

be one of the speakers.

THE program will include moving pic-L tures, showing reproductions of historical scenes, patriotic music by the Chicago band, singing by Miss Christine Neilsen, the famous prima donna, and the members of several choral societies, short speeches by Miss Mary McDowell, Rabbi Hirsch, and Secretary Post, the administration of the formal oath of allegiance to the United States to the entire audience by Judge Clarence N. Goodwin-in whose court thousands of aliens have been naturalized during the last year-and, in conclusion, the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner," led by Miss Neilsen, with the band of forty pieces, the great organ, and the audience of 4,000 men and women helping to swell the chorus.

The invocation will be pronounced by the Rev. Father Andrew Spetz of St. Stanislaus' church and the benediction by the Very Rev. Dean Walter T. Sumner of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

It is requested that every pastor in the city announce the meeting and its object at the service on Sunday morning.

HERE have been about 5,000 foreign born men naturalized in Chicago since March, 1913. They include representatives of twenty-four different nationalities. To each of these men a printed invitation has been sent, together with tickets entitling him to seats at the Auditorium. Invitations and tickets have also gone to the wives of each of the newly made citizens who are married.

The total number of invitations issued is about 8,500.

The doors of the Auditorium will be opened at 2:30 in the afternoon. From that time until 3 o'clock admission will be only by ticket. At the latter hour the remaining seats will be at the disposal of all comers.

If any man naturalized during the last year has failed to receive his invitation he can get tickets by presenting his final papers at the office of Chief Naturalization Examiner Sturges in the federal building.

HERE will be plenty of color and glitter about the celebration. Maj. Helmick, inspector general on the staff of the general commanding the department of the great lakes, United States army, will act as master of ceremonies. He will be assisted by officers and men in full uniform detailed from Fort Sheridan and from the various local regiments of militia and naval militia.

As a climax to the whole program, after the singing of the national anthem, a huge flag will be broken out from the proscenium arch by the sailors and soldiers and will fall down over the audience, its ends being caught up on one of the upper balconies.

The patriotic decorations of flags and portraits which have been installed by the Union League club for its celebration of

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erate variable winds. For Illinois-Fair Saturday and Sunday national racquets championship. Page 14 Roger Bresnahan joins Cubs in traini Sunrise, 6:38; sunset, 5:30. Moonrise, 5:08 a. m. camp at Tampa and starts work. Page 15 TEMPERATURE IN CHICAGO President Murphy of Cubs sick and will not attend National league meeting. Page 15 [Last 24 ho MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. Maximum, 4 p. m......25 Minimum, 6 a. m.....20 Arrived. EW YORK.
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Bartzen-Burg crowd rushes out county

LABOR.

Massmeeting arranged by friends of the

irl pickets, who denounce the police. Page 3

Municipal Voters' league reports on candi-

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Twentieth ward frauds.

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Seventh ward nonpartisan committee urges

Wehle nomination petition out; Miss Drake

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Congressman says change in parcels post

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U. S. engineers back up former Gov

Corporations Commisioner Davies says

Official of independent lake line says all

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FOREIGN.

Slaying of British subject by Villa brings

Polish nobleman put on trial for slaying his

Mexican situation to new crisis. Page 1

DOMESTIC.

LOCAL.

JUSTE VICTORIA. Shangha PANAMA MARU ... Shanghai Tacoh Port. Ubraitar MARU ... NTA New York AF WALDERSEE Dacoma SHIPPERS ADVICES. Prinz Adalbert. Out 1,000 miles Monday a. m. Special Forecast for Shipments Within Radius of 500 Miles.

Prepare shipments to reach destinations by Sun-day night for temperatures as follows: North and northwest, zero to 15 degrees; west and east, 5 to DENVER FEEDS OPERA SINGERS IN ITS CITY LODGING HOUSE.

