TAMMANY READY TO DIVIDE SPOILS

Braves Will March on Albany, Seize Offices and Ignore Reform Promises.

DIX CAN'T HEAD THEM OFF

Murphy, Acknowledged State Boss, Plans Several Grabs—Littleton and Other Leaders Balk at Tammany Chief's Policy.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—In a few days the Democrats will move into Albany to take possession of the state government for the first time since January 1, 1895, when Governor Roswell Flower turned affairs over to Levi P. Morton, Republican.

During the campaign the Democratic orators made all kinds of promises as to what they would do if only given authority to act. Now that they really have the power, they have not the slightest idea what should or will be done.

Within the past few days I have talked to a large number of the majority who will represent the people at Albany this Winter. Some have local legislation that they intend to recommend, but not one can even hint at a comprehensive legislative programme.

The fact of the matter is, much as some persons may try to disguise it, that Murphy will prepare the work at Albany, and up to date he has been so busy with matters of patronage that he has had no chance or inclination to find out what the people want.

Promises Will Be Broken.

In brief, the promises of the Democrats consisted of three big pledges; to grant direct primaries, to reduce the number of offices, and to "expose corruption."

It can be said now that there will be no direct primaries, that the various state bureaus will not be reduced, and that if any corruption is exposed, the work will be confined to the rural districts and the cities that are still strongly Republican.

Murphy is convinced that direct primaries would be bad for Tammany Hall's supremacy, and, naturally, that ends the matter. Of course, some bills may be introduced, but they will never pass.

Governor-elect Dix has expressed himself as favoring a curtailment in the expense of administering the state government, but the highways and byways are full of hungry Democrats, all clamoring for a chance to draw salaries and it will take a braver man than Dix to head them off. For, as has been stated before, Dix is not a man of remarkable decision.

For many years Tammany has been harassed by investigating committees that have come from Albany and asked embarrassing questions. Now Murphy sees a chance to get even.

It is proposed by some of his advisers that a legislative committee be sent out in haste to look over the matter of voting in the rural districts. Also, at the present session, a new law, covering election day upstate, will be passed. The idea of passing it this session is to make it good for at least two years. Next November a new assembly will be chosen, and even now the indications are that the Republicans will come back to power. But the Senate and Governor hold over, which would block any appeal legislation that might be attempted.

Littleton Wants Real Reform.

The programme, or rather lack of programme, that is put forward by Murphy has aroused much apprehension among Democrats who think. One of these men is Representative-elect Martin Littleton, who carried the so-called Roosevelt district, always overwhelmingly Republican.

Littleton has made several speeches since election and on each occasion has taken pains to say that his party has not won the confidence of the people, but is simply in office on probation and that if it hopes to remain in office it must make good with a capital G.

The new Congressman has been very careful not to mention Murphy, or to even intimate that it is Tammany, the real boss of the state, that must make good. But every intelligent man knows whom he means. And it is the more significant, as Littleton and Murphy are personally on very friendly terms.

When Dix was in the city he and Murphy had a number of conferences. It can be stated with authority that all they talked about was patronage. It is true that Dix occasionally ventured a remark about state issues, but Murphy always ignored them and returned the conversation to what he regarded as a more interesting subject—that of jobs for his faithful followers.

Murphy Interested in Grabs.

Up to date Murphy has only spoken of two legislative acts that he approved, and both of them were grabs. One was intended to give the naming of the local public service commission to Mayor Gaynor, but the Mayor squelched it by refusing to accept the honor. The other is still pending and provides that the State Engineer shall have sole control and supervision of the barge canal and the "good roads" work. At present the authority is divided between the State Engineer and the State Superintendent of Public Works, the latter an appointee of the Governor.

It will be noticed that both of these measures have the same end in view, to take patronage from a Democratic Governor and vest it in the hands of men who owe allegiance to the Tammany machine. Under the circumstances this has given rise to a rumor that relations between Murphy and the new executive are not as pleasant as they should be.

The facts are that Murphy and Dix at present are very good friends, and that Dix believes that the Tammany boss is a wonderful man. But Murphy is shrewd, and inclined to make provision for the future.

Murphy Expects Dix to Rebel.

