

BOOSTERS ARE AGAIN AFTER HOTEL STOCK

Twenty Live Wires Make a Start on Whirlwind Campaign to Cinch Daum Hotel Proposition.

MEETING FIRED WITH ENTHUSIASM

Strenuous Effort Being Put Forth Today to Complete Subscriptions for \$50,000 to Close Deal.

A committee of twenty live wires who want a new hotel for Ottumwa are actively engaged today in making another canvass for subscriptions of preferred stock in the Daum \$165,000 hotel proposition.

A mere handful of men who were patriotic enough to come out to the meeting called for citizens in the Commercial association rooms yesterday afternoon after considerable discussion of the Daum hotel proposition from various angles, decided that the proposition was too good to fall through at this time and lent themselves to the task of raising the money necessary to secure the necessary amount of preferred stock to assure the erection of the building.

The volunteering of some of the city's busiest men personally to go into the work of canvassing subscriptions lent zest to the cause, and although near supper time when the meeting reached that point, a committee of five began the making up of a list of names of persons to be seen and designated who should call upon them.

The sum of \$2,100 was raised during the afternoon and the present total of the subscriptions now stand at \$30,500.

Need, Less Than \$20,000.

Under the new conditions that have been brought about since the proposition was formerly submitted and allowed to drop, there remains but \$50,000 instead of \$75,000 of the preferred stock to raise in Ottumwa. This makes the amount to be raised here in order to secure the new hotel a matter of less than \$20,000 although it does not diminish the amount of stock to be subscribed as originally contemplated other than that the latest arrangement secured by the promoter, W. R. Daum, includes an opportunity to raise \$25,000 preferred stock subscription in Chicago upon the promise of Mr. Daum to buy \$10,000 of that amount within ten years.

The concern taking the third of the preferred stock must be given the contract for the building, but it acts as supervising architect and sublets the various parts of the original contract and while giving a bond to secure the hotel company that the cost of the building will not exceed the estimates it has made on the erection, it further promises to give after holding 10 per cent above the lowest bid of any of the sub-contractors, whatever saving there might be below the original estimate of what that particular branch of construction might cost. In a word the company states that it will guarantee by bond that the building will not cost more than estimated, and to see that it can be erected at a less cost the hotel company will be given the saving in price except 10 per cent charged as payment for plans and supervision by the contracting firm.

Help the Unemployed.

To bring this about considerable expression was brought out among the men present and talks favoring the proposition were made. Major Samuel Mahon dwelt upon the benefit of the building to the unemployed labor circles of Ottumwa during the coming year. He pointed out the importance to the business men of Ottumwa to supply all the employment possible to the laboring men of Ottumwa during the next year, saying that the prospect for a great deal of employment was not the brightest and that it is possible for the mercantile interests to help themselves by supplying work to the labor of the city otherwise unemployed. The help to the city from a building standpoint and in the general tone of improvement was also cited. M. B. Hutchison stated that in the event the new hotel carries there is a pretty good assurance of a few more sites in the same block being graced with new structures and improvement of the present buildings. T. H. Picklar stated that if the matter was to go through the meeting then assembled must decide and urged that all lead to the enterprise, saying that if the proposition goes by now, it will be many years before another so good presents itself. He urged that action be taken immediately. John H. Morrill advocated that the task be started without further delay and that a committee or committees be started on the work of soliciting the subscriptions and volunteered to go with any committee and do all in his power to secure the remainder of the stock to assure the city of the new hotel. He and W. J. Donegan related their ex-

Knock Off Lock; Or Knock Off Block; Didn't Know Which

A certain Ottumwa lawyer is wondering whether it is wise to give advice to prospective clients over the telephone since an experience a few days ago when "lock" and "block" became confused and might have led anywhere to the police or justice or the district courts on a criminal charge instead of providing merely a little civil action as at first promised. In telling of the episode the lawyer said:

"I was called to the telephone by a fellow in the city who asked me for advice. Upon asking him the nature of the case and what the circumstances were, he said that he rented a place on which there was a barn situated, and wished to know if the barn did not form a part of the property he rented as well as the house itself. When the matter was explained I told him that the barn was rented him and he should have the use of it."

