

# STANDARD OIL COMPANY CUTS ANOTHER DIVIDEND

New York, Feb. 3.—A cash distribution of \$1,000,000 of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, was announced today, by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. Within a few minutes after the distribution was announced, Standard Oil advanced on the curb from 45 to 46.

As the Standard has an authorized capitalization of \$100,000,000 of which \$25,000,000 is in "cash" distribution, today, amounts to a handsome dividend of 2.5 cents.

In making the announcement, the company issued the following statement: "The distribution of \$1,000,000 of cash dividends is the first since the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was distributed Feb. 15 to stockholders of record at the close of business Feb. 7.

# CHURCHES PREPARE FOR LENTEN SEASON

Season of Sackcloth and Ashes Begins Day After Tomorrow

Hours of Devotion in Catholic and Episcopal Churches

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The dawn of Lent is regulated by the fixing of the date of Easter. Easter Sunday is fixed in March by the first Sunday after the full moon that happens on or next to the 21st day of March. It will be 31 years before Lent begins as early as it does this year.

In all the Catholic churches here yesterday Bishop Nolan's letter reminding the Catholics of the Lenten season was distributed.

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There will be special Lenten services in all the Catholic churches. St. Augustine's church, the ceremony of distributing the ashes will take place at a special mass at 8 a. m. on Wednesday.

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At St. Mary's church, owing to the long distance between the parsonage and the church, the evening devotions will be at 7:45. These will be on Tuesday and Friday at 7:30. The evening devotion on Wednesday will be at 8 o'clock.

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At St. George's church, Ash Wednesday will be observed with Holy Communion at 7 a. m. and Matins, Litany and address at 10:30 a. m. Penitential office and sermon will take place at 7:45 p. m.

# RAHRIG BEGINS WORK FOR CITY

Stephen F. Rahrig today began his duties as stenographer in the office of the city clerk, formerly used by Peter White's experts, which has been added to the city clerk's suite.

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Highway Commission Fight On Tomorrow

New London Harbor Grant Repeat Fight Is Scheduled for Contest In House

Hartford, Feb. 3.—The General Assembly which comes in tomorrow ushered in a week of promised fights and developments of State-wide interest.

The selection of Commissioner Macdonald's successor is one of the locked for fights. The Democratic Senators will caucus before the opening of the session and the fate of the Governor's appointee to the highway commissionerhip, Mr. Adwell, of New Britain, will probably be settled.

In the Senate it is also expected if action of the General Assembly on the Governor's charges against Commissioner Macdonald will be presented in the House on Wednesday.

Another fight will probably be made on Senator McNeil's bill to rescind the 1909 schedule on March 4, but in granting a million dollars for improvements to New London harbor.

This week is also the last for the presentation of new business, both Senate and House having set the 7th as the limit.

The question of legislative mileage will also be brought up, the committee having in the past been unable to have a report ready this week.

# BIG GRIST OF MEASURES NOW CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 3.—Four weeks more. This was the dirge of Republicans and delight of Democrats chanted today in Congress.

With only four more weeks, containing only 25-30 working days, Congress is rushing to get its business done.

Failure of several of the big appropriation bills to pass both houses before the end of the session is feared. Many legislators predict that they will lapse over into the extra session.

Continuation of the big "supply bill" existed today in the Senate and House. Of 16 lengthy and knotty appropriation measures only one, the "United States" bill, has passed.

Many of the most important of the supply bills, naval appropriations, sundries, West Point military academy, diplomatic and consular and general appropriations, have not even been reported to the House.

If a public buildings bill is passed, veterans of the capitol predict this will be the summer "million dollar" Congress. Most of the appropriation bills this winter are much larger than those of last year.

Investigations ranging from the money trust to petty federal officials, have impeded work so far. These are generally completed.

Newark.—When fire broke out in the hall where she was speaking, Minnie Robinson, Salvation Army worker, prevented a panic by advising her audience to go out and see a blaze next door.

# AUTO BANDITS GO TO RURAL

Palace of Justice is Jammed by Curious Crowd

Phantom Outlaws, Called the Jesse James Crew of France

Paris, Feb. 3.—The trial of the famous "automobile bandits" began at noon today, with the palace of justice jammed to its utmost capacity.

The men on trial are the remaining members of the famous Bonnot gang of outlaws, Carouy, Diudenne, Medge, Souly and 17 lesser lights of the underworld who last year held all Paris in a reign of terror.