Upstate Democrats generally regard Tammany as nearly as bad as the Republican party, and upstate political feeling runs high. Dix has been brought up all his life to be suspicious of Tammany and, although at present he feels friendly toward the wigwam, it is a feeling that naturally will not last. And no man knows that better than does Murphy.

Tammany leaders privately predict that before March 1 there will be an open split between the Governor and Murphy. They do not think that Dix will be to blame, but fear that an upstate cabal will be formed and influence the executive against "those wicked Tammany men."

Consequently Murphy wants to be in the best possible fighting trim when the insurrection is declared. He regards his party foes with more or less of contempt, classifying them as "mush-brained reformers" and "country yaps," who can be easily bowled over when the proper time arrives. Still he will cut down their supply of political ammunition as much as he can.

Dix's appointments up to date have not been particularly pleasing to Tammany, but the braves are philosophers. Regardless of what Dix may say or do, they have all the patronage of the Controller's office, of the State Engineer and Surveyor, both loyal Tammany men, who control between them more single places than the Governor does. In addition, the new Secretary of State is a Brooklyn man, a lawyer who is contemplating moving to Manhattan, and therefore wants to stand in with Murphy, while the new State Treasurer is a Buffalo Democrat who is one of Murphy's closest allies.

Boss Can Take Care of Gang.

So all in all, Murphy is in excellent trim to take care of himself and his organization if the necessity for a rough-and-tumble fight occurs.

Governor Hughes, a man of force and ideas, who possessed the confidence of the independent voters to a remarkable degree, found himself powerless to institute reforms that the practical men of his party did not want.

Dix, who is far from being a Hughes, will find the same forces lined up against him if the necessity for a battle arises. And there is little doubt as to what the outcome would be.

Which explains why Tammany is preparing to march on Albany, ready to do what it pleases in the way that it pleases.

And if Governor Dix does not like it, he can, in the words of one of the braves, "Go away back to Thomson, Washington County, and sit down."

GIRL TO WED CECIL RHODES' NEPHEW.

MABEL RUSSELL.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mabel Russell, who is one of the stars of George Edwarde's principal "Dollar Princess" company, is about to quit the singing and dancing soubrette business for the more solid, if less exciting, joys of domesticity. She is, in point of fact, going to be married, and the fact that Mabel, of all Gaiety girls, has not elected to break into the British peerage as so many of her companions have done comes as a surprise to those who are convinced that every girl at the Gaiety spreads herself to catch a title. The man of her choice is Stanley Rhodes, nephew of Cecil John Rhodes, Britain's illustrious empire maker and thinker in millions. Stanley is very young, quite remarkably rich and supremely amiable, so the contract looks like a sound one both ways.

THROUGH TRAINS COMING

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COAST-TO-COAST SERVICE RENEWED.

Conference in Chicago Arranging for Passenger and Express Business From New York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—News of a conference between officials of the Harriman system and of the Eastern railroads and express companies has brought to light that a new through limited passenger train and exclusive express trains will run between New York and San Francisco daily.

The growing passenger and express business of the Pacific Coast and impetus given by the prospective success of San Francisco in obtaining the Panama-Pacific Exposition has prompted the railroad men interested to recognize the need of another through line service between the Eastern and Western seaboards daily.

Trains will be handled over the New York Central and Lake Shore lines between New York and Chicago, and over the Chicago & Northwestern Railway between Chicago and Omaha. From Omaha the route will be over the Union Pacific and subsidiary lines to the Pacific Coast.

According to the plans now being considered, the trains will carry through cars, which will be sent direct to San Francisco from Granger, Wyo., over the Union Pacific. Other cars will be sent to Los Angeles over the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake route, while another switch of cars will be sent to Portland and Seattle over the newly organized Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company.

This dispatch is of the same tenor as one from Seattle published yesterday. Local Harriman officials profess to know nothing of the proposed new trains, but it is possible nevertheless that the arrangement is being made in the East.

Burglars to Answer for Murder.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Three Russians were arraigned in the Guildhall Police Court today, charged with connection with the murder of the three policemen who were killed while frustrating a burglary last week. A witness swore he saw two of the prisoners carrying away from the scene of the shooting one of the burglars, who subsequently died of his wounds. The prisoners pleaded not guilty and were remanded pending further inquiry.

CHINA IN DISTRESS

Missionaries Ask Help for 3,000,000 Starving.