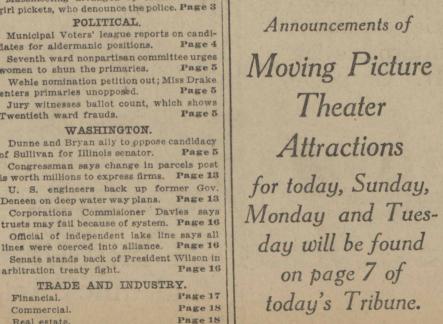
> Grand Jury Will Investigate Disbandment of Canadian Company-More Benefit Performances Today.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 20.-[Special.]-The 200 Page 11 members of the stranded Canadian Grand Opera company retired tonight with their hunger satisfied. Some were gratified by the Three passengers killed when they resist rain bandits near Bellingham, Wash. Page 1 knowledge that they had not been compelled Storm and flood devastate southern citrus to accept the city's invitation to eat at the Page 13 municipal lodging house.

These members of the company, however, had enjoyed only two " square meals." One Federal council backs move for three big nurches in downtown Chicago. Page 1 hundred others tonight partook of the city's bounty. They had three meals instead of Ex-Ald. Francis, under arrest for fortysixth time, tells of ruin by drink. Page 3 two. All had been guests of the Albany hotel Human dictagraph lurks near Petras, seekat breakfast and luncheon.

Page 3 Two more benefit performances will be Engineers present subway plan to rescue given tomorrow. Page 13

Characterizing the disbandment of the company and the leaving of its members stranded Page 16 as a disgrace to the city, District Attorney Powerful Chicago reserve bank will cover John A. Rush has asked the grand jury Page 18 to make a thorough investigation.



Northern Slain by Bandits Near Bellingham.

OUTLAWS FLEE TO SAFETY

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 20.-Three passenpers on Great Northern passenger train No. 558, bound for Vancouver, B. C., were killed onight when they resisted three holdup men who entered the day coach when the train was running nine miles south of here. Those killed were:

Thomas B. Wadsworth, Canadian Pafic conductor of Vancouver, B. C. R. L. Lee, Bremerton, Wash. M. B. McElhoes, traveling salesman of

Vancouver, B. C. Board Train at Burlington.

It is believed the bandits boarded the train at Burlington, a few miles south of the place of the holdup. They were seen to leave the moking car and enter the vestibule between it and the day coach, where they tied white handkerchiefs about their faces. One of the men then entered the day coach and walked to the rear door, a second one

stepped just inside the coach, while the third remained in the vestibule. As the man reached the rear door and

started to lock it, the three victims leaped from their seats and started to grapple with The robber began shooting. He fired prob-

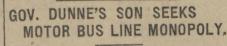
ably ten shots. Le was the first man to The next two shots killed Wadsworth fall. and McElhoes.

Rob Passengers and Flee. The murderer turned and started back to

the front of the coach. As he passed along several women passengers held out their purses. He gathered up a handful of them and then ran The three bandits left the train together

as it came to a stop from a signal given by the conductor who had heard the shooting from another coach and pulled the cord. Posses were hurriedly formed here and a special train was hurried to the scene, but on account of the wilderness of the surrounding country and the opportunity to get away in a boat to the San Juan islands, little hope

night said they soon would have behind the bars the three men who last night held up the Queen and Crescent's fast passenger train, the "New Orleans limited," and rifled the mail car of a sum of money now estimated at \$100,000. It is believed the men



Commission for Exclusive Rights in

When the public utilities commission meets at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning Edward and the old St. Paul's. F. Dunne Jr., son of the governor, will appear before it as attorney for the Chicago

Automobile Transportation company. He will urge the commission to give to the concern represented by him the exclusive right for the operation in Chicago of passenger automobile lines.

Ten days ago he filed an application for a blanket "certificate of public convenience and necessity." The effect of such a certificate, it is said, would be to grant a monopoly on every street in Chicago.

