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Counsel Before Court in Bassett Divorce Case.

MR. COLLADAY HAS FLOOR

Hearing Will Probably Continue Through Wednesday.

PRESENTED CHRONOLOGICALLY

Statements by Employes of Apartment House Where Respondent Resided -Mr. Hunt's Visits.

The entire session today of Equity Court No. 2, Justice Gould presiding, was occupled with the reading of testimony in the suit of Charles C. Bassett, for absolute divorce from Mrs. Fanny Rice Bassett, daughter of former Senator Rice of Arkansas. It is expected that the reading of testimony will not be concluded until tomorrow, and that the arguments of Attorney E. F. Colladay, representing Mr. Bassett, and Attorney Henry E. Davis, who appeared for Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, the co-re-spondent, will consume most of the session

Wednesday. Taking up the testimony in a chrono logical way. Attorney Colladay read the depositions of a number of witnesses, who told of early meetings between Mrs. Bassett and Mr. Hunt. According to the sworn statement of Hattie Thompson, colored, a former employe in the Bassett hoousehold, Mr. Hunt appeared at the Bassett apartment the day after Mr. Bassett went away for his summer work for the geological survey in 1904, and entered the bed room where Mrs. Bassett was suck in bed. During all of the time that he stayed in the bed room, she said, no one else was there. Arms Around Hunt's Neck.

Another statement made by Hattle Thompson was to the effect that she saw Mrs. Bassett put her arms around Hunt's neck and kiss him. She also said that Mr. Hunt called upon Mrs. Bassett about two or three times a week. In a corroborative way testimony was offered from Hugh Bent, a night watchman at the Albermarle apartment house, who said that Mr. Hunt called at the Bassett apartment two or three times a week during the spring of 1964, after Mr. Bassett had gone away. He specified that most of the calls. specified that most of the calls were made at night and that on one occasion he saw Hunt depart from the Bassett apartment between 6 and 7 o'clock one morning. The night before Dent had taken Hunt in the elevator to the fourth floor of the apart-ment, where Mrs. Bassett's rooms were lo-

Dent spoke of having taken the . .v. Mr Hunt to the Bassett apartment as late as 12 o'clock at night and after.

Reading from the deposition of Henry Canty, janitor at the Albemarle apartment house, Attorney Colloday quoted one statement to the effect that Mr. Hunt called upon the Bassetts nearly every day, mostly while Mr. Bassett was away. A statemen was read from the testimeny given by Can-ty on cross-examination to the effect that was not customary for single men to visit married women during their husband's absences in the apartment house."

Statement by Elevator Boy. Speaking of a time when Rev. Mr. Hunt where the Eassetts lived, and that once, at 7 o'clock in the evening Mr. Hunt alighted at that floor and did not come down again, at least not until after the witness went off duty at 10 o'clock. Testi-mony along the same lines was read from William Canty, another elevator boy at the Albemarie, whose hours of duty alternated with those of Forrest.

According to the estimony of Emma Duncan, a dressmaker employed by Mrs. Bassett on one occasion, Hunt called upon Mrs. Bassett seven of the eight days when she

"Mr. Hunt called 'most every morning' was the sense of the testimony read from the deposition of Julia Carter, who was employed by Mrs. Bassett for four months as cook. "Once Mr. Bassett came home when Mr. Hunt was in the parlor with Mrs. Bassett," the witness declared, "and when Mr. Bassett came in Mr. Hunt stood behind the door. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett went into the bedroom, and witness opened the door for Mr. Hunt to get out."

Frequent Visits by Minister. Lettie Smith, who was employed as nurse girl by Mrs. Bassett, spoke of the frequent visits to her mistress by Mr. Hunt, and she said that she carried notes from Mrs. Bas-

sett to Mr. Hunt, when the latter lived on the seventh floor of the Albemarle. She said that Mrs. Bassett asked her not to tell Mr. Bassett anything about it.
Emma Gant, another nurse girl, formerly employed by the Bassetts, said that Mrs. Bassett told her not to let Mr. Bassett see the morning mail until it had been inspected or to keep Mrs. Bassett's letters separate. Referring to the time when Mrs.

Bassett went to New York after her husband had gone away in the summer of 1904, Mary Johnson, a servant girl who was taken to the metropolis with the family, was quoted to the effect that Mrs. Bassett went away at night on several occasions while they were visiting a family named O'Rourke. Further details of the trip to New York were offered in the testimony of Mary E.

O'Rourke of Highbridge, New York city, a first cousin of Mrs. Bassett. The first time Mrs. Bassett was absent she was away three or four days, including the nights." Mrs. O'Rourke said "On that occasion she said she was going to visit some friends by the name of Tillotson.

Another time when she returned after be-ing absent over night she said she had been to Far Rockaway; that she went with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Carlisle," Two other oc-

John G. Carlisle's Testimony.

That Mrs. Bassett did not spend a night at his mother's house during the month of July, 1904, was the sense of the testimony ollection of ever having seen her, and that no such person visited his house during the summer of 1904 or at any other time. At the afternoon session an excerpt of

the testimony of former Representative Benjamin L. Fairchild of New York, a member of the Fifty-fourth Congress, as read, as follows:
"On the date which he thinks was the

5th of July, he giving the year with cer-tainty as 1905, and stating that the day was either the 4th or the 5th of July in that year, he and Mrs. Bassett ha da conversation in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson. Atlantic City, at which no one else was present.

Explanations by Mrs. Bassett.