$1,000,000 ASKED FOR FOOD

Government in Financial Straits, Which Prevents Adequate Relief and Foreign Residents Call on America to Help.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Private advices received here say the famine in China has so far affected 3,000,000 persons, and that $1,000,000 is urgently needed for their relief.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the committee on reference and council, representing the boards and societies of foreign missions in the United States and Canada, made public here the following cable message from the inter-denominational committee of foreign missionaries in Shanghai:

"Famine to a great extent over northern part of Kiang Su and Anhui provinces. Three million people affected. Chinese government and people generously contributing relief. According to report of missionaries in the district affected, relief is insufficient.

"International committee organized in Shanghai proposes that missionaries co-operate with generous Chinese to raise funds. A million dollars needed. Help must be carried on until May. Please communicate this to missionary societies, church papers and Christian Herald, urgently requesting contributions. (Signed)

"FERGUSON, Chairman."

The combined population of the two provinces named in the cablegram is 27,650,549.

In greater detail Rev. Edwin C. Lobenstein, a Presbyterian missionary on the spot, describes the condition in a letter, which, in part, follows:

"We are passing through another time of famine here. The past years have been marked by repeated floods, and this year both the Spring and Fall crops have been an almost total failure in large sections.

"A region 33 miles wide by nearly 60 miles long has been swept by the greatest flood within the memory of man. The people lost everything they had. The imperial government has voted 40,000 taels for the 12 devastated counties, but it is a mere drop in the bucket.

"Taking China as a whole, this particular district flooded is a small one; but there also are famine conditions in other parts of China, and the imperial government is in such straits financially that it is very much feared that adequate assistance cannot be given. At best, it will be only temporary and will not strike at the real difficulty.

"The people are desperate. It is hard to preach a gospel of love to those who are starving or on the verge thereof, unless at the same time one can help their physical needs."

The reference committee refers contributions to the treasurers of the various boards of foreign missions and the Red Cross Society.

MAIL DELIVERED BY AUTO

Denver Carriers Aided During Rush in Carrying Christmas Packages.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—Four private automobiles were used today in the delivery of Christmas mail packages on Capitol Hill.

A business man started the inovation by proffering his automobile, with a chauffeur, to a heavily laden mail carrier whom he saw leaving the branch postoffice and others spon followed his example.

Coal Mines Commission Proposed.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A special commission appointed by Governor Shafroth reported to the Governor tonight recommending that the jurisdiction of the coal mines of Colorado be intrusted to three commissioners with full power to direct coal mine operations.

CHARGES AGAINST D'AULBYS DROPPED

Duchess Abandons Her Accusations of Attempted $200,000 Swindle.

HEARING IS SENSATIONAL

Allegations of Fraud in Sale of Spurious Paintings Made—Withdrawal of Suit Amazes Spectators, Who Cheer D'Aulbys.

TOURS, France, Dec. 24.—The series of sensations that have enlivened the trial of Count and Countess D'Aulby de Gatigny reached a climax today when the Duchess of Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine, of Boston, abandoned her accusations that D'Aulby and his wife had conspired to swindle her out of $200,000 in the sale of spurious paintings.

As the Duchess' lawyers walked out of the courtroom the crowd of spectators stood amazed, wondering what would be the next move in the strange case.

M. Bernard, for the defense, asked the Public Prosecutor to stop the proceedings, but this was refused and the trial continued.

Evidence Is Concluded.

The evidence was concluded during the day, whereupon an adjournment was taken until January 2, when the arguments will be made and the findings of the court probably announced.

The withdrawal of the Duchess theoretically weakens, if it does not destroy the foundation for the prosecution. It is understood that she was actuated by the conclusion of a private agreement concerning the disposition of the letters that D'Aulby said had been written by Mrs. Paine, and by the belief that the case was breaking down as a result largely of the incident of yesterday, when Carrier Bellouez, the expert called by the prosecution, was forced to admit under examination that he was under indictment for maintaining a gambling establishment in Paris.

Plot Is Broached.

In today's examination the defense sought to prove the existence of a plot to ruin D'Aulby. His London lawyer, Behrend, who had possession of the Duchess' alleged letters, testified that he had been constantly shadowed and that an attempt had been made to break into and rob his office. He added that he had seen a letter written by Paine, in which the American confirmed the picture contract with D'Aulby. As the court adjourned there were some cries of "Long live D'Aulby."

