

WILD PLUNGE INTO A CANYON.

Freight Train Dashes Into Deep Chasm.

FALLS NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED FEET

Engineer and Fireman Buried in the Wreckage—Landslide Had Carried Tracks Away—Second Accident Saved Rest of Crew.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—Three hundred and sixty feet sheer down into the foaming torrent that forces its way through the sharp-cut canyon of the Fraser, near the town of Lytton, was the plunge taken this morning by a Canadian Pacific westbound freight.

The track had been buried by a sudden slide, and in the darkest hour that precedes the dawn the train had headed straight into the chasm at a point where a safe track had been not many minutes before.

Engineer Randall and Fireman Pottruff met instant death, falling with their locomotive into the gulf that swallowed up the fore part of the train.

The official statement issued by the railway officials stated that the ill-fated train, which was an extra freight in charge of Conductor Harris, struck the rock slide at 5:15 a. m. at the widest part of the whole mountain section, where the trains crawl, fly-like, along the side of frowning precipitous cliffs.

Just below Lytton, where the catastrophe occurred, the canyon widens slightly to admit the Fraser's main tributary—the Tawney—coming from the north between great mountain ranges, the place being locally known as the "Devil's Playground."

Thousands of tons of steel and heavy timber disappeared in a twinkling. The brakeman had walked back to the caboose from the engine but ten minutes previous, and with the conductor was saved by the still tumbling rock slipping the train in mid-section.

The regular freight had passed the spot less than two hours before, while the section patrol had been over and found everything all right within the hour previous.

Front Cracked the Rock. The weather was clear and frosty, and to this is charged the slide that caused the disaster. When the air is cool in these localities the rock cracks and the track being the only obstruction along the steep cliffs, it must receive the deposit. The wrecking gangs are now at work, and it is expected traffic may be resumed within twelve hours.

The bodies of the engineer and fireman have been recovered, horribly mutilated.

KILLED BY BANK ROBBERS. Marshal Shot by Safe Blowers at Chelsea, Iowa.

CHELSEA, Iowa, Dec. 6.—J. B. Smith, night marshal of this city, was shot by bank robbers who were attempting to break into the State Bank here at 2 o'clock this morning. At 4 o'clock the marshal died.

The robbers made their escape on a hand car over the Northwestern Railway, but a suspect was captured at Keosauqua. The other two are reported to have escaped from the train at Keosauqua.

The robbers were masked. They were discovered by Alfred Compt, who was returning from a dance. He was seized, blindfolded, bound, and gagged, and tied to a lumber pile under the elevator. The men supposed that Compt was the marshal.

A few minutes later Smith discovered them. He fired a shot at the robbers and they replied with a shot which hit him in the head. The robbers did not get into either of the banks.

THROWING FORTUNES AWAY. Klondike Miners Overlooking Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Metal.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 6.—C. S. Hurter, Dominion Government metallurgist at Vancouver, is responsible for the statement that among the millions of dollars in Yukon gold brought to him for purchase by the Government this season was an abundance of platinum, unknown to miners.

Hundreds of little nuggets of platinum were mixed with coarse gold. Mr. Hurter, in an interview, gave it as his opinion that the miners of the Yukon were throwing away thousands of dollars' worth of platinum daily.

His representations have reached the Dominion Government, which is sending an expert to the Klondike to investigate. Mr. Hurter says that platinum, being heavier than gold, escapes notice by sinking to the bottom of the riffle, as heavy dust or tiny nuggets, and thus the miners are daily throwing the priceless stuff away at every clean-up.

GERMAN POLICE NOT SORRY. No Regret Over the Arrest of American Vice Consul.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—Mr. Schilling, the American Vice Consul at Zittau, who was arrested by the police there recently, says that when he was arrested his purse was confiscated, and he was placed in a cold cell for an hour.

He was released when the police discovered that they had made a mistake in arresting him, but the authorities did not express a word of regret.

THE HONOR OF OLD GLORY.

Congress Asked to Prevent Desecration of the National Emblem.

The American Flag Association, of New York, composed of representatives of patriotic, veteran, military, civil, and historical societies, has begun another campaign to secure legislation to prevent the desecration of the Stars and Stripes. It has sent a circular letter to public officials and members of Congress urging that something be done to stop the flag desecration.

