

MRS. STETSON OUT

No Chance For Her to Control New York Church.

CAUCUS ELECTS HER ENEMIES.

The Excommunicated Leader of First Christian Science Congregation May Try to Push Through an Independent Ticket.

New York, Jan. 11.—Any idea that the adherents of Augusta E. Stetson, the excommunicated leader of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in this city may have had looking toward obtaining a controlling membership in the board of trustees of the church through the election which is to be held Jan. 17 was given a severe setback when a meeting of the congregation, in effect a caucus, indorsed all of the present anti-Stetson board for re-election. Unless those supporting Mrs. Stetson put a rival ticket in the field between now and next Tuesday evening the present board of trustees will continue in office and the Stetson faction will be practically closed.

According to the bylaws of the First Church of Christian Science there are three trustees of a total of nine to be elected each year. Besides the three vacancies regularly occurring this year incumbents to two trusteeships which were filled by appointment following the resignation of two of the loyal followers of Mrs. Stetson last January have to be elected. Since the situation forces the election of five, or a majority of the board of the church, the situation appeared to those in power to be of sufficient gravity to warrant the caucus.

After the regular slate had been put through by a vote that was unanimous Virgil O. Strickler announced that next July at the expiration of his three year term as first reader of the church he would cease to have any official connection with the First church in New York. He would not be a candidate for trustee nor would he continue in his present position.

About 700 members of the church attended the meeting.

WOMAN HELPS IN GUN FIGHT

Three Men Dead, Another Will Die, as Result of Quarrel.

Abbeville, Ga., Jan. 11.—Three men are dead and one mortally wounded as a result of a fight near here. Those killed are Matthew Wilson, James Mixson and Noah White. N. P. Wilson is mortally wounded. All are prominent business men and until six months ago were partners in the lumber business. Differences arose, and White withdrew, alleging he had been badly treated.

Feeling has been bitter, and the two Wilsons and Mixson went to White's home to discuss matters. There were hot words, and in an instant all were using pistols, including Mrs. White, who came to her husband's aid when she saw him attacked by three men. It is said White killed Mixson and was himself killed by Matthew Wilson, who was at once shot to death by Mrs. White. It is said Mrs. White mortally wounded N. P. Wilson.

Mrs. White was not wounded. She and her husband were married only a few months ago. She is an expert with firearms.

He Worried the Judge.

A story was recently told of the elder Judge Peckham, father of the supreme court Justice. In the early days of dentistry a hickory plug was put into the cavity to fill the space where a tooth ought to be. This plug had to be gently pounded into its desired position. The old judge was somewhat addicted to strong language, and when the dentist began his work the judge indulged in some classic comment. At the tapping of the plug continued to throw all dignity to the four winds of heaven, and his language became decidedly "more forcible than elegant."

When, however, he arose from the chair after what seemed to him an interminable period of agony he pulled out all the stops in his vocabulary for a grand climax. The impression on his listener seems to have been deep and lasting. As the judge passed out the dentist grimly remarked to a waiting patient:

"Wasn't it beautiful? It wasn't really necessary to pound half so long, but I did so enjoy his infliction that I almost pounded the hickory plug into splinters. Wonderful command of language the judge has!"—Case and Comment.

Crossed by the Corpse.

Most of Walthamstow is too modern to have much mystery about it, but the "Walthamstow strip" of Leyton preserves the memory of a curious old rule. Barely a hundred yards broad, this strip of land, belonging to Walthamstow parish, ran right across Leyton from the lea to Snaresbrook, parallel with the southern border of Walthamstow. How came Leyton to be crossed by this alien strip? Leyton, it was said, had once refused to bury a body found in the lea; Walthamstow came forward to do it. And in such cases it was the rule that the volunteering parish might take from the other as much land right through to the other side as the men who carried the corpse could cover walking in line hand in hand arms extended. The inconvenient result worried both parishes until the growth of population made new parishes necessary.—London Chronicle.

REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT.

He Startles Congress by Demanding That They Work a Little.



Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative Dwight of New York, the Republican whip of the house, is much disgusted with the apparent indifference of his colleagues toward their legislative duties. He says that in a few days he will demand the enforcement of the house rule adopted away back in 1872, providing that members shall not receive pay for those days they do not spend in attendance on the sessions of the house.

"I am in earnest about this," Mr. Dwight said. "It has been threatened before and nothing has been done. But this is the short session; we have a great deal of work to do. That work cannot be accomplished if half the time is spent in securing quorums."

As soon as the members find out Mr. Dwight means what he says the attendance is expected to improve wonderfully.

PUBLIC REPRIMAND FOR SIMS.

His "Last Drop of Blood" Speech Made in London Objected To.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Commander William S. Sims, commanding the battleship Minnesota and former naval aid to President Roosevelt, will be reprimanded publicly for his alleged indiscreet "last drop of blood" speech made at Guild hall in London on Dec. 3 last when the officers and men of the fleet were entertained by the lord mayor of London.

Secretary Meyer asked Commander Sims for an explanation of the authenticity of the statement. He replied that the remark attributed to him by the newspapers was correct. He said, however, that his remarks were on the spur of the moment and without preparation, and he explained that he was stating only his personal opinion.

While his explanation was frank and comprehensive, Secretary Meyer felt that mild disciplinary action was necessary because of the wide publicity given to Commander Sims' statement.

Help the Children.

"There is nothing in all the world so important as children, nothing so interesting. If you ever wish to go in for some philanthropy, if you ever wish to be of any real use in the world, do something for children. If you ever yearn to be truly wise, study children. We can dress the sore, bandage the wounded, imprison the criminal, heal the sick and bury the dead, but there is always a chance that we can save a child. If the great army of philanthropists ever exterminate sin and pestilence, ever work out our race's salvation, it will be because a little child has led them."—David Starr Jordan.

Strange Storehouses.

In the old birds' nests that are placed near the ground in shrubs and small trees close to hazelnut bushes and bittersweet vines one will often find a handful of hazelnuts or bittersweet berries. They were put there by the white footed mice and the meadow mice, which visit these storehouses regularly. Even a white footed mouse will cover a bird's nest with fine dried grass and inner bark and make a nest for itself.—New York Tribune.

Three Inscriptions.

On the doorways of Milan cathedral are three inscriptions. The first, placed under a carved rose wreath, runs, "All that which pleases is only for a moment." The second, under a cross, reads, "All that which troubles is but for a moment," and under the central arch is the inscription, "That only is which is eternal."

A Popular Game.

"Many games originated from ancient forms of worship, human sacrifice, marriage, burial and other ceremonies," Dr. A. O. Haddon remarked in an address at the Royal Sanitary Institute. "Leapfrog is a game common to almost every country, including New Guinea and Japan."—London Standard.

Dying of Love.

"Oeh!" said a love sick Hibernian. "What a recreation it is to be dying of love! It sets the heart aching so delicately there's no taking a wink of sleep for the pleasure of the pain."—London Telegraph.

Not Jealous.

Mrs. Jawback—John, I do believe you are jealous of my first husband. Mr. Jawback—Well, no; I don't believe it. Call it jealousy. Envy is the word.—Cleveland Leader.

A NEW STEEL HEAD**James A. Farrell to Succeed William E. Corey.****ANNOUNCEMENT UNEXPECTED.**

Wall Street Was Shocked, as It Doesn't Know the New President of the Trust, Who Has Been in Export Company.

New York, Jan. 11.—James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Products Exports company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation, which handles its export trade, has been chosen president of the United States Steel corporation itself to succeed William E. Corey, whose resignation was announced a few days ago in a statement issued by Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the finance committee of the corporation.