When the Duchess instituted her suit against the D'Aulbys, charging that they had swindled her out of $200,000 in connection with the sale of pictures alleged to be spurious, she brought an expert to court, who ridiculed the supposed masterpieces and assailed the character of D'Aulby.

Good Faith Alleged.

D'Aulby, in his own defense, asserted he had acted in good faith. He had not guaranteed the authenticity of the art works and if they were copies, he, too, had been deceived in their purchase.

D'Aulby added that he had befriended the Paines when they were strangers in Paris, acted as a confidential agent for them in the purchase of pictures and wines and eventually became an intimate friend of Mrs. Paine.

This last statement caused Madame D'Aulby to rise before Judge Roberts and denounce the complainant as one who had sought to destroy the happiness of her home.

The D'Aulbys were successful in winning the sympathy of the fashionable folks who have attended every session of the trial and today there was a noisy pro-D'Aulby demonstration, when M. Streul, addressing the court said the Duchess wished to abandon the prosecution. Nothing, he said, had been proved against the D'Aulbys.

M. Bernard, of counsel for the defense, asked the Public Prosecutor to abandon the prosecution, saying the defendants had promised that the letters alleged to have been written by the Duchess and which, he said, formed the inspiration of the complaint, would be destroyed.

Acquittal Seems Certain.

The Prosecutor declined to halt the trial, but in view of the day's developments the friends of the D'Aulbys declare themselves confident of their acquittal.

The Duchess hastily left Tours today. The town is filled with rumors that the residents were planning a demonstration hostile to her.

Madame D'Aulby was formerly Francesca Lunt, of Boston, in which city she married D'Aulby during the life of the Duchess' first husband, the Boston copper man.

VICTIM CATCHES BURGLARS

Though They Bite Savagely, He Holds On Till Police Come.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Although they fought desperately with both teeth and hands, two burglars were captured today by their victim who, unarmed and undressed, had chased them for nearly a mile.

Frank H. Vick heard a noise in his dining-room just before daylight. He stole downstairs, revolver in hand, but was tripped by the robbers and lost his weapon. Nevertheless, when they rushed out to the street he followed clad only in pajamas. He overtook one in front of Detective Lieutenant Mahr's house and closed with him. The burglar fastened his teeth in Mr. Vick's neck and tore the flesh badly but was unable to get away.

The other burglar returned to aid his companion and also bit Vick frightfully. By this time the entire neighborhood was aroused and the air was full of revolver shots, none of which, however, took effect. Soon Lieutenant Mahr joined the fight and Vick and he readily overpowered the burglars, who were sent to the police station, where they gave the names of Joseph Murphy and John Hughes.

PEERS INCLINED TO YIELD

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lition of the veto already as good as carried.

Tories Already Weakening.

The Tories already are weakening in some of their sanest journals, and everybody knows that Asquith, if driven to it, will have the will and the power to create 500 Liberal peers.

Even the "backwoodsmen" peers perceive that this submergence of the present peers by these Liberal peers would bring down the whole House of Lords in shouts of universal laughter and after much spluttering and a good deal of tall talk, the peers will yield, and probably will yield before the coronation.

The coronation, then, once more comes to the front as a powerful factor in the present situation.

Redmond Has Added Power.

No party comes out of this election with such added prestige and power, according to the universal acknowledgment, as the Irish. Redmond has added power to his following by the higher gain than by any other political party; but, still more important, Redmond has crushed factionalism into one small corner of Ireland. He has beaten Healy, the most powerful opponent.

More important than even this are the political conditions which evolve from the election. The immediate and vigorous campaign against the House of Lords and the clear, decisive utterances on home rule by Asquith and the other Liberal leaders during the election have shown the Irish people that at last, their liberation is in sight.

The fact, submerging all the minor issues and closing up all of the small dissensions, gives Redmond a freer hand than he ever had and thus makes the relations between him and Asquith easier, closer and safer.

SPAIN MAY YIELD POINT

Vatican Hopes to Resume Full Diplomatic Relations.

ROME, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Vatican organ says there is a probability that full diplomatic relations between Spain and the Holy See will be resumed soon. The late Spanish Ambassador to the Vatican has been set aside, and this is a relief for he ignored the courtesies of diplomatic usages.

