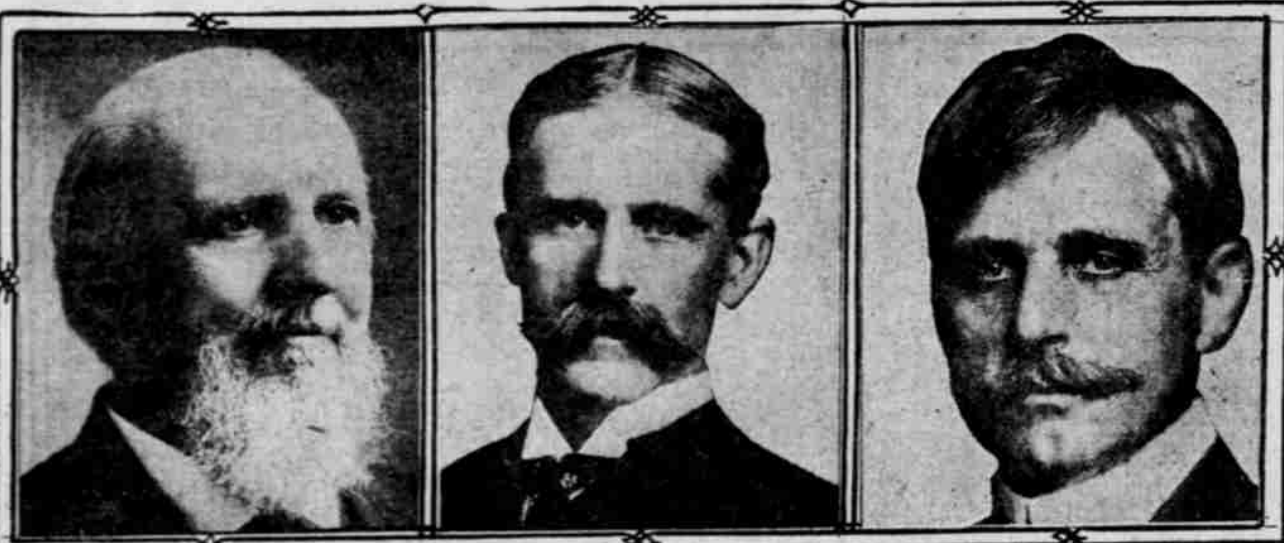


HOBSON FEARING WAR WANTS COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ESTABLISHED

Cockrell Loses Place on Commerce Commission—Henry Van Dyke Suits Princeton—Cottrell's Appointment Opposed Because He Is Negro—Hannon Wants to Succeed Mrs. Eddy.



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NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Representative Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, has introduced a bill to create a Council of National Defense. He is said to have done this after a consultation with the Secretary of War. There is a good deal of excitement in Washington at this time over the unpreparedness of the United States, and Hobson, who has been obsessed for a long time with the idea that we might be compelled to fight Japan, has been closely watching the War Department.

Francis Marion Cockrell, ex-Senator from Missouri, will lose his place on the Interstate Commerce Commission in a few days. Mr. Cockrell was for many years Senator from Missouri. He was known as "the watchdog of the Senate" because of his earnestness in holding down public appropriations. Even though he frequently opposed their pet bills, Mr. Cockrell was always very popular with the other members of the Senate. He was not reappointed on the Interstate Commerce Commission be-

cause President Taft believed he was too old to serve another term.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke has resigned as Murray professor of English literature in Princeton University. Dr. Van Dyke has been in poor health for the past year. He has been a professor in Princeton since 1906 and his lectures have become among the most popular in the university. Dr. Van Dyke was graduated from Princeton in 1873. He was born in Germantown, Pa., in 1852. He is a well-known author. It is said that he has a call to return to the Brick Presbyterian Church, of New York, where he is now preaching.

James L. Slayden, of San Antonio, has been made one of the trustees of the great \$10,000,000 peace fund of Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Slayden is a Democrat and a native of Kentucky. He has been a member of Congress for 14 years. Mr. Slayden received 16,000 votes or more, while his opponents, the Socialist and the Republican candidates, received together less than 100.

Charles A. Cottrell, a negro, has been appointed by President Taft to be Collector of Customs of Hawaii. Protests

have been lodged with the President against appointing a negro to this position. It is expected that the entire staff of the Honolulu Internal Revenue Office will refuse to serve under Cottrell and will resign. Negroes have no social standing in Honolulu. Cottrell comes from Toledo, O.