According to the circular, the American flag is "dishonored and disgraced in America, Cuba, and the Philippine Islands."

In citing the great dangers confronting America, the circular includes anarchy, rampant immigration, robbery, truancy, fraud, and the desecration of the national emblem. "Our national Government," the circular states forth, "knowingly permits its degradation, and is stolidly indifferent to public appeals for protection of the flag from domestic assault on its sacred character."

It is claimed by the author of the circular, Charles Kingsbury Miller, of Chicago, a member of the executive committee of the Flag Association, that the stars and stripes are displayed upside down and biased in Cuba, and that the standard is used as a decorative signboard in houses of objectionable reputation in the Philippines.

Col. Ralph E. Prime, of Yonkers, is President of the American Flag Association, and among its vice presidents are Theodore Roosevelt, Lieutenant General Miles, and Rear Admiral Schley.

Several bills to prevent desecration of the flag have already been introduced in both houses.

THE PRESIDENT'S AFTERNOON RIDES.

STARTS EARLY TO AVOID CROWDS

Tired of Being Stared at—Takes Precautions to Leave Before the Closing Hours of the Departments.

The curiosity of gaping Department clerks has driven the President to change the hour of his daily horseback ride. Formerly he mounted his horse, Bismarck, and cantered out of the gate at the west side of the White House grounds within a minute or so after 4 o'clock, the time when the employees of the State, War, and Navy Departments were just emerging from the doors of the big building across Executive Avenue from the White House.

Naturally there was much curiosity to see the President. If he did not appear promptly, large numbers of clerks would gather near the White House until he rode out and had responded to their salutations. This enforced parade was displeasing to the President. He has ordered that his horse be brought to the back portico of the White House hereafter promptly at 3:30 o'clock.

By departing a half hour earlier the President is able to get away from the White House and the neighborhood of the department buildings, and even well out into the country, before the great army of employees is released.

Efforts to Avoid Publicity. This is another move of a series which he has made in order to avoid publicity. Soon after President Roosevelt came to the White House he departed for his horseback rides from the front portico. It took only a day or so for him to become disgusted with this plan, because he always encountered a large crowd, who evidently expected him to do a bit of real riding, or to ride at a gallop and pick up his hat or handkerchief from the sidewalk.

The custom of departing from the rear portico was then tried with success, although after a short time the gates of the executive grounds were ordered closed during the brief half hour, morning and evening, when they had formerly been opened to enable clerks for the War, State and Navy departments to make a short cut.

This eliminated the gaping crowds which waited within the grounds for the President to depart each afternoon.

BITTER TOWARD ROOSEVELT.

Conservative 'Berlin Kreuz Zeitung' Indulges in Sarcastic Language.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—Although the expectations of the anti-protectionists, based on Mr. McKinley's reciprocity speech, were disappointed by President Roosevelt's message, and their opponents were thereby enabled to raise again the cry of the danger from America in their arguments on the tariff bill, the protectionists themselves are in no wise pleased with the message.

The ultra conservative "Kreuz Zeitung" comments satirically upon the shattered dream of those who expected that Mr. Roosevelt would usher in an era of honest government, overthrow the wall of high protection, and annihilate the rule of trusts. It says that Mr. Roosevelt's reputation of any intention to inaugurate a more liberal commercial policy is not the main point of the message. This is found in the imperialistic programme, in connection with which peculiar interest attaches.

The announcement of anti-immigrant legislation and the reference to the Monroe Doctrine are conceived in the same spirit of pompous ambition as was displayed in Senator McLaughlin's speech at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, which the newspaper quotes. It adds:

"What is meant by saying that strengthening the navy is the only means by which America can insist upon the observance of the Monroe Doctrine? The question must be answered by Congress. It is easy to conceive what the answer will be. At all events, the United States has done all that is required to startle the world and prepare it for what is coming."

The "Kreuz Zeitung" angrily disapproves of the reference to the Philippines in arms as bandits and marauders.

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MISS CROPSEY ALIVE, HE SAYS.

The Norfolk Chief of Police Makes a Statement.

POSITIVE THAT THE GIRL IS SAFE.