"Well, you see I owe the landlady a little money and she has gone ahead and put a lock on the barn. I would not care so much, but I have my winter coal and my horse in the stable and I can't keep a fire going or get my horse because of the lock on the barn. Now, what am I to do?" asked the perplexed client.

"Why, knock the lock off and open the door," I advised. "That's what I thought of doing," said the worried one. "Hello, say, did I understand you aright? Did you say to knock her block off? Oh, knock the lock off. Well, that's what I guess I'll do. Thanks."

BURLINGTON TAXES SALOONS \$2,000 YEAR

Council Puts Up License and is Now Ready to Receive Applications—Meet Friday Afternoon.

Burlington, Dec. 27.—The city council in special session last night fixed the saloon license at \$2,000 per year, as a preliminary to the work of reducing the number of saloons to twenty-four, the limit allowed in Burlington by the Moon law.

The council meets Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock to select the twenty-four individuals who will be allowed permits to sell intoxicating liquors. These may include men operating saloons, wholesale liquor dealers and beer agents. All of these classes must have permits before they can sell.

CARRIED DYNAMITE IN HIS SUIT CASE

Man Arrested in Pennsylvania Mill Town Where 8,000 Non-Unionists Work, Will Confess.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—"I'm going to clear myself. I will not take a blame for this and the rest of them will have to take their medicine along with me." is the utterance credited today to George Bridges, a stranger, arrested at Monessen, Pa., while carrying a suit case containing seventy-two sticks of dynamite and a roll of fuse.

Bridges weakened under police questioning and, according to the authorities declared he would make a clean breast of it when taken before a magistrate for a preliminary hearing late this afternoon.

Little is known of the man. He appeared at Monessen several weeks ago. Eight thousand non-union men are employed in the mills of the town.

IOWA SHIPPERS SEEK REDUCTION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The Greater Des Moines committee today petitioned the interstate commerce commission to order a reduction in class freight rates between Des Moines and points in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. Eleven railroads are named defendants. The committee claims that the rates complained of are unreasonable in comparison with those charged between Des Moines and Chicago.

PLATTSMOUTH MAN DIES OF INJURIES

Plattsmouth, Nebr., Dec. 27.—William Sayles, who was shot by a neighboring farmer, Henry Burrows, Sunday last night in an Omaha hospital, when Burrows was told of the death, he stated to authorities that he and Sayles had quarreled in the morning at the Burrows home and that Sayles had knocked him off a chair. Burrows said he went to Sayles home in the afternoon and shot the latter with a shot gun.

Attempt to Extort Money.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A letter declaring that Violet Ruelher, the missing heiress, was being purposely kept from her mother and that she would be returned on payment of \$150, was received today by Mrs. Buehler. The police regard it as an attempt to extort money and have little belief that the writer has ever seen the girl.

FIRST TALK OF OHIO CAMPAIGN BY LAFOLLETTE

Senator Opening Presidential Fight Praises Wisconsin Laws; Says They are 15 Years Ahead.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 27.—In a traditional stronghold of political conservatives Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, opened here today his campaign as prospective presidential standard bearer of the progressive republicans. A noonday meeting was attended by business men who listened attentively.

Frequent bursts of approval interrupted the senator who described what the progressives stood for and what the progressive movement had done in Wisconsin.

The senator's first appearance on the stage of the theater was the occasion of the first outbreak. His first words were uttered as he drew the speaker's table nearer to the edge of the platform. "I want to get closer to you," he said. "The initiative, referendum and recall was explained by the senator at great length, the latter, he declared, he would extend to the judiciary, and everywhere.

"What are we here for?" he said, "when so many men attend a noonday meeting so distinctly a political character, months before an election? The question is not one of railroad rates, nor tariff, nor one of national currency, but it is a question whether there is a force stronger than the American people. Can the people of the United States after more than a hundred years of trial, control their own government?"

The senator's time was somewhat short because of the theater being needed for a matinee performance, and at 2:30 o'clock he left for Cleveland, where he speaks tonight. While here he was in conference with John D. Fackler of Cleveland, who is in charge of the LaFollette headquarters at Columbus and Judge R. M. Wannamaker of Akron. No discussion of the conference would be entertained by any of the parties thereto.