Robert Charles Hannon has announced that he is the rightful heir of Mrs. Eddy. He is a member of the Christian Science Church, and he has engaged an attorney to bring suit against the directors of the Mother Church to support his claims. He has sent out thousands of circulars, announcing that Mrs. Eddy commissioned him on August 15, 1890, as her successor. He says he has a certificate signed by Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Weston to that effect. Mr. Hannon is president of the Divine Science Association and head of the scores of departments of the packing business.

George P. McLean, who was Governor of Connecticut for two years, seems to have the advantage over Morgan Bulkeley in the fight for the Senate from Connecticut. Bulkeley is the present Senator from that state.

POSTCARDS REPLACE COSTLY GIFTS AMONG CHICAGOANS AT CHRISTMAS

Judge Forces Clerks to Disband Republican Club, Organized for Purpose of Getting More Pay—Stockyards Fire Arouses City to Need of Proper Protection.

BY JONATHAN PALMER.
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Chicago sometimes has to go away from home to learn the news about itself and its institutions. An inquisitive Hoosier newspaper man who has been here getting material for stories called the "Chicago Republican Club," which escaped notice in the local press. According to this story, the deputy clerk of the court organized what they called the "Chicago Republican Club." Its purpose was to pull political wires for an increase in salaries. Chief Justice Olsen got wind of the movement, summoned the chief deputy and asked him for the names of members of the club. The chief deputy asked why the information was desired. The Chief Justice replied he had heard the clerk were organizing to build a judicial candidates into a promise of higher pay and more jobs.

"I am going to ask the Judges to discharge all the organized clerks before 4 o'clock this afternoon," said Judge Olsen. "I want the list of members before that hour."

The chief deputy thereupon is quoted as saying: "But there is an easier way out than that. This easier way would be to disband."

"Can you disband by 4 o'clock?" queried the Judge.

"Yes."

Club Is Disbanded.

The Hoosier then furnishes the further information that at 4 o'clock there was no clerks' organization. There never had been one since.

In this case the Judges had the authority to remove deputy clerks and bailiffs with or without cause by simply issuing an order to that effect.

Other courts of Cook County have not this power and some publicists believe it is unfortunate they have not. Organizing of public servants in Chicago into unions to demand higher pay is not at all uncommon. The public school teachers have so organized. So has the police force and some of the clerical workers in the City Hall. These have to be dealt with through the medium of politics and the means is not at all effective in actual practice. The Municipal Court may serve as an example to be emulated some time in other branches of the public service.

The injustice and brutalities of the old Justice shop and crooked Constables days were recalled just before Christmas by the outrage perpetrated by employees of a furniture branch house which sells furniture on the installment plan.

appeal to brides and grooms to "let feather your nest." The "ads" suggest that the firm has an altruistic interest in the domestic welfare of new doves in the matrimonial state.

"Wreckers" entered the home of Mrs. Ida Bryan, of 1337 West Taylor street, and without the exhibit of a legal paper or any warning of their real intentions, began to remove the furniture from the little flat. They took everything, not excepting the stove, and left the flat empty.

Mrs. Bryan had fallen behind one day in the payment of a monthly installment of \$4. She and her husband had paid \$10 on the \$20 bill contracted. Her stove, purchased from the firm, had gotten out of order. The firm had been asked to come and repair the stove and receive the \$6 due. Instead of fixing the stove the representative of abusing Mrs. Bryan, kicked her in the stomach, according to her story, dragged her into a bedroom and told her to be quiet on penalty of worse and harsher treatment. They went to work cleaning out the flat.

Money Is Refused.

Mrs. Bryan had more than double the necessary money in the house. She offered to pay the installment. Her money was refused. A neighbor tendered the payment and was told to mind her own business. She proposed to guarantee all future payments for the Bryans, who are her tenants. At this juncture two policemen attracted by the crowd that had gathered threatened to arrest the neighbor for interfering in a matter that did not directly concern her.

Mrs. Bryan declares that her money and a small diamond ring were taken by the "wreckers" along with the household effects. The case was the more pitiful because Mrs. Bryan gave birth to a third child only four months ago. Following this ordeal she was seized with typhoid fever and has been out of bed only two weeks. She is today in a nervous state that promises to incapacitate her for weeks longer.