Neither Abducted Nor Murdered, He Declares—States That She Left Her Home Voluntarily and Traveled by Train from Franklin

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 6.—Chief Vellines of the Norfolk police said tonight that he has indisputable evidence that Miss Ella Cropsey, whose disappearance from her home at Elizabeth City, N. C., caused such a stir, left home voluntarily, and is alive and well.

He said that he has been tracing the girl for several days and ascertained that she boarded a train on the Seaboard Air Line at Franklin, Va., and arrived at Norfolk on Friday morning, November 22.

Woman Unaccompanied. He said that she was not accompanied by anyone when she reached Norfolk. He added that she "went on" from Norfolk, but "where she went and by what conveyance he would not say.

Chief Vellines, who went to Elizabeth City, returned here this evening, after seeing an unnamed person who had furnished the proof required to establish the fact, stated:

"You may say that Chief Vellines said: 'I say I know what I have told you is the truth. I cannot properly say more, but I consider that it is right for me to let it be published and known that the girl is alive and well, and was neither murdered nor abducted.'"

Wilcox in Retirement. Chief Vellines makes few statements. Young Wilcox, Miss Cropsey's admirer, was reported to have fled. Advice from Elizabeth City tonight state that he is on a farm five miles in the country, it being deemed prudent that he leave the town for a while.

A report was received here late this evening to the effect that a body had been washed ashore near Elizabeth City and had been identified as that of Miss Cropsey. This was discredited by Chief Vellines, who adhered to his statement that the young woman is alive.

MISSOURI FIGHT STILL ON.

Mudwater State Republicans Unable to Get Together.

The supporters of the opposing forces in the Kerens-Hitchcock fight for the political scepter of the Republican party in Missouri took a background position yesterday. William Marion Reedy, editor of the "St. Louis Mirror," and a non-partisan, stepped into the limelight in the role of a pacificator. Since Mr. Reedy became a factor in the fight, by the President's invitation, it has been freely predicted that a compromise would be effected.

The Hitchcock faction wheelhoars stated yesterday that they were not "talking compromise." But Representative Bartholme, who has been a frequent visitor at the White House since the contest opened up, admitted that perhaps W. G. Boyd would not be appointed Surveyor of the Port of St. Louis in place of Colonel Kerens' protégé, C. H. Smith. It is by an appointment to this position that the President will signify his favor.

Mr. Reedy and Representative Bartholme were guests of the President at luncheon yesterday, and the Missouri situation was discussed at length. It was later learned that the name of Charles F. Weneker, of St. Louis, had been suggested for the appointment as surveyor of the port.

It is also understood, however, that the President did not commit himself to Weneker, and that, in fact, Weneker's appointment is somewhat improbable under existing conditions. Weneker is said to be acceptable to both sides. He has been prominently identified with the party in St. Louis for some time.

JANE TOPPAN PLEADS.

Answers Not Guilty to Three Indictments Charging Murder.

BARNSTABLE, Mass., Dec. 6.—Almost friendless, and worn out by her five weeks' confinement in the county jail here, Miss Jane Toppan, the Lowell nurse, pleaded "not guilty" to each of the three indictments which were found against her by a special jury today.

The first indictment charged her with causing the death of Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, of Cotuit; the second, with causing the death of Alden P. Davis, Mrs. Gibbs' father; the third, with causing the death of Mrs. Genevieve A. Gordon, of Chicago, another of the same family.

The findings of the jury were a great surprise, as no one outside of the authorities expected that any attempt would be made to implicate Miss Toppan in the death of anyone except that of Mrs. Gibbs, in connection with which the original arrest was made. Each indictment charges that the cause of death was the administration of poisonous drugs.

Miss Toppan was represented by James S. Murphy, a Lowell lawyer, and after bearing the first indictment read, he waived the reading of the other two, and a plea of "not guilty" was entered in answer to each.

Mr. Murphy then addressed the court and asked that counsel be appointed by the State to defend Miss Toppan. Chief Justice Mason said that he would take the matter under consideration, after which the prisoner was led away to her cell.

It is not believed the trial will begin until early in the spring.

Will Lose 7,500,000 Marks. DRESDEN, Dec. 6.—The depositors of the Dresden Savings Bank, which made an assignment yesterday will lose 7,500,000 marks.

Clerical Orders for 1902 via Pennsylvania Railroad. Application blanks may be secured by applying at office at 1417 G Street northwest. Orders will be issued only to clerical in regular charge of churches located on or near the line.