WISCONSIN LAWS PRAISED

"The nation has profited by Wisconsin's civic evolution," Mr. LaFollette declared, and continued: "It is not claimed for the progressive view in Wisconsin that it has attained its final destiny, that it has settled all the questions that vex and trouble thoughtful people everywhere and cause unrest, but we do know that we have achieved certain things. We know that government has been made representative—truly representative.

"We do know that the dire and awful predictions which alarmed honest men in Wisconsin have been reduced to naught, but all has not fled out of us elsewhere, that state banks, subject to state regulation, are safe and failure is unknown; that the street car, the interurban, the gas, electric light and water rates are undergoing regulation and reduction, and yet, because we have stability, the bonds of all public utilities are selling higher in the markets than those of other states; that railroad rates have been reduced, the services regulated, the complaints of shippers adjusted, and yet the railroads of Wisconsin are more prosperous than in other states because of the sense of security that prevails everywhere, and every producer, every manufacturer knows that his competitor within the scope of state regulation enjoys no secret favor or advantage.

State 15 Years Ahead of Saters.

"The old feeling of class antagonism and distrust is fast giving place to peace, confidence and prosperity. It was clearly understood at the outset that we were entering on a new era; that wonderful industrial development of the country had outgrown our statutes and legislation; that the problems were complex and intricate in a high degree and that they required profound study and research and the application of the best expert knowledge available.

"Whatever success we have attained in Wisconsin throughout the enactment of wise, conservative statutes, has been the result of a clear and definite comprehension of the importance of the work as affecting, not only the material interests of the state but the sociological welfare of the people, in the broadest application of that term.

"The conditions which prevailed in government and business in Wisconsin fifteen years ago, are those which the people in most states and in the nation are facing today."

Mason City Man Bound Over.

Mason City, Dec. 27.—Maro Myusovich, aged 25, was bound over to the charge of killing Philip Dyrucvich on the night of December 22, at his preliminary hearing today.

ANOTHER BIG STICK OFFERING.



PLANS FOR BIG PEACE DINNER

PRESIDENT TAFT TO SPEAK AT GREAT BANQUET IN NEW YORK SATURDAY NIGHT.

New York, Dec. 27.—Close on the heels of one great peace meeting which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification by President Taft's proposed treaties with England and France, disagreements have arisen over what is being planned as one of the greatest peace dinners the country has ever seen to be held here Saturday night. It developed yesterday, according to a member of the committee in charge of the dinner, that former President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to attend the function at which President Taft will be the principal speaker, with a letter declaring his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair and censuring as "traitorous" to their principles all those who accepted invitations to the dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

The executive committee of the National Citizens' committee met late yesterday and discussed the situation. In an interview yesterday Mr. Roosevelt implied his intention not to attend.

1,800 to be Present.

John Temple Graves was selected yesterday as the toastmaster of the dinner, at which it is expected to seat 1,800 prominent persons, including a special train load of diplomats from Washington. A letter received from President Taft yesterday was read. He agreed to be present and to make a thirty minute speech, as well as to remain throughout the dinner if it did not continue for more than three hours and a half.

EXPLOSION ROUTS BUFFALO POLICE

While Searching House For Suspect Two Officers Are Blown Into the Street.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Policemen William Ahern and John Flynn were searching a house in Fay street early today for Paul Lutz, suspected of having committed a murderous assault on a woman when an explosion wrecked the building and hurled the officers into the street. Ahern was badly burned and bruised but Flynn escaped with a few bruises.

Half an hour before the police had been notified that a murder had been committed at 920 Fay street. The officer found that Mrs. Ida Schultz, 55 years old, had been beaten on the head and was dying.

HISTORIANS MEET AT BUFFALO TODAY

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Prominent educators met here today for the annual meeting of the American Historical association, the American Political Science association, and the Mississippi Valley Historical association. The three bodies will meet separately and jointly until Friday. Theodore Roosevelt, first vice president of the American Historical association, will be elected its president this year.