"A considerable part of the conversation was occupied by Mrs. Bassett giving explanations to him of certain incidents relating to certain relations of Mrs. Basthose explanations from Mrs. Bassett he finally asked her whether she did not think it would have been far better if, upon one occasion when she told her husband that she feared that Mr. Hunt had become too fond of her, she should not then have, for safety to herself, forbid-dea Mr. Hunt to see her again, to which she replied. 'It might.'

she replied. 'It might.'
"Witness did not purport to give the
entire conversation, but upon being asked
whether anything else was said by Mrs.
Bassett or by the witness about the affection of Mr. Hunt for her, or her affection for Mr. Hunt, he stated that the fection for Mr. Hunt, he structured to conversation was for the most part are endeavor on the part of Mrs. Bassett to endeavor on the part of Mrs. Bassett to endeavor on the part of Mrs. Bassett to endeavor on the part of the most part are endeavor on the part of the most part are endeavor. explain away some incidents which had come to the knowledge of Mr. Bassett re-

WORK BEGUN BY HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Measure Will Carry About \$30,-000,000-District Bill Will Follow.

Business is picking up around the Capitol Hill gas works. Quite a number of the people's chosen showed up in the various committee rooms, and more are on the way. This is influx week, and by Saturday there should be a full house. Monday the second session of the Fifty-ninth Congress will begin to make history.

Chairman Tawney of the House appropriations committee was one of the first to show up today. He is looking as fit as a two-year-old, and says he feels the same way. Representative Burleson was waiting for him, and the two were soon deep in a learned discussion of the sentiment for the adoption of the metric system shown by the returns from the fourth Alaska district. Representatives Littauer of New York and Mann of Illinois joined the group, and after some more heavy conversation of the same kind the legislative subcommittee of the appropriations committee got to work on the legislative appropriation bill.

"Mr. Tawney doesn't intend to lose any time. The legislative bill, which will carry in the neighborhood of thirty millions, will be pounded into shape and pushed before the House the latter part of next week.

The District Bill Next. The District of Columbia appropriation

bill, according to the present plans, will then hold the center of the stage. Those members of the Senate and House who have already landed in town seem to have an idea that there will not be a great deal done at the coming session, outside of the passage of the necessary money bills and some measures that are already on the ways and as good as through both Houses. Considerable of a fuss may be made about several bills that have been before the public more or less for several years, but a hypodermic injection or two will attend to these before the session comes to an end. The President's message will probably fix the feature of the session outside of the appropriation measures.

To Amend Pure-Food Bill. Representative Mann, who piloted the pure-food bill in its voyage through the House last year, may have an amendment or two to offer and push during the com-ing session. One of these requires the weight of the contents of a can to be print-ed on the label and another makes it nec-essary to mark the label with the date of the canning of the contents of the package. Both these propositions are expected to meet with vigorous opposition.

BENNING'S LAST WEEK

FINE WEATHER AND GOOD CARD MAKE THE RACES ATTRACTIVE.

Although there was no feature event at Benning this afternoon, the card was a good one, and full of interest, all the fields being well balanced. The fine weather and the good card drew out another large crowd. The sensational riding of Jockey Miller in Saturday's races was the topic of conversation, and he certainly had a big following also had an apartment at the Albemarle, on the several floor, Resert Ferrest, a former elevator boy in the house, said that he often carried Mr. Hunt to the floor bookmakers present was almost equal to ookmakers present was almost equal to that of Saturday, and the bettors had lit-

Today's Racing. The first race, for three-year-olds and upward, six and a half furlongs, was won by Pretension (Horner), 21/2 and 7 to 18; Avaunteer (Miller), 2 and 3 to 5, second: Dolly Spanker (Notter), 2 and 3 to 5. third. Lord of the Vale and Twister also ran.

The start was good. Pretension was off first, and held the lead to the finish, staving off a grand challenge by Avaunteer, winning by a head. Time, 1.22. Second race, steeplechase for four-yearolds and up, about two miles, was won by Caloorahatchee (Kelleher), 12 and 4; Captain. Hayes (Saffell), 4 and 8 to 5, second;

Valley Forge (Pyles), 6 and 2, third. Tibo also ran. Pioneer and Garterknot fell. Frank Somers refused.

Valley Forge led all the way to the stretch, where Caloorahatchee went to the front and won by a length from Captain Hayes, the latter closing strong. Time, 4.15 3-5.

Tomorrow's Entries.

Following are the entries for tomorrow: First race, selling, three-year-olds, seven furlongs, Columbia course-The Clown, 106; Chippewa, 103; Akbar, 100; Lawsonian, 98; Cinchona, 98; Midas, 98; Benev-95; Hocus Pocus, 95; Anna Smith, 95; \*Reidmore, 101; \*Hooray, 101; \*Annetta torney Easby-Smith, representing the mas-Lady, 100; \*Ladsarion, 97; \*Gentian, 93; \*Society Bud, 90; \*Klamesha II, 90; .Transmute, 90; Baby Willie, 90. Second race, two-year-olds, colts, maidens, six furlongs, Columbia course—Blue Book, 112; Sheridan, 112; Monkey Puzzle, 112; Pierrot, 112; Tuckernuck, 112; Eltovar, 112; Dankali, 112; Cabochan, 112;

Narelle, 112. Third race, selling, three-year-olds and Third race, selling, three-year-olds and up, one mile and a sixteenth, old course—Red Knight, 111; Onatas, 108; Fiat, 102; Dekaber, 99; Azelina, 99; Ocean Spray, 91; \*Leonard Joe Hayman, 110; \*Luretta, 103; \*Chalfonte, 101; \*Volladay, 97; \*Hanover Hornpipe, 94; \*G. L. M., 89.