'At that same time Dr. John Henry Barrows and Dr. McPherson, the former in the First Presbyterian, the latter in the Second Presbyterian church, were preaching to immense congregations. Now the First Presbyterian church has moved further south. "The Immanuel Baptist church, once the

throne of Dr. Lorimer and now of his worthy successor, Dr. Johnston Myers, is feeling the pressure and is struggling bravely. "Still farther south. on Thirty-first street, the First Baptist church finds her experience differing but little from the rest. martial.

One Downtown Church.

"Methodism still holds one downtown church, located at Clark and Washington streets, valuable practically from a financial standpoint. For years it has been an almoner, contributing something over \$750,-000 toward the erection of other churches. "In her present condition she is a dis-

grace to Methodism and an eyesore to the community, and the great, sinful city is calling loudly to this old church to relight her beacon lamps for Christ by building a worthy temple for worship. "The old Wabash avenue church, one of

our great congregations of former days, has become a rescue mission.

"Fifteen years ago Trinity church had a large membership and a Sunday school of 1,000 children. Her old building is gone and a

ittle handful of a flock remains in a state of ecclesiastical rebellion 'The great South Park avenue church, at

the corner of Thirty-third street and South Park avenue, perhaps the finest piece of church property in Chicago Methodism, found t necessary to turn its property to the City Missionary society.

In Great West Side Section.

"Fifteen and twenty years ago Dr. Goodwin was preaching to an audience in the First Congregational church, at Washington boule vard and Ann street, that numbered from 2,000 to 2,200; Dr. Noble to another congregation in the Union Park church numbering from 1,500 to 1,800. The First Congregational church has gone, having sold out to the Volunteers of America, and has combined with the Union Park church.

"The Jefferson Park Presbyterian church has lately reconstructed its building by cutting its auditorium in two and adapting itself to institutional work, trying by this method to stay the tide.

The Third Presbyterian church, at Ogden and Ashland avenues, where Kittridge and Withrow preached to vast audiences, is nothing in comparison with former days.

The Second Baptist church, a pulpit of power in the days of Dr. Lawrence, has closed her doors and given up in despair. Centennial Baptist has followed her example, and the magnificent building of the Fourth Baptist on Ashland avenue, near Ogden, has also closed her doors and the three of them have united their forces in the Second, at the corner of Robey street and Jackson ooulevard. The Western Avenue Baptist has

also given up and quit. That old west side cathedral of Methodism, the Centenary church, has closed her doors and become a mission." Among other churches closed or absorbed are cited the old Ada street, the Fulton street,

Situation on North Side.

" On the north side the New England Congregational church is not by any means what

"The Fourth Presbyterian church, under the leadership of John Timothy Stone and packed by the almost limitless wealth of its ongregation, is erecting a magnificent new temple on Sheridan drive, and may be considered one exception. "La Salle Avenue Baptist church has all

but given up the struggle."

can insurgents, last Tuesday, but the facts did not become public until today. There are of ammunition which he had just cleared two reports of the manner in which Benton was killed. One is that Villa himself shot him down during a white hot controversy in which Benton resented a vile epithet

hurled at him by Villa. The other account is that Villa ordered

Benton arrested after their encounter and had him executed after a drumhead court-Trouble to Follow. At all events, international complications

have developed out of the slaying. Also, the anti-Mexican spirit hereabouts has risen to the boiling point. A massmeeting of protest against the Washington state department was held here tonight, in spite of ef-

forts of the authorities to prevent it. As a result of friction over the slaying of Benton there was a brush tonight between Corporal Jensen, Troop M, Thirteenth cavalry, and a score or more of Mexicans, during which the Mexicans returned Jensen's

fire. Resented Slap from Villa. Benton, a Scotchman by birth. twenty years a resident of Mexico, but still a subject of Great Britain, went to Villa to protest at

depredations by Villa's men on his Los Remedios ranch in southwestern Chihuahua. Villa cursed and slapped him and Benton drew back to strike Villa in resentment of the oath and blow when Villa knocked him down with his revolver. Benton's death followed. A Mexican who was present with several others in Villa's offices when the difficulty occurred between the British citizen and the rebel chief tells the story. For the same reason that has made hundreds of others decline to permit the use of their names in matters Mexican this man related the story only on

the promise that his identity would be hidden. Benton Speaks Bluntly to Villa. He said that Benton, after being admitted to Villa's presence, began speaking heatedly, declaring to Villa:

