 1908. The re-exports to other countries amounted to $11,315,517 in value in 1909, as compared with $9,116,950 in 1908. The value of the tea exports to the United States in 1909 was $2,108,123. The official returns of the United States show that the value of the tea imported from the United Kingdom was $2,786,932, while the total imports from all countries was $16,553,032 in 1909, as compared with $16,660,322 in 1907. The London exporters assert that they see a fine future in tea exports to the United States, and expect an annual increase in the consumption of tea in that country.

More than 300 wholesale tea merchants are doing business in the city of London alone. This does not include the dealers that are listed as tea brokers, but does include the packers of tea from bulk into small quantities.

To ascertain the retail prices 10 of the largest retail tea firms were visited. Those in the west end obtained apparently far better prices for their goods than those in the less aristocratic sections of the city. All the prices given are per pound for one pound or more, fractions of a pound costing relatively more money. The following named blends were offered at the different places:

Good India tea, 1s 6d (36 cents); Indo-Ceylon, 1s 8d (40 cents); Excellent Congo, 2s (48 cents); Fine Congo, rich full flavor, 2s 4d (56 cents); Souchong and Darjeeling, 2s 6d (60 cents; Choice Souchong, highly a connoisseur's tea, 3s 6d (85 cents); Pure Ceylon teas, under the names strong, fine, superior, or choice, 1s 9d to 3s 6d (42 to 85 cents); Pure India teas, 2s to 4s (48 to 96 cents); Finest Darjeeling Orange Pekoe, 4s to 5s (96 cents to $1.22); Pure China teas, 2s 2d to 3s 6d (52 to 85 cents); Finest Lapsing Souchong, 3s to 4s (73 to 96 cents); black teas, green teas and fancy teas were quoted at from 2s to 3s 6d (48 to 85 cents); Finest Formosa oolong, 4s (96 cents); Finest Scented Caper, 3s (73 cents); Finest Moyune hyson, 4s (96 cents); Finest Moyune gunpowder, 4s (96 cents. None of those firms offered anything other than the finest and highest grade of teas.

Excursion to Ukiah

By taking the excursion on Sunday, May 1, you have four hours at Ukiah, during which time visits can be made to Vichy springs, fish hatchery, asylum, Indian rancheria and other points of interest. The trip can be taken in absolute comfort, as each ticket sold insures a seat. The leaving time from San Francisco is 8:45 a. m. Tickets on sale at 874 Market street and ferry.

Russian hides and skins to the value of $8,031,715 were shipped from Riga to the United States in 1909, against $3,474,972 worth in 1908, writes Consul Hernando de Soto.

HYDE ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN TYPHOID

Water at Swope Home Was Bitter, According to Admission of Witness

KANSAS CITY, April 26.—There was plenty of testimony in the Hyde murder trial today. Two of Mrs. Hyde's sisters, Lucy Lee and Sarah Swope, were witnesses. Neither recognized Mrs. Hyde. She made no attempt to speak to them.

Lucy Lee Swope said that Doctor Hyde gave her a drink of water while coming home on a train from New York with him December 14. She admitted that she took some of Jordan the "yarb" man's remedies on the train and was ill before she reached home. Typhoid fever developed in four days after her arrival in Independence.

INQUIRY AS TO TYPHOID

Dr. F. M. Perkins was called by Doctor Hyde to the Swope house on December 18, testified Miss Swope, to investigate the typhoid epidemic. Doctor Hyde expressed the opinion that the fever was brought to the house in food, said Miss Swope.

"Doctor Perkins said the fever had walked in and walked out again," she added.

Sarah Swope, who is only 14 years old, was on the stand a few minutes, and was asked only one question by the defense.

"I would as soon drink poison as the cistern water on this place," Miss Nora Bell Dickson, a second cousin of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, testified that Mrs. Hyde told her last fall, in speaking of the water in the Swope premises. Miss Swope also said she noticed the drinking water at the Swope house was bitter last November. Chrisman Swope and Stewart Fleming noted the same thing, she said. All were attacked by typhoid in a few days.

WOMAN WEEPS IN COURT

After hearing Miss Dickson's testimony, Judge Latshaw ordered it stricken out as not relevant to the case.

