NEWS OF THE CITY

VETERANS AND WIVES GATHER FOR ANNUAL STATE-ENCAMPMENT

Business Session Will Be Held This Morning In Hall of Representatives at the Old Capitol—Big Campfire Scheduled for Evening—Officers of the Department Will Be Elected Thursday—C. F. Macdonald, Col. H. Bates and G. S. Whitney Candidates for Commander

The first business session of the annual state encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in the representatives' hall in the old capitol this morning and the campfire in the evening at the People's church. Between 500 and 600 veterans are expected to be present.

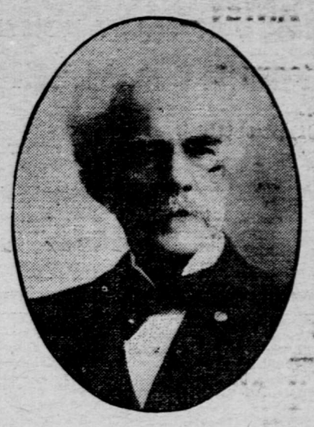
The encampment will open at 10 o'clock in the representatives' hall, when Harrison White, commander of the department of Minnesota, will read his annual report, followed by the reports of the various committees and officers.

Thursday the real business of the encampment will be reached. The election of officers to be held has brought forward three candidates for commander. C. F. Macdonald of St. Cloud, Col. Bates of Duluth and C. S. Whitney, of Wadena. James O. Pierce is a candidate for senior vice commander. The friends of E. F. Barrett of Le Sueur, Minn., are pushing this comrade for junior vice commander.

The bill now before the legislature to secure the establishment of a home at Minnehaha in connection with the soldiers' home for the widows and orphans of old veterans will also be discussed.

The campfire at the People's church will begin at 8 o'clock tonight. No admission fee will be charged. The programme is as follows:

Overture ..Twenty-eighth Infantry Band
Invocation .....Dr. Alex McGregor
Address of welcome, "City of St. Paul." .....Mayor R. A. Smith
Address of welcome, "State of Minnesota" .....Gov. J. A. Johnson
Response ....Commander Harrison White
Quartette ....."The Bugle Song"
Greeting on behalf of National Commander in Chief Blackmar, by George W. Patton, national junior vice commander in chief, and Judge L. W. Collins.
Response—Past Commander in Chief Eli Torrance.
Greeting on behalf of ladies of G. A. R., Mrs. Mary T. Hagar, national president.
Presentation of medals for prize essays to pupils of high schools, Commander White.
Presentation of prize to successful pupil of Central high school, Mrs. Agnes W. Savage, department president W. R. C.
Address .....Dar F. Rees
Soprano Solo .....Miss Adele Maloney
Address, "History in the Public Schools" .....George A. Whitney
Address .....C. F. Macdonald
Quartette ."Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Address, "The Legisture"— Gen. M. D. Flower
Quartette ....."As the Sun Went Down"
Concluding address .....John Day Smith
"America" .Band, Quartette and Audience
Quartette, Harry George, B. F. Foster, tenors; R. N. Barber, baritone; J. Frank Wilson, basso.



C. F. MACDONALD

Candidate for Commander G. A. R., Department of Minnesota.

VOTES ARE MISSING

Aldermen Unable to Order Purchase of School Site

At a meeting of the board of aldermen last night the question of purchasing the Seventh ward school site, on Oxford street, between Hague and Selby avenues, for $5,300, was delayed owing to the fact that but eight of the nine aldermen necessary for action were present.

The sentiment of the aldermen regarding the purchase of this property was shown, however, by the passage of a resolution authorizing the purchase, before it was discovered that only eight aldermen were present. Ald. Bantz then moved to reconsider, and to lay the matter over until the next meeting, which was carried.

The amendment to the smoke ordinance, providing for ten minutes in each hour when smoke may issue from chimneys, was upon motion of Ald. Bantz laid over until April.

An ordinance was passed repealing the three ordinances ordering the construction of street car extensions to Phalen park, the Forest avenue line and Concord street. These matters were covered in the compromise agreement between the city and the street railway company.

