

illumination of the fleet and another crowd.

# PLUNKETT IS RE-ELECTED BY FIREMEN

Newark, Oct. 31.—The fifteenth annual convention of the New Jersey State Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association, which took place at Wevers' Colosseum yesterday, was brought to a close there with a banquet last night.

Practically no change was made in the personnel of the officers. J. A. Stafford of Paterson was elected State counselor and John J. Kingman of Jersey City, financial secretary. Aside from this it was a re-election for all the officers.

Other than those mentioned, the following are the officers for 1911-1912:

President, Thomas P. Plunkett of Hoboken; first vice-president, James O'Rourke of Elizabeth; second vice-president, George Henry of East Orange; recording secretary, Robert D. Bender of Newark; treasurer, William J. Rose of Camden; sergeant-at-arms, William Murphy of Newark.

More than 400 members of the association participated in the convention and in the parade through the streets that preceded in the morning its assembling. In this parade the smoke-eaters from all sections of the State were reviewed at the City Hall by Mayor Haussling and by the members of the Fire Board. Later, at the opening of the convention, the Mayor addressed the delegates and formally welcomed them to the city.

The business of the day comprehended the consideration of a variety of topics having to do with the general welfare of the paid firemen. Chief of these was further consideration of the move to ask the Legislature to vote for an increase of salaries of the smoke-eaters throughout the State. No action was taken on this, however.

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