

LOEB ON BOARD IN NEW YORK?

Information from Well Advised Source That He Will Look After Taft's Interest, and With Roosevelt's Counsel.

TAFT IS PROGRESSING FAST TOWARD INSURGENCY NOW

Standpaters to Go to the Board—That North Carolina Committee Meeting Which Was Called for Two Purposes.

Gazette-News Bureau, Hotel Hamilton, Washington, Dec. 31

INFORMATION is received from a well advised source that William Loeb has agreed to look after the national convention interests of President Taft in New York, and great significance is attached to the fact that he concluded to do so after a conference with Colonel Roosevelt.

The Event of the Week.

At this, the week end, it may be said that the event of the week has been the announcement of the fact that President Taft is in the hands of his friends in the matter of 1912. It has been told in these dispatches how Mr. Taft has for a long time been in the hands of his friends, and how he is particularly hoping for the enactment of legislation during the present session which will make that nomination appear desirable.

Not Receiving Much Consideration.

The standpaters, or old-line republican followers of Aldrich and Hale, are not receiving much consideration these days. Those named members who have not been left at home by their discriminatory constituents are now cutting out of the hands of insurgents whom a few months ago, they were engaged, or thought they were engaged, in reading out of the party.

INDICTED BANKER SWALLOWS POISON

J. G. Robin, Charged With Taking \$90,000, from Northern Bank Collapses in Court Room.

WENT TO TRIAL CONFIDENT HE WOULD SHORTLY BE A DEAD MAN

Stomach Pump Was Used and the Man is in Bellevue Hospital Where He May Recover.

New York, Dec. 31.—Physicians today declare that Joseph G. Robin has an even chance for recovery. The indicted banker lies a prisoner in the hospital prison ward.

New York, Dec. 31.—With head erect, shoulders squared, and eyes leveled at the battery of cameras trained on him, Joseph H. G. Robin, the indicted banker, stepped from his sister's home yesterday to face an indictment, calm in the knowledge that he had swallowed a dose of hyoscin, that subtle and deadly alkaloid with which Dr. Crippen killed his wife, Belle Elmore. He collapsed before he could be taken into court with the exclamation:

"I'm a dead man, I've taken poison tablets." The case was postponed in the greatest excitement. A stomach pump was hurriedly brought into play and the sick man was carried first to the prison hospital adjacent and later to Bellevue, where he lies in the prison ward. No charge of attempted suicide is entered against him, and it is thought he will recover, although the action of hyoscin is slow and much will depend on his vitality.

The time at which he took the drug is approximately fixed by the testimony of Dr. Austin Flint, Dr. Louis Robinson, his sister and the two detectives from the district attorney's office who rode with him from his sister's home to the criminal court building. Dr. Flint told the court that, as nearly as he could judge from the symptoms, the poison had been in Robin's system about three quarters of an hour, when he collapsed. The two detectives were positive Robin swallowed nothing on the way to court. Dr. Robinson said that her brother was in the habit of taking hyoscin in small doses to counteract the effects of morphine, which he used to deaden the stabbing pains by which gall stones make themselves known.

She kept the drug in her house and she thought her brother swallowed 12 tablets. At Bellevue last night the examining surgeons estimated that Robin had taken about one-tenth of a grain.

Robin seemed in good health this morning—better than at any time since his trouble came upon him.

The first sign of illness was while he staggered on stepping from his automobile to the criminal court's building. In the elevator he weakened so rapidly that the detectives had to lift him to a couch. There he sank into unconsciousness and was not revived until the stomach pump had been worked vigorously. It is prompt use undoubtedly saved his life. Outside the corridors of the criminal court's building fairly hummed with excitement, but in the Court of General Sessions itself, Justice Crane was transacting business as usual when Jerome stepped down the aisle.

"Your honor," he began hurriedly, "I am here in the Robin case. It appears that the defendant has taken a drug. He cannot be stimulated. An ambulance has been summoned and surgeons are now pumping on his stomach. The circumstances are unadvisable."