COLD WEATHER IN MIDDLE WEST

DROP OF FROM 15 TO 20 DEGREES IN TEMPERATURE; WILL BE WARMER.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—Bringing the first old fashioned Christmas temperatures of the season the thermometer today showed a drop of from 15 to 20 degrees in the Missouri valley states and an average drop of about ten degrees in the northwest.

It was 6 below at North Platte, Neb., 6 above at Omaha, and Des Moines, and 12 in Kansas City. In the southwest the readings ranged from 26 at Little Rock, 18 in Oklahoma City and 20 at El Paso to 6 at Amarillo, Texas, and 2 below at Dodge City, Kan. The local United States forecaster predicted rising temperatures over the entire district tonight and tomorrow.

Cold in Northwest.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A cold wave from the northwest has caught the lake region. Since yesterday noon the temperature here has fallen from 41 to 23 degrees above zero. The weather bureau says the temperature probably will fall ten degrees more before tomorrow.

Heavy snows are reported in Wisconsin and parts of Michigan. In the Canadian northwest the temperature ranges from 2 to 26 degrees below zero. Reports from northwestern states show the range to be from 6 above to 14 below zero.

Heavy Snow in Wisconsin.

La Crosse, Wis., Dec. 27.—A snow fall of eighteen inches, coming within fifteen hours, tied up street railways here late last night. Plows were kept constantly in use throughout the night and this morning service was resumed. Train service was interfered with during the night and many country roads are blocked with huge drifts. It was the heaviest snowfall here in several years.

Cold Wave in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—In many of the orange districts of southern California Christmas night's weather was the coldest registered in many years. In one part of Los Angeles county the mercury fell to 16 above zero, while in San Bernardino the thermometer registered 22, and in Riverside 20 degrees above.

Persistent smogging for the last three nights probably has saved the growing crop from serious injury, but in some districts last night's temperature is awaited with anxiety. What damage already has been done is not considered sufficient to bring the crop below the average.

BOYS INJURED BY CHRISTMAS TOYS

One Loaded With Nail Shoots Hole in Youngster's Head—Another Containing Bullet Hits Hand.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Dec. 27.—The six year old son of Dooley Green, residing near Mt. Vernon, was shot in the neck while celebrating Christmas with a toy pistol. His brother shot him while playing Indian.

A nail had been thoughtlessly placed in the barrel of the pistol and it struck the boy behind the ear, ranged around his neck and came out behind the other ear. He is seriously hurt.

RUSSIA PLANS MORE REPRISALS

BILL INTRODUCED IN DUMA EXCLUDING AMERICANS AND RAISING TARIFF.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A supplementary legislative program of a frankly prohibitive character was introduced by the nationalists into the duma today. It is aimed directly at the United States.

According to the terms of the proposed enactment, American citizens of the Jewish religion are to be totally excluded from Russia, and in the second place customs duties are to be raised by 100 per cent unless the Russian normal schedule is lower than the American. In that case a duty equaling the American duty will be collected.

The author of the bill states that the last provision is necessary, in order to deal with the import of American agricultural machinery.

The remaining points of the proposed bill correspond in virtually every particular with the bill introduced on December 22 by ex-President Guchkoff, providing for tariff schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American commerce and navigation treaty of 1932.

CROWN PRINCE MAY CHANGE WINTER HOME

Climate of Danzig Too Raw For Heir, Who is Now Suffering From Catarrhal Cold.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The possibility that Crown Prince Frederick William, who was prevented by a catarrhal cold from coming to Berlin from Danzig to be present when the Crown Princess Cecilie gave birth to her fourth son on Dec. 19, and also at Christmas, will abandon Danzig as a residence during the winter is being discussed in court circles.

The climate of Danzig, where the crown prince is serving in the army as a colonel in command of the Deaths Head Hussar, is, owing to its proximity to the Baltic sea, rather raw and trying and is said by his physicians to be unsuitable in winter for the heir to the throne.

The crown prince today took his first airing in the garden since his first severe symptoms of cold made their appearance. He will come to Berlin in a day or two.