The territory for the impounding of animals was extended by an amendment to the ordinance to cover that part of the city bounded by Earl, Maryland streets, Phalen park and Greenbrier avenue.

The bid of McClain & Gray company of $410 for doing the city printing for the next six months was, upon motion of Ald. Lynch, accepted, as it was the lowest price offered.

A petition from the trustees of the German Evangelical Lutheran, St. John Congregational and the trustees of the German Evangelical Lutheran Trinity church asking for the vacation of Idaho street, between Dale and Kent, and Mackubin street, between Hoyt and Nebraska, for cemetery purposes, was referred to the committee on streets.

CONDITION OF LOVE REPORTED CRITICAL

Ryan Hotel Man at Point of Death in Hospital

George H. Love, one of the proprietors of the Ryan hotel, lies at St. Luke's hospital in a very critical condition. Mr. Love is suffering from peritonitis, following an attack of appendicitis, for which he was operated upon Monday. This operation developed the fact that there were intestinal perforations above the appendix, which accounted for the peritonitis.

He rallied from the operation, but yesterday early in the morning he suffered a sinking spell that was so severe that his life was despaired of. He was removed to St. Luke's hospital, and later in the day responded to treatment. At midnight it was reported that he was no worse, but that his condition was critical and death might result within a few hours.

MORTIMER WOOLWORTH AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Police Court Character Charged With Disorderly Conduct

Mortimer Woolworth is again in the clutches of the police. Only a few days ago he was released from the workhouse, after serving a thirty day sentence on a charge of nonsupport, preferred by his wife. Last night he was engaged in chasing the members of his family from one room to another, when the police interfered, and Mortimer was taken to the central station. The man has been arrested many times during the past year, but prior to being sentenced to the workhouse for thirty days always managed to talk himself out of a sentence. He will face the charge of disorderly conduct in police court this morning.

Swedish Brothers' Birthday

The tenth anniversary of the founding of the Society of Swedish Brothers in St. Paul will be celebrated Thursday evening at Minnehaha hall, 160 West Ninth street. Following the entertainment supper will be served to the guests. The society now numbers over 500 in its membership rolls.

AFRAID OF FATHER

Runaway Girl Prefers Jail to Returning Home

Rather than return to her home at Winona, Augusta Tosz, 16 years, who ran away two weeks ago, asked to be locked up at the jail or sent to the state training school.

Two weeks ago the girl disappeared from her home and her parents were unable to learn of her whereabouts until a few days ago when they discovered that she was in St. Paul. Yesterday the girl's father came to the city and requested the aid of the police in locating his daughter. She was discovered at the Merchants hotel, where she has been employed in the laundry department ever since she arrived in the city.

When confronted by her father Augusta burst into tears and begged the patrolman who had accompanied him to lock her up so her father could not get her. Mr. Tosz was advised to leave the girl for a few weeks and departed for Winona alone.

TWO-THIRDS OF THE VERDICT LOPPED OFF

On Second Trial Henry Holland Is Awarded $6,000 in Place of $18,500

A verdict for $6,000 damages against the Great Northern railway company was returned by the jury which heard the retrial of the suit instituted against the company by Henry Holland. The jury deliberated from 4:40 o'clock Monday afternoon until 3 o'clock yesterday morning, when the verdict was agreed upon.

On the first trial of the case a year ago Holland was awarded damages in the sum of $18,500. Holland based his claim for damages upon injuries received by being thrown from the top of a freight train which came to a sudden stop after it had been running at the rate of ten miles an hour.

YOUNG WANTS PAY FOR LUMBER TAKEN

Charges Two Companies With Trespass and Sues to Recover

Suit has been begun by Attorney General Young on behalf of the state against the Virginia lumber company and the Minnesota Lumber and Construction company, both of Duluth, for trespass. The state demands $6,525 for illegal seizure of timber on state lands in St. Louis county, where the suit has been begun. The alleged steal is supposed to have taken place three years ago. Both companies, although of different name, are closely allied, being practically one company.

