

32 HOURS FAILS TO GET VERDICT IN SCHMIDT CASE

"Morally Unfit," Says Ten Jurors of Two—"Boobs" Is Twain's Reply.

New York, Dec. 31.—After deliberating for 32 hours and 44 minutes, the jurors in the case of Hans Schmidt, Catholic priest on trial for the murder of Anna Amulfer, reported to Judge Warren W. Foster, at ten minutes past ten o'clock last night, that they could not agree. They were forthwith discharged from further service.

When Lawrence Ottinger, the former prosecutor, announced that they had been unable to reach a verdict, he said:

"Your honor, there is no possibility of our coming to an agreement. We were exactly the same on our last ballot as we were on our first. We have in our midst two jurors whom the other ten of us consider absolutely mentally, temperamentally, and morally unfit to serve as jurors."

Mr. Ottinger was stopped by the vigorous protests of W. M. K. O'cott, of counsel for the defense. The eighth juror, William A. McAuliffe, cashier of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, today made final pronouncement. He said that he believed the evidence showed that Schmidt was insane.

"Why," said Mr. McAuliffe, "the argument used on us by those ten boobies was that if we sent his man to Mattawoman we might have a repetition of the scandal brought out by the Thaw case in the various habeas corpus proceedings."

REASON THREAT FOR PERJURY IS DISMISSED BY STRIKE JUDGE

Annoyed By Intimation Of Frame-Ups, He Frees Accused Lad And Promises Drastic Punishment If False Swearing Is Discovered

Overzealousness Of Strong Arm Ruffians Acting As Guards Disclosed By Arrest Of Peaceful Dye House Employee Whom They Thought A Striker And Who, They Swore, Was In Gang Of Stone Throwers

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)
Shelton, Dec. 31.—Judge John B. Dillon of the Shelton town court, the presiding officer at the many trials during the last few days of the textile workers late yesterday exploded a bomb in the camp of the strong arm ruffians imported by Sidney Blumenthal & Co. These are the guards who have been intimidating the peaceful townpeople and strikers.

Judge Dillon had heard prisoner after prisoner complain in testimony that these special agents, or guards, had clubbed, punched and kicked them. He had seen broken heads and bruised throats which the strikers claimed to have received from the guards. He had heard intimations that the guards were precipitating the disturbances in order to prolong their employment by the mill owners.

When the trial of Steve Plenary, a lad just turned 17, was concluded, the nerves of the hundreds of strikers who were in court had been strained almost to the breaking point, and Judge Dillon spoke plainly:

"Patterson and Curtis, guards, had sworn they saw a stone in Plenary's hand, that he was in the act of throwing the stone when they apprehended him. They said they had not maltreated the boy."

Plenary, a clean cut youth, had a gash in his scalp, a badly battered cap, and his cap and coat were both blood-stained. He swore that he had no stone in his hand, at any time, during the disorder.

"I can't conceive," said Judge Dillon, "of this boy's deliberately falsifying on the witness stand. I have observed his demeanor on the stand, and I believe he is speaking the plain, honest truth. At the same time, I can't conceive of two men supposed to be reputable swearing they saw another man with a stone in his hand when such is not the fact."

Judge Dillon then raised his voice, for the benefit of the strikers who were huddled in the court room so densely that standing room could not be found.

"Since this situation has arisen," said he, "there have been a number of intimations that arrests have been made, and that the court is being used as a tool, to railroad prisoners. There have been intimations of false testimony. If this court finds that in any way this thing is being done, whether it be by an officer of the Shelton court department, or by a special officer, or by a special deputy or by a special agent, this court will demand a warrant for the arrest of the offender on the charge of perjury. This court will insist on a warrant, and perjury is a state's prison offense."

Judge Dillon again remarked upon the youth and apparent truthfulness of the lad, and said while under the evidence he felt bound to find him technically guilty of the crime of breach of the peace, he would not do more than turn him over to the care of the probation officer with instructions to report to the officer once a week for four weeks.

