

Predict Movie Czar's Downfall Through Pardoning of Arbuckle

Hollywood "Insider" Says Hays Has Sold Presbyterian Birthright for a "Mess of Pottage."

By FOREST WHITE.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—Fatty Arbuckle is not coming back in the movies, and Will Hays, as czar of the industry, is done. These are two best bets which Hollywood insiders began to pass out today with Christmas behind them. According to their way of reading the dope—and in the past they have been wizards at it—both wagers look like a cinch. The Rev. Dr. Gustave Bragelberg, pastor of the West Lake Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles, who has studied the industry inside and out during the long stay here, declared, on hearing that the movies had acquired a czar, "That's all."

"Will Hays has sold his Presbyterian birthright for a mess of pottage." Now, not alone to clergymen but to laymen, the belief is growing that Mr. Hays "has spilled the pottage." Putting aside the fact that Los Angeles motion picture capital of the world, with a jealous and material interest at stake, had been stirred as never before through the action of Hays in restoring Arbuckle's good standing, that the pulpits of the city on the day of "goodwill" to morrow thundered against this clemency, and that the mayor, the council and scores of welfare clubs have voiced vigorous protests, there are separate, hard-boiled facts that alone will settle, and settle for good, whether Arbuckle can come back, and whether motion pictures are to continue to indulge in the pretty fiction of a czar, and whether that czar is to be Mr. Hays.

Accepted as a Diversion. Hays was accepted as a diversion even at \$100,000 a year. Being popular as a politician and standing well with the administrations, it was felt that he would be useful if the Sherman anti-trust law or something equally serious, should crop up to hamper the game. But from the day of his appointment, his exact status never has been defined. Now, his reinstatement of Arbuckle seems to have put the industry in a state of confusion with the result that the most earnest workers in the movie game are quietly combining behind closed doors to insist on a showdown on this problem.

Four Rival Sheiks Menace Rodolph; Beauty Contest Follows Lawsuit

New York, Dec. 26.—Choose your sheik, girls—the war's on!

A beauty contest, beside which all others pale, is now being fought, and the hearts of the flappers—or those feminine creatures who were known as flappers yesterday—are doing a frantic pit-a-pat from Broadway to Main street.

The race was all Rodolph's until his recent unfortunate lawsuit against his employers in which the employers won out.

The court said Rodolph must act for the film company in question or nobody for two years. Rodolph said he would wait the two years.

Thereupon the search for rival "sheiks" began. Another handsome heart-smasher of Latin antecedents, named Ramon Navarro, had already been rushed into the field to split the feminine vote by a rival com-

CROWDS FORCE DOOR TO GREET ARBUCKLE

First Test of Public Reaction to Fat Comedian Creates Quite a Stir.

New York, Dec. 26.—The public reaction to Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle's appearance on the screen at last has been tested in this city. On Sunday at the Park Music Hall, the Columbus Circle one of Arbuckle's earlier comedies, operating under a permit, was exhibited and created quite a stir in the neighborhood.

The promotion of this venture was done very quietly. No announcements were sent out, and even the billing of the picture around the theatre was limited. Yet a good sized crowd assembled to see the comedian who has just been "pardoned" and given a chance to re-enter the films by Will Hays.

Some of the patrons were so eager to see the man who brought to light the underside of Hollywood that they broke one of the glass doors leading to the lobby and had to be helped by the police. When Arbuckle made his first appearance on the screen, according to the management, he was cheered as if he were a hero. The management added that throughout the film he was received with favor. The few hisses seemed to come from the balcony.

During the week days the Park is devoted to burlesque, presented by the Minsky brothers, but on Sundays it is rented to film promoters for movie showings. The Arbuckle picture was exhibited, it was stated, by Jack Davis, known as a road show exhibitor—that is, one who takes a single print of a picture from town to town, or through various sections of a large city, and gives it limited showings. He intends to exhibit it in other localities.

DATE SET FOR MEET OF NEW COUNCILLORS

Will Gather at Chamber of Commerce Friday to Discuss Issues.

Mayor-elect George Wenig has at last stumbled upon a date for an informal session of the new council that evidently meets with the approval of the majority of the city fathers.

They will gather in the Chamber of Commerce board room Friday night next, when the general program for 1923 will be outlined and discussed.