FIREMAN BREAKS LEG IN NIGHT COLLISION

Hose Wagon of Engine No. 14 Runs Into Pile of Brick

In responding to an alarm at University avenue and Beacon street shortly after 11 o'clock last night, the hose cart stationed at No. 14 engine house, Merriam Park, collided with a pile of brick on St. Anthony avenue. The wagon was smashed into bits and the firemen hurled to the ground. Lieut. Tony Frances was thrown against the pile of brick and sustained a fracture of the right leg. The rest of the firemen escaped with numerous bruises. The call was a false alarm.

HOSPITAL MAKES A MYSTERY OF CASE

Declines to Give Facts in Case of Desperately Hurt Man

A badly injured man, believed to be E. Dillon, was brought into the union depot yesterday morning on the Milwaukee and hurried to St. Joseph's hospital. His head was crushed and jaw broken.

Authorities at the hospital refused to give the man's name, his home or the manner in which the injuries were sustained.

Railroads Pay Taxes

A check for $237,612 was received by the state treasury yesterday from the Northern Pacific railway company as the balance of the gross earnings tax for the year 1904, amounting to $337,612.72. The Great Northern railroad also sent in a check for $50,000 in payment of the gross earnings tax.

GERMAN CITIZENS TO HONOR SCHILLER

Centennial Anniversary of the Poet's Death to Be Fittingly Marked

The centennial anniversary of the death of Schiller, the great German poet, will be well observed in St. Paul if the plans of the leading German citizens do not go amiss.

At a meeting at the Commercial club last night the matter was discussed and a programme for the occasion mapped out. On May 7, the date of Schiller's death, the corner stone of a statue of the poet will be laid in Como park. The event will be made a gala day and it is planned to have the singing societies of the two cities take part as well as all the German societies.

On the morning of May 9 it is proposed to hold exercises in honor of Schiller in all the public schools and to give the pupils half a holiday in the afternoon so that they may attend the exercises to be held at the Metropolitan opera house.

A German theatrical company from Milwaukee will be imported to give a production of Schiller's "Prolog" and "Karls Schuller," in the afternoon. At 8 o'clock in the evening the drama "William Tell" will be produced.

The funds for the occasion, including those for the statue, will be raised by popular subscription. A committee of nearly two score has been appointed of which F. Willius is president; Dr. J. Ohage, vice president; W. V. Woehlke, secretary, and Otto Bremer, treasurer. Among those on the committee are the following:

State Treasurer Julius Block, State Bank Examiner Peter Kerst, William Hamm, Benjamin Goodkind, Joseph Elsinger, George Sommers, A. H. Lindeke, George Benz, German Consul Hanns E. Grunow, Otto Bremer, Dr. G. Stamm, H. and A. Scheffer, G. Kohler, Frederick Nussbaumer, Frank Erling and L. and J. B. Holtzerman of Minneapolis.

GETS IN WRONG PEW

Beer and Timidity Result in Hurry Call to Police

William Smith, a coal heaver living at 133 Smith avenue, was the innocent cause of a burglar scare on North Smith avenue last night. Shortly after 11 o'clock the telephone at the central police station jangled wildly and an excited person at the other end on Smith avenue near Seventh breathlessly informed the desk sergeant that a real burglar was trying to get into the house.

The patrol wagon left for the scene in a hurry and on arriving at the house the police discovered Dow standing on the front porch industriously kicking at the front door and bellowing lustily for "Nora." Seizing the supposed burglar the policemen started to load him into the wagon, but Dow entered an indignant protest, saying he had a right to stand on his own front porch. By this time the man who had telephoned for the police cautiously opened the front door and peeked out.

It was then that the supposed burglar was vindicated, for the owner of the house recognized him as a next door neighbor. Dow said that he had encountered several cans of beer during the evening and mistook his neighbor's house for his own.