The attitude of the guards, who the strikers declare are to blame for all the disturbances by molesting peaceful citizens, was strikingly manifested in the trial of Antoni Grabonski, arrested Monday morning, supposedly a strike breaker participating in the riot.

Guard Patterson swore that he saw Grabonski, a youth about 19, standing in the street with a stone in his hand. He stood 15 feet from Patterson, and the guard, Patterson depended for corroboration upon Guard Light, who is in the hospital in the strike mills, badly battered, and unable to appear in court.

Grabonski testified that he was not a striker, but was on his way to the mills to work in the dye house, Monday morning, when he was struck on the head and so badly dazed that he could not tell what happened until his senses gradually returned to him in the police cell.

Asked as to the stone, the guard swore he saw in his hand, he said he had no stone.

Prosecutor Shapiro at once interrupted the progress of the case and asked the court's approval of a note which would amount to the discharge of the prisoner.

"Patterson's eyesight is bad," said Attorney P. B. O'Sullivan, of counsel for the strikers. "He couldn't tell whether the lad had gloves or a stone in his hand, and he couldn't tell whether he was a worker or a striker."

The judge prosecutor was on his job, said O'Sullivan, to Judge Dillon as the trials progressed, "he would have these agents in court as well as the poor fellows who are out on strike."

It was learned today that Prosecutor Shapiro, meted out the tactics of the guards, had instructed Chief Robins not to hold any prisoners they presented, unless they were able to present the promise of dependable testimony and the names of witnesses, within the prisoners.

The guards, who have no official authority, declare they make no arrests, but simply point out disturbers, to the properly constituted officers, to whom they turn them over.

WOMEN ADD GAYETY TO Y. M. C. A. PLANS

New Year's Day at the local Young Men's Christian association will be observed in the usual way by having open house to the men of Bridgeport. The reception commences at 7 o'clock and ends at 10.

Elaborate preparations are being made by the Women's Auxiliary, directors and the social department. Special decorations for the occasion have been made. Refreshments will be served and an opportunity given the members and friends to meet the directors and secretaries of the association. The various departments will have exhibitions of work by members of the association.

Music will be furnished by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Waldman and a committee of about 30 members of the association will assist to receive strangers and show them around the building and help to make every visitor feel at home.

The association will also be assisted by a committee of 75 young ladies from the various churches of our city, who will help receive, introduce and make it interesting for all those who partake of the hospitality of the association. The following young ladies will serve on this committee: Agnes Dawe, Grace Liddle, Elsie Card, Alice Holroyd, Ida Holroyd, Lucia Watson, Clara Watson, Edythe Scoville, Louise Cowles, Florence Burgess, Lillian Williams, Susie Morrison, Elsie Goebel, Mildred Rose, Gertrude Banks, Olive Brown, Agnes Baxter, Mary Baxter, Blanche Chapin, Anna Anderson, Etheil Donaldson, Mildred Curtis, Maude Burgess, Natalie Card, Dorothy Smith, Hilda Letterhaus, Helen Wilson, Merna Lyford, Alice Wedge, Betty Payne, Laura Ford, C. Hatheway, Helen Broderick, Bertha Broderick, Mollie Bassett, Florence M. Comstock, Jennie Logan, Anna Anderson, Esther Murray, Susanna Harris, Sadee Caldwell, Agnes Caldwell, Lillian Olson, Mildred Smith, Mildred Stoddard, Marie Cleveland, Mabel Cleveland, Etheil H. Hall, Laura Nichols, Vera Hrusak, Helen Clinton, Mildred Clinton, Irene Chapman, Mary Terrill, Elizabeth Mulhred, Clara Preston, Fay Preston, Lella Mosher, Louise Mosher, Mildred Brinsmade, Florence Hawley, Irene Decker, Elo-

TEACHERS SALARY NOT YET RAISED

Education Board Fails to Consider Increase Application But Will Ask \$150,000 of Council for New High School—Budget Prepared.