"After repeated failures," the mayor-elect stated this afternoon, "I have finally arranged to get them together to get better acquainted and talk over informally the bigger issues, such as the city's transportation and other problems that must be considered early in the term."

All the Theatres GRAND.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 2:00, 7:00 and 9:00. Rodolph Valentino in "All Night"; five acts of vaudeville. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Elaine Hammerstein in "Under Oath"; five acts of vaudeville. New Year's Week: "The Man From Glengarry" and opening of winter season, with De Wolf Hopper Light Opera Company presenting Gilbert and Sullivan operas, including "The Mikado," "Pinafore" and "Iolanthe."

ALLEN'S. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Strongheart, Belgian police dog in "Brawn of the North." Thursday, Friday and Saturday: "To Have and To Hold," featuring Bert Lytell and Betty Compton.

LOEW'S. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Alice Lake in "Woman's Hate"; vaudeville. Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Elaine Hammerstein and Conway Tearle in "One Week of Love"; vaudeville.

PATRICIA. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Tom Mix in "Do and Dare"; vaudeville. Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Holiday Travlin' in "Another Man's Shoes"; vaudeville.

MAJESTIC. Closed.

GETS 500 REPLIES FROM AD FOR WIFE

Toronto Man Advertises in Leicester and 500 Hearts Palpitate With Anticipation.

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Who is the Torontonian who has been asking the mayor of Leicester, England, to provide him with a wife? Is there a scarcity of eligible maidens in Toronto or is he merely passing hard to please? At any rate, some citizen of Toronto, according to an account in English papers latest to hand, has sought the co-operation of the mayor of Leicester in the arduous task of finding a wife.

Possibly he is a native of Leicester. The mayor, anyhow, being a generous-hearted sportsman, lent a sympathetic ear to the plea and put the advertisement in a local paper. At the time of writing it had elicited no fewer than 500 replies. Most of them were from local maidens or widows, but several came from Scotland and London. And one lady from distant touch of the world, who wrote to the forlorn Torontonian. The mayor has seen fit to publish some humorous extracts from the letters. "I am 38, and I think I would like to settle down now," writes one applicant, who is evidently tired of spinsterhood. "I am a Canadian damsel, and I am sure that you will find me a perfect match for you. I am a young person, as the older ones get."

Another lady wrote thus: "Having seen that you have taken up the cause of the matrimonial agent, I am writing to ask you if you will kindly help me to get a husband. I prefer a single man, if you have one on your list. Perhaps you will give me my heart's desire." Apparently the mayor's generous desire to help his Toronto suitor has earned him the reputation of being a matrimonial agent, for he has now begun to receive letters from other men, who want him to discover suitable wives for them. Meanwhile all the letters of the 500 odd fair candidates for the preferred hand of the Toronto suitor have been carefully examined and a selection of the most satisfactory has been made and forwarded to the would-be beneficiary. So somewhere in Toronto there is a gentleman who is probably quite careless whether Mr. Fleming or Mr. McGuire is the next mayor and whether the grab is carried out or thwarted, for he is engaged on a more important and unending task, namely, the pursuit of the letters from the fair aspirants as to his hand and heart.

MONTREAL TO BORROW 10 MILLION TILL 1923

Special to The Advertiser. Montreal, Dec. 27.—Among the items inscribed on the order of the day for the final meeting of the Montreal City Council for the year next Friday is the recommendation of the city executive that they be authorized to borrow \$10,000,000 in anticipation of the 1923 revenue.

This is the course followed every year, as the city has to be administered from January till September before the collection of revenue begins in earnest for that year. This necessitates having recourse to the banks for credits on which the city pays several hundred thousands dollars in interest annually.

SHATTERS HAND BY SHOT. Brooklyn, Dec. 27.—With his right hand shattered as the result of the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting near his home, Leonard Halling of Delta is in the General Hospital. Amputation may be necessary.

SALESMAN \$AM

OH SAM, WILL YOU PLEASE CRACK THIS BAG OF DUTY ON THE TABLE? I WANT TO PUT THEM ON THE CANE.

ALL RIGHT, MA.

OH DEAR! IT'S THE SAME OLD SAM—HERE, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A WHILE, AND NOW HE'S CRACKED THE NUTS.