ELEVATED CAR TURNS OVER HIGH IN AIR

Woman Is Fatally Hurt and Great Disaster Strangely Averted

CHICAGO, March 7.—Overturning high in the air, on the Lake street elevated railroad today, a passenger coach with eighty persons aboard escaped being dashed to the granite pavement below. Miss Judith Strom, of Austin, Ill., was pinioned on the tracks within a few inches of the deadly electric third rail, and though extricated is fatally injured. Forty other passengers were injured, but not seriously. The upset was caused by the car missing a switch.

STAB SOPHOMORES WHILE CUTTING HAIR

Annual Shindy at University of Michigan Has Serious Results

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 7.—The annual campaign of hair cutting among the students of the University of Michigan began tonight. The sophomores were the aggressors and twenty freshmen had their heads clipped. Two sophomores sustained stab wounds in the encounter. One was stabbed over the heart and the other three times in the back. Both will recover.

AN EASY WAY

To Keep Well

It is easy to keep well if we would only observe each day a few simple rules of health.

The all important thing is to keep the stomach right, and to do this it is not necessary to diet or to follow a set rule or bill of fare. Such pampering simply makes a capricious appetite and a feeling that certain favorite articles of food must be avoided.

Prof. Wiechold gives pretty good advice on this subject; he says: "I am 68 years old and have never had a serious illness, and at the same time my life has been largely an indoor one, but I early discovered that the way to keep healthy was to keep a healthy stomach, not by eating bran crackers or dieting of any sort; on the contrary, I always eat what my appetite craves, but daily for the past eight years I have made it a practice to take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal, and I attribute my robust health for a man of my age to the regular daily use of Stuart's Tablets.

My physician first advised me to use them because he said they were perfectly harmless and were not a secret patent medicine, but contained only the natural digestives, peptones, and diastase, and after using them a few weeks I have never ceased to thank him for his advice.

I honestly believe the habit of taking Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals is the real health habit, because their use brings health to the sick and ailing and preserves health to the well and strong."

Men and women past fifty years of age need a safe digestive after meals to insure a perfect digestion and to ward off disease, and the safest, best known and most widely used is Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They are found in every well regulated household from Maine to California, and in Great Britain and Australia are rapidly pushing their way into popular favor.

All druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, full sized packages at 50 cents, and for a weak stomach a fifty cent package will often do fifty dollars' worth of good.

NORTHROP DENIES STORIES OF GRAFT

President of University and Board of Control Member Debate

President Cyrus Northrop of the University of Minnesota last night declared his belief that the board of control jurisdiction of the state university injured his institution. He supplemented his statement by defending the reputation of the board of regents from whispered stories of graft in the old days. Dr. Northrop said that from his personal knowledge the regents had given their best thought to the institution without substantial return.

Dr. Northrop's somewhat sensational statements were made at a hearing on the board of control bills before the house committee on general legislation. The meeting was held in the chamber of representatives and the chamber was nearly filled by members and friends of the university. S. W. Leavett of the board of control was practically the only friend of the board present.

Mr. Leavett made a spirited reply to the attacks made on the board of control. He defended the board and charged some of the professors with having conspired to embarrass the board of control in its administration of the affairs of the university. The board of control member condemned the publication in the university papers of attacks on his board, and declared that the trouble with the university was that it had too much dead timber in its faculty.

President Northrop Talks

I desire to give voice to my honest convictions, said Dr. Northrop, and that conviction is that the university is suffering from the present plan of two boards controlling its affairs. I have no unkind things to say of the board of control members individually, but the thing is wrong in principle.

Whispered stories of graft in connection with the regents under the regent plan of administering the affairs of the universities in the past reached Dr. Northrop yesterday, and he denounced the stories as untrue and calculated to win votes against the Perley bill, separating the university from the board of control.

I have heard these stories today the venerable president said, with a show of feeling I have heard it said that one member has determined to vote against the Perley bill because he has been told that under the old plan there was graft for the regents. I have been a member of the board of regents for twenty years. I have been a member of the executive committee for most of these years, and also clerk of the committee. I have taken down the proceedings at almost every meeting the committee has held, and I am here to say that not a cent has been improperly diverted by the regents. And now to circulate these stories to win votes against the university is infamous.