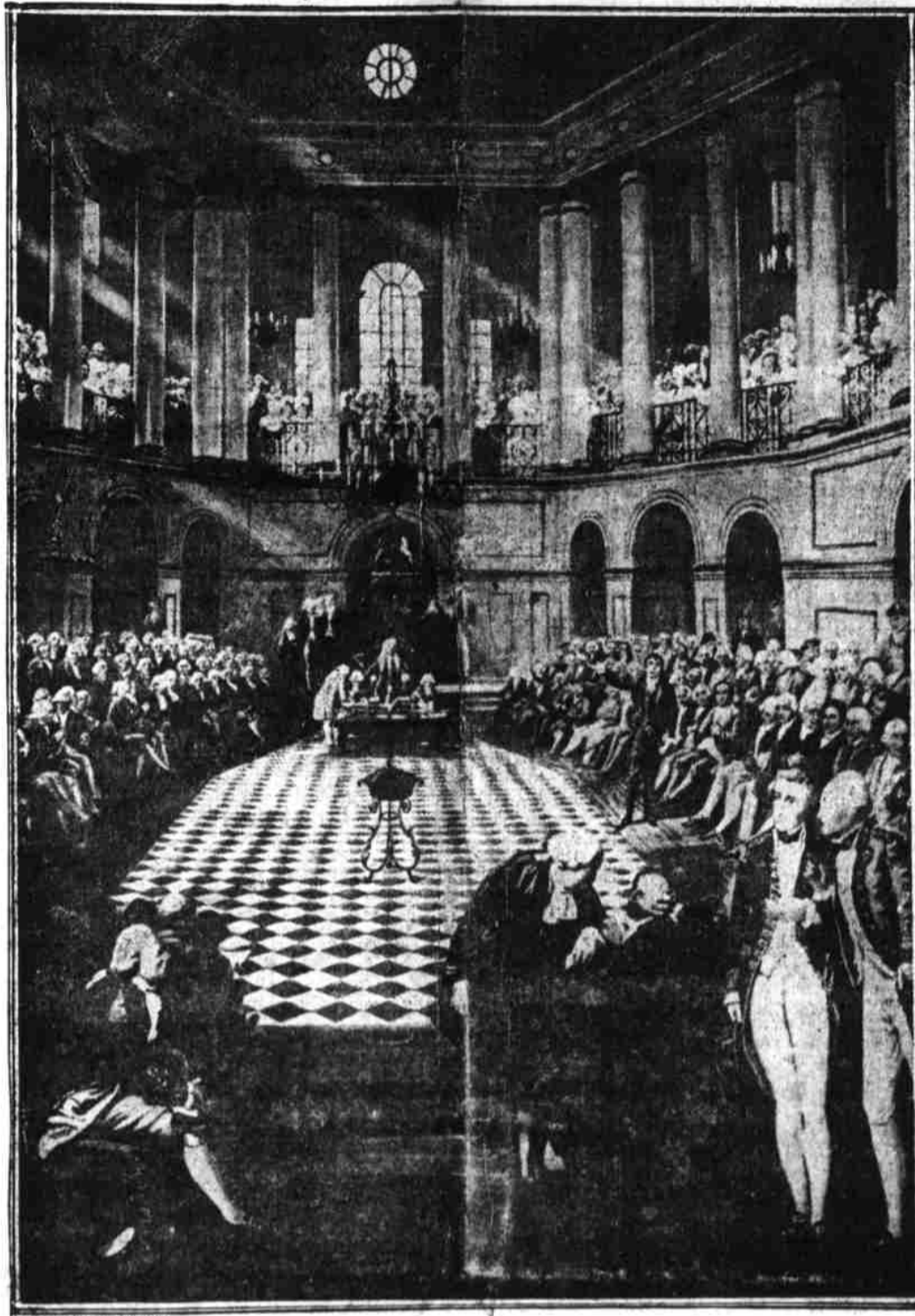
Dr. Austin Flint, retained by Jerome, was called. The assistant district attorney asked him what Robin had said.

"He says," answered Dr. Flint, "I'm a dead man. I've taken poison tablets. I found his face flushed, his pupils of his eyes dilated, his pulse 160 and feeble. He told that he had swallowed the poison three quarters of an hour previously."

On information that the prisoner could not possibly be arraigned the case was postponed pending the receipt of further advices as to his condition.

Robin's frustrated attempt leaves the question of his sanity still open.

Scene in Famous Irish Parliament in 1790



FROM THE SPECTATOR

JUDGMENT IN LOCKWOOD CASE HAS BEEN CHANGED

Case Re-Opened This Afternoon on New Evidence—Nolo Contendere Plea Accepted.