The board of education took no action last night on a communication from Miss Mary F. Fallon, president of the Bridgeport Teachers' Association asking for a minimum salary for teachers be fixed at \$600. The communication was referred to Commissioner Havens without any recommendations from the board. The board also voted to ask the common council to call a special election to authorize a bond issue for \$150,000 to complete the new high school. Members of the board think it will take \$120,000 to build the wings and \$50,000 to equip the school.

The board made up its annual budget and will ask the board of apportionment for \$465,534 for next year. Last year's requirement was \$452,143. The items in the appropriation asked for next year are:

Teachers and superintendent, \$359,015; evening schools, \$2,500; janitors, \$25,925; agents and clerks, \$4,400; rent, \$120; repairs and improvements, \$10,000; furniture and furnishings, \$4,000; water, \$1,500; oil, gas and electricity, \$2,000; printing, \$1,500; repairs to furniture, \$1,500; repairs to heating, \$4,000; fuel, \$21,773; text books, \$17.50; contract, \$1,100; insurance, \$1,168; manual training, \$3,000; domestic science, \$2,000; kindergartens, \$2,000; scrubbing, \$1,000.

FILIPINOS CHEER NEW GOVERNOR OF HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Honolulu, Dec. 31.—L. E. Pinkham, the newly appointed governor of the territory of Hawaii, received a warm reception on his arrival here. A large crowd assembled on the dock to greet him as he landed from the steamer Honolulu. A parade was held in his honor, in which marched hundreds of Filipinos who were sent here by Mr. Pinkham when he was acting as immigration agent in the Philippine Islands. Later in the day, Governor Pinkham issued a statement regarding the policies he will pursue.

The assertion made here that the new tariff law would prove disastrous to Hawaiian planters was denied by the governor. The statement declared there was urgent necessity for the partitioning of large tracts of land so that small homesteaders would be given an opportunity to own farms.

The large area planted to sugar, the statement pointed out, was vastly disproportionate.

Referring indirectly to the Japanese who have the largest percentage of enrollment in the public schools of the island, Governor Pinkham predicted that allens born here and having the right of citizenship would soon dominate the local government. He said the policy must be pursued of Americanizing them as rapidly as possible.

FUR THIEVES ARE RAIDING STORES IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, Dec. 31.—In the midst of their investigation of a robbery of furs valued at \$3,000 from the store of the Standard Fur company on Orange street during the night, the police received a complaint today that the place was lightly wedged between half a dozen blocks from the Orange street store, had also been robbed of \$5,000 worth of furs.

A statement is being worked on a theory that the burglaries were the work of an organized gang of fur thieves.

DOG'S YELPS LEAD HUNTER TO DEAD MAN

Thomaston, Dec. 31.—While out on a hunting trip yesterday forenoon Silas Frost found the body of John Reilly, who was missing from his home in Fluteville, in an old well on the Bradstreet Place.

His attention was attracted by peculiar barking from his dog. The man was tightly wedged between stones that had fallen in, and his head reached just above the top of the well. It was said that the man had been drinking.

Reilly was 44 years old and leaves a wife and seven children.

BOY IS HURT WHEN SLED HITS MOTORCAR

Thomaston, Dec. 31.—Louis Knox, a 13 year old boy, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when a sled upon which he was coasting down a wood road ran into an automobile which City Engineer R. A. Cairns of Waterbury was driving along the state highway at the foot of the hill.

Mr. Cairns was the boy coming down the hill just as he was making the bend in the state highway near The Plains, but on account of the slippery road he was unable to get by fast enough when he reached the road where the boy was coasting, and the collision resulted.

The boy was taken to the office of Dr. A. S. Goodwin, and it was found that he had received a deep gash near the cheekbone.