J. T. Wyman, president of the board of regents, condemned the dual board system from a business standpoint. Dr. H. N. Nachtrieb, professor of animal biology, told of exasperating delays in securing chemicals and other supplies needed for his department, and Dr. R. C. Beard said that the Minnesota university is unique in that it is the only university under the control of a body chosen without regard for their special fitness for university supervision.

Prof. Harry Snyder of the state agricultural college told the committee that the $15,000 appropriation annually received from the national department of agriculture for the aid of the state experiment station was in danger because of the system of accounts conducted by the board of control. Prof. Snyder said that the Minnesota station is one of the best in the country, and unhampered by board of control management it would be the very best.

Dr. F. S. Wesbrook, state bacteriologist, explained the importance of the investigations which such departments as his were making in the cause of science and disease preventatives.

Leavett Defends Board

S. W. Leavett said that the board had intended to be neutral, but had been forced to defend its position. Continuing, he said:

There are some heads of departments that have sat up nights studying how to throw hindrances in our way and to prevent our success. Some of them have spoken here tonight. If there had been the same cooperation between the heads of the departments and the board of control, as with the board of regents, there would have been less friction.

I believe in free speech, but it should be limited. It is time to call a halt when students in their papers and meetings are attacking publicly a department of the state. Some of this talk about the board has come from the very shadow of the university. Methods have been employed to get out from under the supervision of the board of control that are simply dishonorable.

The board of control has tried to protect the state against grafting. If we have found some employes drawing two salaries, we have cut off one of them. We have arbitrarily cut out a few things, but only in cases where we thought it was wise to do so. Where we have made a cut of any kind, it was because we did not have the money. It is honor enough for the board of control to bring the institution through without a deficit. If the board of regents would cut out some of the dead timber in the faculty, a saving would be accomplished and make the university a better institution. They have teachers there that have passed their usefulness.

The meeting did not adjourn until 11 o'clock, and just before the adjournment President Wyman of the board of regents told the committee that the regents had reduced the salaries of several superannuated professors rather than turn them into the streets.

The committee took no action last night.

WILD YOUNG MAN STIRS UP LIVELY FUSS

Sheds His Clothing in Battery Park and Keeps Everybody on the Jump

NEW YORK—Frank Socker did queer things at 7 o'clock last evening. He is a big, rawboned, fair haired laborer. He had spent much of the afternoon assuaging thirst at his home, 129 Greenwich street. At 7 o'clock his thirst vanished—but then he turned himself loose.

Socker, clad in undershirt, trousers and shoes, trotted down Greenwich street at a high rate of speed. Into Battery park he loped, head erect and snorting. He cleared settees at a bound. In the middle of the park he cast off all encumbering clothing. Fifty men watched him from afar. Whenever he turned and looked toward them the fifty men shrank back.

But Socker suddenly turned and fled. The crowd ran after him, whooping and hooting. They were all very brave now.

Socker darted into the Whitehall building, at 17 Battery place. He plucked the fire hose from the wall and deluged his pursuers with hot water. They howled and fled. Policeman Conley took a long look at Socker, then went out and tiptoed in by another door, crept up behind him and threw him down.

"Come on in here, you mush heads, and hold him!" yelled Conley.

Eight men finally helped Conley to hold Socker. He tied and handcuffed the festive prisoner, and when the young man was started for Bellevue hospital they had enough straps around him for a dozen trunks.

BIG CLASS JOINS COMMERCIAL CLUB

Sixty-three Business Men Are Elected Members of Popular Organization

Another big class of business men of St. Paul was yesterday elected to membership in the Commercial club. The list contains sixty-three names and brings the total membership of the club almost up to the limit. It is the purpose of the management of the club to enroll an even 1,000 in the club and then to elect a waiting list, so as to demonstrate the vitality of the club.

In April the initiation fee will be raised to $35, and at the present rate of acquisition the club list of active members will be full before the raise goes into effect. With the sixty-three elected yesterday the total membership of the club is placed at 977.

Secretary C. P. Stine received three additional applications after the meeting of the committee.