The case of state against Hamilton Lockwood, Jr., who yesterday afternoon was found to Superior court on a charge of attempted criminal assault, was re-opened by consent of all parties concerned at a session of the police court today.

Judge Thomas A. Jones, representing the state and the private prosecution, stated in an open court that since judgment was entered in this case, new evidence having been presented which justified the prosecution in asking that the charge against the defendant be changed to that of simple assault, that the father of the young girl, said that this course be taken in the light of all of the developments in the case. Judge Jones H. McCrimmon, who appeared for young Lockwood, entered a nolo contendere, which plea was accepted by the state. Judge Cooke then proceeded to judgment which was suspended upon the payment of costs. The fine of \$25 and costs for the alleged assault upon the baby of Mr. Sternberg remains, however, undisturbed.

The court stated that this was an instance where a mistake was made by Hamilton Lockwood, the father of the boy, "twice," said the court, "in his zeal for a speedy hearing and a vindication of his son, failing to fully develop the defense, and omitted facts which now appear by warrant a change in the indictment."

DEATH AND INJURY FOLLOW EXPLOSION

One Dead and Three Injured Result of Black Hand Outrage—Frightened Out of Beds.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 31.—One man dead and two women and a child dangerously injured is the toll of the latest "black hand" outrage. The explosion was followed by a fire which wrecked a Scholoy street double tenement. The bomb exploded under a stairway.

SCOURING NEW YORK FOR MRS. LONGWORTH'S GOWN

Garment She Expected to Wear at Taft's New Year's Reception Stolen During Holidays.

New York, Dec. 31.—An express company detective is scouring New York for a clue to the whereabouts of a gown which Mrs. Nicholas Longworth expected to wear at President Taft's New Year reception Monday afternoon. Mrs. Longworth came to New York from Washington recently and was measured by dress makers. Inquiry indicates that the gown was stolen from a wagon during the holiday rush.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD CONDUCTORS GET MORE PAY

Increase Varies from 30 to 50 Cents—New Rate Card Is Effective January 1.

Joseph Chubb, Penna., Dec. 31.—The Lehigh Valley conductors committee and General Manager Maguire for several weeks have been busy considering new schedule rates. The new rate card, effective January 1, is adopted. The men get an increase varying from 20 to 50 cents a day, according to territory covered. The men running from Buffalo to Jersey City now average \$175 monthly. They will get an additional 10 cents a day. The same average increase increase is made for all classes.

Elevator Drops Eight Stories; One Man Killed.

New York, Dec. 31.—An unidentified man was killed and another fatally injured when an elevator car in a West Hundred and Twelfth street apartment, ascended rapidly to the top of the shaft, snapped its cables and dropped eight stories.

Political Intrigues in Portugal.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Rumors of political intrigues in Portugal; insecurity of the provisional government and a plot to restore the deposed King Manuel have revived stories of the revolution. Marquis Lavourado says the king is warned of a conspiracy against the House of Braganza.

IMPORTANT BILLS BEING PREPARED

One a General Law Under Which Cities and Towns of the State May Adopt Commission Form.

EQUALIZATION OF TAXATION IS AIMED AT BY ANOTHER

This Work is Being Done by Various Committees of the North Carolina Municipal Association.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Hotel Hamilton, Raleigh, Dec. 31.

For the session of the North Carolina Municipal Association in this city

January 18 there are being prepared a number of important committee reports that will be perfected in time for the committee meetings that will be held January 17 as a preliminary to the meeting of the association. First and foremost there is a committee with Walter Clark, Jr., city attorney of Raleigh, as chairman, at work on a general bill under which any cities and towns of the state may adopt the commission form of government. Then there is a committee with Capt. J. D. McNeill of Fayetteville as chairman, to prepare bills needed to equalize taxation in the cities and towns of the state and to enable the cities to share in the corporate and special taxes that are now enjoyed solely by the counties and the state. Another committee with Max L. Johns of Laurinburg as the chairman is at work on a bill that will take care of the road tax and its division between the towns and the outlying counties so that the streets may be regarded as county roads and portions of the county funds be used on these. The working forces of the North Carolina Municipal League are also considering the question of some economical and possibly co-operative auditing system for the municipal accounts. It is possible that there will be an effort to have enacted a bill that will provide auditors under the direction of the state auditor to go out into the state and audit the accounts of the cities and the counties, each municipality or county to bear the cost of the auditing which would be done by recognized experts under oath to go thoroughly and without bias into the affairs of each municipality or county examined.