Christmas this year emphasized the increasing custom of sending handsome Christmas greetings to friends instead of the smaller gifts which are hardly noticed. The case was the more pitiful because the festive day was one for the radiation of good will rather than for the exchange of substantial tokens of friendship.

Cards Are Popular.

Intra-family gifts were even more numerous and costly than ever before, but outside the bounds of relationship or prospective relationship cards were the most popular tokens of remembrance. This does not mean that less money was spent. It does mean that the same amount brought cheer to a greater number

of persons and perhaps in a more acceptable and sensible way.

The better kinds of Christmas cards went in sealed envelopes. The stationery for the most part was handsome, even elegant, and there was variety to suit the great catholicity of tastes. Engraved cards which were not signed in ink, but which bore the name or names of the senders as a part of the engraving, were remarkably popular this year. For many of these cards special plates were necessary. There was nothing cheap or tawdry about them. On the contrary, they were artistic in tint, engraving and embellishment.

Cards of this sort were substituted in thousands of cases for face powder bags, handkerchiefs, small pins, ring trees, vell pins, address books, desk calendars, paperweights, stamp cases, nail files, fancy pencils and like articles. Candy and flowers held their own in favor as gifts.

Postal Official Notes Increase.

Postmaster Campbell specially noted the great growth in the mailing of hand-some cards in sealed envelopes, for which the postage was 3 cents. The number of pieces of first-class mail canceled the day before Christmas by postoffice employees was 4,182,300. This lacked 150,000 of being up to the number a year ago, but this year the percentage of costly cards was much greater. During the week preceding Christmas day 120 tons of mail passed through the postoffice, an increase of 15 per cent over the receipts of the year before.

On Saturday morning there were 2,500 Christmas cards in the city delivery section awaiting distribution in the city. This was one for each man, woman and child in Chicago, with enough left over to supply Evanston and Oak Park. Chicago's habit of locking the door after the horse has been stolen has been exemplified once more following the stockyards blaze that cost the lives of two dozen men. The fire broke out in the stockyard seven years ago last night, in which 500 went to their deaths, shocked the city into drastic measures to protect life in playhouses and public halls, but not all the ground of precautionary measures ever was covered. More of it will be covered now.

Chief's Pleas Are Vain.

Chief Horan and his comrades are the sacrifices to public indifference and official negligence. The Chief had pleaded almost with tears in his eyes for better fire protection at the stockyards and in Packingtown. It was his last official admonishment.

"Build your skyscrapers to the stars," he said, "but in heaven's name give us better fire protection at the stockyards and in Packingtown. If you don't you may

expect some day to have a stupendous fire there, if not by holocaust.

Not two months ago insurance men had pointed out the very spot where the late Packingtown blaze started as a place of peril. They said their warning was unheeded. On top of that it is declared the water pressure which the insurance terms called for was lacking, just when and where it happened to be most needed.

Now the Chief and his men are gone and the chords of sympathy of Chicago have been touched. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be raised for widows and orphans and there will be permanent memorials to the dead. This same money, applied to the right spot in advance, would have averted the catastrophe and saved one of the bravest firemen who ever lived.

The tragedy of martyrdom to duty still hangs in the air when Chief Horan will have a high-pressure water system, but it is a grim argument added to the ones that have gone before. Horan's voice has been stilled, but the memory of his strong pleas bids fair to be a very live thing in the new agitation for better fire protection.

Luck Has Been Factor.

Packinghouse fires come with alarming frequency and they are exceedingly mean things to handle and conquer, on account of the inflammable character of the structures saturated as they are with grease. Mrs. by luck than anything else have the packinghouses and stockyards escaped a wiping out by flames.

Judge John Gibbons, of the Cook County Circuit Court, prides himself on knowing a few things about the law, but admits he is deficient regarding the nice distinctions of "wigwagging" on the part of the stockyards. The stockyard was made in a suit to restrain the singing of a song called "The Angeworm Wiggle."

"Mayor Busen and Chief Steward, of the police, are the fellows of expert judgment on these matters. It's no use for me to read the song or to look upon this particular singing. Mayor Busen is a great critic. He sings like a nightingale. And there's Chief Steward. Look how he put 'Salome' out of business without committing any error in the straining orders. His simile about the cat and the catnip bed stands unique and unapproachable in the history of operatic criticism. Steward can no longer be classified as an amateur in the segregation, classifying and tagging of 'wiggles'."