IT TAKES LONGER.

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME? YOU'VE ONLY GOT ABOUT A DOZEN OF THEM CRACKED—I CAN'T WAIT ALL DAY—GIVE ME, TINY NUT CRACKER.

I AM NOT GOT NUT CRACKER.

I'VE BEEN USING MY TEETH.

WONDER DOG HOLDS ADMIRATION OF ALL

Strongheart Hero in Film of North Showing At Allen's.

Youngsters found full vent for the exuberance of the Christmas holidays in the feature film now showing at the Allen Theatre, starring Strongheart, the famous Belgian police dog, as "Brawn of the North."

Stirring and vital as it was, the film found favor with the older folk and the smaller fry abundantly signified their approval at the matinee performance with their frequent outbursts of cheering.

A novel and welcome relief from the polished matinee idol, or the ever-lovely heroine, was "Brawn of the North," a splendid animal of extraordinary intelligence.

Again, lifting the production from the ranks of the mediocre, was the magnificent scenery, the Canadian north with all its vastness of snow-clad hills, and wonderfully achieved reproductions of the moonlight scenes among the mountains.

The plot itself is the simple narrative of a love affair of the north, with Brawn an important factor in the events which bring the story to a happy conclusion.

Entirely out of the ordinary, "Brawn of the North" is an ideal film with which to give children the holiday treat. It is one of the best releases shown here for weeks.

OFFICERS PAY VISIT TO WINNIPEG BARS

All Hotels in City Are Given Christmas Investigation for Strong Beer.

Special to The Advertiser. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 26.—Beer samples from every hotel bar in Winnipeg were taken Saturday by members of the enforcement department. All of the samples are being analysed. Officers of the enforcement department have no idea how many charges will be laid against hotel-keepers as the result.

Squads of enforcement officers began the rounds of the hotels early in the morning, and they did not miss one bar where beer of any kind is sold. Prosecutions will follow in every case where the liquid is found to be above the 2 1/2 per cent limit of alcoholic content.

More than 30 hotels are operating bars in Winnipeg now, and officials of the enforcement department believed that if they made over-strength beer selling a practice at any time they would be stocked up for the Christmas season.

It was the first time that all the hotel bars in the city have been visited in one day. Most of the hotels have been visited by the prohibition squad around the city. It was to maintain sobriety in the bar-rooms during Christmas and to constitute another step in the tightening process of enforcement that is under way.

During the past few years, the enforcement trips have constantly visited the bars and taken samples of the beer being served to the patrons. Prosecutions followed analysis if the stuff was found to be over 2 1/2 per cent.

But never before was such a wholesale roundup made. It kept the squad working until late at night to finish the whole journey and to get it all completed just before 11 o'clock.

Hotelmen today boasted they had been tipped off by the enforcement department, and were prepared.