When he was recalled he notified the Vatican by means of an embassy usher, instead of going himself, which was contrary to all traditions of etiquette; and left Rome without visiting the Pope.

Premier Canalejas, whose restless spirit seems to have quieted somewhat, may reopen relations with the Vatican on the question of new religious orders in Spain, he having left a chance for possible compromise with the Vatican on this ground.

The report circulated here two days ago that the King of Spain, Alfonso XIII, proposed to visit Victor Emanuel III in Rome, is contradicted, emphatically.

MAN SHOOTS, PHONES FACT

Would-Be Suicide, Bullet in Head, Notifies Girl.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After firing a bullet into his head, John Rice propped himself on his elbow on the floor and, calling for the telephone receiver, calmly resumed a conversation he had been holding with a young woman at the other end of the line.

"You should see me now, Ray," he said. "I'm an awful mess."

This episode took place in the Chatham Club. Rice was sitting with several friends, when suddenly he jumped up and went to the telephone.

"Is that you, Ray"? he inquired when the ring was answered, and after he had the reply he said:

"I'm going to do it."

With that he pulled a revolver from his pocket and placing the muzzle at his ear fired. Rice dropped to the floor and resumed his telephone conversation. It was said at the hospital that he had an even chance for life. He would not say why he tried to kill himself.

EXPRESS RATES ARE CUT

Canada Orders Companies Also to Annul Shipping Contract.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Canadian Railway Commission has directed the express companies of the Dominion to file lower tariff rates within three months. The Commission declares express rates are too high and that as the express companies are owned by the railway company there is no occasion for the existence of the separate companies to handle the express business.

A rate reduction of at least 10 per cent in through express traffic is ordered, local rates to be likewise cut.

The existing form of shipment contract is ordered abolished. The Commission holds, in its judgment filed today, that the present form of contract is unreasonable and designed to enable the companies to escape responsibility for shipments lost or damaged.

WARSHIP TO CARRY BODY

Delaware Will Convey Remains of Late Chilean Minister Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Chilean Charge in this city was today informed by the State Department that at its request the Navy Department had designated the battleship Delaware to be used for the conveyance to his native country of the body of the late Chilean Minister, Anibal Cruz, who died in Washington last Sunday.

The Delaware is at present at Cherbourg, France, but as the body will not be shipped before next February, according to the wish of the family of the Minister, the warship will have ample time to accompany the fleet to Gautanamo and to participate in the regular Winter maneuvers and drills there before she undertakes her mission.

HUSBAND AND WIFE SHOT

Ex-Boarder of Woman Wounds Both; Flees, but Is Arrested.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 24.—Chris Bitel, a night watchman, entered the house of James Thornton here today and with a preliminary curse, opened fire with a revolver on Thornton and his newly-wedded wife, formerly a Mrs. Brookbanks, seriously wounding both.

Bitel emptied his revolver and, hastily reloading continued to fire. Thornton managed to procure his own revolver, and emptied it at Bitel, but without effect. Bitel then hurried away, but was arrested.

Bitel boarded with Mrs. Brookbanks until she was married to Thornton.

WIDOW IS AFTER ESTATE

Property of Man Shot by Partner Is Worth Half Million.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Asserting she is the common-law wife of Dr. Louen V. Atkins, who was shot and killed in Chicago two months ago by Dr. T. M. Rainey, his former business partner, Mrs. Florence Atkins filed an application for letters of administration in the Probate Court here today.

The woman says the estate is worth $500,000 or more.

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BAY CITY PEOPLE GATHER

Countless Thousands Swarm Around Lotta's Fountain and Cheer When Radiant Singer Pours Out Strains of Loved Songs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Fulfilling her promise to sing in the streets of San Francisco, Madame Luisa Tetrazzini appeared at Lotta's Fountain before a crowd of from 15,000 to 20,000 persons tonight.

Traffic was blocked in the downtown streets for nearly two hours. At 6 o'clock the crowds began to gather, worming into the pentagon made by the five street intersections like the confluence of a restless ice floe. Men and women, many clutching the results of their Christmas shopping, hung from the windows of nearby buildings, jammed the roofs of skyscrapers and walled the diverging streets far beyond reach of the diva's voice.

Tetrazzini was incandescent in the radiance of her smile and the opulence of her blazing jewels, her voice leaping out from the wooden parabola, where she sang up to the roofs of the tallest buildings. Overhead, a giant searchlight played from a nearby building.

