

CONTRACTS REFLECT BRYAN AS A MENACE

Delivery Under Agreements Made Contingent Upon Election of Taft.

BUSINESS MEN ARE ANXIOUS

Leading Chicagoans Declare That Democratic Success Would Delay Prosperity.

In the opinion of Chicago, as well as Hammond, merchants, manufacturers and bankers, business recuperation in the United States depends upon the election of William H. Taft to the presidency.

It was disclosed yesterday, as an illustration of what the arguments of many of Chicago's leading citizens are based upon, that contracts for delivery of large orders of merchandise or manufactured articles are being made contingent upon the success of the republican ticket Nov. 3.

Several commercial leaders stated that they had such orders in their possession which were given with the provision that they might be canceled if Mr. Bryan should triumph at the polls. Among Chicago merchants who have given this to be the fact were John V. Farwell of J. V. Farwell & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, and Enos M. Barton, president of the Western Electric company.

Bankers also testify. Bankers, among them James B. Forgan, president of the First National bank, George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental, and George E. Roberts, president of the Commercial National, reported that they had knowledge of such a contingency in the business outlook of the nation. All stated that the election of Mr. Bryan would have a depressive effect, whereas the election of Mr. Taft would restore confidence and activate business men to push industry and trade along all lines.

That the country is greater than Mr. Bryan or any political party is the conviction of many leading citizens, but the nation, they argue, is in a condition where it needs demand for trade if recuperation in business is to come in the near future.

John V. Farwell, in commenting on the business conditions as related to the election result, asserted emphatically that the election of Mr. Taft was the only outcome that would restore business confidence.

"Our firm," said Mr. Farwell, "has received numbers of orders that have been made conditional upon the election of Mr. Taft. I believe, judging from the general attitude of business men throughout the country and from my own experience in business transactions in the last few months, that the election of Mr. Bryan would result in cancellation of business orders in all lines of trade. With the election of Mr. Taft the business men of the nation would feel satisfied to go ahead and push things and confidence would accumulate rapidly."

In business, as every one knows, confidence is the key. The people must know what the government is going to do in order that they may have confidence. The government must be the right man in the right place if business is to rally and our commercial affairs return to their normal status.

"If we do not have that, it is certain that money will not be invested for a long time, at least until the country learns what the change of administration is to bring forth."

"I do not believe that the deterrent effect of Bryan's election would be as disastrous as it would have been in 1896. This much is certain, however: See General Stagnation."

It would cause a general closing down everywhere because there would exist no demand. We are not in a condition where we can stand such an undesirable development. We want things the other way. Business men and the demand must have it if it is to pick up. The election of Taft will still life into trade beyond any doubt."

James B. Forgan is firmly of the belief that the election of Bryan would bring business to a standstill in the country, and he has many assurances of that fact from large capitalists, manufacturers and merchants with whom he has discussed the political outlook.

"There is absolutely no doubt," said Mr. Forgan, "that the election of Mr. Bryan would bring business to a standstill. There is no doubt that such a political result would keep business at a standstill for some time to come."

An Earnest Purpose Finds Time. Is it asked, how can the laboring man find time for self-culture? I answer, that an earnest purpose finds time, or makes it. It seizes on spare moments, and turns fragments to golden account. A man who follows his calling with industry and spirit will always have some portion of the day at command. And it is astonishing how fruitful of improvement a short season becomes, when eagerly seized and faithfully used. A single hour in the day, steadily given to the study of some interesting subjects brings unexpected accumulations of knowledge.—William Ellery Channing.

Lay Low.

"Let us get out in the sunshine," says a Georgia poet, "but be careful to keep far from the farmers who would waylay and plow us. I believe in 'sticking to the soil' in literature, but not in down-right reality—at the plowhandles, for instance, and as the man with the hoe in his hand. There is no poetry in the hungry braying of a Georgia mule, or the 'ga-haw' of the plowman!"—Atlanta Constitution.

TELLS HIS TROUBLES TO A NIGHT CLERK

Foreigner Thinks George Nieman Is a Policeman and Opens Heart.

NEGROES ARE IN A HOLD-UP

Authorities Learn Facts Too Late and Assailants Are Permitted to Escape.