Fourth race, two-year-old geldings and fillies, six furlongs, Columbia course—Grace Cameron, 109; Ambush, 100; National Course—Grace, Cameron, 100; 100; National Co Grace Cameron, 109; Ambush, 109; Nettie Carita, 109; Loudon Light, 109; Jobstown, 109; Millstone, 109; Manana, 109; Sphinx, 109; Mary Hall, 109; Neoskaletta, 109; Swift casions were mentioned when Mrs. Bassett Girl, 109; Accumulate, 109; Mammymoo, 109; June Time, 109; Old Colony, 109; Rye Boy, 109; Arlington, 109; Lady Karma, 109;

Fifth race, selling, three-year-olds and up, one mile and forty yards, Columbia course— Workman, 113; Ivanhoe, 112; Emperor of July. 1904, was the sense of the testimony of John B. Tillotson of New York. The testimony of John G. Carlisle, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, was read and statements quoted to the effect that he does not know Fannie Rice Bassett, has no recollection of ever having seen her, and that net. 101; \*Luretta, 98; \*Reidmore, 97.
Sixth race, handicap, three-year-olds and
up, mile and a quarter, old course—Ormonde's Right, 120; Red Knight, 115; Angler, 107; Solon Shingle, 106; Cederstrome, 98; Banker, 96; Palette, 95; Bulwark, 94; Pete Dailey, 92; Caronal, 84.

\*Apprentice allowance claimed.

Tomorrow's Entries at New Orleans. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW ORLEANS, La., November 26 .-The following are tomorrow's entries: First race, five and a half furlongs, selling, \$500-Idalia, 105; Blackburn, 105; Negra, 105; Dry Dollar, 105; Bonart, 116; Zaniss, 105; Jack Hardy, '00; Anna Ruskin, 100. Second race, selling, six furlongs, \$400-Cannon Ball, 108; Foreigner, 103; Airship,

109; Fay Templeton, 105; La Cache, 98; Invasion, 98; Gay Adelaide, 105; Matador, 108; Mario, 98.

Third race, one mile, selling, \$400—Lena J., 96; Bitter Brown, 94; Odd Ella, 102; Hollomas, 106; Lady Charade, 99; Quinn Brady, 99; Missouri Lad, 111.

Fourth race, six furlongs, \$500—Bertha E., 108; Formaster, 115; Rusk, 112; Rian, 112; Auditor, 112; Juggler, 108; Excitement, 111; Toboggan, 112; Pompadour, 92; Sir Walter Rollins, 112. Fifth race, selling, six furlongs, \$400—Woodsaw, 109; Consideration, 107; Alencon, 100; Cutter, 111; Whipporwill, 108; Martius, 109; J. W. O'Neill, 100; Lady Henrietta, 108.

108. Sixth race, selling, one mile, \$400—Globe Runner, 95; Conda, 107; Mahogany, 103; Dr. Young, 90; Stoic, 96; Bitter Hand, 95;

ON LEGISLATIVE BILL Handbag, 95; Henpecked, 91; Marvin Neal, 90; Red Coat, 102; Mr. Scott, 97; Duessa, 90; Merry Belle, 92.

WERE SHAKING "BONES." Three Policemen Swoop Down on Sun-

day Gamblers. While a crowd were intently watching the throw of the bones in Reeves' court northwest yesterday policemen of the eighth precinct eluded the watchers at the ends of the alley and swooped down upon the crowd. Four were arrested, and gave their names at the station house as Lenox Colbert, Robert Johnson, Charles Williams

and John King. All were charged with disorderly assembly. After Policemen West, Lawless and Swee ney of the eighth precinct had explained to Judge Kimhall that they heard "Come seben, some 'leben' among the voices in the crowd and saw the money tossed onto the pavement and the bones rolled, the court was convinced of ... guilt of the four defendants and imposed sentences of \$25 fine or ninety days in jail on each of

FRATERNITY MAN SHOT.

Fellow Frats Secretive-Coroner to In-

vestigate. ANN HARBOR, Mich., November 26 .-John Frazer of Genesee, N. Y., a student in the engineering department ci the University of Michigan, died today from a bullet wound in the obdomen, received, it is claimed, while taget shooting yesterday on the Huron river, four miles from here. It is not positively known who fire I the fatal shot. Frazer was a member of the Trigon fraternity, composed of engineering students. It is said that it was one of his

fuse to admit reporters to the house or dis-cuss the shooting. Coroner Burchfield was called after Frazer's death and will hold an inquest today. Frazer's father arrived ROOSEVELT IS WELL

PARTY STEAMING HOME ON MAYFLOWER.

Special Dispatch to The Star. NORFOLK, Va., November 28.-President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, her maid, Surgeon General Rixey of the navy and Secretary M. C. Latta of the White House force, comprising the presidential party who arrived this morning from the isthmus of Panama and Porto Rico in the best of health, are this afternoon safely on board the President's yacht, Mayflower, steaming rapidly for the national capital, which will

be reached by nightfall. The transfer from the battleship Louisiana to the Mayflower was made by the President and his party at Wolf Trap Light. The Louisiana expected to return at once to lower Chesapeake bay and await the arrival of the craiser Washington, which is coming in slowly, owing to an accident to one of her engines. The Louisiana, which passed the Capes this morning at 8:50 o'clock, reporting President Roosevelt and party well and in fine spirits, was followed at 9 o'clock by the convoying cruiser Tenessee which reported by wirecruiser Tenessee, which reported by wire-less the accident to the Washington.