The custom of blessing throats is followed throughout the Catholic world and in the local Catholic churches at the parochial masses this morning and at special services this evening throats are to be blessed.

On a night set for the robbery of a big bank, thieves would steal an automobile and leave obnoxious clues that would be sure to identify the purloiners.

The most startling of the crimes attributed to the automobile bandits was the robbery of the Chantilly Bank, 30 miles north of Paris.

A few days later a big, gray automobile driving through a crowded boulevard, made a wrong turn.

A policeman mounted the running board to take the chauffeur's name and was shot through the heart.

The method he uses is to inject serum from a heavy pig, such a way as to strengthen the resistance of the cells in the body.

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# TODAY IS FEAST OF SAINT BLASE

Martyred Bishop's Miraculous Treatment of Throat Recalled in Catholic Customs

Throughout the Catholic world today is observed the feast of St. Blase, whose feast day is connected, in Catholic minds, with the ceremony of the blessing of throats.

St. Blase's memory kept alive in ecclesiastical circles through the recounting of his having accomplished among other miraculous cures of throat troubles the extracting of a fish bone from the throat of a lad whose death, as a result of the mishap, was imminent.

St. Blase was a victim of fierce religious persecution, and to escape the hands of his enemies he fled to a cave in a hill, a favorite retreat for his prayers and for relief from the duties of his diocese.

Discovered in his retreat, he was led away, in manacles, by soldiers, and miraculously escaped.

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# ASSAULTANT OF MAYOR GAYNOR DIES IN ASYLUM

Paresis Causes Demise of Prisoner, Who Was Insane

Gallagher Had Been Under Medical Treatment at Prison Hospital

Trenton, Feb. 3.—James J. Gallagher, who on August 9, 1910, shot Mayor Gaynor of New York city, in the neck while on a steamer ready to start for a sea voyage died in the state asylum today, of paresis.

Gallagher had been under medical treatment at the prison hospital since he was removed to the hospital about a year later.

New York, Feb. 3.—James J. Gallagher, who attempted to assassinate Mayor Gaynor August 9, 1910, was a disordered and discharged employee of the Department of Docks and Ferries.

He had been tried on charges and found guilty but for weeks he had harried the mayor's office further with importunities to see the mayor.

He boasted of his political pull. Mayor Gaynor, surrounded by a party of close friends and political adherents, was saying good-bye on the pier to the dock of the steamer Wilhelm Der Grosse, preparatory to taking a voyage for his health.

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# REORGANIZING CHANGES OFFICES URGED IN WHITE'S REPORT

Would Reorganize Building Inspector's Office Force Under Single Head and Enforce an Adequate Building Code

PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE GETS HEAVY WALLEPS

Records Not Complete, Says Expert, and Valuable Information Is Lost—Wants City Engineer Placed Over All Work of This Department

Peter White's final report and recommendations will be presented to the Common Council tonight. Sweeping changes in many administrative offices will be urged by him as a result of his investigations.

As told exclusively in The Farmer, Saturday evening, many offices are hit in the report which is bound to cause considerable interest in municipal affairs.

The report which will be submitted tonight includes reviews of investigations of offices not touched in other parts of the report already given to the Common Council.

The office of building inspection receives considerable attention from White. He takes a few sallies out of the present administration of the duties of that office, declaring that the system of appointment might lead to serious trouble, should there be a disagreement of opinions by the disinterested of public works.

Formerly is appointed by the commissioners and the latter by the Common Council. White will suggest to the Common Council that the office force be made up this way: One building inspector, salary \$200; one city engineer, salary \$500; one assistant city engineer, salary \$300; one inspector, salary \$200.

This plan, Mr. White declares, would allow the building inspector to do half the work of the city engineer, whereas he is now at his office only a short time.

Mr. White figures that the city engineer's salary annually, by reason of the fact that the pay of the commissioners would be saved, and would also increase the salary of the city engineer.

The adoption of an adequate building code is urged, with provisions of which the Board of Health, Mr. White says, is in agreement.

Mr. White says that the board has to keep a record of appropriations, and that the board should have a record kept by the city auditor. He recommends increasing the scope of this board so as to provide inspection of all collections of goods.

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# IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY PETER WHITE

General. The abolishment of all boards (except Public Safety, Labor, Assessors and Relief) is urged, single-headed commissions to replace them.

Exact and comprehensive qualifications shall be prescribed for public office holders, who shall be appointed and hold office under merit system.