GUESTS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

The President Entertained Senatorial Friends at Dinner.

Solemnly entertained at a small dinner given by the President at the White House last night.

Of the sixteen guests, but two were gentlemen whose careers in life had been honored with the toga symbolic of membership in the upper house of the National Legislature. The informal function was another of a series which the President has been the host, and which have been attended by many prominent members of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The President is taking this opportunity of becoming well acquainted with the members of Congress. The dinners are said to be extremely jolly affairs, and the President's reputation as a host will probably stand the test of rigid comparison with that of any of his predecessors.

The guests last night were Secretary Long, Senator Pettus, Senator Gallinger, Senator Nelson, Senator Dooliver, Senator McComas, Senator Clark of Wyoming, Senator Mallory, Senator Porter of Louisiana, Senator Clay, Senator Bard, Senator Burton, Senator Dillingham, Senator Burnham, Mr. Paul Moran.

TO WARN STEAMERS OFF GRAND BANKS.

MARCONI TO PUT UP A STATION.

Vessels Approaching Newfoundland Can Then Be Communicated With While Twenty-four Hours Distant at Sea.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 6.—Signor Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraph, arrived from Liverpool today. He comes to experiment, with a view of safeguarding the St. Lawrence route from the shipwrecks so frequent lately.

He will erect a station on a hill at the entrance of St. John's Harbor, will swing two other wires by means of a small balloon on the headlands between here and Cape Race, and by this means, will determine the best location for a permanent station with which to communicate with shipping traversing the ocean south of the Grand Banks. He has transmitted messages 225 miles, and expects to reach 500 miles while here.

Favorable Weather Needed. He believes the weather conditions here are favorable, and if the heavy breezes do not interfere with the balloon ascensions, he hopes to complete the work within a month. Special care has been used in selecting a permanent station, because some geological formations are more favorable than others for his purpose, some enabling transmissions for 200 miles, and others for only half that distance.

He will devote special attention to connecting with New York lines, which run about 150 to 170 miles off Cape Race, believing he will be able to reach them almost in mid-ocean, and so forestall their arrival two and one-half days.

Government Aid Secured. He is confident that the effect of his work will be to enhance greatly the safety of the Cape Race route, and has secured the support of the Newfoundland Government, which will establish Marconi stations along Labrador next summer.

SEEING THINGS IN RICHMOND.

Celestial Phenomenon Excites Staid Citizens of Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 6.—Quite a sensation was caused this morning by the appearance in the mid heavens of a very brilliant star. The phenomenon was unusual that it attracted the widest attention. The colors were brilliant in the extreme. That it excited as well as interested was evidenced by the number of people who congregated in groups and discussed it with cracked heads.

Dr. W. H. Taylor, speaking of the manifestation, said the bow was caused by the action of the sun's rays on a collection of air particles in the air. Its chief significance is that the atmosphere is "cooling off" in the heavens. It is by no means common, he says, but by no means extraordinary. Dr. Taylor, whose days and nights are occupied in scientific research, does not remember that such a thing has occurred in Richmond during his lifetime.

SCARCITY OF STEEL AND BRICK.

Cause of Slow Work on the Government Printing Office.

Gen. S. S. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., in a communication sent to the Speaker of the House yesterday, stated that the plans for the new Government Printing Office have been completed, but that the progress of the work during the year has been retarded by the scarcity of steel and red brick, and by the inability of the contractors to secure material.

The steel frame of the building, he reports, is completed, as is the fireproofing. The brickwork is completed as far as the sixth floor, leaving two stories to be finished.

The building will be ready for occupancy in July next, and will be completed in all details by September. All important contracts have been let.

General Gillespie compliments Captain Sewell, who has had charge of the work, and Public Printer Palmer for his uniform courtesy.

RODNEY ARGUMENT MONDAY.

Postponement Asked by Counsel for the Plaintiff.

Final argument in the case of Margaret E. Rodney against Commander Robert Burton Rodney, U. S. N., retired, for limited divorce, which was to have been heard yesterday by Justice Hagner, was postponed until Monday next.

The postponement was asked for by counsel for Mrs. Rodney, because of an engagement in an important matter in another court.