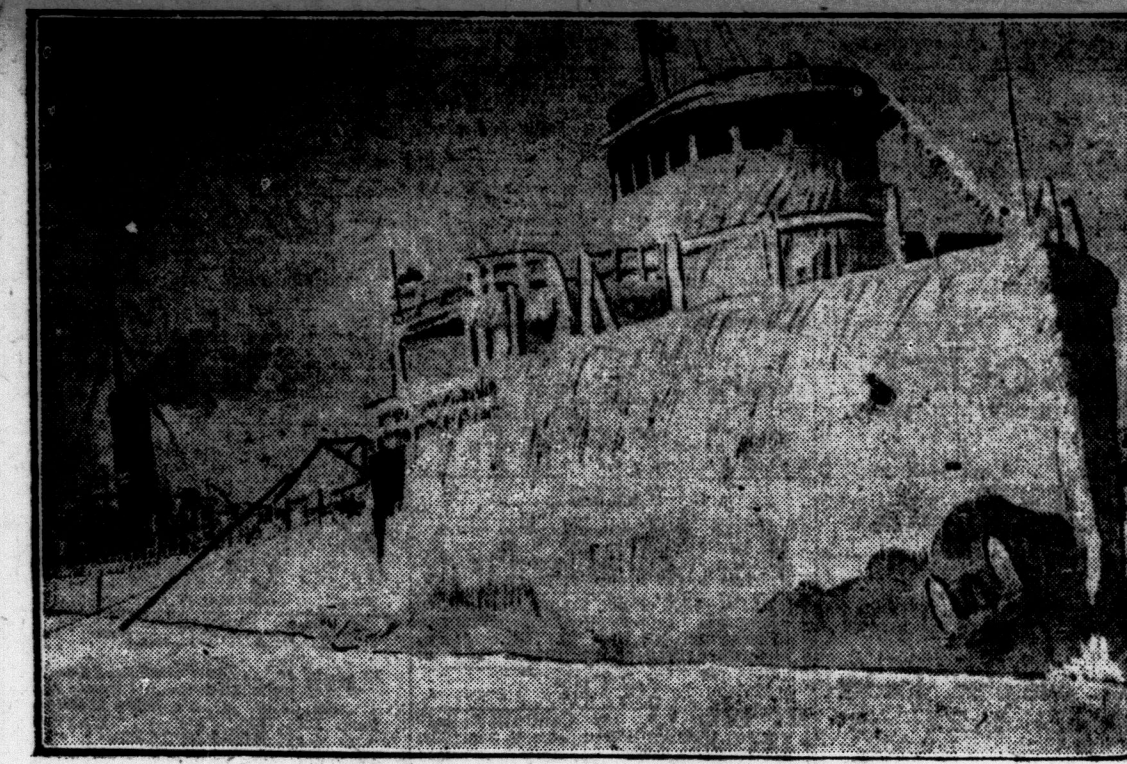
JUDGE AWARDS LAND TO QUEBEC SEMINARY

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, Dec. 27.—The Quebec Seminary was awarded its claim over a series of lots located in Belvedere ward, valued at \$200,000, in a judgment rendered this morning by Justice Gibson, in the superior court against the Dandurand Land Company. The latter company had succeeded to the Quebec seminary the lots referred to with the provisions of the act, which was passed in 1904, giving the seminary the right of the land back by payment of \$68,320.96 and also of all municipal and school taxes that had been paid on the land.

The ratepayers of Pottersburg are encountering more good luck in the matter of school accommodation than their neighbors to the southeast of them—over in the Dakin street neighborhood.

A few weeks ago the school trustees, realizing that something must be undertaken without delay to alleviate the crowded condition of that school, directed the construction of a frame addition to accommodate the overflow of students and the normal increase.

The school architect reports that this structure, built to the rear of the building, will soon be completed and ready for occupancy. Shingling of the roof is now in progress, he states.



LAKE VESSEL BRVES WINTER STORMS. An "armored cruiser" of the King of Winter—The Sinoia, laden with grain for Buffalo, was the last vessel to pass through the Soo locks ere navigation closed. She was coated with ice from stem to stern.

Body Frozen In Lifeboat—Mute Story of Tug's Fate

Ghostly Discovery Made Near Long Point Tells Tragic End of Tiny Ship On Bleak Waters of Erie—Cause of Disaster Still a Mystery.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 27.—With the finding Tuesday of the lifeboat and the corpse of one of the eight members of the crew of the tug Cornell which disappeared Thursday, the mystery surrounding the exact fate of the vessel and the other members of the crew will be made tomorrow, it was announced by the Great Lakes Towing Company tonight.

The lifeboat containing the body of Michael Payton, fireman of the Cornell, was found between Long Point and Port Colborne on the Canadian side of Lake Erie by the searching tug A. J. Gillmore today. The body, covered with ice, was lying face downward and frozen to the planks of the lifeboat's bottom. Ice coated the rest of the yawl. In order to remove the body it was necessary to saw off one of the seats of the boat.

In this mute trace of evidence there was nothing to indicate definitely whether the tug sank after

Cheery Welcome Awaits Prodigal Returning at New Year to Parents

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Frederick Livingstone, who left his home in Lincoln, Neb., 11 years ago after a quarrel with his father over the course he should take in college, was found here Monday in the house of correction, and planned to leave Tuesday to spend New Year's with his father.

After being arrested for begging on the street and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, he told an agent of the Prison Welfare Association the story of his wanderings and said that he had concealed his identity because he did not wish to "disgrace my family."

