



VICTIMS OF POISON MYSTERY.

Victims in the great poison mystery of Cumberland, Md. Miss Grace Flosser and her fiance, Charles Edward Twigg. The betrothed couple were found dead side by side on a sofa in the parlor of the girl's home...



NEW YEAR BRINGS RUSH OF BUSINESS

(By SIDNEY ESPEY.)

Washington, Jan. 14.—With the arrival of the New Year, the Interstate Commerce Commission is confronted by the greatest rush of business that has come to it in years.

The two new members recently appointed have already subscribed to the oath of office, and some radical changes are now looked for in the methods of handling the work.

With the retirement of Chairman Martin A. Knapp, after many years of service, the commission's first step will be to select a new chairman. In recent times presidents have not attempted to influence the choice of a chairman, and consequently Mr. Knapp succeeded himself from year to year.

Commissioner Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, became the senior member with the retirement of Mr. Knapp, and heir to the chairmanship. He is a democrat, the recognized conservative, and will incline toward republicans and three democrats.

There is, however, a distinct disposition to have a new assignment in this matter of the chairmanship. The idea of a permanent chairman succeeding himself year after year, by reason of seniority, is not regarded with favor by the younger members of the commission. Accordingly, it is stated that a proposition will be made to have the chairmanship rotate among the members, each holding it for a year.

Contrary to some published views the commissioners do not expect a long delay before they can decide the pending cases involving the proposed general advances in freight rates.

With the makeup of the new commission speculation has been rife as to just what influence the new members will have upon the problems to be solved. Hitherto a general impression has been gained that if the old commission had rendered the decision it would have been favorable to the railroads. The basis for this impression was taken from some of Mr. Knapp's public utterances, although he discounted such statements in his decisions.

With the new commission however, railroad experts are expecting that the railroads will lose their fight for increased rates. They hold that the commission, as now made up, will decide against the enforcement of the new tariffs, filed a few months ago, for a general advancement of rates.

At this time, the most important question asked in "inner circles" is whether there will be any dissenting opinion. It is generally recognized that the majority of the commission—certainly as many as five of its seven members—will decide that the increases are unjustifiable.

Commissioners Prouty, Lane and Clements have from the beginning been set down as opposed to the increases. The railroads have expected to get three of the other four, but the latest information is that they are mistaken. Commissioner Harlan has been thought likely to view the railroads' case with favor, but it is stated that to the contrary, he views the proposed advances with a decidedly unfriendly eye.

Hence the decision of the commission regarding the more important cases of rate advances tends to hinge upon the two new members of the commission, recently appointed by President Taft—B. H. Meyer, of Wisconsin, and C. C. McChord, of Kentucky. Both of these men have been connected with railroad commissions of their respective states, and have waged bitter legal battles in attempting to put laws regulating railroads on the statute books.

These two men have a great experience with the railroads, rather than with them, and it seems safe to assume that the beliefs that controlled them then will be reflected in their opinions in the rate cases.

Commissioner Meyer has been a student of railroads and their workings all his life. Born in Mequon, Ozaukee county, Wisconsin, May 25, 1866, he entered upon life in 1893, surrounded by the railroads. He attended the common schools, Wisconsin University, and the University of Berlin, leaving that institution with a certificate as professor of economics and law. Later he came back to the University of Wisconsin, where he has been a member of the faculty until 1905, when he was appointed to the state railroad commission. From that time on he has been actively identified with railroad life, having written much about the subject and his works being regarded as standards. In 1905 he was appointed special agent in charge of the special works of valuation of railroads.

Commissioner McChord like Mr. Meyer is a lawyer. He was born in Kentucky, December 3, 1863, and started his public career as prosecuting attorney at Washington county, Kentucky. In 1892 he was appointed to the railroad commission of that state, and four years later was elected to the state senate, where he was instrumental in having a number of statutes passed by the legislature regulating railroads. In 1898 he was appointed railroad commissioner and served in that capacity for two years on a continuous basis. At the expiration of his last term he formed a law partnership with Hines & Norman of Louisville, Kentucky, of which he was a member when appointed to the interstate commerce commission.

Commissioner Clements, who will become the new chairman of the Commission, is a democrat. He was born on a Georgia farm and was one of ten children. Seven of them boys. When Sumter was fired on he was fifteen years old and in three months was the only son left at home. All the rest left to join the Confederate army. In the third year of the war, he ran away and joined the army at Cartersville, Ga. He helped plant one of Gen. Johnson's guns on Kenesaw Mountain, and was wounded at Atlanta. After the war, Clements studied law and was admitted to the bar. He got into politics first as county school

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SCENE IN OPERA "KOENIGSKINDER."

The final scene in Engelbert Humperdinck's latest opera, "Koenigskind," which made its initial appearance at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York recently. The picture shows the final scene of the great opera with the King's son, (Herman Jadowker), and the Goose Girl, (Geraldine Farrar) dead in the snow. This wonderful example of stage craft served as a fitting finish for one of the best operas that has been produced in New York and evoked round upon round of applause from the enthusiastic audience.

American Business Men to Secure Their Tariff Commission

(By RODERICK CLIFFORD.)

Washington, Jan. 14.—What American business men can accomplish through the tariff matters is being effectively demonstrated in the campaign, now being waged before congress to secure a tariff commission which shall handle the tariff-making business for the country. A year and a half ago, business men of the country tired with the business unrest, tariff revisions, case, settled upon a tariff board, or commission idea, as a solution of their problems. Their original plea was considered humorous by the politicians, as certain members of the senate and house claimed that this plan was an attempt to take from congress its constitutional right to impose taxes and levy revenues.