ALDERMAN MEANEY'S HOME BURGLARIZED

Alderman Stephen Meaney's home at 115 Noble avenue was visited by key workers between 4 and 5 o'clock Tuesday, and jewelry valued at over \$300 taken. Nothing but jewelry was touched. When Mrs. Meaney left the house she noted a young man standing on the curb in front of the house and, although not knowing him, he bowed and spoke. She returned the salutation. She returned about 5 o'clock and found a note in disorder. A neighbor informed her that the young man had been seen leaving the house shortly before she arrived.

LANDSLIDES BLOCK WESTERN PACIFIC

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 31.—Within a distance of 22 miles, four landslides, caused by melting snow and rain, have blocked the Western Pacific Railroad in the Feather River canon.

One westbound passenger train is caught between two of the slides, 34 miles east of Oroville. The other passenger trains are stalled.

GENERAL JONES PLANS MARCH UPON ALBANY

New York, Dec. 31.—The little suffrage army under the command of "General" Rosalie Jones today made final preparations for its march to Albany to demand votes for women of the legislature.

The marchers will take to the road early tomorrow morning.

DOLLAR A DOZEN FOR EGGS IS PREDICTION

Franklin, Pa., Dec. 31.—Eggs at \$1 a dozen within two years was the prediction made today by W. Theodore Whitman, state lecturer on poultry in addressing a gathering of farmers here.

He said the increase in egg production, although large, is not keeping up with the increase in demand. He urged the farmers to take better care of their hens.

NEW AIRSHIP COMPANY FORMED IN NEW HAVEN

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 31.—The Connecticut Aeroplane company, of New Haven, today effected the incorporation of an organization at the office of the Secretary of State. It will start with 400,000 paid in capital. The officers are Evarard Thompson, president and treasurer, E. A. Macomber, vice president, and Samuel C. Morehouse, secretary, all of New Haven. The incorporators are E. A. Mullikin, Paul Webb, of New Haven, and Ralph H. Clark, of Derby.

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE

Thursday being the octave of Christmas and also the Feast of the Circumcision, Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10 a. m. at Christ Church, Courtland St., by the Rev. A. Leffingwell, Minister in charge.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

GENERAL.
A disturbance central over eastern Tennessee is causing cloudy weather with light local rains in the southern states east of the Mississippi river and south of Ohio and Potomac rivers. Pleasant weather prevails generally in other sections east of the Rocky Mountains.

The temperature along the northern border from Montana eastward to Maine ranges from four to 30 degrees above zero. White River, Can., reported a minimum temperature of 34 degrees below zero, last night.

NEW HAVEN.
Forecast: Fair tonight. Thursday unsettled and somewhat cloudy.

STATE.
Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. colder Thursday. Moderate, variable winds.

Automobile drivers should light their lamps today at 5:33 o'clock.

Sun rises tomorrow..... 7:19 a. m.
Sun sets today..... 4:33 p. m.
High water..... 1:51 p. m.
Moon sets..... 8:50 p. m.
Low water..... 8:43 p. m.

THE PRETTIEST FACE

and the most beautiful hands are often disguised by an unsightly wart. It can easily be removed in a few days without pain by using **Cyuz's Wart Remover**. For sale only at the **Cyuz Pharmacy**, 243 Fairfield avenue and 186 Cannon street.

CLEANEASY, BEST HAND SOAP

Guaranteed not to injure the skin, instantly removes Soap Scum, Rust, Grease, Ink, Paint and Dirt. For the hand or clothing. Large can 10 cents. Manufactured by Wm. R. Winn, 244 Stratford avenue.

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Special Treatment for Oily Hair—Manicuring
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Baseball Develops Morals; Honesty of National Game Its Greatest Asset



By Governor JOHN K. TENER, President National Baseball League

TO be elected president of the parent association of organized baseball is an honor any one might covet and, coming to me by unanimous vote of all clubs, is especially pleasing. Baseball not only develops the **BEST PHYSICAL FORM**, but has a great force for good in its **HIGH MORAL TONE**. The cleanliness and honesty of the game cannot be questioned, while its enthusiasts and admirers are always legion. The **HONESTY OF BASEBALL IS ITS GREATEST ASSET**, and to preserve and maintain its good name shall be my chief concern, as has been first in the minds of all my predecessors in office.