Mrs. Swope cried today when Mrs. May Pierce, a nurse, testified that in his last hours, probably during a delirium, the nurse thought Chrisman Swope beseeched his care takers to bring his mother to him as he knew he was going to die, and wanted to make his will.

Miss Rose Churchill, a nurse, testified that on the morning of December 18 Doctor Hyde visited Margaret Swope's room and asked her if she wanted to take an empty capsule.

"Did he say it jokingly? Was he laughing?" asked Walsh, Doctor Hyde's counsel, in explanation.

"He was always smiling," answered the witness.

DIRTY WATER INJECTED

Miss Gordon, the nurse, who was on the stand about an hour at the close of court yesterday, testified today that she saw Doctor Hyde use dirty water in giving Chrisman Swope a hypodermic injection. The statement came as a surprise to both the state and the defense, as the nurse had never spoken of the alleged occurrence before.

Asked why she did not speak to Doctor Hyde when she saw him using dirty water in making a hypodermic, Miss Gordon said:

"There is an ironbound rule that we shall never criticise the attending physician. I merely looked at Doctor Hyde."

The state attempted to get into evidence the orders that were given by Doctor Twyman regarding the administering of medicine at the house during the typhoid epidemic. Strenuous objection by the defense caused the court to send the jury to its room while the point was argued.

The court held that the testimony might be introduced and Gordon said that Doctor Twyman ordered that no more of the medicine then in the house be given to the patients. All of the medicine in the house was destroyed December 18 and new remedies purchased, said the witness.

Telegraphic Brevities

APPOINTED POSTMASTER—Washington, D. C., April 26.—Charles A. Salmina was today appointed postmaster at Marshall, Marin county, vice E. G. Maggetti, resigned.

CONVICTED OF SLAYING HUSBAND—Jeffersonville, Ind., April 26.—Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, charged with the murder of her husband, George Armstrong, by poison, was found guilty of manslaughter today.

PEACE JUSTICE A SUICIDE—Reno, Nev., April 26.—W. R. Fitts, justice of the peace of Lovelock, Nev., committed suicide in Reno this afternoon by taking strychnine. Despondency is supposed to have been the cause.

COLONEL'S WIDOW MARRIED—London, April 26.—At the Savoy chapel today Charles Cadell, son of Lieutenant General Cadell of the British army, was married to the widow of Colonel Charles Bantroni, U. S. A., of Los Angeles.

RELEASED AND REARRESTED—Phoenix, Ariz., April 26.—Harry Oliver was released from a charge of burglary today and was immediately rearrested to await instruction from the authorities of Los Angeles, where he is said to be wanted on seven charges of forgery, preferred by the California and American bankers' association.

During the last three years there has been a fairly steady increase in the quantity of natural gas used in this country for domestic purposes, a decrease in the quantity used for manufacturing purposes and an increase in the average price.

WANT $30,000 FOR ATHLETICS

President Bannerman Plans to Call Mass Meeting to Discuss Gymnasiums

Children Must Have Proper Physical Training, Declares Mrs. Lovell White

in almost a total neglect of the physical development of the girls of the public schools. Mrs. L. A. Hayward and Mrs. Lovell White both express themselves deeply concerned in this phase of their work as members of the playground commission, and both will be in attendance at the meeting to be called by President Bannerman.

Need More Athletics

Principal George A. Merrill of the Lick high school declares that the present decline of the school athlete is due to the lack of systematic training afforded in the public institutions of learning. In theu ltimates ocialization of the high school, in which the present movement is, he insists, a step, he sees the rescue of the boys from the present slough of neglect. Enthusiastically indorsing thei ndividual athletic trainer and thec redit system, he expresses it as his opinion that much more time should be given the students out of doors, in large stadiums erected near the high schools.

"The right chord has been struck," said he yesterday. "The entire system of high school training needs revolutionizing. Under present conditions there are too many distractions to call the boy's attention away from the healthy atmosphere of the school life. In a great city like ours there are too many temptations to draw him away. If we do not make up for this we must expect to lose that vitality which loss was evidenced at the track meet last Saturday. Too much attention can not be given the physical welfare of the students, and at the present time too little is being accorded it.

"The Call is launching a movement which should work a great benefit to the youth of our city, and if progress is made along the lines suggested we can look for victorious track teams instead of vanquished ones. However, the fault of present conditions does not rest with the boys. They have no facilities. They are constantly working under great handicaps against their country contestants. tI is certainly high time the principals of the schools got together and devised a uniform system of physical training. The movement is vitally important; too important to be neglected for a moment, and I heartily indorse the suggestions so far made."

