

TAMMANY ALERT AS FIGHT BEGINS

First Big Gathering in Clean-up Campaign Finds Tiger for Show of Law Enforcement.

BY LEMUEL F. PARTON.
Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, March 30.—New York police heads have assigned special details to tonight's meeting of protest against civic corruption, with emphatic instruction to protect the speakers and audience against heckling and disturbance.

The meeting will be the first large public gathering in a "clean-up" campaign which already has moved into the stream of national politics and which, according to informed observers, is scheduled to carry through to the mayoralty campaign of 1933. Tammany is meeting the opening onslaught not by calling out the Cossack House gang, as in the old days, but by a scrupulous enforcement of every outward semblance of law and order.

It is down in the sub-basement of organization politics and in sharp rearguard against both Democratic and Republican factions that Tammany's most energetic fighting is being done now. In its own defensive clean-up, forestalling the legislative investigation ordered by a Republican Legislature, it has moved first against an Al Smith appointee in carrying the arrest of Rollin C. Bassett, inspector of the Bureau of Buildings on the charge of having accepted a bribe of \$1,500.

It has gestured menacingly against George U. Harvey, Republican president of the Borough of Queens, and it has promised arrests and indictments in the department of markets, staffed by Al Smith chairmen and other adherents of the "new Tammany."

Tammany, which doesn't intend to support Smith for President, has decided on the stand toward Gov. Roosevelt. It was jolted by Roosevelt's appointment of Judge Seabury to investigate the district attorney's office, and it awaits word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

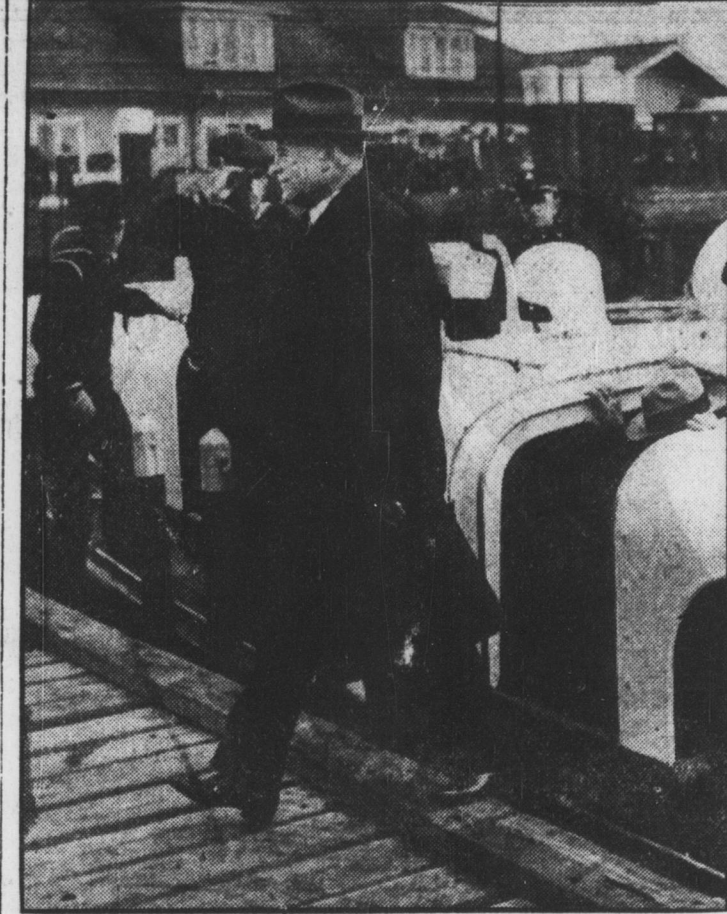
Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

Tammany intends to show, before the anti-corruption drive goes much further, that the few minor peccadilloes of the present administration are chargeable to such renegades as new Tammanys and such sworn foes as Republicans, and to legacies of past administrations. This is Tammany's white book, as the avails word from John F. Curry, leader of the Hall, before determining its attitude toward the Governor.