Improved Service West, B. & O. R. R. Under recent change of schedule, train leaving Washington 9:30 p. m. (daily) arrives in Chicago in time to connect with "Creek" trains of Western road, including "Overland Limited" and "California Limited," giving quick service to all Pacific Coast and intermediate points.

MOLINEUX NOW TO FACE TRIAL.

Motion to Quash the Indictment Denied.

JUSTICE NEWBERGER'S DECISION.

Counsel for Defence Not Permitted to Inspect Minutes of Grand Jury—Jerome to Be the Prosecuting Attorney at New Hearing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Judge Newberger, of the General Session, has refused to quash the Molineux murder indictment or to let Molineux's lawyers inspect the minutes of the grand jury.

His decision to that effect was handed down this afternoon. The proceedings were begun last month by Weeks & Battle in behalf of Molineux. Argument was made for the district attorney by David B. Hill, and for Molineux by ex-Gov. Frank S. Black.

Prosecution Not Prevented. The motions were based on affidavits by Bartow S. Weeks and David N. Carvalho. In his opinion the judge said that the opinions of the judges of the Court of Appeals did not, as claimed, prevent the prosecution from proceeding. If such was the intention of the court it would have directed judgment for the defendant. Furthermore, alleged information as to what occurred in the grand jury room was insufficient evidence.

District Attorney Philbin said he would not be able to bring Molineux to trial and will leave his case to Justice Jerome. He will oppose any effort to get Molineux out on bail.

To Try Police Cases.—Mr. Philbin said that during the rest of his administration he would try none but routine cases and those of Sergeant Shields and Warden Gannon and Dwyer of the Tenderloin station.

He is not sure of disposing of the cases of the three policemen.

HOUSE COMMITTEES NAMED.

Three of Them Announced by Speaker—Headerson by Appointment.

In a session of six minutes yesterday the House listened to prayer by the chaplain, the oath was administered to John Wesley Gaines, Tennessee, who was absent on Monday and Tuesday, and three important committees were announced by the Speaker. Adjournment was then taken to Tuesday next.

The committees named are: Ways and Means—Representatives S. E. Payne, New York; Halsey, Pennsylvania; Hopkins, Illinois; Grosvener, Ohio; Russell, Connecticut; Steele, Indiana; Tawney, Minnesota; McCall, Massachusetts; Long, Arkansas; Balbock, Wisconsin; Metcalf, California; Republicans—Richardson, Tennessee; Robertson, Louisiana; Swanson, Virginia; McClellan, New York; Newlands, Nevada; Cooper, Texas; Democrats.

Appropriations—Representatives Cannon, Illinois; Biigham, Pennsylvania; Hemenway, Indiana; Barney, Wisconsin; Moody, Massachusetts; Van Vorhis, Ohio; Brownlow, Tennessee; Littauer, New York; Oscar W. Underwood (Dem.), Alabama, for a member in view of the interest of that section in the forthcoming Philippine tariff, and it was to this request that the Speaker yielded, notwithstanding the fact that Representative Smith had originally been slated for the place.

The outline of a Philippine tariff bill, made necessary by the recent decision of the Supreme Court, has already been drafted, and will be submitted to the Republican members at a meeting to be held the first of the coming week. It will be completed as soon as possible and then reported to the full committee.

As the Democrats are hopelessly in the minority, it is probable that their opposition will only be perfunctory, although they will doubtless endeavor to obtain as many favorable concessions as possible.

The measure will be rushed along, and will very probably be before the House within a week or ten days. Chairman Payne is opposed to accepting the Lodge Philippine tariff bill, and so expressed himself in positive terms yesterday. He believes to do so would be to rob the House of its constitutional right of origin of all bills intended for the raising of revenue.

The committee is as yet undecided whether the bill which is to be presented shall be a temporary or a permanent measure. Some of the members favor the enactment of a tariff to serve only as the basis of a more carefully prepared measure in the future. They point out that the necessities of the situation demand immediate legislation, and hence that only a temporary tariff may be provided.

Another matter was brought before the committee by Francisco Gamba and a delegation of Cubans, who came to urge a reduction of the tariff rates between Cuba and the United States. The matter was only broached, and will be discussed later.

Representatives Brownlow, Tennessee; Gardner, Michigan, and Burkett, Nebraska, are the new Republican members of the Appropriations Committee, succeeding, respectively, Representatives Groat, Vermont; Pugh, Kentucky, and Allen (Dem.), Mississippi. Otherwise the committee is the same as in the Fifty-sixth Congress.