Mayor P. H. McCarthy introduced the diva. After the cheering had subsided, she sang "The Last Rose of Summer," followed by the waltz song from "Romeo and Juliet."

Many of those who heard her were among the patrons of the old Tivoli, where Tetrazzini made her first appearance ten years ago. When the waltz song ended the band played "Auld Lang Syne" and the crowd took up the refrain.

AIRSHIP ACCIDENTS FEW

Number of Pilots and Pupils 500; Percentage Killed, Six.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The percentage of aeroplane accidents in relation to the number of aviators and mileage covered is less than is generally assumed to be the case. Lecturing before a meeting of the civil engineers, Soreau stated that up to November 4 the aviation committee of the Aero Club of France had delivered 271 flying licenses. Taking all countries, the number of pilots and pupils was about 500, and the percentage of persons killed was six.

"But," adds Soreau, "in order to estimate the risks we must also take into account the distances covered, which may be set down at an aggregate of 125,000 miles for all the aeroplanes in the world. This gives us one fatal accident for every 4375 miles and it must be borne in mind that this includes aeroplanes, which frequently hitherto have been nothing but experimental machines, and that aeroplanes are not yet perfect."

In Soreau's opinion, the most important problem is dealing with the transformation of the sporting aeroplane into a transport aeroplane is the solution of the question of the landing of fast machines.

Loving Cup Replaces Pennant.

CHICAGO, Dec 24.—There will be no flag-raising at the Springfield Three-I League Park this season, despite the fact that the Springfield team captured the pennant last season. President Tierney will award a loving cup 12 inches in height, made of sterling silver, with a gold-washed bowl and mounted on an eight-inch base of ebony. The league meeting, which will not be held until the middle of January, promises to be the most strenuous affair in the history of the circuit. The matter of Quincy's admission has already broken the league into two rival factions, the four Southern clubs favoring a franchise grant to the former Central Association team, while the four Northern clubs are opposed to such action.

LOVETT CUTS COAL PRICE

Reduction at Rock Springs Follows Vigorous Protest.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—President Lovett, of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, sent a message from New York last night to Rock Springs, ordering the price of coal at the mine reduced 35 cents a ton. The order came as a Christmas present to all coal consumers on the line of the Union Pacific Railroad in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska and is the result of a vigorous protest against recent increase.

CHRISTMAS MAIL STOLEN

Robbers Blow Open Boxes and Get Away, Despite Officers.

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 24.—Mail box robbers last night looted six depositories of Christmas mail. The thieves used an explosive to break the locks of the boxes and it has been discovered that none of the shattered plates was left behind.

Two secret service agents who had traced the men here, when confronted today with the evidence of the wholesale work of the gang, were at no pains to conceal their chagrin.

Government's Insane Increase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The population of the Government hospital for the insane here on June 30, 1910, was 2916, an increase over the previous year of 64 patients, according to the annual reports of the superintendent of that institution made public by the Secretary of the Interior today. Admissions during the year totalled 650, an increase of 41 over the year before. The number of discharged patients during the year showed an increase over the year 1908-09 of 14, the total number of discharged for the year being 586. Male whites form the greater portion of the institution, while the female whites are second. The number of male whites in the hospital on June 1 was 1802, females 458; male colored 391, and female colored 265.

Yale Secret Societies Rich.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Properties of the secret societies at Yale are valued at nearly $1,000,000, according to the new tax list of the City Assessors. In all 47 pieces of realty are held, the richest society being the Cloister, otherwise Book and Snake, of the scientific school with realty appraised at $90,000.

Taft Greets Chilean President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Having been notified by the United States legation in Santiago, Chile, of the inauguration yesterday of President Barros Luco, President Taft today sent congratulations to the new ruler by telegraph.

Abscesses

"I should feel guilty of ingratitude if I did not tell of the benefit I have derived from Hood's Sarsaparilla. Five ugly and painful abscesses formed in the lower part of my abdomen. I was confined to my bed thirteen weeks, and the pain was almost unbearable. A neighbor suggested that I try Hood's Sarsaparilla, which I did. I began to improve immediately, the abscesses began to heal, and I took the medicine until I was well." John Wallace, Field Sec., Y. M. C. A., Pittston, Pa.

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