President Hoover's Return

BACK FROM 10-DAY TRIP IMPROVED IN HEALTH.



BRONZED by tropical suns and looking the picture of health, President Hoover is shown stepping ashore at Old Point Comfort, Va., March 29, after a brief vacation cruise aboard the battleship Arizona to Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. President Hoover took office, more than two years ago, has he looked so physically fit.

EX-'FOLLIES' GIRL DRIVES OFF CLIFF

Husband Refuses to Accept Police Suicide Theory. Calls It Accident.

By the Associated Press.

NICE, March 30.—Her nerve bolstered by four stiff brandies, Mrs. David Townsend, former Broadway "Follies" girl, drove her car off a 200-foot precipice near here and found in death the rest that life denied her.

While she drank she scribbled a note to her husband, reportedly wealthy Wall Street broker, which read:

"Please take care of my mother. Pay 4,000 francs to Wally. Another paragraph which referred to the possibility of her going back to the stage was undecipherable.

When she did not show up Saturday evening for an opera party which she had planned for friends, they sought her, but their search was unavailing until in the cold gray dawn of Sunday morning police saw her car crushed on the rocks below the cliff.

Police, investigating the tragedy, identified her as the former Mary Margaret Laird of Birmingham, Ala., who married David Townsend in 1929. She and Townsend were married six years ago and so far as known the child, a girl of 5 years, is the only child of the couple.

Police said today that there had been a dozen Peggy Davises on Broadway, many of them in his "Follies" and that he did not know if the Nice woman was Peggy Davis of Birmingham, Ala., who was first married in 1918 to Lieut. Col. Joseph Alexander Davis, of the Ordnance Department, who afterward proved to have been married before and not divorced.

That marriage was annulled and Peggy Davis in 1921 married Joseph Davis. The next year he was indicted for bigamy and it was discovered that a month before he married the Davis girl he had taken another wife.

Thereafter Miss Davis worked as a secretary and was married to a New York City stock broker, but the marriage was opposed by her mother, Mrs. Capt. Laird.

Two SUSPECTS HELD IN FATAL BEATING

Man Believed Drowned Found to Have Been Killed Prior to Drop Into Water

By the Associated Press.

HIGHLANDS, N. J., March 30.—After an autopsy today, County Physician Hartman declared Ray Waddell, 30, son of the assistant police chief of Bowling Green, Ky., had been beaten to death before his body was thrown into the Shrewsbury River.

The body was found yesterday, 10 weeks after Waddell supposedly was drowned by falling from a motor boat during a storm.

ONE KILLED AND 4 HURT IN GASTONIA CHURCH ROW

Two Officers, Slashed With Knives, Are in Serious Condition—Colored Man Slain.

By the Associated Press.

GASTONIA, N. C., March 30.—Three Gastonia County officers were slashed with knives and two of them seriously wounded yesterday as they attempted to quell a row at a colored church near here.

Before the officers quelled the disturbance they shot to dead Cleveland Mason, South Carolina colored man. Mason's brother also was wounded.

The trouble took place at the Neeley's Grove Baptist Church, where the annual convention of the friendly Aid Society of North Carolina and South Carolina, attended by a thousand or more persons, was in session.

The injured officers are Jim Green, Joe W. Brandon and Wiley McGinnis.

DEADLY 'FOLLIES' TRIAL OF PROPHERS

Evidence Showing Police Held Frank Marco, Chief Suspect, to Be Offered.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Attorneys defending Leo Brothers, in his trial for the slaying of Alfred "Jake" Lingle, newspaper reporter, announced today they would attempt to introduce evidence that Frank Marco, who has since been killed in New York, was once considered by police the "chief suspect" in the murder.

As the State was putting on its last witness, the defense subpoenaed Lieut. Walter Storms and Capt. John Stege and revealed that the police officers would be asked about other suspects to the Lingle slaying, principally Marco, a former chauffeur to Julian "Potatoes" Kaufman.