NOT OPPOSED TO TUBES.

Pennsylvania Railroad Authorizes Statement Relative Thereto.

PHILADELPHIA, November 26.-With tie trouble in getting their money down ordinance of the Tube City railroad at directly to your attention later on." Pittsburg, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company todas authorized the following statement:

> "Up to the publication in the papers this morning the general officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Philadelphia had never heard of the Tube City Railroad Company, nor were they aware that any effort was being made by it to obtain a terminal in Pittsburg. The insinuation that this company, through any of its representatives, has used any means whatsoever, direct or indirect, financial or other-wise, to interfere with the plans of the Tube City railroad is absolutely devoid of oundation, and is, in the judgment of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, deliber-ately malicious. It constitutes an apparent effort to drag the name of the Pennsylvania not the remotest connection.'

OPEN SHOP CONTROVERSY.

Masters and Journeymen Plumbers Lock Horns.

The statement was made today by a member of the board of arbitration appointed to settle, if possible, the differences and contentions between the master plumbers and olent, 98; Bettie Bouncer, 97; King's Gem, journeymen of that craft that a meeting of the board will be called just as soon as Atters, and Attorney McNamara, representing the journeymen, can get together and agree on certain matters that are supposed to come before the arbitrators. The bone of contention between the lawyers and the interests they represent is said to be the vexed open shop question.

Fear was expressed that this matter of the open shop may yet bring about a state of affairs that will render the board of arbitration comparatively useless as an agency for settling the matters that primarily brought about the lockout of the appear to be any prospect of an immediate meeting of the arbitrators, as the two lawyers have locked horns over the question of

WALTER PARIS DEAD.

whether the open shop issue shall or shall not be presented to the board for its de-

Will Continue Until December 15 at

Corcoran Gallery. The members of the Washington Water Color Club began their first public exhibition yesterday in the hemicycle room of the Corcoran Art Gallery. The exhibition. which contains over 100 pictures by the best water color artists of the city, will continue until December 15. The officers of the club are: James Henry Moser, president; Miss B. E. Perrie, vice president; Carl Weller, treasurer, and Miss Grace E. Atwater, secretary.

WALKER PARIS DEAD.

Prominent Water Color Artist and Musician Passes Away. Walter Paris, a prominent water-color artist of this city, died at 3:15 o'clock this

morning at the George Washington University Hospital, as a result of a stroke of paralysis received about ten days ago. Mr. Paris was born in London, England,

February 28, 1842. He became an American citizen in 1894. He was a pupil of the Royal Academy of London and of T. L. Rowholham, Paul Maftel and Joseph Nash in London. From 1886 to 1890 Mr. Paris was architect to the British government in India. Although Mr. Paris was well known as a

painter of water colors, he was equally as well known as a musician, performing on There are four of Mr. Paris' paintings on There are four of Mr. Paris' paintings on exhibition in the hemicircle room at the Washington Water Color Club exhibition, which is now being held in the Corcoran Art Gallery. One of his best paintings is "The Great Blizzard of 1899," which he painted that winter and has been on exhibition at the Corcoran Art Galery for a number of years. number of years.

As yet no funeral arrangements have

Twenty-Ninth National Convention of Phi Delta Theta.

FESTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Feeling of Brotherhood.

As emphasizing the feelings of brother

hood between the Greek letter fraternities

of recent years, in place of the rivalries of

former times, President Mitchell Introduced

Dr. L. W. Glasebrook of this city, son of

Rev. Dr. O. A. Glazebrook, one of the found-

ers of "Alpha Tau Omega." Dr. Glaze-brook, who was formerly president of the A. T. O., bade the delegates of the P. D. T. welcome to the city on behalf of the local chapter of his fraternity. Dr. G. P. Benton, president of Miami Uni-versity, was the only other speaker of the

Five former presidents of the genera

DENIAL OF CHARGES.

Proprietors of Employment Agencies

Before Commissioners.

Ranson B. Phillips and James A. An-

drews, both colored, proprietors of local

employment agencies, who are charged with engaging in an illegal traffic in connection

with their business, appeared before the

board of District Commissioners today at a

public hearing, and entered denials of the

charges. Several weeks ago the household

esearch committee of the Public Education

with information to the effect that the pro-

prietors named were supplying girls to dis-

reputable houses, and that they received fees of \$50 a year for so doing. Commissioner Macfarland, who presided

at the hearing, announced grave charges had been made, and that the Commission-

ers are conducting a rigid investigation. It was added that if the charges are substan-

tiated the applicants will be denied licenses to operate in the District, but in the mean

time the Commissioners were willing to give the accused proprietors an opportunity

to be heard. Ranson Phillips was the first to testify

Ranson Phillips was the first to testify. He stated that his establishment is located on 7th street between H and I streets, and that he has been conducting business there for seven years. He denied emphatically that he had ever furnished either inmates or help for disreputable houses, and said he had never been requested to do so by any one. It was added that his business is chiefly furnishing help for hotels. As an evidence of his good character Phillips presented letters from reputable persons youching for him.

