

HAMMOND'S HAT IN RING BY GRACE OF HIS WESTERN ADMIRERS

Minnesota's Democratic Governor-elect Boomed for President by Republican Congressmen of That State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Will Winfield Scott Hammond, of Minnesota, ever be President of the United States? Nobody can tell; stranger things have happened. Minnesota lacks less than half a million of having as large a population as New Jersey, and only about 25,000 fewer voters than New Jersey. Minnesota is 250 miles wide, 400 miles long and covers an area of 51,935 square miles. New Jersey is only 100 miles wide, 100 miles long and covers an area of only 7,313 square miles. Besides, Minnesota belongs to the great Northwest, and Mr. Bryan used to think that westward the star of political promise was in the ascendant. That is what the Minnesota people believe today; at least that is what James Manshan, Republican; George R. Smith, Republican; and Clarence Benjamin Miller, Republican, three representative men of that State, members of the present Congress, think and said at the coming-out party of Winfield Scott Hammond at the University Club here last Saturday night.

Mr. Hammond, who has been a member of Congress from Minnesota for eight years, was elected Governor of that State at the election last month. He is a Democrat. The rest of the Democratic ticket was defeated by something like 25,000 votes; he was elected by 12,000 majority. If John A. Johnson had lived he would have been the Democratic candidate for President at the last election; Mr. Hammond's Republican friends at the symposium Saturday night believe he is a worthy successor of Johnson, that he is built of sound presidential timber and that he could carry his State.

The meeting was designed to bring out if possible a reasonable explanation of how it happened that Mr. Hammond was elected Governor when all of his ticket was defeated by 25,000 majority. The manager of the affair, Claude Bennett, cleverly arranged it so that the explanation should be made by Republican members of Congress from that State. Boiled down, they all agreed that he was elected because he was the best man for the place, and one of their number declared that Minnesota can no longer be regarded as committed to any political party, and that the voters of that State will cast their ballots for the best man whatever his political label—character, capacity, fitness being in their opinion the true tests of what the people want in the public service.

Mr. Hammond was born in Massachusetts, educated at Dartmouth and, like Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, has devoted years of the best service to the cause of education in his State. Although a practicing attorney for many years he has been associated with every movement looking to the improvement of the educational facilities of his State. Mr. Hammond has just passed his 51st birthday. His term of office will expire in January, 1917, which would give him a month and a half to organize his Cabinet and write his inaugural address if he should be elected President in 1916. There apparently is no doubt now that his hat has been thrown into the ring by his admirers. The speakers' comments on the ground that it is the man himself and not the party label he wears that should count, Hammond will make many of the "leaders" sit up and think. Mr. Hammond did not say Saturday night that he "would not think of such a thing," and, at least, he may be regarded as among the possibilities. If the race should finally be between Hammond and Borah, it is safe to speculate that the West would cast the largest vote ever polled in that part of the country.

IRVIN COBB GIVES VIVID RECITAL OF WAR'S HORROR

Curtis Club Hears Description by Writer Who Was With Troops. Irvin S. Cobb, war correspondent and humorist, drew a grim picture of the European war, devoid of its glamour and story, in an address before 30 members of the Curtis Club last evening. Mr. Cobb, who is one of the five American correspondents, the only non-combatants who were permitted to view the scenes at the front, described the horror of the conflict perhaps more vividly than in his published articles in the Saturday Evening Post and the Puck. It was one of the most dramatic recitals ever heard in this city. The great conical holes, 20 by 70 feet, blasted into the earth by the 4-centimeter shells; the pulverized forts and the bloody and desolate scene of the trenches; the horror of the conflict perhaps more vividly than in his published articles in the Saturday Evening Post and the Puck. It was one of the most dramatic recitals ever heard in this city.

WOMEN CAPTURE MAN

Female Detectives of Department Store Subdue Him After Fight. A bruised prisoner, much the worse for wear, faced Magistrate Henshaw in the Central Police Court today. Inside him stood Mrs. Pearl Parnass and Miss Mary Clark, detectives in the Wanamaker store. When the prisoner looked at their determined faces he slumped dejectedly. The women captured the man at Market and Jump streets after an exciting chase and a hand-to-hand combat yesterday afternoon in which he finally was subdued by a hairpin wielded by Mrs. Parnass. The woman turned him over to Reserve Policeman Leitner. The prisoner, who gave his name as David Weston, 25 years old, 30 West Third street, New York, was charged with being a vagrant. He was committed to the city prison for 30 days.



JOHN H. BAIZLEY, Councilman who urged and obtained an increase from \$5000 to \$6000 for mummer prize money.

MUMMERS TO GUARD AGAINST THE LURE OF "FAKE" PRIZES

Representatives of Clubs Will Meet Tonight to Demand Cash Guarantees From Business Men.