George Nieman, of the Chicago hotel, reported to the Gary police yesterday that a Serbian, so excited that he could hardly tell his own name, ran into his place Saturday night and reported that two negroes had hit him over the head and after a brutal assault robbed him of \$12.

The hold-up took place about 10:15 south of the Pennsylvania tracks on Broadway. The man was returning to his house and while walking along the road says that the men sprang from the bushes and hit him on the head with a club. He put up some resistance but they continued to beat him until he was powerless. The man showed the result of his encounter and turned his pockets inside out to show that they were empty.

Instead of sending the man to the police station so that the police could get a report of the matter, as he should have done, Nieman allowed the foreigner to go home, and now the police are at loss for a description adequate enough to hope to capture the negroes.

POLICE HAVE A BUSY TIME

Robberies, Family Quarrels and Holdups Occur in East Chicago.

(Special to THE TIMES.) East Chicago, Ind., Oct. 12.—The police department had a busy night Saturday, having three rush calls into the foreign districts of the city. Robberies, family quarrels and an attempted holdup figured in the routine of the evening, and no arrests have been made as yet in connection with any of the cases.

The attempted holdup occurred at the corner of One Hundred and Fifth street and Forsyth avenue about 10 o'clock, according to the story told by John Waite, the victim. Waite declares that he was walking alone quietly towards his home on One Hundred and Fifth street when he was attacked by two men, who demanded his watch. He refused to "hand over" and received an ugly blow on top of his head, with either a club or bottle. His attackers were evidently frightened and made their escape without ransacking the man's pockets, in which a large sum of money could have been found. Waite was taken to the office of Dr. A. G. Schlieker, where his wounds were dressed and a description of the sick-up men secured by which the police believe they will be able to detect the offenders.

Get 'n Plac Work.

Burglars got in some fine work in the boarding house owned by James Dillon, on Elm street, Indiana Harbor, and the officers requested to locate two solid gold watches stolen by the marauders. The losers are Ivan Olson and D. M. Peer, two roomers at the Dillon house. Both men work at the Inland mill, and report that the theft was committed during Saturday.

A call was sent from John Krupa's saloon about 10 o'clock, declaring that some one had been injured in a fight. Officers Quinlan and Gorman responded, and found that Joseph Macerzski, a foreigner residing on Alexander avenue, had broken his leg while enjoying a friendly tussle with another inmate of the saloon. Dr. Ross reduced the fracture and the man was taken to St. Mary's hospital.

In addition to this grist, five drunks were picked up by the various officers and are now awaiting trial before Judge DeBrie. The little "box jail" is entirely too small to nicely accommodate all the offenders, and the frequenters of police headquarters are persistent in their remarks about the "full-house." The new jail in the city hall building will soon be ready for occupancy, and will accommodate as many as forty prisoners at one time, however, and residents of East Chicago may expect a large increase in the reports of arrests of local lawbreakers.

Kept Secret Many Years.

After keeping his secret for 26 years, David Henry has informed W. B. Bancroft of Altoona, Pa., that there is gold on the latter's farm on Brush mountain. Henry found the gold a quarter of a century ago when he was putting down a well, and determined to buy it, but he was unable to raise the money. Bancroft will begin prospecting at once.

Fruitful Journey.

A contributor assures us that the following is a faithful and accurate report of an entirely sober speech recently heard in a certain pleasant and famous city of New Jersey. "Hey, there, boy! Take this basket of apples up to Mr. Pearce, corner of Peach and Plum streets. And be quick about it, too!"—Harper's Weekly.

JURY EXONERATES THREE OF TRAIN CREW

Inquest Last Saturday Develops That Nobody Was Responsible.

TRIPLE DEATH ON RAILROAD

Switch Engine Kills Three Section Men Employed on Lake Shore in South Chicago.

The inquest over the remains of the three men who were killed Friday afternoon on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad at Eighty-ninth street, was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and the result was that all the members of the train crew, consisting of Henry Bishop, conductor, 337 Fifteenth place; John M. Blux, brakeman, 6125 Justine street, and William Helms, 911 East Seventy-fifth street, were exonerated by the coroner's jury.