ANOTHER GERMAN VESSEL FOUNDERS

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—Still another vessel, the German steamer Chios, foundered with nearly all hands during the recent storm in the bay of Biscay. The Chios, belonging to the German Levante line, was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria on last Thursday when she was caught in the hurricane and sank with all but two of her crew. The chief officer and one sailor were rescued by a passing vessel.

The Chios was built in Hamburg in 1891 and registered 2,065 tons net.

TRIANGLE WAIST CASES END TODAY

New York, Dec. 27.—Stumming up in the Triangle Waist Co. fire cases, in which Max Blauk and Isaac Harris, proprietors of the shirt waist factory, are charged with manslaughter, was commenced today and the jury may render its verdict by night fall. One hundred and forty-seven lives were lost in the fire.

WITNESS TELLS OF THE PACKERS MERGER PLANS

Attorney Veeder Produces Contract by Which Four Big Companies Planned to Control Banking Business

FAILURE OF LOAN STOPPED THE DEAL

Organization of National Packing Company, Firm Now Attacked, Then Described by Witness.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Further details of the \$50,000,000 corporation planned by the packers in 1902 were recited by Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., who today continued his dramatic story of the inside history of the Chicago meat packers combination.

For the first time in the trial which is staged before U. S. District Judge Carpenter, Michael Cudahy was named as one of the four promoters of the colossal corporation by Witness Veeder.

Mr. Veeder produced a contract dated July 18, 1902, by the terms of which Michael Cudahy became a partner of J. Ogden Armour, Gustavus F. Swift and Edward Morris in the proposed merger, each of whom deposited \$1,000,000 in a Chicago bank as evidence of good faith in carrying out the plan.

The contract along with half a dozen other agreements was read to the jury and offered in evidence by the government counsel.

Inability to obtain a loan of \$90,000,000 from Kuhn, Loeb & Co., was responsible for the failure to organize the merger, according to Mr. Veeder. The witness told how the packers' combination acquired by purchase competing concerns in 1902 and in March, 1903, the National Packing Co. was organized with a capital of \$15,000,000 to operate these properties.

Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., continued his recital on the witness stand of the inside history of the packers' combination when the court convened today.

The only name by which the old packers' pool which held secret meetings prior to 1903 was known, was "postoffice box No. 247," according to counsel for the government today.

This mysterious gathering which the government asserts sought to fix the price of meats and suppress competition at weekly meetings in the Veeder offices, had no name that Mr. Veeder in his early examination could remember.

Further secrets of the old association of packers which projected a combination with \$50,000,000 capitalization which was balked through the failure of eastern bankers to raise \$40,000,000, were expected to develop through the testimony of Mr. Veeder.

Witness Produces Contract.

Pierce Butler, special counsel for the government questioned Mr. Veeder at length regarding the agreement entered into in 1902 between the Armour, Swift and Morris interests to form a \$50,000,000 merger of packing companies.

The witness said an elaborate examination of the packers' books was made by expert accountants and the properties appraised by a committee of experts consisting of Thomas Connors, Thomas E. Wilson and Horace C. Gardner.

"Was the appraisal of these properties ever made?"

"I think the work was completed but no final report ever was made," was the answer.

Mr. Veeder said that under the merger agreement each of the contracting parties was required to turn over at least 30 per cent of the stock of the concerns it was proposed to consolidate.

The witness produced the contracts made by Armour, Swift and Morris in June, 1902, for the purchase of six competing companies prior to the organization of the National Packing Co. The concerns acquired by the combination at that time were:

The New York Dressed Beef Co., of New York, The Fowler Packing Co., The Anglo American Provision Co., The G. H. Hammond Co., The Omaha Packing Co., The St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision Co.

The witness said the combination began negotiations for the purchase of the Schwarzschild and Sulzberger in the merger, but the purchase was never made.

Panic Stops Proposed Merger.

In July, 1902, Michael Cudahy became a party to the agreement for the merger, and the Cudahy Packing Co. was taken into the combination," said the witness.

The government brought out that all the contracts for the purchase of competing concerns, contained a clause which prohibited the persons making the sale from engaging in the packing business for a period of fifteen years after the date of sale. Mr. Veeder produced the copy of the agreement dated Nov. 18, 1902, made