

CLUB DISSECTED ON WATSON'S LAMPPOON

Twentieth Century's Members in Chicago Invite Satirist to Address Them.

BUT SOME MAY WALK OUT

Le Gallienne Called Charlatan by President, Who Also Assails His Opponent—Some Would Have Poet Explain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—(Special).—If William Watson, the British poet who included among the verses in his recently published volume a bitter lampoon on Mrs. Marge Asquith, wife of Great Britain's Prime Minister, and her step-daughter, Violet, entitled "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," should come to Chicago to speak before the Twentieth Century Club, he will not find all of the members present.

Some of them hold that Mr. Watson's reputation as a poet—a recent critic placed him before Rudyard Kipling, as the present-day mouthpiece of the English people—should not carry sufficient weight with the club to cause its members to overlook the offense of his verse. Accordingly they will not be among those present.

Some Withhold Judgment.

Other members, who do not condone the offense, say that so far Mr. Watson has had an ex-parte hearing only and they are suspending judgment until his version of the controversy has been given to the public. Even the most liberal affirm that discretion would seem to be the better part of candor in talking with the author, and declare that all private matters will be left at home when Mr. Watson comes to testify.

On the other hand, Mr. Watson's enemy, Richard Le Gallienne, who in this instance has constituted himself the defender of women in the abstract and has taken up the cudgels against his brother versifier, received short shrift. He was dubbed "a charlatan" and "a man who lived for advertising only" by one of the members.

Confidence Violated Alleged.

"If the reports from New York are true," said Franklin H. Head, president of the club, "it would seem that Mr. Watson has been talking pretty freely about matters which he had promised to keep private. In other words, he would seem to have violated a confidence. Of course we should not judge until we have heard the facts, but I dare say none of us would say anything in his presence that we desired to have kept secret. It may be that someone wished a little advertising."

Secretary Invites Poet.

William Morton Payne, the club's secretary, who invited Mr. Watson, said he did not know whether the poet would accept.

"I invited him as a matter of course," he said. "The club invariably seeks to entertain men of his distinction when they visit Chicago. As far as I am concerned, I know nothing of the merits of this squabble. I find it difficult to reconcile what has been said with my notion of the poet. If he accepts the invitation I shall be his official host, so, of course, I should be excused from saying."

Le Verne W. Noyes said that he, at least, would remain away should Mr. Watson speak.

"If I published accounts of the matter as to be credited," he said, "the offense was inexcusable. No man should treat a woman in that way, and his act, if he does not do it on account of account of his prominence."

CALL FOR GOLD STIFFENS

Speculative Sentiment in Stock Market Again Disturbed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Various factors served to disturb speculative sentiment in the stock market last week. Ever since the Bank of England began to assert its opposition to the extensive employment of credit in speculation, and to force up the London money market, evidences of a scaling down of commitments in the New York stock market have been observed.

The political crisis in England, which culminated in the rejection of the budget last week by the House of Lords, restrains the Bank of England to maintain its extraordinary proportion of reserves and continue London's control of New York gold supply. Gold went to South America last week on London orders in an undiminished stream, and combined with the special requirements of the December requirements and some large speculative transactions, this made the call loan money market subject to some fluctuations.

The 6 per cent maximum rate of the year was touched again and the calling of loans by the banks restricted the supplies available for operations in the stock market.

LUMBER STEAMER ASHORE

Crew Escapes Injury Off California Coast, Moss Landing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—The lumber steamer Excelsior was driven ashore at Moss Landing, 80 miles south of this city, during the storm last night. All the crew escaped without injury and the position of the vessel is not believed to be dangerous.

The steamer was loaded with lumber and could not make headway against the storm which arose so suddenly that there was no chance to get clear of the coast before it broke. The revenue cutter McCulloch has gone to aid the Excelsior.

Roosevelt Party Hunter Returns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—F. C. Selous, a hunter who accompanied Colonel Roosevelt to Africa, was a passenger on the steamer New York which arrived today. He is enroute for California where he will make a short visit.

WOMAN ACCUSED IN POET WATSON'S VERSES, AND DAUGHTER



8 AVIATORS SIGN

Champion Curtiss to Fly at Los Angeles Airship Meet.