The first word of complaint to be uttered by the plucky youngsters who went out in the field Saturday against such terrific odds was uttered yesterday by R. K. Rogers, the star performer of the Lick team.

SCHOOLS DISORGANIZED

"The teams of the city schools are almost hopelessly lost in the present disorganized conditions which surround them," said he. "With the park stadium miles from the high schools and no immediate facilities with which to develop, the prospect is certainly discouraging. We have no time to make a long trip to the park, and no instruction when we get there if we did go. The other teams have their regular physical directors, while we are forced to depend on volunteer coaching from one of the universities. With small schoolyard space, no gymnasium and no systematic training, we must expect a decline."

Rogers lowered the interscholastic record Saturday in the 220 yard dash, establishing the time of :22 2-5 for the event. He also has the bay counties league record in that event, and has tied the Amateur athletic league and San Francisco league time in the 220 and 100 yard dash. He was the only entrant among all the San Francisco teams to win a first place.

"I am convinced of the truth in the arguments advanced and feel, with the others in the department, that more attention should be given the physical training of the high school students," said Principal Morton of Lowell yesterday. "In the city there are too many attractions to draw the boys away from school life. Some effort must be made to hold them. Instead of having them invade the pool rooms and nickelodeons we must offer them inducements at school to keep them from unhealthy associations. I believe The Call has advanced a splendid idea which should be acted upon at once. The suggestion of individual athletic instructors, more play grounds and high school credits for track work should immeasurably contribute to the rejuvenation of our school athletic enthusiasm. A mass meeting is a good idea and will have the effect of getting the department and the students in touch with each other."

TIME TO ACT

"Now is the time to get together," said President Bannerman yesterday. "Let's hit the iron while it's hot and do something for the boys. Let us listen to their cause. We have witnessed their efforts and now must remedy the conditions their failure reflect. A mass meeting will put us in touch with the evils of the present system, and then we can intelligently remedy them."

In sending out the call for the meeting President Bannerman will direct invitations to President William P. Humphrey of the Olympic club, Sidney S. Peixotto, president of the Pacific Athletic association, the members of the playgrounds commission and the members of the track teams of the different high schools. An attempt will be made to have Frank Boke of Oakland attend and give an exposition of the system now being used in that place. Plans will then be formulated by which some credit system can be uniformly adopted in the city high schools and the matter of instructors presented to the proper municipal authorities. In the budget of expenses to be allowed for the coming fiscal year the board of education has asked for but $3,000 for "athletics." An attempt will be made to have the board of supervisors raise this amount to $30,000, so that gymnasium equipment can be purchased for the four schools now dependent on their bounty.

Want More Playgrounds

"More playground room for the school children," was the slogan of a mass meeting of parents of the Hayes valley district, held last night at the headquarters of the Hayes Valley improvement club, 560 Hayes street.

The meeting, which was composed largely of women, adopted a resolution demanding that the board of supervisors appropriate sufficient money to enlarge the John Swett school from 12 to 14 rooms, taking action on the statements of Mrs. M. M. Fitzgerald, principal of the school, to the effect that the attendance had doubled within the last two years.

A resolution was also adopted requesting the supervisors, in the next budget, to appropriate a sufficient sum to cut down the Hayes street hill, in order to give the district better transportation facilities. A letter from Mayor McCarthy stated that he was heartily in favor of removing the hill.

Among the speakers of the evening were:

Miss Jeannette Carroll	Andrew Gallagher
Mrs. L. Elsner	J. E. Sparrow
H. E. Marshall	J. J. McManus

QUARREL WAKENS LOVE FOR BIRDS

Board of Works Must Decide Whether Structure Is Aviary or "Spite Fence"

After Bitter Fight Members of Family Suddenly Experience Finer Feeling

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knowing that the work must be prevented to maintain the family's strategic position in the negotiations for a sale.

Defiantly Sat Her Ground

The girl's mother was absent from home, and as soon as Wagner led his workmen to the west side of the apartments which was flush with the Mueller domain she seated herself with her back against the new structure and defied the workman to lay a hand on her or sheet lath the wall. Wagner instructed his men not to touch the girl, but to proceed and place the board, leaving open the area which the girl's back covered.