The Appropriations Committee will begin work at once, and it is probable that several of the deficiency bills will be reported before the Christmas recess.

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FAVORITE HYMNS REJECTED.

The Methodist Revision Committee Strikes Them From the List.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 6.—The Methodist hymnal revision committee, which is in session in this city, for the purpose of revising the hymn book, has decided to eliminate that old favorite, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," objection to the last line of the hymn being found. "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought" is another favorite taken out.

Charles Wesley is a prime favorite, and only two of his hymns will be omitted, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Rock of Ages," and others similar will be retained.

It takes a two-thirds vote of the nine members of the committee to reject a hymn and put in a new one, and there are warm discussions occasionally, and heretofore there have been decided differences of opinion.

CLEVELAND DOLLS INVALIDED.

Taken to a Trenton, N. J., "Hospital" for Repairs.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 6.—There are evidences that the Christmas season will not pass unnoticed in the Cleveland household at Princeton.

Mrs. Cleveland, the former mistress of the White House, drove here from Princeton today, and in the car was a large assortment of dolls, including, it is said, the entire stock of the Cleveland children.

These were left at a "doll hospital," with instructions that all should be put in the best of repair before the holiday season. There is reason to believe that some, at least, will find their way into other houses than those of the former President.

AGUINALDO DENIES SEEKING RELEASE.

A SCHEME OF MANILA LAWYERS.

Habena Corpus Proceedings Suggested by Them—The Captive Tells Them to Help Filipinos in Greater Need.

Reports from Manila that Aguinaldo has been seeking to secure his release by habena corpus proceedings are discredited by official advices received at the War Department. Secretary D. R. Williams, of the Philippine Commission, who came to Washington with the report of that commission, said last night that the whole affair is a hoax.

The information just received at the War Department is that Aguinaldo has had no connection with the plan to secure his release. A lawyer in Manila named William Lane O'Neill, together with several other members of the Manila bar, conceived the scheme and prepared a petition praying for Aguinaldo's release. The matter was finally brought to the attention of Aguinaldo and he wrote the following letter to O'Neill:

"Sir: Through the press I have learned that of your own initiative and on your own responsibility you are approaching the courts of justice with a habeas corpus to procure my release. I am heartily grateful for this expression of generous feeling which is discerned in men of good will and disinterestedness who look after the position of their fellow-beings. But in the present instance I beg you not to proceed.

"My intention is fixed not to forsake my prison while there still languish in Pennsylvania; I am content with the mine on account of and in the cause of the Philippine republic. I would exceedingly ask you to desist from your praiseworthy interference.

"It is, however, my wish to alleviate the sufferings of other unfortunate countrymen, there are many of them who have long been dreaming of their liberty, and if you will direct your talents and energy in that direction I am sure there are a very many Filipinos today who are deprived of their liberty who would bless you for it.

"Your obedient servant, E. AGUINALDO."

SILVER SERVICES PRESENTED.

Officers of National Union Honored by McKinley Council.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of McKinley Council, No. 592, National Union, was held last night at Jennings Hall, 814 Pennsylvania Avenue southeast.

After the transaction of routine business, addresses regarding the welfare of the union were made by ex-President Brian of the council; President Burrill, of the District of Columbia Cabinet; Messrs. Hendler, Bright, Austin and Goldsmith. Silver services were presented to the members of the council by W. W. Chase, of the District of Columbia Cabinet; to Secretary R. J. Jones, of the Government Printing Office Council, No. 211, and to L. P. Paul, of National Council, No. 447.

McKinley Council was organized during the last thirty days, and has 229 charter members, the largest number. It is claimed, in the history of the order.

TO DENOUNCE POLYOAMY.

Meeting in Support of Proposed Amendment to Be Held.

A meeting will be held in the Congressional Church tomorrow at 3 o'clock, in the interest of the constitutional amendment against polygamy. A bill will be introduced in Congress for this amendment.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Interdenominational Council of Women for Christian and Patriotic Service, of New York. Mr. Clemensen, a Presbyterian missionary from Utah, and leading clergymen of the city will make addresses.

CITY COUNCIL RECORDS.