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Johnson offered denial in the form of an

affidavit, which was read by Attorney Jones, after which, the latter said to the

Commissioners, that he regretted that Miss Lydia Dent, the chief matron of police in

Louisville, Ky., who acted as the agent for the household research committee of the Public Education Association and furnished

an affidavit with the charges she made

against the proprietors, was not present at

the hearing. Johnson also furnished letters

from reputable citizens proclaiming him to

be of good general character. His estab-

Both Phillips and Johnson were under

oath when they made their denials to the Commissioners, and at the conclusion of the

hearing the latter announced that they will take the testimony under advisement

and await the outcome of the police inves-

J. T. C. Newsom, who is also charged with engaging in illegal traffic in connec-

tion with an employment agency, will be given a hearing late this afternoon.

TO GEORGETOWN POLICE.

Prize Flag to Be Awarded Thanks-

giving Day.

cinct, in Georgetown, had made the finest

showing. It is the intention of Mai. Svi-

vester to award the flag trophy to the win-

ning precinct Thanksgiving morning. Last

year the trophy was won by the tenth pre-

cinct. It is probable that the presentation

will be made by Commissioner West and

Maj. Sylvester.

Members of the committee were greatly

pleased over the showing made by the several precincts and most of the captains were congratulated. The Georgetown pre-

cinct, however, was far above the others, it is held. Capt. Schneider's men have done the most effective work about the station

FAMILIES DRIVEN OUT.

But the School Discipline Was Cleverly

Maintained.

NEW YORK, November 26.-Twenty-fou

families were driven out of a tenement

house in Norfolk street today by a fire

which started in the kitchen of one of the

anartments and was extinguished after an

hour of hard work by the firemen. Two pub-

lic schools, containing 5,000 pupils, are sit-

uated in the immediate vicinity, one direct-

ly across the street from the fire. In both

of these the teachers took the precaution

to lower every window shade looking to-

ward the burning tenement. They also closed the gates against excited mothers, who tried to get into the school building,

and the discipline of the schools kept classe going as usual.

Typewriting in the Patent Office.

A number of stenographers in the United

States patent office, as well as their supe-

riors, have noticed recently certain claims

and made the finest appearance.

tigation before disposing of the cases.

Association furnished the Commiss

Only Surviving Charter Members is in Attendance.

MR. MACFARLAND'S WELCOME

Lieutenant Governor of Indiana One of the Speakers-Warm Feeling of Brotherhood.

The twenty-ninth blennial national con vention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity was formally opened at the New Willard this morning, when the 500 visiting delegates and their friends were welcomed to the capital. Representatives of many of the chapters and fraternity alumni clubs from the north, west and south reached here yesterday and last night. Before the convention assembled the secretaries spent a busy hour securing the required registration of the delegates and alternates. The fraternity brothers who held the revolver. festivities are planned to continue through-The members of the fraternity are surout the week, a banquet, smoker, theater rounding the affair with secrecy and reparty, a reception by President Roosevel at the White House and visits to the Congressional Library, Mt. Vernon and Fort Myer being on the program.

Many congratulatory remarks at the opening session were directed foward "Father" John Wolfe Lindley of the class of 1850 of Miami University, the only living member of the original coterie who founded the Phi Delta Theta fraternity fifty-eight years ago, and toward Mrs. Lindley who accompanied him to the part meet. ley, who accompanied him. At its last meeting the fraternity by formal resolution con-gratulated Mrs. Lindley upon the occasion of her seventieth birthday.

The meeting was called to order by Frank J. R. Mitchell, president of the general council, the governing body of the "Frat" of Chicago, and he brought "Father" Lindley forward to offer the

Welcome From Alumni Club. "The Washington Alumni Club welomes you to Washington," William N. Compton, president of that organization, said in his address of welcome, "and we are glad to see you. We have looked forward a long time to your coming bacause we have wanted to see you and we have wanted you to see us. We are prou 1 of the loyal band of Phis who constitute our alumni club, representing, as they do, nearly all the parent chapters. It will live us pleasure to conduct you to the Capitol building, the seat of government of the United States; the Congressional Library, and we want you to climb to the top of the Washington monument—in the elevator—and take a bird's-eye view of the most beautiful city in the world. You must go with us to the tomb of Washingon, and to the National cemetery at Ar-lington, where sleep the heroes of the

ate war, and meet personally President "For a long time we have believed that there ought to be an active chapter of Phi Delta Theta in the city of Washington, and the time has now come when that chapter can be instituted at George Washington University, where there is a loyal band of have maintained an or ganization for the past year or more for the express purpose of petitioning for a charter. The Alumni Club of Washington vania railroad was opposing the franchise ter. This matter will be brought more

Mr. Maofarland's Greeting.

At the close of the remarks, President Compton introduced Commissioner Macfarland, who, on behalf of the local government, welcomed the fraternity to the capi-

"As college-bred men, familiar with the history of your country, proud of its achievements and zealous in its servi , you will naturally take a part in developing its national capital by exerting your great influence in support of your senators and representatives in every measure for its up-building," Mr. Macfarland said. "You will naturally feel the responsibility of your privilege as men of exceptional training. Noblesse oblige means much to you. For instance, without being priggish you are expected to teach by example what the educated American should be—to meet President Eliot's definition of a gentleman, a strong man, nodest, generous, quiet in demeanor, who does not bluster or bustle, and who shows reverence for ideals and respect for the law and its representatives. If you contribute such living to the general scheme of our national life you will deserve and receive general gratitude.

"No one will appreciate Washington more than you. There is no one who would appreciate George Washington more than you. You will see the greatness of his unique character reflected in the city which he planned and which is his prediction that the nation would grow to be the greatest on

Appreciation Expressed.

Deep appreciation of the welcome extended by the city and by the local Phi club was expressed by John H. DeWitt, reporter of the general council and editor of "The Scroll," who made the response on behalf of the general council.