The announcement of the selection of Mr. Farrell was made after the regular Tuesday meeting of the finance committee and was unexpected by Wall street generally, to whom Mr. Farrell is unknown. In connection with the statement issued after that meeting Judge Gary said that all of the members of the finance committee had been present, including himself as chairman, George E. Baker, William E. Corey, Henry C. Frick, J. P. Morgan, Jr.; George W. Perkins, Henry Phipps, Norman B. Ream and Peter A. Widener. The statement reads:

The finance committee of the United States Steel corporation after consulting individual members of the board of directors not on the committee has unanimously decided to recommend to the board at its next regular meeting the election of James A. Farrell as president of the corporation.

Mr. Farrell has been the president of the United States Steel Products company ever since its organization in 1903 and as such has demonstrated great business capacity.

DIPLOMAT TIED POLICEMAN.

Colonel Scruggs, It Is Charged, Helped His Butler Escape Arrest.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11.—Colonel W. L. Scruggs, former minister of the United States to Venezuela and well known in diplomatic and literary circles, aided by his wife and daughters, captured Policeman Spears, who had gone to the Scruggs home to arrest the butler, and detained the officer until the butler escaped. The butler, Robert Lovett, was wanted for assault on his wife, and Spears appeared with a warrant while the Scruggs family was at dinner.

Scruggs told the policeman the butler should not be arrested, but Spears disregarded the diplomat's warning and seized Lovett. Then Scruggs seized the policeman, as did also Mrs. Scruggs and her two daughters. Spears was thrown to the floor, according to the policeman, and tied, and Scruggs told the butler to run.

After the butler was given time to get away the policeman was released. Several warrants have been sworn out for Colonel Scruggs. Scruggs says the policeman was insulting.

Old Daddy Longlegs.

Everybody is well acquainted with the insect called "daddy longlegs," but not everybody knows that there is evidence to show that this strange little creature, towering high upon its thread-like stilts, is probably a more ancient inhabitant of America than any representative of the human species. Far back in tertiary time, at the very dawn of the modern world, its ancestors lived, we are told, in great numbers in that part of the continent which we call Colorado. The fossil remains of these insects show the characteristic features that mark them today, although new species have taken the place of the old, for even "daddy longlegs" knows what evolution is and has attained to something that in his view is perhaps a kind of civilized existence suitable to the exigencies of life in the twentieth century.—Harper's Weekly.

The Hunting of the Tahr.

Of all the ways of hunting surely that of the hillmen of Garhwal is the strangest. This, according to Major the Hon. C. G. Bruce, in "Twenty Years in the Himalayas," is their method of killing the tahr, a local species of goat: "Having driven the tahr into deep nullahs with most precipitous sides, out of which there are certain well known tahr runs, they proceed to cover these runs where the ground is most difficult with mats made of split bamboo which have been previously well drenched in water. The result is the mats freeze and become as slippery as glass. Then they frighten the herd and drive them over these mats, with the result that they are precipitated from the cliffs and that the Garhwal pick up the remains—perhaps twelve basketfuls."

Mostly Hall.

A New Yorker bought one of those fine old colonial places down in Virginia, principally on account of the glowing description of the real estate agent and on information from friends. When he went down to see his mansion he was much impressed by the great pillars, the spacious porch and particularly the great hall running from the front to the back of the house.

He inspected the place and came back to New York.

"What shall you name it?" he was asked.

"I think," he replied, "I shall call it Mostly Hall."—Saturday Evening Post.

GEORGE P. MCLEAN.

He Will Be Senator From Connecticut.

**RECORD TIME FOR DESTROYERS**

New Torpedo Boats Make Usual Eight Hour Trip In Less Than Five.

New Orleans, Jan. 11.—Headed by the Paulding, the fastest ship in the navy, the torpedo boat flotilla, made up of the Paulding, Roe and Terry, docked after what is believed to be the fastest time ever made for the run from Key West to this port. The flotilla completed the trip, which generally takes merchantmen eight hours, in about four hours and fifty minutes.

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