NATURALLY I HAVE CERTAIN IDEAS WHICH WHEN CARRIED OUT I BELIEVE WILL ADD TO THE POPULARITY AND GREATER ENJOYMENT OF THOSE WHO WILL WITNESS NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL AND TO A BETTER AND MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING BY THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE AND THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE PROMOTION OF THE BEST INTERESTS OF ORGANIZED BASEBALL. I PREFER RATHER TO WORK OUT THESE IDEAS THAN TO ANNOUNCE THEM AT THIS TIME.

I anticipate only the most pleasant relations between Mr. Johnson of the American league and myself when we consider business before the national commission, since both of us will always be primarily of one mind—that is, to maintain the **HIGH STANDARD OF BASEBALL**—in considering controversies which may come before the commission.

BRIDGEPORT DEATH RATE STATIONARY; STATE'S REDUCED

Washington, Dec. 31.—The death rate in Connecticut is being reduced, according to the latest report from the census bureau on mortality statistics of the United States. Last year the death rate in Connecticut was 14.8 per 1,000 population, as compared with 14.8 per 1,000 in 1911.

The death rate in Bridgeport remained stationary, according to the report, at 15.4 per 1,000 population both in 1911 and 1912. In New Haven, the only other Connecticut city given in the list of cities of 100,000 or more population in the bulletin, the death rate has dropped somewhat. In 1911 it was 17.1 per 1,000 population, whereas last year it was 16.8 per 1,000 population.

There is opportunity for ingenious Connecticut inventors in an investigation which the interstate commerce commission has just undertaken to obtain satisfactory block signal and automatic train control devices and other devices tending to promote safety in railroad travel. Congress recently made a special appropriation for this purpose.

The commission announces that anybody desiring to submit any appliance or system intended to promote railroad safety should forward complete specifications and drawings showing fully and clearly the construction, application and method of operation of such appliance or device. Drawings not more than nine by fourteen inches are preferred.

A statement should be sent showing the name and address of proprietor, number and date of patents, purpose of the invention, briefly but fully the relation of invention to other apparatus or operations, name of railroad on which tried and length of time in use, locality of trial, and name of railroad officials of whom inquiry may be made.

All plans, prints, etc., become part of the commission's files. The commission cannot protect inventor's rights, and therefore essays, that plans should not be submitted until such rights are fully protected by patent or otherwise. Models are not necessary, but may be submitted. The person submitting devices, etc., will be informed of the result of their examination.

NEW TOWN

The first basketball game of the New Year will occur Thursday evening, January 1, at town hall, between the St. Rose and South teams.

The Newtown Dramatic club scored another success last night at the town hall in the play, "The Country Minister," which was greeted by an enthusiastic audience. Newtown has the reputation for patronizing home talent in dramatics and last night outdid itself. The cast of characters are appended.

"Rev. Ralph Underwood," the country minister—Ernest Sanford.
"Gregory Heath," of the world at large—Herman Tiemann, Jr.
"Judge Fildes," a wreck on the ocean—Herman Tiemann, Sr.
"Timothy Hood," who had rather whistle than work—C. G. Peck.
"Deacon Potter," a little deaf—H. N. Tiemann, Sr.
"William Henry"—Wallace Mitchell.
"Tom Sparrow"—John C. Beags.
"Mr. Filkins," an officer—W. F. Hal.
"Helen Burleigh," from the city—Marguerite Beecher.
"Jerusha Jane Jenkins," the post-mistress—Mrs. W. N. Mitchell.
"Roscoe," fresh air kid—Charlotte Minot.
"Granny Grimes"—Lillian Beers.
"Fanny"—Eleanor Gros Claude.