"You and your men are bandits, pure and simple. You have taken my horses, destroyed my property, and damaged me in

every way, yet you pose before the world as civilized warriors, fighting for your country. You are fighting for loot and power." Villa, according to the man relating the story, rose from behind a small desk at which he was sitting, and, shaking his finger at

Benton, retorted: "You are a federal sympathizer; you have aided the assassins of Madero in every possible way. I am going to drive you out of the

ountry.' Then Villa applied an epithet that has always made men fight, and slapped Benton in

the face. Benton Struck Down by Revolver. Damn you, Pancho Villa, I am as good a man as you are," Benton retorted, according was brutally murdered and assassinated at to the Mexican's report of the affair and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, by Francisco Villa, then threw himself at the giant rebel leader. we, the citizens of El Paso, Tex., and refu-

huahua in a special train, carrying a carload through the American custom house.

This morning when the consul announced positively the death of Benton, Villa was far away to the interior.

It was said at first that Federico Gonzales Garza was head of the court that tried Benton. Garza was formerly secretary to Francisco Madero during the revolt against Diaz. This afternoon Garza denied any connection with the execution or trial and said that Maj. Jesus Rodriguez presided at the trial. The Mexican widow of the dead man and also William Benton, his cousin, say the Englishman was not armed when he went to Villa to protest at the depredations on the ranch

Villa, in relating his story to Consul Edwards, said Benton drew a revolver and that he had evidence connecting Benton with the recent conspiracy to assassinate him.

Massmeeting in El Paso Theater. The massmeeting tonight was held in a theater. The meeting was first called for Cleveland square, but Mayor Kelly, in a letter to George Curry, former governor of New Mexico, asked him to rent a hall, as he regarded an open meeting as dangerous. The mayor said he would suppress any attempt to

hold the meeting in the open. Richard Dudley, head of the contracting firm which built several hundred miles of the Mexico Northwestern railroad and one of the most wealthy and influential refugees from Mexico, promptly paid \$150 for the use of

the theater. Messengers to turn the crowd from Cleveland square to the theater were posted.

Theater Fills Up Early. The lower floor of the theater, despite the change of plans, was filled at 7:40 o'clock and in the next half hour every seat was taken and the fire department ordered the aisles cleared. A crowd of several hundred

failed to gain admittance. The resolutions were reported in by W. H. Seamen, a refugee and prominent mining man; R. M. Dudley, and Col. C. H. Hunt of El Paso. They were adopted with a shout. The proceedings were started by Dudley calling upon ex-Gov. Curry of New Mexico to act as chairman.

Applause greeted each point of the resolu tions as it was read, particularly in reference to Salazaar and Castillo.

The audience was composed of a la proportion of the refugees now in El Pa and citizens generally. There were a nu ber of soldiers taking their night off and sprinkling of women.

Resolutions of Protest.

The meeting adopted resolutions as follows: "Whereas, Mr. William S. Benton, a highly respected and honored citizen of the state of Chihuahua and a subject of Great Britain, Villa struck him with his revolver and gees from Mexico, at an indignation meetfelled him. A woman who was present-the | ing held in El Paso Feb. 20, 1914, wishing to Mexican relating the affair says he loes not protest most emphatically against the aruel

is held out for their capture. Loot of Bandits \$100,000. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 20 .- Officers toare at Birmingham.

Will Apply to State Public Utilities Parks and Boulevards.