SCHOOL SITE CLASH SEEMS IMMINENT

Board of Education Will Hold Final Session Tomorrow Afternoon.

When the members of the board of education convene tomorrow afternoon for their final session, they will more than likely be asked to reconsider once again their action in connection with the purchase of the Oliver and Trafalgar streets property.

The Advertiser was informed late this afternoon that a special conference respecting this project was scheduled for today, at which would attend certain persons who do not see "eye to eye" with the school trustees.

Sweeping developments are considered quite possible, the precise nature of which remains concealed, however. Should any drastic action, as has been contemplated, be undertaken, official intimation of the same will be obtainable at tomorrow's gathering, it is promised.

If anyone contemplates an injunction to restrain the school trustees from building a new school at the corner of Oliver and Trafalgar streets, action should be forthcoming without delay, warn the school authorities on the other hand.

School Architect L. E. Carrothers reported today that the basement of the proposed edifice had already been excavated and actual construction is anticipated immediately.

Ignoring completely the threats of their opponents, members of a board of education insists that nothing shall hamper their movements, at least nothing less than an order from the high courts.

Advocates of the famous Dakin street school site (still owned by the board) are preparing, however, they say to maintain their opposition to the "last ditch" negotiation, leading to an injunction have been opened for several days now and it is definitely known that an appeal is being entered. Just what the outcome will be is of course problematical. "One or two details have yet to be arranged" is the only statement emanating for publicity today.

POINT TO LONDON AS FINE EXAMPLE

Town Planning Experts Say London and Ottawa Good Specimens of Work.

London is noted as a strong booster of town planning. Evidence of this fact was brought to light at the chamber of commerce today when Secretary Gordon Philip received a booklet from the department of interior at Ottawa on "The Making of Topographical Maps of Cities and Towns, the First Step in Town Planning."

The publication was written by Douglas H. Nelles, D.L.S., M.B.L.C., supervisor of topography in the geodetic survey of Canada, and in it are maps of the Forest City, showing how town planning schemes have been practiced in the laying out of certain sections of the city.

One map shows the section of Queen's avenue from Richmond street east up to the corner of Wellington street, including Hayman Court and the Alexandra Apartments. The Masonic Temple, the Public Library and the Y. M. C. A. are also marked prominently. London enjoys the distinction, along with Ottawa, of being the only city in Canada to be illustrated in the new book.

"That the geodetic survey should consider certain sections of the city; perfect enough to set before other municipalities as an example, is highly encouraging," said Mr. Philip in discussing the matter Wednesday morning.

Thomas Adams, the well-known town-planning expert, who made a tentative survey of the city some time ago in collaboration with the city engineer, declared that the survey was completed London will have an accurate map and data regarding its topographical conditions superior to what is possessed by any city in Canada.

The chamber of commerce has been to the forefront in advocating the need of a comprehensive plan to guide the future growth of the city, and has spent much time and money in bringing before the citizens the advantages of city planning and in urging the provincial government to give aid in the matter.

"I was reduced to the grade of a pauper," said Frederick Livingstone, and was too proud to let folks at home know how badly off I was. This is the happiest Christmas I have had in 11 years and it will be the best New Year's I have ever known because I'll be home."

TRAVELERS DINE IN CITY THURSDAY

Hotel Situation Throughout Province Will Be Discussed at Big Event.

Preparations are complete for the big annual banquet of the local branch of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association, to be held in the Tecumseh House tomorrow night.

An unexcelled musical program has been arranged, while several able orators have been secured for the evening, including certain prominent members of parliament and others from outside points.

Among them will be R. L. Bracken, K.C., M.P.P. of Chatham; C. Watson, M.P.P. for Haliburton, who is chairman of the special parliamentary committee which considered the hotel situation throughout the province. He will attend the gathering in that capacity.

Hume Cronyn, ex-M.P. for London, will also deliver an address, and numbered among the guests will be W. E. Cookson of Montreal, general passenger agent of the G. T. R.; H. F. Mallon, passenger agent of the C. P. R.; C. E. Horning, Toronto, district passenger agent of the G. T. R.; Charles Forrester, London, district superintendent of the G. T. R., and a host of others, all equally well-known in their several lines of endeavor.

ADVERTISER WANT ADS BRING RESULTS.