None Noticed Approaching Train. The following are the men who met their death by being run down by the switch engine:

JOSEPH KACMAREK, 6941 Muskegon avenue.

KRUSE WILLISCH, 8711 Exchange avenue.

JOHN MOLESKI, 420 Eighty-eighth street.

All the members of the train crew present testified. Henry Bishop, conductor of the switch engine, said that he had been switching on track No. 2 during the afternoon and had seen the men at work repairing the opposite track. "The train was going slow when we approached the place where the men were at work and I expected their foreman would warn them of the approaching train. I did not know that the men had been killed until I was told some time afterwards. Joseph Karowski of 8915 Muskegon avenue, who was foreman of the section men, was questioned closely by Coroner Hoffman. "I was putting a jack under the track about sixty feet away from the men at the time of the accident and did not notice the approaching train and see that they don't get run down," asked Coroner Hoffman. "Yes, but I am supposed to help out the men when we are short-handed and I was engaged at the time of the accident."

"Isn't it a fact that you have to work just the same as the other men even if you are supervisor?" continued the coroner.

Karowski said he was busy most of the time and did not see the men's danger until it was too late. According to the evidence of the witnesses at the inquest it seems that the accident was avoidable and there is no one question that was to blame for it. It was the case when each man depended upon the other to warn the men at work on the other track. The members of the train crew were released after the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Columbus Monument Unveiled Yesterday.

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of Columbus acted as chairman and introduced the speakers. The opening ode by the Calumet Singing society was the first of the program. Following the selection, John J. Hanber, commissioner of public works, who was largely instrumental in getting the monument to South Chicago, was introduced by the chairman. He told of his untiring efforts and the terrific struggle he had in having the statue brought to the Calumet district. "We are here to do honor not only to one nation but to all," said the speaker. "Therefore, we are all glad there was a Christopher Columbus born and if he had not been we would not be here today."

Alderman Bellfuss of the Fifteenth ward and chairman of the south park commissioners was the next speaker, and it was he who made the presentation address.

Alderman Bellfuss Speaks. "It was a foregone conclusion that the fountain had to be removed and the finding of a suitable place was the most difficult problem," said the alderman. "After the decision of the commission had been reached there was vigorous protesting from other parts of the city. But taking everything in consideration we were of the opinion that South Chicago was the most magnificent place for its erection in the city of Chicago, and in asking you take it over I do not do so with the simple object as an ornament, but receive it as something to be proud of, and I feel assured you will appreciate it." (Cheers. "We will.")

Congressman Mann Next.

James R. Mann, congressman of the Second district of the state of Illinois, was the next speaker.

Among other things, he said: "We are indeed proud of the name of John B. Drake, from whom this statue was received, and to do him honor today is only fitting tribute to the memory such a distinguished citizen." In paying his respect to the south park commissioners, he said: "The city of Chicago stands today without a peer in the management of its parks and the citizens of the Calumet district should feel proud of its representatives, but, above all, should feel doubly proud of its women." (Cheers. "We do.")

John B. Drake, son of the donor of the fountain to the city of Chicago, was next on the program. "While we train."

AGED MILLER MAN KILLED THIS MORNING

Earl Erlanson Struck by a B. & O. Passenger Train Today.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Miller, Ind., Oct. 12.—Earl Erlanson, one of the old residents of Miller, a foreman in the powder mills at Etna and the father of three children, was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train this morning at 6 o'clock when he was on his way to work and was instantly killed.

The accident and resulting death was caused by the fact that Mr. Erlanson did not know that the Baltimore and Ohio trains were no longer running over the old Lake Shore tracks, but are now running over its own elevated tracks.

Mr. Erlanson heard the train coming, as he was walking down the Baltimore and Ohio tracks, but thought, of course, that it would go on either the old or the new Lake Shore tracks.

Taking that for granted cost him his life, for before he saw his mistake the train hit him and he was killed. It is said that Mr. Erlanson has lived in Miller for the past ten or twelve years and he is well known among the people of that village.

The body was taken care of by Undertaker Wild of Hobart. The coroner was notified, and the inquest will be held this afternoon.

is deserving of the fountain it certainly is the great Calumet," said Mr. Drake.