Kaufman's name was mentioned prominently in the Lingle case because he owned a night club allegedly closed by orders of Lingle, who was a close friend and adviser of the then police commissioner, William Russell.

X-Ray Specialist Testifies.

The first witness today was Dr. M. A. Pfannebecker, an X-ray specialist, who gave testimony concerning an examination of Officer Anthony Ruffy. Ruffy was the witness who told the court Friday that he was chasing a "vision" as well as a man immediately after the Lingle slaying and who said that when he identified Frank Foster, another Lingle suspect, his mind was a blank.

The State has several witnesses expected to testify that Ruffy has been mentally unbalanced for years, but the defense will attempt to prove that Ruffy's testimony was merely a ruse to throw out his previous identification of Foster.

May Hear Brothers.

Asked whether Brothers would take the stand in his defense, Attorney Tyrrell Krum would not say definitely, but answered "it would look funny if he didn't at least get up and say 'I didn't do it.'"

Dr. Pfannebecker testified that he examined Officer Ruffy March 16 and found a "soft" fracture of the skull. Col. Calvin Goddard, Ballistics expert and head of the Crime Detection Laboratory of Northwestern University, was the next witness.

Goddard Gives Lecture.

The jury heard a lengthy lecture on ballistics by Col. Goddard, who told of examining the bullet that killed Lingle and comparing it with another bullet fired from the pistol found near Lingle's body. He testified that from the markings on the two bullets he was able to determine that the bullet taken from Lingle's brain was fired from the weapon that is now State's exhibit No. 2.

This point was considered important because a State witness, Clark Applegate, Kentucky race horse trainer, testified he saw Brothers shoot a gun near the body of the slain reporter.

Although he left soon after the shooting and was unable to say positively that it was the same weapon now in evidence in this case, Applegate said it was the same type and looked exactly like the pistol he saw.

Col. Goddard produced a bullet which he said had been turned over to him as the "Alfred Lingle" bullet and another that he said he fired into a basket of waste to make the comparison. They became a part of the court record as State's exhibits.

"From these tests I concluded that both bullets had been fired through the same gun," he said.

Robinson Sentenced on Fourth Offense After Tale He Slew Six in 1912.

By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, March 30.—Leroy Robinson, alias George Meyers, who Saturday confessed the slaying of six persons in Iowa in 1912 and who yesterday was said to have headed a plot of 10 prisoners to break out of the county jail, was sentenced to serve from 14½ to 15 years in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson today.

Robinson was convicted of breaking and entering a bank and was caught robbing a Grosbeak Point Park home.

Repeats Confession.

Before Circuit Judge Homer Ferguson today Robinson reiterated his confession of the Iowa slayings.

Robinson was said by police to have been convicted four times previously of various offenses. In a private conference with Judge Ferguson and Assistant Prosecutor William C. Buckingham he admitted the crimes. When asked about them in court he denied them.

Story Falls to Check.

Buckingham said he was convinced other prisoners in the county jail advised Robinson to deny the other convictions in the hope that he would be sent to the State Penitentiary.

Robinson's confession that he killed six persons at Villica, Iowa, does not tally with the record of the crime, the officers said. Eight persons were killed. Robinson's confession accounted for only six.

MRS. ALBERT OSBORN EXPIRES IN FLORIDA

Wife of American University Historian Was Widely Known in Church Circles.

By the Associated Press.

Mrs. Albert Osborn of Washington Grove, Md., widely known in church circles in this city and nearby Maryland, died yesterday at Washington, Fla., where she was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Farmer. She was 72 years old.

Car Lines Blocked by Triple Collision



When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

When Omar Poole, a bond salesman, attempted to make a turn south from Sixteenth street east into H today, a collision with a street car occurred and the scene above followed. The two street cars were derailed and rush-hour traffic held up for an hour. Poole's automobile was reduced to junk. He was slightly hurt. The upper picture was made from the roof of the Hays-Adams House. Poole's photo in the inset.