"We should all feel deeply the words of

strength and wisdom contained in the ad-

dress of the president of the governing body of this District," Mr. DeWitt said. He appealed to all newcomers, all who are at-tending their first fratenrity convention, to raw near to one another.
"Let the men from the east look up the men from the west, and the brothers from the north and from Canada get acquainted with the brothers from the south," the speaker added, "for this closer communion and absorption personalities expresses the highest phase of brotherhood which our

fraternity represents." In making response on behalf of the alumni Hugh Th. Miller, lieutenant governor of Indiana, gave expression to the pleasure which he a ways felt in meeting pleasure which he a ways felt in meeting friends among strangers, which, he said, is made possible by the large and growing membership of the Phi Delta Theta in different cities and towns throughout the

the present convention is witnessed the

crowning, with a rich and full success, of

the work that was begun by the founding

principles and her ideans she has established between the college man of the north and the college man of the south a bond of friendship that shall remain forever indissoluble.

"Today we are met in convention in the

city where resides the government of the greatest nation in the world. A delegate from far-off Texas, voicing the pride that the members of the active chapters feel in

of remarkable speed on the typewriter claimed for certain operators and machines. ferent cities and towns throughout the country. "Your welcome to Washington has touched us deeply," he declared, "and we and have been glad to know that there are a number of clerks in that office whose will try to prove ourselves worthy of it. The visit to the national capital is one that I am glad to make, and in so saying I am records, day in and day out, rival and even surpass others so widely advertised.

The writing of 2,000 words an hour sure that I voice the spirit of the entire been advertised as a great feat. This, it is stated, has been done in a speed test at dictation. The patent office has a clerk—Miss Laura Hopkins—who recently attained the remarkable speed of 3,100 words in fifty For the Active Chapters. Speaking for the active chapters, Alexander Pope of the University of Texas paid minutes on a piece of special court work for Commissioner Allen, and there were only two errors in the completed work. There are at least a dozen women in the patent office who can and do write from ten to eighteen thousand words a day of what was regarded as a rare compliment to "Father" Lindley when he said that at

seven hours, day in and day out, and think nothing of it. This work is all done from copy and not from dictation. of the fraternity in 1848. "Beginning at Miami in 1848," he said, "Phi Delta Theta has developed with the development of the college idea throughout this great country. She has gone east and established herself firmly and honorably in Lieut, James W. Lee Resigns. established herself firmly and honorably in that most wonderful industrial and commercial center. She has gone west far beyond the shadow of Wall street, to the Golden Gate, only being stopped by the Pacific ocean, and accomplished the same result. She has gone north even into Canada and south to the Gulf of Mexico. But this mere material and geographical details the least that Phi Delta Theta First Lieut. James W. Lee of the revenue cutter service has resigned. Lieut. Lee since July, 1898, has been in charge of the office of construction and repair of the revenue cutter service at Baltimore, and he has also been an instructor at the Revenue Service Training School at Arundel Cove, near Baltimore. His rank was first in the construction service of the revenue has done. Through the medium of her principles and her ideals she has estab-

service.

Constructor Lee retires to connect himself with a shipbuilding and drydock company of Baltimore,

La Patrie Travels Sixty Miles. NANTES, Department of Seine-et-Oise, France, November 23.—The Lebaudy dirigibie war balloon La Patrie made another night today from here, covering a distance of nearly sixty miles. their beloved fraternity, is doubly glad

men feel to be Americans, I am called upon to say in their behalf that they are deeply grateful for the welcome which has been extended to them. I hardly know how to thank Mr. Macfarland for the cordial manner in which he has greeted us. I feel I may safely assure him that we will use the freedom of this beautiful city in a safe.

BITTERNESS CAUSED BY PROMOfreedom of this beautiful cher freedom of this beautiful cher and conservative manner. At any rate, we will be as careful as the senators and other congressmen—our representatives—and I know that he can ask no TIONS IN THE ARMY.

Impossible for Veterans to Reach the Highest Grades Owing to Presidential Action.

Speaking of the discharge of the colored troops by the President, a gentleman thoroughly familiar with military affairs said to a Star reporter today that this ought to be a good time to call attention again to another great injustice in army affairs. Said this gentleman:

"It is a hopeful sign for the future of this magnificent young country that the morning.

Announcing events for the balance of the week, in addition to those contained in the official program, the local committee stated that a photograph of the members of the convention will be taken at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon on the east steps of the Capitol, and that a tree from the campus at Miami University will be planted at the tomb of Washington by "Father" Lindley in connection with the trip to Mount Vernoon Thursday. people raise their voices in earnest protest against an injustice done to certain of their number, white or black, in their name by one who represents them in authority. "While the people are expressing themselves in no uncertain tones through the medium of their local papers against the policy of punishing the innocent negro sol-diers and the guilty alike, will they not consider and give expression to their opinions of a most grave injustice that is being done other worthy individuals of the United States army?

Army Promotions. "Congress, in framing the bill governing

Five former presidents of the general council were among the delegates present at the opening meeting today, they being George Banta of Menasha, Wis., president for the term 1876-78; Hugh Th. Miller, Columbus, Ind., 1894-96; Walter B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., 1896-98; Hubert H. Ward, Cleveland, Ohio, 1900-02, and Dr. J. E. Brown, Columbus, Ohio, 1902-04.