With that the court chuckled quietly and called for the next order of business.

Reports Show Only Fair Profit.

Since the packers have gone into the business of floating bonds or issuing stock to increase their working capital, the public has become accurately advised as to the business done by these big concerns and the profits shown. The disclosures are made in the regular reports. They are far from showing that the meat-consuming public is gouged to swell the income of the packers.

The report of Armour & Company for the fiscal year ended on October 22, 1910, shows that the net earnings on the capital stock and surplus was a trifle more than 6 per cent. The capital stock is \$20,000,000. The surplus is \$7,353,313. It represents the accumulation of many years in building feedhouses, branch stores and other necessary equipment in all parts of the country. The packers may have profited a money, but they have not.

In round numbers the total amount of business done in the year was \$250,000,000. The net profit was \$15,000,000, or 6 per cent. It approximates the figures given out by J. Ogden Armour three or four years ago in magazine articles.

This margin of profit is so narrow that a force of buyers of less expert judgment than those who inspect the cattle, hogs and sheep in the yards and the purchase price of the same will turn an annual profit into an annual loss. So, too, with a less admirable system of economy and executive efficiency in the management of the scores of departments of the packing business.

Thirteen hundred dollars is a tidy sum to pay for a box of cigars. Mr. Harold F. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, put down for the first choice of boxes at the charity ball next Tuesday evening at the Elks Club. The price was \$1100 for the right to choose second, and Mrs. George M. Pullman paid \$800 for the third box.

Edward Morris, a packer, paid a good price for a box, and after the fire at the Morris packing-house, donated back the box for another sale, saying that under the circumstances he could not think of attending the ball. Nearly \$7000 was realized at the sale. Society women attended the auction in spite of cold and rain, and the personal wealth thus represented running into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Princess Cantacuzene, daughter of General Grant and niece of Mr. Palmer, came all the way from Europe to attend the ball and to join in the festivities at the Palmer Christmas tree at the Lake Shore Hotel, a castle of the past. When the ball is over the Princess will take her young son for a tour of the South, where he will see some of the great battles which his great-grandfather fought himself into fame.

Chicagoans were treated to a surprise the other day when they learned that the City Star Bulletin, after 23 years, still retaining bonds in the sum of \$50,000 for the relief of the fire sufferers of 1871. The debt thus incurred by the Bulletin was paid off for six years, or in 1917. The bonds have been refunded twice. The information that this burden is still hanging over the Bulletin, owned by Edwin Rice Baker, City Architect, whose curiosity was aroused by a paragraph in the last report of the Controller of Buffalo.

ADESTE FIDELES HYMN

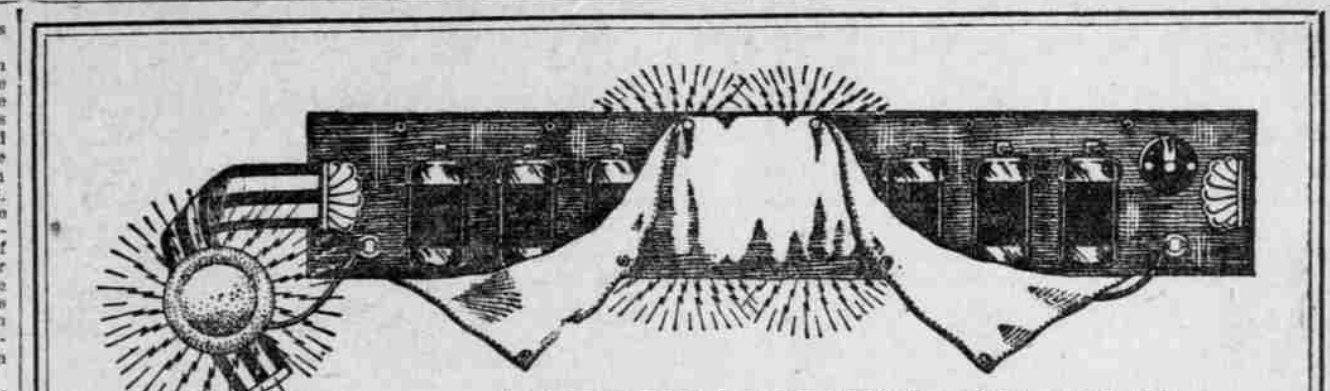
Music Is Probably English, Composed by John Reading.