ARMY AEROPLANES SOUGHT

Four Americans and Four Men-Birds of France to Soar South.

Big Guarantee Is Cabled to Paris—Paulhan Coming.

Army Airships Wanted.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—At least four French aviators and four American aeroplanists are definitely pledged to appear in the aviation events in Los Angeles January 19 to 29 next, while others of less prominence are seeking terms. Four dirigibles have been arranged for and invitations have been sent to all of the leading balloonists of the country to participate.

Glenn H. Curtiss, winner of the championship and the Gordon-Bennett trophy in the international meet at Rheims, France, last summer, has agreed to fly his aeroplane. Another Curtiss bi-plane will be flown by Charles F. Willard, who is already here with the Golden Flyer of the Aeronautic Society of New York.

Invitations from the merchants and manufacturers' committees and the Mayor have been sent to the Wright brothers. Senator Flint is making efforts in Washington to have the War Department to send the Army Wright aeroplane, the dirigible and Spherical balloons to Los Angeles to be operated by Signal Corps officers.

The French aviators will be headed by Paulhan, who was prominent in the competitions at Rheims and is one of the best-known of European aeroplanists. The others include leading pupils of Bleriot. They will bring two Bleriot monoplanes of the "Cross Channel" type.

A guarantee of \$50,000 cash was given the French syndicate by the Los Angeles committee and \$25,000 of this was cabled to Paris to bind the contract. Practically all of the fund of \$100,000 has been raised to defray expenses. Fifty thousand dollars was subscribed by Henry E. Huntington, head of the Huntington traction interests of Southern California. The racetrack grounds at Santa Anita, near Los Angeles, have been secured with a light boggy, speed past him.

It ran to the waterfront and plunged into a coal barge which was lashed to the bulkhead. The wagon broke away from the force of the horse's dive and bounced back.

Shelvin couldn't coax the horse to get back to the pier, so he called two other men. They managed to get the horse's broken harness in vain. Then they procured some planks, nailed them together, arranged a derrick with ropes and lowered the raft into the barge.

The horse didn't want to get aboard, but after the three policemen had labored three hours they convinced the animal they were on a better part of Manhattan Island than he was, and he stepped on. He was lifted up and taken to a stable nearby, where he now awaits a claimant.

Mrs. Eliza Goodin Imbric Dead.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special).—Mrs. Eliza Goodin Imbric, wife of T. R. Imbric, died at the family home in this city today of heart failure, superinduced by pneumonia. Mrs. Imbric was past 70 years of age.

Before sentencing a man at the London sessions to 18 months' imprisonment for stealing a dog, the magistrate said it had stolen the collar, which was less valuable than the dog, had been seen in servitude. There were 21 previous convictions against him, all for stealing dogs.

ROYALTY GREETINGS

Lord Delamere and Sir Percy Girouard Meet Party Near Nairobi.

PROUD OF HUNT RESULTS

Kermit and His Father Each Kill One Elephant Without Assistance—May Visit Delamere Ranch at Njoro.

NAIROBI, E. A., Dec. 5.—Colonel Roosevelt and R. J. Cunningham arrived at Nairobi on Monday. They were delighted with their expedition, and Colonel Roosevelt said he and Kermit were proud of having got their elephants and specially proud that he had shot one when unaccompanied by such experienced hunters as Cunningham and Tarlton.

The skins of the elephants and the skulls and bones were brought in by porters. Sir Percy Girouard, Governor of the protectorate, who was on his way to Uganda, stopped to pay his respects to the ex-President of the United States. The following day the Roosevelt party went to Nairobi.

Lord Delamere Greets Roosevelt.

There the station was crowded with officials and settlers. Lord Delamere was among those to greet the ex-President and they stood for a few minutes discussing his proposed visit to Lord Delamere's ranch at Njoro.

On Monday, the 26th, the party left Nairobi for Londiani, the start for the safari ngushu was to be made. On this trip the party passed over the "Mau Summit" 8900 feet, the highest point on the railway. Thence it was a gradual descent to Londiani. The following day Edmund Heller, Kermit Roosevelt and Leslie A. Tarlton started for Eldama ravin and were followed shortly thereafter by Colonel Roosevelt. The journey to their shooting place will occupy a week and they will spend three weeks shooting there.