George B. Clarke, the principal speaker of the occasion, paid tribute to the discoverer of America. He compared him to Washington, reviewing history from 1492 until the sailing of the battle fleet of "Lightning Bob" Evans in its unprecedented trip.

Those who were in the parade consisted of the following: The first division was that of mounted police, platoon of police on foot, first regiment, I. N. G., Uniform Rank Catholic Knights of America, acting as escort to the Knights of Columbus, Calumet Knights of Columbus and associate councils.

The second division was a band, St. Florian Cadets as an escort to the various Polish societies.

The third division was made up of St. George's societies, uniformed and kindred Croatian societies.

The fourth division was headed by a band followed by commandery sixty-eight Knights of St. John.

The fifth division consisted of a band, the several divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Daughters of Isabella, officials and guests and automobiles.

The Various Committees.

Following is the list of committees who were in charge: General Executive Committee — A. F. Kestermeyer, P. T. O'Sullivan, John E. Byrnes, Samuel E. Cook, T. W. Flynn, John W. Callahan, John McCabe and John J. Poulton.

Finance Committee — T. M. Tobin, T. O'Donnell, P. H. Moynihan, Geo. W. Bolling, Alfred Savage, F. J. O'Malla, James E. Tobin, William F. Galligan, John Derpa, Barney Rozynek.

Invitation Committee — F. Kestermeyer, P. T. O'Sullivan, M. McCaughey, Peter Finnegan, and members of Executive Committee.

Automobile Committee — John H. Jones, Neil Lykke, Al Mohr, Dr. Cooley, Andrew Hansen, Thomas Byrne and Louis Pachynski.

Music Committee — John J. Poulton, Joseph Memmesheimer, F. J. O'Malla.

Decoration Committee — Dr. A. L. Blackwood, George Bender, Arthur Hansen, Louis Kahn, C. R. Cave, Emil Anderson, Henry Gross, H. J. Kettler.

The Exercises.

The program of exercises is as follows: National Airs.....Bands Call to Order—Grand Knight.....Byrnes Song—"Columbia".....

.....Calumet Singing Society Presentation of Prof. Jos. Memmesheimer, Director of the Calumet Special Park Commission.

Hon. Jno. J. Handberg, Commissioner of Public Works. Presentation of Monument to South Chicago—Hon. A. W. Bellfuss, Chairman Special Park Commissioners. Reception of Monument—Hon. James R. Mann, M. C.

Military Salute (three volleys) Oration—"Columbia" by G. E. Clark, Deputy Grand Knight K. of C. of Indiana.

National Anthem....."America" Calumet Singing Society and Bands—Director Prof. Jos. Memmesheimer. National Airs.

Company "C" of the First Regiment was represented with 55 strong. Capt. Crippen, First Lieut. Marvel and Second Lieut. Wagner in charge.

The crown adorning Christopher's head, consisting of a wreath of red, white and blue flowers was the gift of the Italian citizens of South Chicago.

MANY CHILDREN GO HUNGRY TO SCHOOL

Superficial Examination Reveals 42 Ill-Fed in South Chicago.

THE INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE

Health Commissioner Evans Will Put Nurses in Institutions to Ascertain the Truth.

Nine hundred more hungry school children were found last week by the truant officers under the supervision of W. L. Bodine, superintendent of the department of compulsory education.

Although no thorough investigation has been made of the schools in South Chicago, as to the conditions, it is a known fact that there are many school children whose fathers have been out of work for the past ten months, so hungry to school every day.

An investigation was made last Friday afternoon at the Joseph Warren school at Ninety-second street and Central avenue, and it was found that forty-two children were ill-fed. Some of the conditions found were startling and were such that demands immediate attention of those in charge of the relief work.

Mr. Bodine asserts that the reports of the medical inspectors of the city health department, showing 340 for last week, does not include all of the cases in each school visited.

Put Nurses in Schools.

In addition to the medical inspectors, Health Commissioner Evans will put five nurses in the public schools this morning to make detailed investigations of all of the cases reported by the inspectors.

The nurses will visit the homes, talk with the parents and otherwise ascertain the truth or falsity in each individual case.

This, however, is only part of the work of the nurses. They will have the duty of seeing that the parents get proper medical aid for any children ill, and that all who are well return to school at once.