E. W. Goodrich in the Catholic Sentinel.

Who composed the music of "Adeste Fideles," the well known hymn without which no Christmas celebration is complete?

It is frequently ascribed to Marcus Portogallo, a Portuguese composer of the eighteenth century, and is usually known as the Portuguese Hymn, while others ascribe the music to John Reading, the celebrated English composer of the seventeenth century, which theory is likely to be the more correct one. A little circumstance in the history of the tune may help us to trace its origin. The arrangement commonly sung in the Catholic churches of today is by Vincent Novello, an English musician of the latter part of the eighteenth century. Born in London in 1758, in 1797 he became organist of the old Portuguese Embassy Chapel in Grosvenor Square. It was during the tenure of the post that he arranged the well-known melody to the words of the old Latin hymn from the Cistercian Gradual of the fifteenth century.

Now for the Portuguese side of the story. Portogallo was shortly before that time chaplain at the court of Peter I, king of Portugal. It is probable that some of the attaches or



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members of the embassy may have taken it to England, and introduced it to the notice of the organist of the Portuguese Embassy Chapel. This explanation is not a very probable one. The more likely story is that Novello found the old tune in use in England to other words, and finding that its meter fitted the Latin text, determined to use it, and from its use in the Embassy Chapel it gained its name of the Portuguese Hymn. Its Portuguese origin is most unlikely, for in its style and "flavor" it is decidedly English. If we concede, then, its English origin to be a fact, it is most likely that it was composed by John Reading, lay vicar and gaston of the choristers of Lincoln Cathedral. He was afterwards organist of the Cathedral, and also of the famous college of the same city, founded by the saintly William of Wykeham. He also composed the old college song known as "Dulce Domum," sung to this day at Winchester just before commencement of the various vacations. It was during the period from 1675 to 1681, when organist of the Cathedral, that Reading probably composed the tune.

BERLIN CHIEF IN DANGER

Trial of Moabit Rioters May Result in His Removal.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The Cologne Volksfreund, leading organ of the Center party, learns from a reliable source that the position of Herr von Jagow, the chief of the Berlin police, is so seriously shaken by the trial of the Moabit rioters that it is expected that he will be removed to another post on its conclusion.

The proceedings in this trial have revealed the fact that the police were unfortunate in the arrests they made during the riots, for the majority of the evidence goes to prove that most of the accused were victims of excess of zeal on the part of the police, particularly the journalists who were captured. The attempt to prove that the riots were instigated and furthered by the Socialists, by the organized workmen also seems to have failed.

The removal of Herr von Jagow at the present juncture would be claimed as a victory for the Socialists; if only for this reason, those newspapers are perhaps right which declare that there is no prospect of his retirement. On the other hand, the Cologne Volksfreund is not a newspaper which would make such a statement as it does without good authority, and the fact that the Center party is a prominent factor in the present majority in the Reichstag gives it an opportunity of knowing the views prevailing in government circles.

It should also be mentioned that several newspapers state that the police authorities adopted a course of proceeding in connection with the trial of the Moabit rioters which was in full agreement with the promptings received from higher circles.

WOMEN LEARNING TRADES

Danish Ladies of Position Are Taking Up Hard Tasks.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—There is hardly a field of employment, hardly a walk of life in which some members of what used to be known as the weaker sex are not to be found, but hitherto the heavier manufacturing trades have not been invaded by them.

Now, however, the women of Denmark are taking up tasks in which considerable muscular effort is demanded. Several ladies of good social position, accustomed to lives of comparative ease and luxury, have served apprenticeship in cabinetmaking and other workshops and have qualified as "masters" of their chosen trades.

Froken Ellen Toth has just qualified as wood carver and Harrie Djorup, daughter of a well-known medical man, as silversmith. She has been in business for some time in Copenhagen as cabinet-maker on a fairly extensive scale, turning out high-class artistic furniture of excellent design and workmanship. The partners themselves are their own workshop "foremen"—leaving the more elegant occupation in the showroom department to women employees—for they realize that the manufacturing department requires the more responsible supervision.

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