The meeting was adjourned temporarily at noon and shortly thereafter reassembled in executive session. The delegates will visit the Congressional Library in a body this evening between 8 and 10 o'clock. romotion in the army, left a very dangerous opening for abuse by its silence concerning those eligible for the position of origadier general. It is safe to say that Congress intended that the grade should be open to selection by the President from those deemed by him and his military ad-visers to be best qualified, as demonstrated by service in peace and war. The exigencies of war and the necessity that the best men be in the highest places of an army at so critical a time must have influenced Congress in leaving open this dangerous loop-hole. That politics and favoritism were controlling factors in selecting many for this high grade since the civil war is evidenced by the fact that Henry J. Hunt, A. J. Smith, John G. Parke, Henry L. Abbott G. W. Getty and many other officers dis-tinguished as corps and a vision commanders of the great war were retired as colo nels of the great war were retired as colonels of the regular service, or with lesser rank. The lives of many of these famous officers were embittered by the sense of injustice and their old age made unhappy thereby. They complained that another of their grade, but of service of unequal merit, was preferred to the

> Complaint of Officers. "The officers of today complain that somcourt favorite, or one of great political nfluence, is jumped over the heads of hundreds of brother officers who have had onger service, and service more useful to the country. Capt. Pershing in his wonderful flight to a star was promoted over 257 captains, 364 majors, 181 lieutenant colonels. 110 colonels, a total of 862. officers, who ranked him. Eitner the vacancy given to Brodie, a Rough Rider, or that given to Alvord in the military secretary's department, would find Pershing a lleutenant colonel today, a most generous prize for shooting up a people a century behind the times in weapons and military skill.
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> "There was still a later vacancy as major in the same department, and at least ten carrying the same grade and pay in the Philippine scouts. all made by the Brodie, a Rough Rider, or that given to Al-

the Philippine scouts, all made by the President. The elevation of Wood, Grant, Bell, Funston, Carter, Bliss, Barry, Mills and Pershing to general rank over the heads of hundreds of older officers of longer and superior service in war and peace, has brought the army into a state of demoralization, increasing in degree with each unjust appointment.

Veetrans Hopeless.

"The older officers are embittered and opeless, for the injection of these young men into the highest grades forever close them to older men, or those of equal years. Officers who served gallantly in into every chapter of the history of our frontier in the stormy days now so easily forgotten, must crush every throb of am-bition and serve and obey the orders of these men who owe their positions to cir-cumstances of favor and partiality, without the merit that entitles any one of them to the thousandth part of one grade over his brother officers.

"Have not these hundreds of most deserv ing and faithful officers of long and distinservice a grievance as great as guished service a grievance as grea. as that of the colored soldiers? Have they had a square deal? Could the power of a despot be more ruthlessly wielded?"

DATE OF HANGING NEAR.

Maj. Sylvester and the other members of the inspection committee who visited the Execution of William Burge, Convictseveral precincts of the police department ed of Murder. last week, as heretofore stated in The Star, met today and decided that the No. 7 pre-According to the terms of the sentence

imposed upon William Burge, colored, who

was convicted of the murder of his wife, Daisy Burge, and of an attempt to send his mother-in-law and another member of the family to the grave, he is to pay the extreme penalty of the law one week froom tomorrow. It is not necessary for Warden Harris to male much preparation for the event, the scaffold being a permanent structure and there being guards enough on duty to carry out such a sentence at any time. The condemned man is said to be doing all in his power to make the jail officials and others believe he is insane, although a jury has said that he is sane and two juries have said he should suffer death. Burge positively refuses to converse with ministers or other callers, but he does talk to other prisoners at times. When a person calls upon him who presents the appearance of a minister or physician the conduct of the condemned man is such that, he thinks, is calculated to cause the belief that his mind is affected. Yesterday when

Rev. John Roberts called upon him he made an apparent effort to spring at him as if he wanted to frighten him.
"Sit down there," commanded the evangelist, and Burge immediately obeyed the command. The prisoner would not speak a word, however, and the minister had to leave his cell and conduct the usual Sunday service without the satisfaction of knowing he had made a good impression upon the man who is so soon to die. It is possible that the of the counsel for the conde man in taking the case to the Court of Appeals may cause a postponement of the execution, but should there be such a post-

short time, unless the case is advanced upon the docket.

ponement, it is believed, it will be for

Suit for Maintenance. Suit for maintenance was today filed in the District Supreme Court by Mrs. Maggle Clay against Jesse L. Clay. Mrs. Clay says her husband is employed in the navy yard, but refuses to support her. They were married August 2, 1900, and have one child. Mrs. Clay charges her husband left her the 10th of this month. Attorney W. E. Ambrose represents the wife.

Death of Mr. Herman Kahn.

Mr. Herman Kahn, fifty-five years of age, who was a traveling salesman, and resided at 1411 Harvard street, died at George Washington University Hospital yesterday afternoon. About 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon he was conversing with a party of friends in the Mercantile Club, 9th and M streets, when he was stricken with paralysis. He was removed to the hospital, where he died soon after reaching a ward.

The necessary certificate of death given, and the body was removed to the chapel at the undertaking establishment of Frank Geier's Sons, 1118 7th street, from which place the funeral will occur at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Kahn was formerly a resident of Chicago. He came to this city about two years ago.

Cabinet Members Returning.

In anticipation of the return of Presiden Roosevelt tonight all the members of the abinet are slowly returning to the capital. Secretary Root returned here yesterday from the west, and Secretary Bona-parte is back from his visit to New Eng-land and New York.

## OLD OFFICERS IGNORED SECOND CLASS MATTER

Congressional Commission Considering Mail Rates.