The nurses will report at the general office of the health department this morning, said Chief Inspector Dr. Heman Spalding, "and we will give them detailed instructions regarding their duties. We have been selecting the applicants carefully and hope to get as good results as have eastern cities where the amount of good done by the nurses has been enormous."

Later in the week more nurses will be put to work until the total number is forty.

AGED RESIDENT OF TURKEY CREEK DIES

Many Friends and Relatives Mourn Demise of Mrs. John Hoffman.

FUNERAL NEXT WEDNESDAY

Deceased Is Survived By Husband and Eight Children—Had Thirty-Eighth Grandchildren.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Turkey Creek, Ind., Oct. 12.—Mrs. John Hoffman, 76 years old, died here Saturday evening at 7:30 on the Hoffman homestead. Mrs. Hoffman was conscious to the last and was surrounded by her husband and six of her children.

The funeral has been arranged for Wednesday morning, to take place from the St. Peter and Paul church. Services will be held at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Koening, and interment will be in the Turkey Creek cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husband, five daughters and three sons, thirty-eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She herself was one of the most dearly loved old people in the whole neighborhood and her death is greatly regretted, not only in her large family circle, but also by scores of other people.

Had she lived until the 11th of next month she and her husband could have celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary. She was the mother of eleven children, but only eight of these survive her. They are:

Mrs. Mat Lennertz of Merrillville, Mrs. Peter Gelb of Hammond, Mrs. Steve Free of Hobart, Mrs. James Farrell of Chicago, Mrs. eter Dietrich of Chicago, Paul Hoffman of Turkey Creek, John Hoffman of Glen Park and Baltasar Hoffman of Morgan Park.

The deceased practically lived her entire married life in Turkey Creek.

Unnecessary.

Mary—Do you think it would be conceded for me to tell my friends that I made this dress myself? Edith—Not conceded, my dear—superfluous.

Trees Like the Human Family. Trees, like animals, eat, sleep, grow and die. Every one knows this, yet not every one is aware that trees tear their clothes and have to mend them, that they jostle one another like rude boys in a crowd, the strong overpowering the weak.

ARRANGE FOR THE WATSON RALLY

Young Men's Republican Club of East Chicago Holds Meeting.

EXPECT 2500 REPUBLICANS

Hammond and Gary Boys Will Also Help to Make a Good Showing There.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Oct. 12.—The Watson rally in this city on next Saturday evening is to be a huge success if the labors of the Young Men's Republican club, individual and collective, are to be taken as a medium of indication. The active members of the association held their first regular meeting in the republican headquarters on Olcott avenue on Saturday evening, and decided that they would try to entice the coming governor as fittingly as did the Hammond organization.

A fair-sized crowd was in attendance at the meeting and immediately entered into the spirit of the affair. Suggestions for the improvement of the club's methods were advanced by many, and the officers placed more in touch with the wishes of the members. President Joseph A. Meade occupied the chair throughout the evening, and kept the political ball rolling for at least three hours.

Committee Appointed.

A committee of four members has been selected to accept contributions from local business men, and it is expected that at least \$300 can be placed in the treasury by Friday evening. This will be expended in the necessary carriages, reds, torches, advertising, banners and printing of ribbon badges. It is the desire of the local organization to have a parade at least three-quarters of a mile in length, and the new Lewis skating rink, the roof of which is being placed in position today, will be ready to accommodate the vast crowd of 2,500 loyal republicans who are expected to attend the meeting, as well as the many hundred voters of this locality who have not yet decided which candidate shall be given their political preference.

Get Busy and Do Something.

The following committees were selected by President Meade before adjournment, and the members are expected to get busy and "do something" before the night of the great meeting: Stage and Seats: August Johnson, M. Specter, William Fuzy, Harry McCoy, and Albert Lewis.

Printing — A. Ottenheimer, C. C. Smith.

Reception—Kennedy, McCoy, Ottenheimer and E. W. Wickey.

Parade — August Johnson, William Fuzy, Joseph A. Meade.

On Mr. Watson's arrival in East Chicago he will be escorted by the reception committee to a waiting cab at the head of the parade, which is destined to be one of the biggest in Lake county. At the ring, President Meade of the Young Men's club will introduce the candidate for representative, E. W. Wickey, and Mr. Wickey will introduce the speaker of the evening, after a few remarks about Mr. Watson's work in the legislature.