Bank Recommendations. Bank Examiner J. K. Doughton is preparing a series of recommendations for the legislature on changes needed in the banking laws of the state that will include a number of important changes that he says will receive the endorsement of nine-tenths of the bankers of the state. He will not touch on the bank taxation, however, except to express the opinion. This is significant in the light of the recent declarations of Chief Justice Clark and others that the banks are actually escaping taxation altogether under the present acts bearing on taxation of banks and bank stock.

Charterers are issued for the Young Steam Baking company, Charlotte, capital \$25,000, by R. S. Young and others; the Carter Mercantile company, Winston-Salem, capital \$25,000, by D. S. Carter, H. B. Pulliam and others, for a general mercantile business.

Lady in the Penitentiary. Deputy Sheriff T. B. Connor of Henderson county was here yesterday to deliver to the penitentiary Merida Leyda, a young white man, to serve twelve years for killing his father. There is another murder case pending in Henderson county that could not be reached this court. This is a case in which a farmer killed one of the rangers on the Vanderbilt estate.

Twenty-Nine Have Perished During the Present Year. New York, Dec. 31.—John B. Moisant is the thirty-fourth man to lose his life in the development of aviation. Twenty-nine were killed during the present year. Four were killed in 1909 and one in 1908. The death roll includes George P. Chavez, the Peruvian who flew over the Alps and was fatally injured in landing; Ralph Johnston, the American, who before had broken the world's altitude record; Charles S. Rolls, the English sportsman; Leon de la Grange, the noted French aviator, and Cecil Grace who after flying from Dover to Calais was lost in a fog over the North Sea.

Capt. Cody Wins Michelin Cup. Aldershot, England, Dec. 31.—Captain Frank Cody of the British war office ballooning department, won the British Michelin cup for duration and distance for 1910, flying 190 miles in four hours and 50 minutes. The flight ended where Cody's aeroplane accidentally touched ground.

Wife and Child Dead Two Weeks; Husband Is Held. Man Ate and Slept Downstairs While Corpses Decomposed Upstairs—Pleads Ignorance. Cleveland, Dec. 31.—For two weeks while the dead bodies of his wife, Anna, and 3-year-old daughter, Hermina, lay decomposing in an upstairs room, Herman Mielke ate and slept in a down stairs room at his home on Cedar Avenue without suspecting anything was wrong, he told the police. He is being held pending an investigation.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 31.—Robbers this morning blew up the safe in the Citizens and State banks of Waverly, Kas., escaping with \$3800. The buildings were wrecked. The robbers used an automobile in the getaway.

KANSAS BANKS BLOWN AND LOOTED OF \$8000

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CARNEGIE ESTABLISHES HERO FUND IN GERMANY

Gives One and One-Quarter Million Dollars for Purpose—Fourth Hero Fund Established.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$1,250,000 to establish a hero fund in Germany. This is the fourth hero fund established by Carnegie. Other funds are in the United States, France and Great Britain.

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Gazette-News Want Ads Bring Results

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 20, 1910.

Asheville Gazette-News, City. Gentlemen:—We have today received two more answers to our "Want Ad" advertisement published the latter part of last week, one of them being out of town. Altogether now at this writing there have been 41 answers to the ad. It can easily be seen that we have had no trouble securing the services of the young ladies for the position. Very truly yours, DIXIE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO., Gorton B. Bradley.

RESULTS AS FAR WEST AS CALIFORNIA.

Another instance has just occurred showing the splendid results gotten through the use of Gazette-News want ads, also that The Gazette-News is circulated far beyond the confines of the Old North State. Some days ago F. M. Messler placed an advertisement in The Gazette-News of a small farm which he had for sale and today a letter was received by him from a man in Petaluma, Cal., saying that he had seen the want ad and asked for more information about the farm as he was considering locating in this section.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION IN NEW YORK TUNNEL WORKS

Several Dynamite Blasts Set Off Last Night Failed to Explode—Six Workmen Will Die.

New York, Dec. 31.—A dynamite explosion in a tunnel 100 feet beneath the East river between Manhattan and Brooklyn, injured six workmen, one will die. The tunnel, a tremendous engineering project, is being bored through the mud and rock of the river bed. The men were at work in the tunnel when the explosion occurred. They had set off several dynamite blasts during the night but several of them failed to explode.