BY SWAN

RANNEY SCARED OVER A TEMPERANCE WRIT

If Judges Decide in Favor of Plaintiff, Liquor Importation Will Be Legal.

Canadian Press.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Hon. W. E. Ranney, K.C., attorney-general of Ontario, and Hon. Newton Rowell, K.C., acting as special counsel for the Ontario government, are in Ottawa to interview Premier Mackenzie King and Sir Lomer Gouin, minister of justice, with regard to the subject matter of an action, now pending in the Ontario courts, brought by a man named Smith to obtain a writ that part four of the Canada Temperance Act, under which importation of liquor into Ontario is prohibited, and which came into effect as a result of the referendum of 1921, does not apply to the province of Ontario. The reason for this action is the presence in the Ontario Temperance Act of a native wine clause, which is not prohibitive, so far as those wines are concerned.

The opinion of Eugene Lafleur, K.C. of Montreal, taken by the Dominion government, was that part four of the Canada Temperance Act does apply to Ontario.

Similar opinions were given by John A. Patterson, K.C., of Toronto, and J. M. Muir, K.C., of Ottawa. The law officers of the federal department of justice have given their opinion that part four of the Canada temperance act does not apply to Ontario. Should the courts, however, in the action pending, take the view of Mr. Ewart, it would mean that the bars would be down, and there would be free importation of liquor into Ontario again.

W. E. Ranney and Hon. N. W. Rowell will interview Premier King and Sir Lomer Gouin, with a view of obtaining Dominion legislation to make the matter quite right. Hon. N. W. Rowell is acting as counsel for the Ontario government in the Smith action. The law officers of the provincial government, together with the law officers of the Dominion government, that part four of the Canada temperance act applies to Ontario, but the provincial government is not willing to take any chances.

"NEWSIES" TREATED BY ROTARY CLUB

Good Things to Eat and Tickets to Show Reward of Paper Boys.

Rotarians and potential Rotarians sang lustily and lunched merrily at the Tecumseh House today, when the Rotary Club gave its official annual treat for the newsboys and Rotary boys under supervision.

Each member of the club took a boy under his wing, and for an hour and a-half both of them had the time of their lives.

Turkey and plum pudding were the "piece de resistance," and there were such interesting extras as balloons and special prizes for the best performance this afternoon at the Patricia Theatre.

With the program prepared entirely for the enjoyment of the boys, making was confined to a minimum, and all high-sounding philosophy barred.

In the "ex-newsboy" reminiscences of R. K. Kennedy, now managing editor of The London Advertiser and special speaker for the occasion, the boys found plenty to amuse them as well as a bit of practical advice on what the Rotary Club in particular and the country in general expected of them.

Much Accomplished. Much has been accomplished by the "Rotary Club" during the past year in their work among the boys, and the chairman of the boys' work committee, Rotarian Alf. Grant, outlined the various projects of the year, and progress and pointed to several boys who had made definite steps toward betterment by reason of Rotary interest.

With the excellence of the work accomplished self-evident in the glowing interest and admiration of the boys, it was gratifying that Rotarians should be gratified with their year's progress.

groups, the newsboys and the Rotary boys under supervision who have during the year been under the personal training of Rotarian Oliver Kennedy.

A feature of the program which greatly delighted the boys was the "Rotary Club" story, delivered in fine imitation of the "rotary" style by Rotarian Rev. George Leichter.

With three enthusiastic cheers for the Rotary Club, the boys wound up the first episode of their treat and hastily and with glee betook themselves to the Patricia Theatre for episode No. 2.

BORDEN TO SPEAK ON BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

Will Address Yale University Students in Reply to Aylesworth.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—Sir Robert Borden left tonight for New Haven, Mass., where he will address on Thursday the American Historical Association. The subject of his address will be "The British Commonwealth of Nations and Features of External Relations." It is known that Sir Robert took strong exception to some recent utterances of Sir A. B. Aylesworth, the governor of the American Republics, and that he will be the guest of Dr. James R. Angell, the president of Yale, and the joint honor of Sir Robert and C. E. Hughes, the American secretary of state.

The London Garrison Amateur Athletic Association.

BOXING Tournament

LONDON ARMORIES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Plan at Brisco's, 258 Dundas Street.