The school board met Tuesday and acting upon a communication from the Middle District school committee they had dispensed with the services of Miss Eva Wallace as teacher of North Central school, and had hired P. H. McCarthy as principal for the remainder of the year, granted the latter a certificate to teach. Other short term teachers in town whose school visitors reported favorably on their last term's work were also granted full certificates to teach.

Miss Mary Harrigan and Miss Minnie Paetsch entertained a party of children Tuesday afternoon at the home of the former. After innumerable games and inspecting the Christmas trees and the presents to the inmates all enjoyed refreshments furnished by the kind hostess.

Mrs. John Stillson has moved all her furniture back from Shelton and will now reside in Sandy Hook as soon as her brother, Thomas P. McCarthy, is able to be removed. His friends will be glad to know he is improving.

"Mr. Donohue," an officer—Miss May Donohue of Bridgeport and Miss Margaret Donohue of New York, spent the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Donohue of Walnut Tree Hill.

Oath of Office Given To City Officials Tomorrow

Between the hours of 9 and 12 tomorrow morning City Clerk J. Alex. H. Robinson will administer the oath of office to a number of officials who are to form the official family of town administration for the coming year. City Engineer A. M. Terry, who is now in Europe, took his oath of office before he went away.

Those who are to take the oath tomorrow are:
Assistant City Clerk Frank Braithwaite.
Sinking fund commission, Charles G. Sanford, Samuel W. Baldwin, J. E. Finford, Albert H. Condit. He succeeded Frank L. Goggin, John H. Cassidy to succeed George Burns.
Director of public works board, Jacob A. Courtade.
Police board, George S. Hill, Leo P. Bristol.
Health board, Frank W. Stevens, E. D., to succeed David M. Trearntin, M. D., Edward A. Lambert to succeed W. J. McLaughlin, D. D. S.
Charities board, Rev. Matthew Judge, Rev. J. Waldman, J. J. Board.
Board of apportionment, B. D. Pierce, Jr., Jarvis Williams, Jr., to succeed Andrew M. Cooper, Angus H. MacKenzie to succeed Samuel T. Vincent, resigned.
Board of contract and supply, William E. Sealy.
Building commissioners, William McLennan to succeed William S. Dowling.
Oyster ground commission, Arthur Jaffe, James F. Kelly to succeed Peter Dawe, George H. Zumstagen, to succeed Arthur P. Connor.

Wife, Not the Siren, Home Wrecker In Most Cases

By Mrs. ANNE CRAWFORD FLEXNER, Dramatist

In nine cases out of ten the wife, not the siren, is the home wrecker. The siren merely picks up the pieces. The American wife is the most **FORTUNATE WOMAN IN THE WORLD**, and she doesn't even know how to make use of her opportunities. It is true that a married man's stenographer often proves a menace to his wife—the menace of efficiency in competition with inefficiency. Three sure losers in the marriage game are the wife who **ERECTS BARRIERS**, the **NAGGING WIFE** and the **FAD DRIVEN WIFE**.

The salvation of the married woman will be found in a business or professional training which teaches her the necessity of a quid pro quo—that for what she receives she must also give.

THE MARRIED WOMAN IN THIS COUNTRY HAS THE MOST WONDERFUL OF OPPORTUNITIES, AND ON THAT ACCOUNT THE SHAME OF HER FAILURE IS ALL THE GREATER. SHE IS THE SUN AROUND WHICH HER WORLD REVOLVES. SOCIETY IS ORGANIZED WITH THE OBJECT OF PROMOTING HER HAPPINESS. HER HUSBAND GIVES HER EVERYTHING AND DEFERS TO HER AT EVERY TURN. NO OTHER WOMAN IN THE WORLD IS SO WELL TREATED.