The New Members

Following is the list of those elected to membership yesterday:

J. L. D. Morrison, A. E. Downe, Hugh Munroe, James S. Bryant, James Forrestal, Thomas C. Daggett, J. J. Prendergast, H. W. Kingston, S. J. Burchard, L. E. Shields, W. C. Kilgore, William W. Pease, W. W. Price, C. W. Williams, John A. Swenson, Thomas Sharp, Albert A. Rene, Gilbert Henry, B. P. Golling, Elam D. Parker, D. L. Sawyer, Harry E. Bradley, Henry Carling, John Horman, L. S. Pearson, Franklin H. Griggs, Arthur Christofferson, A. T. Rosen, Asa M. Johnson, C. E. Ward, F. Joswich, Charles P. Joy, Edward W. Kahnert, Joseph C. Wood, R. E. Leonard, T. W. Ingersoll, John B. Kolsbun, L. H. Wittgraf, G. A. Roberts, Owen Morris, F. E. Downey, J. H. Armstrong, Horace Dunaway, Edward Carty Boxell, M. D.; Franklin Drill, Eugene Valentine, Romeyn W. Wentworth, O. A. Robertson, W. P. Kenney, Milton B. H. Miller, Lewis H. Schnabel, E. L. Hospes, George W. Gorman, S. H. Recht, Harry Dranger, C. F. Smith, Frederick Heim, J. M. Stoughton, George Phipps, G. E. Fosbroke, Stanley C. Olmstead, J. S. Spargo, J. E. Gallagher.

RECEIVER IN CHARGE OF BIG BUCKET SHOP

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trict court has been appointed receiver.

George J. Hammond, president, manager of the "company," says the liabilities are about $100,000 and the assets "problematical."

While Mr. Hammond says he owes about $100,000, there are men in Minneapolis who assert the liabilities of the concern are at least $200,000 in other portions of the country, and it is said the losses are at least $1,000,000.

Receiver Takes Charge

The crash came at 10:45 yesterday morning when a deputy sheriff returned from the offices of the company and announced that the company could not satisfy an execution for $344.83, the amount of a judgment secured in the municipal court by Lawrence King of Redwood Falls, who claimed he could not secure a settlement with the agent at that place for deals which he had made.

GEORGE H. HAMMOND

Head of the Goe Commission Company.

Then a notice was posted on the doors to the effect that all trades would be settled at the "present market price by order of the receiver."

The action of yesterday marks the culmination of a fight of over five years with the Chicago board of trade and the Minneapolis chamber of commerce on one hand and the versatile and resourceful George J. Hammond on the other.

Hammond organized the Coe Commission company. The country never has seen anything like it. With offices in 175 cities in the country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; with leased telegraph wires, hundreds of telegraph operators and office employes, he has been conducting his business with all the regular exchanges of the country arrayed on the other side.

Markets Go Wrong

The wheat boom broke him. Wheat soared. He advised his patrons to be "bulls"—to buy wheat.

They did so. Wheat went up and the men closed out their trades and made large profits. Every time the price of that cereal advanced a cent Hammond lost a large amount of money.

The axiom that when wheat goes up stocks go down did not avail him. Hammond tried to recoup his losses by being a bear in stocks. He sold "short" in stocks and the result was he was caught between the two speculative mill stones.

In addition, he had the regular exchanges of the country working against him, seeking to put him out of business because he was "bucketing" and not engaging in regular trades.

For five years he stood the strain, but the end came yesterday, and the ticker and telegraph instruments stopped as soon as the receiver took possession and announced that all trades were closed.

Has Been Hard Pressed

Hammond has been in bad shape financially for some weeks. Ten days ago his bank account was garnisheed because he did not make good some claims and then there was a report to the effect that he had been forced to the wall. On Monday of last week wheat dropped over 4 cents. This put him on "easy street" for a time, but the claims accumulated and the attorneys for the creditors tied up his account in the First National bank and the other banks as soon as he had established a line of credit and made some deposits.