The New Year shooters, who delight thousands of people every year, do not propose to be hoodwinked on January 1 by fake prizes. Last year many clubs were lured to different sections of the city by the offer of special prizes, only to find in many cases that the prizes were cut 50 per cent. In value after the sectional sightseers had their fun. To prevent such an imposition on New Year's Day, representatives of the New Year clubs will meet representatives of various organizations which offer prizes tonight in room 498, City Hall, and inform them that all prize money will have to be deposited with responsible persons before New Year's Day by organizations who desire the mummies to parade outside of the official route named by the Council committee.

Judging from the enthusiasm shown by the clubs all over the city, H. Bart McHugh, special agent of the New Year Committee, believes the parade on New Year's Day will eclipse all former parades. It would take many volumes to tell adequately of the novelties and costumes which will be in the line of 15,000 marchers. Then, too, it would be a marvel of confidence to tell all, but a reporter for the EVENING LEDGER was "let in" on some of the novelties in store on the promise that he would not tell the public too much in advance. The Mexican war will receive serious attention, and some of the clubs will carry wireless stations in order to learn what the latest incident regarding the war is. The war in Europe will be touched upon in a neutral manner, because, as one mummer expressed it, "we want the public to remain neutral."

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HERE'S THE STORY OF TOFI ISAAC, TYPE OF HOUSING EVIL

Sent to House of Detention. He Tells of His Wish for Fresh Air and Cleanliness. Bathtub His Ambition.

Tofi Isaac, 13 years old, of 1152 South 10th street, is a typical product of the present tenement house evil. Recently he fell into the hands of the truant officer, Judge Gorman, of the Juvenile Court, sent him to the House of Detention. A special diet and medical treatment has been ordered for him. Tofi has heard of sanitary houses, with large windows, a bathtub and a courtyard. However, he has never lived in houses containing such improvements. He says his father made him thin, which caused his school companions to call him "skinny." He became a truant because he was ashamed to be called "skinny." Here is Tofi's own story, told in his own words.

By TOFI ISAAC "I wish I had a home where there is a lot of windows, a big yard and a place where I can take a bath. When I become a big man and make lots of money I will buy a house where there is a yard and windows. My brother Mike will do the same. "My right name is Tofi Isaac, but all the fellers down around Catharine street call me Skinny and also the son of a Turk. I am skinny, all right; but I ain't the son of a Turk. I got skinny because I don't eat much, because papa, who works in the Woodlawn Cemetery, lost his job and he ain't got no money to buy bread.

"I live with papa and my mamma in a room on the second floor at 1152 South 10th street. My brother Mike, who is nine years old; my sister Nettie, five years old; baby Lucy, who is four months old, and Johnnie, who is three years old, also live there. Johnnie and Mike always holler because they can't sleep in the night and they say that the air is so bum. "I am not a bad boy and not a hooker player. I want to go to school and learn how to read and write, because I want to be a stenographer or a clerk. I make lots of money as clerk I want to buy a house where there is a yard for Lucy and the other kids. "I hope the Judge won't send me to prison. I want to go home and be a good boy. But I want to go to another school. The school I went to all the fellers called me skinny. I am skinny, but it ain't my fault. My papa is not working now in the cemetery and we have nothing to eat. Papa is a grave digger. Gee, I wish we had a home like the other kids who are rich. I mean the kids who have a bathtub and a big yard. Mike, my brother, always cries for more room and air when he sleeps. "We all live in one room and the air is bad when we get up in the morning. I guess I got skinny by sleeping in a room with a lot of people. I guess that is right because the teacher told us one day that we should get lots of air in the room, and have a bath every day. "I have no bathtub where I live because papa is a poor man and can't rent the houses which the rich people rent. Please tell the detective that I am not a bad boy, and tell him not to send me to prison. Please, Mister, tell the detective that I want to go home and be a good boy. "Maybe if our house was nice and the air was good I wouldn't be so skinny as I am. The Judge who sent me here is a nice man and Mrs. Richardson the matron is nice to me. I want to go home and to another school. I want to be a clerk and make money and buy papa a house with a bathtub."

Judge Gorman, in reviewing the Isaac case said today that there are other similar cases in South Philadelphia. Judge Gorman believes that little Tofi's case is directly due to the present tenement house evil.

SENT TO JAIL FOR THEFT Mother and Sister of Franklin Justice Testify Against Him.

With his mother and sister as witnesses against him, Franklin Justice, who has been in the hands of the police several times during the last six years, was convicted of larceny and sentenced to one year in the county prison by Judge McMichael in the Quarter Sessions Court today. His mother, Mrs. Ada Justice, and his sister, Miss Margaret Justice, 1911 Columbia avenue, testified that on December 10 he opened a trunk belonging to his brother Bernard and took away clothes, a razor and several other articles.

RESORTS

- POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA. TOBOGGANING AT BUCK HILL Best Recreational Recreation THE WINTER INN—Buck Hill Falls, Pa. CHARLESTON, S. C. CALHOUN MANSION opens for exclusive patronage; original Colonial furnishings; Southern cooking, yacht-club, golf, tennis, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barstow, Jr. ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. THE BARCELONA Situated 3 minutes to Golf Links. Private baths; exclusive. A. N. BLAIR. JACKSONVILLE, FLA. ROOM WITH BATH, \$1.50 HOTEL BURBRIDGE NEW MODERN FIREPROOF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES PHILADELPHIA Both Sexes Private Lessons Civil Service, shorthand, bookkeeping, English. Miss Mason, 222 Lafayette St., Chestnut street position where ability will count; currency.

