

CLUB DISSEMINATED 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. Margot 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 published accounts of the matter are to be credited," he said, "the offense was inexcusable. No man should treat a woman in that way, and his act, if he did not do it on account of account of his prominence."

"Will you protest against his appearance?" was asked.

"Why, no," was the reply. "I should not think of doing that, but of course, I can stay away."

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 furors.

HORSE DIVES OFF PIER

New York Policemen Save Animal by Raft Route.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(Special).—Patriotism Shevlin was at Second avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning when a foal-flecked bay horse, dragging a light buggy, sped 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.

Shevlin couldn't coax the horse to get back to the pier, so he called two other men who accompanied him to the 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.

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 call.

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.

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 induce 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 stretch on the Baldwin ranch, 1 1/2 miles wide and three miles long, for flying. All the dirigibles will be parked at the aviation grounds.

A feature of the aviation events, which will make the most of particular importance, will be the efforts of the contestants to demonstrate the practicability of both dirigible airships and the heavier-than-air machines, to determine wherein lies the superiority of one type of flying machine over the other.

At Sacramento, Oh Young, a cook and a member of the Oh Yick tong, was found dead in the basement of a house in the Chinese quarter with his body riddled with bullets fired from behind.

Near San Rafael, Yee Gow, of the Yee family, a shrimp fisherman, living in a lonely cabin on the coast, was found dead in his hut with nine bullets through his body, the shots having been fired without a chance given for escape or defense.

That either man was killed because of personal hatred, the police do not believe. They were shot down, it is asserted, to earn the rewards that have been offered by the warring factions for the death of any member of the opposing party.

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.

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

grand chief of the Oregon Pythian Sisters, prominent in social and Methodist Episcopal Church circles, and enjoyed a statewide acquaintance. She was the daughter of John Goodin, of Montavilla, and a sister of Judge Goodin, of Washington County. She is survived by a son, a daughter and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Zilly, Portland, and Lucile Imbrie, of Hillsboro.

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ROYALTY GREETES

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 October 20. 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 Tarleton.

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.

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 starting point for the guazungu 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. Tarleton started for Eldama ravin and were followed shortly by the party 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, exceeding a 19-hour day, double time for Sundays and holidays and a modification of the physical test. Notices of these demands were sent to general managers of the lines in Chicago November 6, so that the 30-day limit in which a reply must be made expires tomorrow.

The main argument in favor of a bond issue is the necessity for completing in the near future half a dozen or more great projects which, without such financial aid, cannot be completed for many years. The advocates of the bond issue maintain that there is demand for this land at the price which has been or will be fixed for its irrigation, but along comes the Secretary of Agriculture with a declaration that there is danger of overbuilding, and a warning that the increasing cost is going to retard settlement and development in the irrigated country.

Whether this paragraph was inserted in the Secretary's report with his full knowledge and understanding, or whether it was slipped in by some minor official, the fact remains that it must now be vouched for by the Secretary himself, and in that report he is arraying himself and his judgment against Secretary Ballinger, the Reclamation Service and the overwhelming majority of Senators and Representatives from the West. He has provided the opponents of the bond issue with their very best argument, and the argument thus supplied will be used freely during the debates this winter.

It is impossible to get at the facts in connection with Secretary Wilson's report, but it is a matter of common knowledge that the irrigation division of the Department of Agriculture is intensely jealous of the growing prestige of the Reclamation Service.

When the National reclamation act was passed efforts were put forth to have the Department of Agriculture works placed under direction of this division in the Department of Agriculture, and the failure of Congress to do so made a number of soreheads. They have, to some extent, been knocking ever since.

A thorough sifting would probably show that someone in the irrigation division had prevailed upon Secretary Wilson to insert the above-quoted statement in his report, as it would have a tendency to block an important plan of legislation favored by the Reclamation Service; legislation which would greatly enhance the strength and importance of that bureau.

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It is probable the Secretary will be called to testify before Senate and House committees where the bonding bill is pending, and, if so, he may be asked what data he can present in support of his assertions. Friends of the bond issue are preparing figures to show that the reverse of what Secretary Wilson says is true.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—At a conference of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen today Grand Master Lee and First Vice-President Murdock 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:

"The movement planned will have nothing in common with the general strike being conducted at present by the Switchmen's Union of North America, which is distinctly a rival and an enemy of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

"This statement represents 101,000 switchmen and trainmen."

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—With the ending last night of the fifth day of the switchmen's strike, the situation in Tacoma began to resume normal conditions. Thirteen switch engines were at work today, and it is expected that the remainder of the yard will be able to take care of all the business offered.

The embargo on goods of all classes has been raised. The freight offices will open tomorrow, and freight handlers will be temporarily laid off but be put back at work. Empty cars for the sawmills will be spotted during the day.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 5.—Some local freight is moving here. Three trainloads of coal are expected in tomorrow, and this has allayed the fears of a fuel famine.

Eight strikebreakers went through Helena last night, according to local strikers, bound for Spokane. Passenger trains are running late, but this is due, according to railroad officials, to the storm more than to the strike.

BUFAFO, 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 meet in 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.

The demands to be submitted at Chicago will be:

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(Special).—W. Hill was arrested last night by Sheriff Sappington, on the charge of being an absconding debtor. A judgment against Hill in favor of Stumberg & Son, grocers had been allowed.

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Table with 2 columns: Regular Price and Special Price. Items include Suits, Dresses, Capes, and Coats.

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.

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