For the last week he has been attempting to secure a large amount of money, but has been unable to do so. The result is that the company is forced into insolvency because a small claim is not satisfied. Some of the creditors of the Coe Commission company would be ready to dispose of their claims for $30,000 or more for as many cents, but they have been unable to make any settlement with the concern.

It is said that one Grand Forks man has been a winner on all of his trades to the amount of at least $120,000, but has been unable to secure a settlement for $30,000, and men conversant with the affairs of the company say that for several weeks the company has refused to settle trades and the failure to keep its agreements forced one firm, the A. G. Dapron company of Minneapolis, into bankruptcy, for it could not secure from the Coe company the money necessary to make good trades which it claims to have made on its account.

Hammond Has Record

Hammond came to Minneapolis a little over five years ago and established an office as the Coe Commission company. He extended the operations of his company until it had offices in nearly half of the smaller cities of the northwest and connections with Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, New York, New Orleans and other points where there was any prospect for business.

At once he fell under the ban of the Minneapolis chamber of commerce. He was arrested several times on the charge of gambling and the chamber of commerce officials laid all sorts of traps for him in order to convict him of stealing quotations of the Chicago board which he posted with great regularity and almost as promptly as they were displayed at the chamber of commerce. He could not be caught.

About this time he organized the Independent Grain and Stock exchange. He secured quotations from the leading exchanges of the city.

Chamber Starts Again

Finally the chamber of commerce decided to put Hammond out of business. George P. Wilson and his partner, H. V. Mercer, are the attorneys for the chamber of commerce. They secured the claim of Lawrence King of Redwood Falls, who said he was unable to collect a claim from the local agent and they proceeded to garnish the bank account of Hammond. The falling market of a week ago enabled him to secure some ready money and he was enabled to settle some trades on a cash basis, and was not forced to draw checks which would be thrown out of the bank. But the stock market went the wrong way and he was forced to the wall.

The visible assets of the company in Minneapolis consist of a few roll top desks and a quantity of telegraph instruments which belong to the Western Union telegraph company.

There was no sorrow on the floor of the chamber of commerce yesterday morning when it was found that the Coe Commission company had been forced to the wall.

GOTTSCHALK WRITES TO OUTSIDE WORLD

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bundles of afternoon papers about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and when they reached St. Peter and Fourth streets young Kahlert saw a long turkey feather lying in the gutter. He picked it up, and the boys threw it back and forth a few times. The feather was balanced with a rolled bit of paper, and in the course of the rough treatment the paper became dislodged and the boys found that the paper attached to their plaything was a letter.

They unrolled it and discovered the letter that is printed herewith.

Writing Is Gottschalk's

How Gottschalk was able to get the paper out of the jail is a mystery, but it is conceded that the writing is his. At the jail it was shown that the prisoner could not by any possibility have thrown the feather and the paper out of the window from his cell, as the windows are not only barred, but screened with wire, through which the meshes appear to be not more than a half inch wide. If he threw it out of the jail window it must have been during the daytime, when he is allowed to exercise in the corridor. Even then it would be extremely difficult to throw it out.

In the letter he denies killing Schindeldecker, but the charge that seems to hurt him most is the one of being an ex-convict. The only important statement he makes is that he never denied that he and Hartmann were fishing.

Not Badly Treated

The jail officials say that Gottschalk wrote a letter to his father and it was mailed according to his request. They say that there is nothing in his statement that he is badly treated in the jail, and declare that while he is allowed very little liberty he is in no wise abused.

Paper similar to that upon which the letter was written was known to have been in Gottschalk's cell, and it would have been possible for him to secure a long turkey feather like the one used from the duster used in cleaning up the cells and corridor.

The police are still searching for Hartmann, but naturally have little to say pending an arrest. No new evidence of value was discovered yesterday, but it is said that today there is likely to be an interesting development made public.

WEST BADEN

and French Lick Springs, Indiana, are visited annually by thousands of Northwestern people. These famous resorts are most conveniently reached by the

CHICAGO MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY

and its connections. The round trip rate from St. Paul now is only $30.85. Ask for complete information as to train service, hotel accommodations, etc.