The business campaign, however, resulted in the creation of the present temporary tariff board, and doubtless will secure the enactment of a law at the present session of congress providing for a permanent commission and for the revision of tariff laws by the schedule or schedule plan.

This has come or is about to come to pass, because American business men decided that it was time for them to give a little less of their energies to their own particular affairs, and devote some of their time to showing the country at large, and congress in particular, how the problem that has been troubling business parties up and down and affecting business stability, should be dealt with.

This idea was the genesis of the National Tariff Commission Association, an organization formed in Indianapolis in February, 1909, by representatives of some of the strongest and most important commercial bodies of the country, for the sole purpose of securing the enactment of legislation providing a permanent board to collect facts, figures and necessary data that would enable the president and congress to raise or lower duties intelligently.

The gathering in Indianapolis included such leaders in commercial life as D. M. Parry of Indianapolis; Alva B. Johnson, of Philadelphia; George W. Shelton of Chicago; Henry R. Towne, president of the Merchants Association of New York; John Chandler Cook, vice-president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; Henry T. Willis, economist and writer on foreign trade matters; John Kirby, jr., of Dayton, Ohio; Professor E. V. Robinson of the University of Minnesota; H. E. Miles, of Rice, Wisconsin; J. J. Callahan of Paris, Texas; and Charles M. Jarvis of New Britain, Conn.

All of these men are directors in the association, and have been conspicuously active in the campaign which has caused a complete reversal of public opinion regarding the usefulness of a tariff commission. Their campaign has brought not only the business interests, but also the leaders at the top, to a realization of the necessity for having such a permanent body. It is such men as these who have been successfully backing the president in his fight for the passage of the bill creating the commission, and it has been their vigorous support in the face of the opposition of the politicians that has brought the campaign up to a point where there seems little doubt of its success. During the Christmas holidays, President Taft broke his intention to rest only when he took up the tariff commission proposition. There have been daily conferences on the subject at the White House for the past two months. A tariff commission is the main plan in President Taft's legislative program. He has made it known that if all of the other measures he desires enacted into law fail at this session there must be no failure in the creation of a permanent tariff board. This is the present Taft hobby, and it will remain so until a permanent

Found Big Supply of Opium. San Francisco, Jan. 18.—Customs inspectors searching the Asiatic liner Korea yesterday found some loose panels in the wall of an unoccupied state room. Removing the panels they came upon a cache of contraband opium. Forty-two tins of five tael measure were there. The drug was ready for smoking and would have brought some \$1,600 in the Chinese underground market. The opium was seized and will be destroyed.

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SPEAKER NEW YORK ASSEMBLY. Daniel D. Frisbie, of Schoharie, who has been elected as speaker of the assembly in the New York state legislature.

AMUSEMENTS

Dorothy Lethbridge Coming. W. L. Radcliffe will on next Monday night offer to Charlotte music-lovers the young and talented pianist, Miss Dorothy Lethbridge, as the fifth attraction of the Radcliffe Lyceum Course at the Academy of Music. Miss Lethbridge is known to a majority of the Charlotte music-lovers, and she will doubtless be accorded a warm reception when she makes her appearance here. Tickets will go on sale Friday morning at Hawley's. Persons holding season tickets can have same exchanged for reserved seats after the box sheet opens.

Viola Allen, in "The White Sister." Miss Viola Allen, the distinguished American actress is coming to this city and will be seen at the Academy of Music Thursday night, Jan. 26, in "The White Sister," the last work of the late F. Marion Crawford. Miss Allen will be accompanied by James O'Neill and the greatest supporting company ever organized, including Minnie Gale, Fanny Addison Pitt and Henry Stanford. Seats will go on sale next Tuesday morning at the theatre box office. Mail orders for seats from out-of-town people will be accepted now when accompanied by money orders, payable to John L. Crovo, manager Academy of Music, Charlotte.

Dorothy Lethbridge Coming. Manager Radcliffe takes pleasure in presenting at the Academy of Music on January 23rd Dorothy Lethbridge, the Spanish-English pianist. She is an artist of exceptional ability with brilliant technique and temperament. Her interpretation of Bach is marvelous, demonstrating her thorough comprehension of the intricacies of this great master. Clear and crisp she plays, finding it unnecessary to worry over technical difficulties and devoting her time to the music.

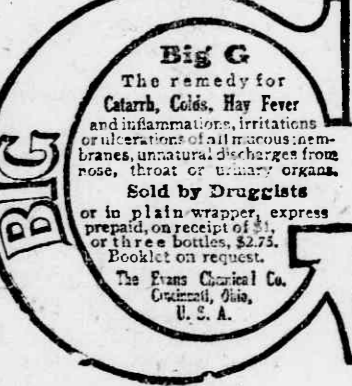
Hope never spreads her golden wings but on unfathomable seas.—Emerson. Drops Dead Leaving Jail. Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—James Miller, 68 years old, whose address is not known to the police, died as he was released from the House of Correction Monday, after serving a three months' sentence. The man had just stepped outside of the door when he fell. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death.

all her efforts to the appreciation of the inner musical sense of the composition at hand. Miss Lethbridge chafes the eye as well as the ear, and to the discriminating concert-goer she is most impressive on account of her breadth of conception, her temperament, and the tenderness and brilliancy of her inspiration. She is an artist of delicate and force; one who carries herself not to any particular master, but who has studied the hidden meanings of all compositions. She is as careful of interpretation of Etude as she is of a big work. There is both repose and purpose in her manner. She plays the Bach Toccata and Fugue with great fire and force so often denied to be within the power of a woman. Seats will go on sale Friday morning at Hawley's. Persons holding season tickets can have same exchanged for reserved seats when the box sheet opens.

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