Roosevelt Prepares for Nile Trip.

Colonel Roosevelt's hunt at Njoro with Lord Delamere in December will end his first African hunt, and he will start for Uganda and down the Nile to Cairo.

A party, including Cunningham, went from Nairobi to Entebbe, the capital of Uganda to arrange for the Roosevelt party's trip down the Nile.

It is believed that Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit will arrive at Entebbe about December 15 and remain at Entebbe for three days and then will go by motorcar to Kampala, 23 miles.

UNION WILL EXTEND AID

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The places of our men immediately after we called a strike. I have made no statements that I am not prepared to prove to any fair-minded body of men. I wish also to reiterate the statement I already made, that our men in Chicago are not to be stepped into any strike, no matter what officials of the Switchmen's Union say about it. We do our business in a business way."

Conference to Decide.

A committee representing the Eastern switchmen is coming to this city from Buffalo to take part in the conference with the general managers which it is expected will be held Wednesday. If the managers take the line that they will not give into any strike, no matter what officials of the Switchmen's Union say about it, we do our business in a business way."

TRAINMEN THREATEN STRIKE

Demand for Increase Will Be Made on 52 Eastern Roads.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—At a conference of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen today Grand Master Lee and First Vice-President Murdoch were named as a committee to decide whether the men shall go out or remain at work in case the demand that they soon will present to 52 Eastern railroads for a 10-per cent increase in pay is refused. It is expected the final schedule of advances will be in the hands of the railroad managers Thursday or Friday. The following statement was issued at the close of the conference:

COLD AND SNOW AID STRIKERS

Traffic Delayed by Weather on All Northern Lines.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 5.—The switchmen's strike situation has been complicated by cold and snowy weather, which has seriously affected traffic on the Northern Pacific and some parts of the Great Northern, according to reports issued by the general managers of those roads tonight.

General Manager Slade, of the Northern Pacific, said the strike has more men lie up along the system on account of the snow, especially so in Northern Minnesota and North Dakota.

Passenger trains are being run with the snows, but having been added to and West arrived from one to four hours late in St. Paul tonight.

It is said the Northern Pacific has all the men here that it needs and that new arrivals are being shipped West. Thirteen engines were working at Tacoma and work is being opened up at Seattle, according to Mr. Slade.

General Manager Gruber, of the Great Northern, said that his road had moved back to Chicago tomorrow to negotiate with the general managers of 18 railroads for a settlement of certain demands.

Referendum vote to obtain the sentiment of the organization and to give the committee a free hand was taken some time ago, according to Grand Vice-President Burt. The district east of Chicago includes not only Toledo, Fort Wayne, Detroit and other important centers, but also takes in points as far south as Pittsburgh, so the ranks of the strikers will be increased by between 12,000 and 15,000 men if negotiations at Chicago fail.

EASTERN MEN HAVE DEMANDS

Committee Has Power to Call Strike If Refused.

BUFFALO, Dec. 5.—Authority to call a strike of all union switchmen between Buffalo and Chicago, if such a course is deemed necessary, is vested in a committee of the union which will go to Chicago tomorrow to negotiate with the general managers of 18 railroads for a settlement of certain demands.

OWL CUT RATE DRUGS Lipman-Wolfe Co Victor Talking Machines, \$1 Down, \$1 Week

Holiday Sale of New Garments—Here is a sale very different from the ordinary. A sale created on such an elaborate scale so as to command the greatest attention. Every year there are many people who confine their gift-giving to practical, sensible, needed things. This was very noticeable last year in our Cloak Department.

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BOND ISSUE JOLTED Wilson May Be Asked to Explain His Attack.

Western Senators, Advocates of Big Bond Issue, May Call Official to Substantiate Statement. Did Wilson Make It?

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 5.—Tucked away in the annual report of Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, is one brief chapter that will do more than anything else to block the passage of an irrigation bond issue bill at the present session of Congress.

Rheumatic, Kidney, And Bladder Victims Should Try German's Method. Gaut, the celebrated German specialist, asserts that seven-tenths of the feeble-minded and insane are the victims of kidney diseases.

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