TICKETS: 365 Robert Street

W. B. DIXON, N. W. P. A., St. Paul

REPELS HIGHWAYMEN WITH CROSS IN HAND

Doctor's Wife Aided by Quick-witted Daughter Fools Footpads

NEW YORK—By a rare display of nerve Mrs. Robert H. Theyson, wife of a physician living at 2923 Bainbridge avenue, saved herself and her daughter last night from two holdup men.

Mrs. Theyson is the president of the Ladies' Aid society of the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal church. Her daughter Emma is treasurer of the Sunday school. Yesterday afternoon they attended a meeting of the Ladies' Aid society. It was late when they reached the terminal of the Third avenue L line on their way home.

They started to walk westward along the Southern boulevard when they observed, near the grounds of the Ursuline convent, that two men were following them. They saw the men jump over the wall into the convent grounds and run, crouching, for a distance of 100 feet. The men reached a clump of bushes in which they hid. Mrs. Theyson kept her eyes on them, and saw them descend to the sidewalk in front of a street lamp whose light they previously put out. Then one of the men ordered Mrs. Theyson to halt. She wheeled and faced them.

Cross for a Weapon

She always wears a silver cross, suspended from a pearl necklace. She held this out in her right hand and exclaimed:

"Move another foot and I'll blow your heads off!"

In the glimmer of a distant light the silver cross appeared like the barrel of a revolver.

Although outwardly brave and determined, Mrs. Theyson said afterward that she was on the verge of fainting. One of the footpads said, loud enough for her to hear: "She's got a gun; be careful!"

"Yes, I've got a gun," she replied. "And I know how to use it, too. One move more and I'll fill you both full of lead!"

Miss Emma Theyson, a young woman of 20, sharing in her mother's real fright, helped her carry out the ruse. Seizing her mother's arm, she said:

"Oh, mother! For heaven's sake don't shoot them. Remember what happened the last time you shot a thief!"

Terrified and amazed the robbers stood transfixed while Mrs. Theyson backed away slowly, holding out her weapon to cover them.

"Go ahead, daughter," she exclaimed. "If they attempt to molest us I'll shoot."

When they felt that they were out of accurate range of the woman the highwaymen turned and fled into the rear of the convent grounds. Mrs. Theyson and her daughter retreated to Bainbridge avenue and Southern boulevard. There Miss Theyson, completely unnerved, sank to her knees. Her mother half carried, half dragged her to their home, a short distance away. At the front stoop the girl fainted. Once inside the house, Mrs. Theyson also collapsed.

The police of the Bronx Park station were informed of the case at once, and detectives were sent out to find the highwaymen.

Second Holdup There

"They spoke like foreigners," declares Mrs. Theyson. "Undoubtedly their object was robbery. But for my little ruse they would have surely got the best of us. The trouble with this place is the lack of police. They are never here when they are wanted, but are in other places playing cards."

Mrs. Theyson's is the second case of the kind. Two weeks ago Miss Bessie Allen, a resident of the park, was attacked by two men and robbed on her way home in the evening within a stone's throw of the scene of the Theyson incident.

MANY PUPILS SAVED BY THE FIRE DRILL

Followed by Teachers 1,800 March From School Unmindful of Flames

NEW YORK—Eighteen hundred pupils and thirty-six teachers of public school No. 143, in Rapelyea street, near Henry, Brooklyn, marched in perfect order from the building yesterday when fire started on the third floor.

When the fire apparatus arrived parents in the neighborhood rushed fearfully to the place. Reserves from Hamilton avenue station were called to preserve order. The parents quickly learned that all the little ones were safe.

Assistant Janitor Michael Kennedy at 1:20 p. m. saw fire in the office of the assistant principal, Mrs. Gertrude M. Paulson. Before the engines arrived all the children and teachers had left. The fire was confined to the third floor.

Outfielder Released

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 7.—Manager Barrow of the Indianapolis baseball club of the American association today released Outfielder George Hogriever to the Des Moines club of the Western league.