SUPPLEE'S \$1.50 Set Christmas Tree Light Outfits SUPPLEE, 1588 Market St.

LATE SHOPPERS—LAST MINUTE GIFTS

Books, Cards, Calendars DAYLIGHT BOOK STORE 101 Chestnut Street

Wanamaker's Store Opens 8:30 A. M. Store Closes 6 P. M. Still Going Ahead With the Christmas Sale of Women's Silk Stockings. Grand Organ Christmas Concerts Tomorrow at 8:30 and 5:45. It's a Nice Santa Who Picks Out a Woman's Fur Coat.

Still Going Ahead With the Christmas Sale of Women's Silk Stockings. Grand Organ Christmas Concerts Tomorrow at 8:30 and 5:45. It's a Nice Santa Who Picks Out a Woman's Fur Coat. There may be a woman somewhere in this latitude who has no use for a fur coat, but we never heard of one. Wherefore we set down some of the reliable kinds to be had in this Fur Salon. Black ponyskin coats, pliable and smooth, some with self collars, some with collars of fitch or fox or chinchilla squirrel, \$25 to \$80. Black Caracul Coats are very soft and fine and made with self collars or collars of skunk, black fox, raccoon, kolinsky, fitch or ermine. They cost from \$60 for a perfectly plain style to \$450 for a beautiful full-skirted model with trimming of jet and kolinsky. Nearsel or Sheared Coney Coats, both self and other collars, \$50 to \$150. Hudson Seal (sheared muskrat) Coats are the most beautiful of all, and \$85 to \$450. People desiring mufflers to match these coats will find a good variety here to look over. (Third Floor, Chestnut)

2500 Pairs Warm Wool and Lined Gloves, 38c and 50c. 38c pair (2 pair for 75c) for Scotch wool gloves for men, also boys and girls; leather-bound tops; warm and practical. 50c pair for boys' and girls' lined gloves. (Subway Floor, Market)

You Have a Thousand Alternatives in Furniture. Come to this furniture display expecting to find it look like a place from which nothing has been taken away. It takes last days like these to prove what we have been telling you all along, namely, that there has never been a display of gift furniture in Philadelphia equal to this. Undoubtedly there are plenty of things you won't find in it, but they are either unworthy kinds or discarded styles. Today in furniture you still have a thousand alternatives. If there is any single thing you cannot find in this exhibition, we should very much like to know what it is, because expert investigation shows that it comprises every article of standard quality, every novel and uncommon type known in America (and many from Europe)—everything in furniture that is fine in character, pleasing in design and of practical utility—all at fair prices. (Fifth Floor)

Colored Handkerchiefs Are So Popular. you'll not make a mistake in sending them. Little glove handkerchiefs with designs in effective and pretty hues are 25c and 50c—though you may have them in plain white at the same price, too, if you wish. Regular size handkerchiefs for women—these, too, with colored designs and borders or stripes, 25c and 50c each. All fresh and a wonderfully wide assortment. (Main Floor, Central)

Last Minute Gifts in the White Goods Store. Hand-embroidered waist patterns from Japan and the Philippines, \$2.75 to \$9. Cotton scarfs and squares, embroidered, 18c to \$1 each. So-called Japanese nainsook for underwear, 10-yard pieces, \$2.65 the piece; in holly boxes. (First Floor, Chestnut)

JOHN WANAMAKER. About 1000 Quilts Heaped on More Than Thirty Tables. And some very fine ones shown specially in the model bedrooms, which are a feature of this bed clothing store. A rather notable fact, in view of the greatest selling of quilts there has ever been in Philadelphia. A quilt display that cannot "pefer out" is the place to come to for the gift that never yet disappointed a home. Lowest prices for fresh, new goods of recognized best grades—\$2.50 to \$300. (Fifth Floor, Market)

150 of the Finest Suits Made for Men Special at \$21.50. This selling price is below the average wholesale cost of these fine suits. They are the last of some 900 suits brought in a few days ago, and they must be cleared away before Christmas. This new low price should send them flying. They are fine fancy worsteds, very solid fabrics and in patterns most fashionable among men who know. (First Floor, Market)

Lower Price Suits Special—\$8.50. 100 men's good chevrot and cassimere suits freshly reduced today to \$8.50—their final low price. Good-sound suits to buy for yourself or to buy for gifts. Also an unusually good lot of Balmacaan overcoats, fancy mixtures, blue chinchillas, special at \$10 and \$12. (Subway Floor, Market)

Brownie Cameras. They are among the very best to choose for a beginner—being so simple that one can hardly make a mistake in using them. Prices are \$1 to \$12. Our collection of memory books and of albums for photographs, post-cards and posters is a remarkably good one, 25c to \$3.50. (Main Floor, Central)