With the assistance of the Hammond and Gary boys assured, the local organization expects to make a big showing for their still solid republican majority and the meeting will have its result at the November polls by the winning of many more staunch friends for the republican cause.

DANGEROUS FOREST FIRE

Spark From Michigan Central Engine Starts a Threatening Blaze.

A big forest fire broke out yesterday afternoon between the Michigan Central tracks and the Gary & Western elevation in Gary, and were it not for the fact that it could not break out of confines of these two railroads it must have done much damage. The dry grass in the old sloughs and the dry timber in the forests are likely to cause a serious loss. It is thought that the fire started yesterday from a spark from a Michigan Central engine.

The fire burned fiercely and could be discerned from a great distance, looming up against the sky. The police were sent to the scene to watch the blaze, but they saw that it could not get over the track it would just burn itself out. The only building that was in danger was the Michigan Central freight house and that carefully watched.

Another fire also was started in the marshes at Twenty-second street, but the fire was not as serious as the one near Tenth avenue.

The Great Pacificator.

The uncle of Europe, who is also the ruler of 400,000,000 of the human race, has been the great pacificator of our age. He, more than anyone, has helped to clear the world's sky. He may even act as a bridge of true friendship between France and Germany, the only nations that cannot yet be quite friendly without reserve.—Sheffield Daily Independent.

ARE YOU STORING A LOT OF UNUSED THINGS ABOUT YOUR HOUSE OR OFFICE—THINGS THAT A "FOR SALE" AD IN THE TIMES WOULD CONVERT INTO MONEY?

BURGLARS SWEEP DOWN ON GARY

Judge Fitzgerald Paid Visit by Bold Midnight Marauder.

JOE M'KENZIE IS ROBBED

Police Believe Michigan City Gang Is at the Head of Thieving Operations.

Last night burglars descended on Gary like a wolf on the fold and three houses were broken into before the night was over. The police were notified, but the robbers worked on as though there were no police in the city.

The first robbery occurred in the residence of Judge P. L. Fitzgerald at 1 a. m. The pantry window was pried open with an ax and the thieves gained entrance to the house in this manner. However, in climbing through the window the housebreaker knocked over a plant and this awakened Mrs. Fitzgerald. She called to her husband and the judge secured his revolver and stole out into the kitchen.

There he was able to see the shadowy form of a man in the moonlight. He thought he would wait until the man came back and tried the house again and then he would take a shot at him, but just as that time Mrs. Fitzgerald turned up the lights and the thief fled.

Judge's Neighbor Robbed.

The judge lives on Delaware street and a neighbor who lives on Maryland street, between Seventh and Eighth street, had a similar experience. Joseph McKenzie, who lives in the above address, awakened this morning to find that his house had been robbed. The whole house was riddled of everything valuable. The thieves got a \$26 gold watch, a purse containing some change and all of the money that was in Mr. McKenzie's pocket.

Joseph Neiman, the proprietor of the Chicago hotel, reports that thieves broke into the hotel through a window at about 2 a. m. The police they made was heard by a boarder, who gave the alarm and chased the thieves away.

The police believe that the thieves who have been doing jobs at Michigan City may have the ones who did the work at Gary last night, or, as has suggested, it may be that the Michigan City work was done by Gary talent and that the thieves have returned home.

K. C.'S. WILL CELEBRATE

Banquet Tonight in Honor of Anniversary of Discovery of America.

Tonight the Knights of Columbus, of Gary, the newly organized lodge, will give their first annual banquet in honor of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America. The promoters of the big social event say that there will be at least two hundred and fifty who will sit down this evening at the festive board and listen to the wit and humor of a number of excellent speakers who have been secured for the occasion.

The event will be held in the Gary hotel. There will be so many present that both the dining room and the lobby of the hotel will be used for the tables. The speaking will then be done near the entrance to the doors so that the guests in both rooms will be able to hear the speakers.

Manager O'Donnell of the Gary hotel is preparing for one of the biggest events in the history of the city. The place will be beautifully decorated and a sumptuous dinner will be served.