GERMANY TO REPLY TO BRIAN ADDRESS

Austro-German Economic Union Plan Is Claimed No Threat to Peace.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, March 30.—Germany will not allow the address of Aristide Briand, French foreign minister, before the Chamber of Deputies Saturday, when he saw in the projected Austro-German economic union a threat to peace, to go unanswered.

The Reich's foreign minister, Dr. Julius Curtius, will reply to the French minister's speech tomorrow in the last pre-Easter session of the Reichstag, or State Council. He was busy today with telephone conferences with Johann Schober, Austrian foreign minister, at Vienna as to what he should say.

It was pointed out here that the speech was principally rhetorical and contained no arguments of a political and economic nature, and that no proofs had been supplied from any quarter to show that either Germany or Austria would violate any agreements in carrying out the union.

SPEECH THOUGHT WARNING.

Paris Newspaper Voices Move to Thwart Economic Union.

PARIS, March 30.—Aristide Briand's Senate speech Saturday, in which he declared he would continue to the bitter end protesting against the projected Austro-German customs accord, was interpreted today by the semi-official newspaper Le Temps as a warning to Berlin and Vienna.

"It must be understood," the newspaper said, "that the entire French press supports the government in any diplomatic action calculated to thwart this customs union, which would compromise Austrian independence and create a dangerous situation in Central Europe."

Le Temps congratulated the foreign minister for taking a firm stand on an issue which France considers a violation of solemn engagements.

An indication of public support for vigorous protests was seen in a resolution by the Chamber of Deputies Tariff Committee demanding the creation of a general tariff barrier to isolate Germany and Austria from the rest of the continent.

PURPOSE OUTLINED.

German Move Seen as Effort for European Economic Unit.

VIENNA, March 30.—The newspaper Wiener Mittags today said that Dr. Otto Ender, Austrian chancellor, told a political meeting at Vienna that Germany approached the Austrian government with a proposal to bring her duties against foreign countries to the level obtaining in Germany.

Dr. Ender said, according to the newspaper, that after this was done neighboring countries were to be asked to join the pact so that a mutual economic territory might widen out gradually and present a great European economic unit.

Dr. Ender, in a speech at Dornbirn last night, minimized the importance of the proposed Austro-German customs union which he described as a regional agreement by which Austria hoped to relieve her economic and industrial troubles.

He had concluded similar agreements with Hungary, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia, he said, but when she sought such an agreement with Germany, all Europe rose in protest. All neighboring States were invited to join, making this the first step toward a European economic unit.

It was stated officially yesterday reports in a Paris newspaper that the proposed Austro-German Customs Union contains a "secret military clause" directed against the little entente and Austria without adequate motive.

ACTION HELD SUSPICIOUS.

Method and Time of Proposed Union Questioned by Henderson.

LONDON, March 30.—Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson said in a statement to the House of Commons today that the methods and time chosen for the proposed Austro-German customs union were calculated to arouse suspicion.

It was stated that the advantages of a frank exchange of ideas afforded by international meetings at Geneva and elsewhere, he said.

Austria and Germany took the view that their proposals were in conformity with the Geneva protocol of 1922, he said, and therefore there was no reason why the council of the League should deal with the matter. The Geneva pact, he said, was concluded to prevent any nation from threatening Austrian sovereignty.

The German government would not admit that the proposed agreement was a compromise, he said, and he said the League Council from a political standpoint, he continued, because the agreement is considered to be purely of an economic character. He added that the negotiations would continue along their course and because of numerous technical details could not be concluded before two or three months.

After outlining the situation, Mr. Henderson announced his intention of raising the question of the agreement at the next meeting of the League's Council to determine the compatibility of the accord with Austria's treaty obligations. If there was a general desire that the council should be assisted by an advisory opinion from the Court of International Justice, he said, he would favor referring the question to that body.

NOONDAY LENTEN SERVICE

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

12:20 to 1:00 O'Clock

Speaker This Week.

Bishop W. F. McDowell Methodist Episcopal Church

Auspices Federation of Churches