CHARGES FOR NEWSPAPERS

Robert J. Collier Opposes Mr. Madden's Proposition.

HEARING AT THE CAPITOL

Resumption of the Investigation of Alleged Abuses That Was Begun in New York.

The joint congressional commission to investigate all matters pertaining to secondclass mail matter met in the room of the Senate committee on post offices and post roads at the Capitol today and resumed its investigation which was begun in October in New York city, when a large amount of testimony was taken.

The session of the commission today was presided over by Senator Penrose. Mr. Robert J. Collier of New York was the first publisher to go on the stand. He was questioned as to his views on legislation that should be enacted by Congress to correct the evils that have been complained of. The fact that a large amount of matter is distributed by the government at the rate of one cent a pound, or as second-class matter, which in effect is chiefly made up of advertisements, was developed. But Mr. Collier did not agree with the form of re-Collier did not agree with the form of revision of the postal law as proposed by Mr. Madden, the third assistant postmaster general. He expressed sympathy with the efforts of the officials of the department to eradicate abouses of the privileges granted under the law for second-class mail matter, but disagreed with the proposition of the third assistant postmaster general.

Increased Bates Opposed. Mr. Collier remarked that in the view of many publishers Mr. Madden went too far in his language in reference to publishers,

and he declared that Mr. Madden evidently viewed all publishers with the "jaundiced eye." Mr. Collier did not believe that there should be any increase in the second-class rates, and expressed the view that if that should be done there would be consequences that would not be of advantage to the public at large. He saw no objection, however, to a more careful scrutiny of the postal law as applied to this class of mail matter, and thought that Congress might strengthen the existing statutes in order that the abuses that have been complained of should

be eradicated. Among the spectators present during the hearing, which will continue this afternoon, was Postmaster General Cortelyou The Canadian Complaint.

The commission will take up the issue raised by the Canadian government in abrogating the provision of the postal convention between the two countries concerning second-class matter which, according to the

notice that has been given by Canada, will expire May 7, 1907. This provision permits the transmission through the mails of pe-riodical publications, which includes newspapers, at 1 cent a pound. Canada has for some time objected to some of the matter that is accepted in the United States at second-class rates. It is claimed that perhaps a hundred publications in this country enjoy the second-class rates and in that way receive distribution in Canada, whereas the Canadian

government does not give similar rates to cations within its own territory. If the commission comes to a conclusion that will place the regulations of tife Post Office Department upon the same plane as those of Canada, the matter of an agreement with Canada in relation to such rates will be an easy matter. Should that not be the case and should the commission permit

the present regulations to stand an agreement with Canada will be more difficult. TRANQUILLITY IN CDBA

CAPTURE OF RUIS ENDS ALL SIGN OF DISORDER.

HAVANA, November 26 .- With the capture yesterday of the Clenfuegos band of eight men, who took to the woods under ex-Chief of Police Ruis, the last vestige of disorder in Cuba has disappeared. Ruis was at first reported to have a large following, but the capture of the men referred

to has proved this to be untrue. The reports received by Gov. Magoon from all parts of the island show that perfect tranquillity prevails. There is not even the faintest rumor of trouble anywhere. Investigation of the reports that bands of insurgents were operating in the vicinity of Palmyra and Guines prove them to be unfounded.

The dispatch of a detachment of American marines yesterday to Palmyra is ex-plained as being simply for the purpose of relieving the garrison in accordance with the plans made a week ago, Mr. Ma-goon is much gratified at the peaceful con-dition of affairs.

Secretary Taft received the following dispatch today from Gov. Magoon at Hawana, under yesterday's date:
"Band from Clenfuegos overhauled by detachment of Rural Guards under command of Capt. Landa. They were taken into custody and disarmed with difficulty and are now being brought to Clenfuegos. Band was composed of eight men."

Indictments by the Grand Jury. Joseph Paolucci, an Italian, was today

indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree in connection with the death of Elizabeth V. Dodge, a sixteen-year-old girl, September 13 last.

The Italian had been paying attention to the young girl and became angered by seeing her in the company of some young boys and girls. . He lay in wait for her and caught her alone near her home, on 5th street northeast between D and E streets. He spoke to her and then, the government charges, shot three times at her, all three bullets lodging in the body of the child. Turning the pistol on himself Paolucci inflicted a severe wound in his abdomen. He lingered several days at the Casualty Hos-pital before he was sufficiently recovered to be taken to jail.

The grand jury also returned the follow-

ing indictments: William Wells, Edward Roots, John W. Lewis, receiving stolen property; Henry E. Curey, larceny from the United States; Curey, larceny from the United States; George T. Preston, Joseph Dorsey, assault with a dangerous weapon; Dallas R. Bowman, jr., forgery; Max Von Schrader: Laura Ferguson, grand larceny; Bernard F. Keenan, robbery; James Travers and John Truman, Edgar Fisk, John Montgomery, Robert Brown, housebreaking; Luke Hebron, violation of policy law, and Joseph Dorsey, assault with a dangerous weapon.

Frank G. Willett Dead.

The death of Frank G. Willett, a merchant of South Washington, occurred Saturday at his home. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from Gor-such M. E. Church, 4½ and L streets south-west.

Various Clues to Murder.

DAYTON, Ohlo, November 27 .- A man giving the name of James Rodgers of New York was arrested here today on suspicion of knowledge of connection with the murder of Miss Dora Gilman, whose body was found within a few feet of her home last week. The various clues to the murder, which was very mysterious, have been followed, but nothing positive has been made known by the officers in charge of the case.