The nagging wife is almost sure to lose her happiness. No man will stand a continuous course of instruction as to what he shall do and say and think each hour of the twenty-four. The American husband is naturally **SUBMISSIVE**, and his wife ought to take pity on him and allow him his own way some of the time. Change of leadership is fair play in any game.

Finally, the wife should **AVOID FADS**, or, rather, avoid being dominated by them. There is the **BRIDGE PLAYING FIEKD**, for example. What satisfaction can a sane man get in her society? The wife may take it as an axiom that if she pursues one **DISTRACTION** her husband will pursue another.

FINANCIAL

(Barron News Service.)
New York, Dec. 31.—A review of the past year in the investment market shows that the development of greatest importance was the decline in the price of bonds to the lowest point recorded since the panic of 1907. The average price of twenty-five representative government bonds at the low level reached about the middle of June was only 3 1-2 points above the lowest average price of 1907. As the year closes these bonds are but little higher than the year's lowest—1 1-2 points—which is 12 points below the closing prices of 1912, and 11 points below the opening prices of 1909. New security issues brought out during the year will approximate \$1,700,000, or less than 10 per cent. below the record for 1912.

According to the last report issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, as of October 31, the national banks of New York City (Manhattan Borough) had deposited bonds of the national banks or \$37,457,000; due to state and private banks \$12,071,300; and due to trust companies and savings banks \$18,128,200. These items will be an important consideration with the national banks of this city on account of the new banking system. Most, if not all, of the national banks will undoubtedly join the system within the next 60 days, but any event a considerable sacrifice on their part is involved in regard to these balances. It is impossible to forestall what portions of interior balances will remain with them after the redistribution of reserves and the effect of changes in the next year or so will be noted with interest.

It is said in well informed quarters that Boston & Maine directors are seriously considering bonds of a large amount, agreeing to guarantee 5 per cent. dividends on the \$1,400,000 stock of the Hampden Railroad Co. and the proposed \$1,000,000 issue of 5 per cent. bonds. Two new issues will bring the total capitalization to \$1,400,000, the amount recently approved by the Massachusetts Public Service Commission as the proper cost of the road.

Confirmed by the court of the sale of the assets of the old Milliken Bros., Incorporated, since the purchasing company, recently incorporated in Virginia under the same name, is in position to start business on a large scale. The Milliken Co., which has a large steel plant on Staten Island, has undergone reorganization twice. Its first trouble occurred around 1907, and was due to a lack of working capital. In this connection the company is in a comfortable position, as it has now \$1,000,000 working capital.

Despite the fact that the steel trade has suffered a severe depression, for the past several months the average net earnings of close to \$40,000,000, which would leave a surplus after charges and dividends of about \$20,000,000. The corporation will make its customary annual distribution to shareholders of \$2,000,000 in the form of stock dividends, etc., within the next few days. In the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 will be paid out under this bonus plan. Last year the company distributed \$1,000,000 in the form of stock dividends. The United States Express Co. has made a joint office arrangement, effective January 1, with the Western Express Co. as part of a general retrenchment program. The arrangement is operative at all points reached by the two companies.

November gross earnings of Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad amounted to \$5,773,235, against \$5,665,855 reported after taxes. Net earnings of close to \$4,000,000 in 1912. Gross for the five months ending with November amounted to \$18,110,012 against \$17,907,223, and net for the same period totaled \$5,660,228, against \$5,659,050.

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The Rev. Dr. J. M. Worral, a noted clergyman at Philadelphia, is dead of pneumonia, aged 88 years.

A loving cup was presented to Homer A. Lattin, member of the New York Stock Exchange for 39 years, upon his retirement.

"47 CLUB" MEETS
The annual banquet of Bridgeport's "1547 Club" was held last night at the Algonquin club with an excellent post prandial program and better-than-ordinary menu. E. C. Stratton was elected president, J. J. White, treasurer and R. T. Whiting, secretary.

LYFORD BROTHERS
\$16 CUSTOM SUIT SALE \$16
East Side and East End