When the workmen were required to lath the wall higher up they swung a painter's scaffold from the roof of the apartment and hung out over the Mueller property. Miss Mueller at once secured the garden hose, turned on the water full force and with a winsome laugh proceeded to give the workmen a drenching. While she directed the stream of water neighbors, under the direction of the plucky girl, picked up saws, hammers, squares, rules, planes and other paraphernalia of the workmen and threw them into the street. In spite of all opposition, however, Wagner won out and the west side of the Terrace apartments was lathed in record time.

Sudden Love for Birds

There was a council of war in the Mueller household that night, at which were present Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Mueller, Misses Erma and Lucille Mueller, L. C. Mueller, the son, and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cochran, owners of adjoining property and friends. An attorney was consulted the following day concerning legal amenities, and at the next meeting of the board of public works Mrs. C. F. Mueller's innocent looking petition for a permit to build an aviary was granted without any opposition, very few people being aware that such a petition was in existence.

The following Saturday at noon, coincident with the quitting of the workmen on the unfinished Terrace apartments for their half holiday, building activity began in the Mueller back yard. Mueller senior and Mueller junior, reinforced by Neighbor Cochran, all professional men in ordinary life, became carpenters. Posts were driven into the ground along the entire east side of the Mueller property and within a very short time boards were slapped into position and securely nailed.

Superintendent Wagner had established a record in lathing, but during that Saturday afternoon and night his achievement was eclipsed by mere amateurs. Sunday morning saw a board wall about 15 feet high running the entire length of the Mueller property parallel with and two and a half inches away from the west side of the Terrace apartments.

Representatives of McDonald and Applegarth were notified and they hurried to the scene.

"It's monstrous!" "Why, they will ruin the view." "It's illegal." These were some of the expressions which broke forth, and Commissioner Day of the former board of public works was hurriedly summoned.

Asked what the structure meant, Mueller innocently replied that the "aviary" was in course of erection and calmly showed Day his own signature at the bottom of the permit to construct the same.

Indignant as were the expressions hurled at the fence when it was 15 feet high, they were mere pleasantries compared with the orations which were erated when the fence was a few days older and 30 feet high, completely shutting off the west side of the apartments.

Mrs. Mueller, who planned the fence, watched its rgowth with an "it will be a big help to the author when it grows up" expression, while Kenneth McDonald and his partner, Applegarth, viewed it with increasing despair.

The owners of the apartments sued for terms only to be informed that the Mueller property with its appurtenance of an "unfinished aviary" was for sale at $9,000, an increase to offset the price of the lumber and labor in the "aviary." No agreement could be reached.

This one wall was the only part of the proposed "aviary" erected, and when the scaffolding was removed yesterday McDonald and Applegarth came to the conclusion that no more of the aviary would ever be built.

"That is a spite fence and not an aviary," said Kenneth McDonald yesterday, "and it was built because we would not pay the exorbitant and absurd price of $8,500 for the Mueller property. It is apparent that the structure is nothing more than a subterfuge to hurt our property, and we have hope that the board of public works will take action to condemn it."

Mrs. Mueller, discussing the matter yesterday, admitted that the aviary was in rather an unfinished condition and could give no definite date at which operations would be resumed. She also commented on the difficulty of securing birds which she fancied and which would be desirable inhabitants of the aviary.

"That aviary wall will stand," said Mrs. Mueller, "despite any threats to tear it down. In regard to when I will finish it, that is a matter in which no one but myself can have any possible interest."

In the meantime the neighbors think that the "spite fence" is a "bird," and that war is all that Sherman said about it.

Spring Medicine

There is no other season when medicine is so much needed as in the spring. The blood is impure and impoverished—a condition indicated by pimples, boils and other eruptions on the face and body, by deficient vitality, loss of appetite, lack of strength.

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Get it today. In liquid form or chocolated tablets called Sarsatabs. 100 doses $1.

BJORNSON'S FIGHT FOR LIFE FUTILE

Great Norwegian Poet, Novelist and Dramatist Dies in Paris After Long Illness

Unable to Submit to Necessary Treatment, He Succumbs, Surrounded by Family

PARIS, April 27.—Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet, novelist and dramatist, reformer and advocate of universal peace, died here tonight, surrounded by his family. His end was peaceful.