The enactment of an ordinance providing that officers from holding two positions of profit under the city.

The reposing in the mayor of summary power of removal of all board members and chief administrative officers not accountable to any board.

That ordinance prescribe working hours for city employees and regulate vacation and other leaves of absence. This to prevent the go-as-you-please method of time off now enjoyed by some city officials.

Chief Executive. It is urged that the mayor be relieved of his duties of presiding over the Common Council and that a committee of the body be elected by popular vote.

Legislative Offices. That the city clerk be made ex officio town clerk in city.

Assessment of Revenues. It is urged that the self-listing system of assessment be abolished and that land and buildings be assessed on a basis of standard units.

The abolition of the board of appraisal. While such board remains, assessors should be appointed by the mayor and required to work through, at least partially, a committee of the board.

Collection of Revenues. That the tax collector be made the central collecting agent of the city and that the city treasurer, his collections.

The index of land records to be a matter of the staff of the town clerk's office.

Board of Apportionment. The board of apportionment shall compile detailed budget showing appropriations for every department.

Audit and Control. The city auditor shall be elected by the people and shall be the controlling records of appropriations, instead of this work being done by Board of Finance and Supply.

The city auditor shall approve all payrolls and shall require a periodic inventory of all city property.

The board of contract and supply shall have increased powers to inspect goods delivered. City officials shall be forbidden to contract for business with the city.

City Attorney. The City Attorney shall include in his annual report all opinions, ordinances and amendments and explain their effect upon the city body of municipal law.

Public Safety. The board of building commissions shall be abolished and the mayor as central power. An adequate building code shall be adopted and enforced.

Public Works. The public works department shall be under one head, presumably the city engineer. The board of public works shall have no administrative powers.

DEPUTES WILL HOLD BIG BANQUET. Sheriffs to Gather Around Festive Board on St. Patrick's Day.

A meeting of the Fairfield County Deputy Sheriff's association was held at the county court house this morning. Deputy H. R. Elwood of Fairfield presided.

It was voted to hold the annual banquet in the basement. Eighty several noted speakers will be secured and a fine entertainment program will be arranged.

The fire started as the suit of an explosion in the basement. Eight persons were in the building at the time. The lives of many were saved by Misses Mary Courtwright and Francis Goodrich, firefighters, who aroused the occupants.

# TUBERCULOSIS CURE REPAIRED IN MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, Feb. 3.—The Minneapolis Daily News, today, printed the story of the discovery of a tuberculous cure by Dr. J. H. Burgen, of this city, which is said by physicians here to rival that of Dr. Friedman, of Berlin.

Dr. Burgen also uses a serum which he calls "tuberculin" and he says that the cause of the disease is a germ which he has named the Koch tubercle, a negligible factor in the development of tuberculosis and that weak resistance of the body is the real cause.

The method he uses is to inject serum from a heavy pig, such a way as to strengthen the resistance of the cells in the body. He disputes the long accepted theory of Dr. Koch, who says that the germ is the cause of the disease.

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# WIRELESS EPISODE NOT LIKELY TO RESULT IN CHARGES

The rearing of a mountain out of a little mole-hill is the consensus today in official circles where the Judson-Arnold-Virell controversy has been discussed.

All angles of the matter having been well presented to public view none of the principals today cared to add to the fuel piled upon the first controversy.

Mr. Judson when visited by a reporter for The Farmer was busy in his office, but sent out word by his assistant that he cared to make no additional statements, and it is believed that no further action will be taken on his part.

The report that charges against Capt. Arnold will be referred to the police department by the mayor, that he was remiss in following instructions of his superior in the Leon Gin case is not credited in view of the fact that the official that the call was entered for Officer Virell.

# Notables As Guests At Lincoln Dinner

The Lincoln dinner this year arranged by Franklin Bartlett Camp, Sons of Veterans will take place at the Atlantic Hotel Wednesday, Feb. 12th.

Judge A. B. Beers of this city, Commander of the Sons of Veterans of the United States, Department Commander Doigal and their staffs will be present. The dinner will be held at the Hotel.

It was a large group of prominent citizens that faced Judge Carl Foster in the City Court this morning, mostly charged with minor offenses which were quickly disposed of.

One of the defendants was William Mason, who was apprehended by patrolman John G. McLaughlin. He was charged with assault with a cane and carried on Water street a pedestrian who had refused him alms.

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# HOTEL GUESTS DRIVEN OUT BY EARLY BLAZE

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