The last serious illness of the novelist extended over nearly a year. He was brought to Paris for special treatment in the early part of last November, accompanied by his wife and daughter, a physician and nurse, and during part of the journey traveled with the king of Denmark in the king's private car.

In Paris, however, he was unable to receive the treatment for arterio sclerosis, from which he was suffering, but, notwithstanding, he showed marked improvement for a time, due entirely to his wonderful vitality.

DEATH WAS EXPECTED

Again in February his death was expected momentarily, but the crisis passed, though leaving him less able to withstand the next attack. During the last week it was apparent that he could not hold out much longer. Prior to his death he was unconscious for some hours.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson was born at Kvikne, Osterdalen, Norway, December 8, 1832. His father was a clergyman. He completed his education at the University of Christiania and Copenhagen and first became known in consequence of some articles and stories he contributed to newspapers.

In 1857 he returned from abroad and was first director of the theater in Bergen and afterward for a short time editor of the Aftenbladt Journal in Christiania.

As a journalist Bjornston expressed strong republican opinions, which aroused considerable public excitement. Finally he was condemned to a year's imprisonment for treason, but escaped to Germany and afterward to America and did not return to Christiania until 1882. Once more he began the work of agitation against the government and the union of the two Scandinavian kingdoms.

FIRST DRAMATIC WRITING

It was Ole Bull who appointed him to the directorship of the Bergen theater and in 1858 he put on the stage "Hilte Hulda" and "Mellem Slagene." Other notable plays written by him are "Kong Swerrere," the triology of "Sigurd Slembe," and the tragedy of "Mary Stuart." His comedy "Hanske" was translated for the English stage in 1894.

Bjornson's first novel, "Sinno Eve Solbakken," appeared in 1857, and on the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary, at Christiania, the novelist received an enormous number of greetings from all countries. It was followed by "Arne," a sketch of Norwegian country life; "A Happy Boy" and "The Fisher Maiden," both stories of the peasantry.

As a lyric poet Bjornson took high rank; he even attempted the composition of epic verse. He was a voluminous writer and dramatist, and in all his work strove to become a vehicle of national feeling, seeking to give expression to the Norwegian spirit. He was looked upon as one of the most stimulating influences for the revival of Scandinavian literature.

JEWELERS VICTIMIZED; LOSS ABOUT $2,000,000

Nine Men Arrested in South for Conspiracy

NEW YORK, April 26.—Details of what is described as one of the most gigantic jewelry frauds of recent years with merchants of many of the larger cities as the victims were given out in New York tonight in a formal statement issued by M. D. Rothschild, president of the jewelers' board of trade.

The losses are estimated to date at $500,000 and a full investigation, it is said, will greatly increase these figures. Some estimates of the loss range as high as $2,000,000.

While jewelers are said to be the principal losers, dealers in general merchandise are also said to have suffered and insurance frauds and arson figure in the charges.

The nine men said to be involved were arrested simultaneously in three different southern cities Friday. The technical charge against them is said to be conspiracy to defraud the government and withholding assets from a trustee in bankruptcy.

Prosecution of the charges has been referred to the United States district attorney at Mobile.

PRAIRIE FIRE KILLS WOMAN—Winnipeg, Man., April 26.—One woman is known to have been burned to death at Reston in a prairie fire that caused great loss of property in western Canada today.

FRIEND OF HUGHES, IS NAMED BY TAFT

Gen. Nelson Henry to Become Surveyor of Customs on Governor's Suggestion

Interesting Coincidence Marks the Appointments of Two New Yorkers

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Senate committees now have in custody the nominations of two important officials of New York, drafted by President Taft for the service of the United States.

The nomination of Governor Charles E. Hughes to be associate justice of the supreme court in place of the late David J. Brewer awaits the report of the committee on judiciary.

The nomination of Adjutant General Nelson Henry to be surveyor of customs in place of General Clarkson of the port of New York is in the hands of the committee on commerce.

It was an interesting coincidence that brought the appointment of these two New Yorkers to the senate on the same day. Governor Hughes and General Henry are close personal friends and it is known that the indorsement of Governor Hughes was virtually the deciding factor in the appointment of General Henry.

There seems no doubt of the prompt confirmation of the appointments.

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