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MOST'S TRIAL FOR TUESDAY.

SCENES AT THE PLEADING OF THE ANARCHIST IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS.

He Sleeps Soundly on a Plank at Police Headquarters and Awakes Hungry and Thirsty—Taken to Court—A Female Anarchist Ready to Furnish Bail—Fifty Witnesses to Testify for Him.

HERR Johann Most was an early riser to-day. At 5 o'clock this morning he rapped his delicate knuckles upon the door of his cell at Police Headquarters and serenely waited the appearance of the janitor. The jangling of keys and the sharp clang of a heavy iron door announced the coming of that functionary. With a yawn and in decided obsequious terms the imprisoned editor of the *Freiheit* asked for a drink of water. A large tin cup of unfiltered Croton was given to him and quickly drained with a grimace, and Most was ready for breakfast.

Matron Webb paid some regard to the desires of the former member of the German Reichstag, and daintily prepared a sirloin steak, poached eggs, rolls and hot coffee for him. Most ate his meal with a relish, and enjoyed it much more than he did the noonday repast of cold Irish stew and beer in a "growler" from which he was so rudely torn yesterday.

When asked by his keeper how he had passed the night, Most smiled one of his most expansive smiles, shrugged his shoulders and said:

"As well as might be expected," pointing significantly to the rough wooden bench which had been his couch. "My arrest and imprisonment are a great outrage," he continued, "and are a travesty on boasted American freedom. The newspapers have done this by systematic lying. They made Spies and Lingg declare that I was their tutor in Anarchist views. Because I am a recognized leader of advanced thought, all the sins of others are laid at my door. Lingg was an Anarchist long before he came to this country, and had a recognized standing in the order in Germany. He was active in the organization in America, and needed no man's shadow to lurk behind. Spies was an intelligent, self-thinking man, and was an Anarchist before he heard of or met me. I defy the authorities to prove that I ever advised any person to resort to physical force or to use dynamite or other explosives. When they were used by others I did not weep or moan."

Despite the unsatisfactory pine-board bed, Herr Most rested well, and during the night watches was observed to be sleeping soundly. His bushy hair stood up like quills upon the fretful porcupine when he awoke, but he said nothing about comb or brush. He expressed no solicitude for water to bathe in—his chief desire being a drink to cool his dry and parched throat.

Shortly after 10 o'clock he was escorted up the spiral stairway which leads up from the prison direct to Inspector Byrnes's cosy but highly suggestive quarters, and was prepared for his journey to the Court-House. He made a pretence of indifference, but it was evident to those who know his habits that he was making a great effort to appear cool.

Inspector Byrnes and Detective Crowley started from Police Headquarters at 10.30 with Most, the arch Anarchist, smoking one of the Inspector's good cigars. They rode downtown on the front platform of a Third avenue car.

The party reached Part I. of the Court of General Sessions at 10.55. Most's chubby form was encased in a black coat and vest and drab trousers, which fitted him as closely as the skin of a bologna sausage.

As he sat in court his little gray eyes peered out from under his heavy brows in a sly way, though there was an uneasy movement of them about the room. Oddly enough, New York's arch Anarchist's hatred for the "capitalistic press" does not deter him from encouraging the publication of newspapers by purchasing them, and while his eyes shifted from face to face he pretended to be reading a copy of THE WORLD.

A tall, lean woman, with truly Anarchistic hair, not blood red, but of a fiery hue, visited the District-Attorney's office early and stated that she had come to offer bail for Herr Most. She was directed to the court-room and sat within the compartment for women. She wore a handsome Paisley shawl and stated to a reporter that she was Ida Hoffman and lived at 62 East Seventh street, which house she owned. It was worth $20,000 and bore a mortgage for $11,000. She is an Anarchist.

Herr Most, after his entrance, set up a desperate flirtation with the woman, ogling her in truly Anarchistic fashion.

William F. Howe, counsel for Most, put in his appearance at 11 o'clock. He wore a flaming red "four-in-hand" neck-scarf and further showed what a terrible Anarchist he was by taking notes with a red lead-pencil.

Despite the resolute defense of the entrance door by the court officers, who demanded a subpœna or summons from every applicant for admission, the room was crowded with people. Hundreds had formed themselves into a silent reception committee to Most on the sidewalk in Chambers street, but only a few dozens could gain admission to the cramped court-room, and the fortunate ones stared at the Anarchist with all their eyes. Commodore Gerry was one of them.

Judge Cowing took his seat at 11.15, and the Court became as quiet as the grave instantly. A long line of minor offenders were called to the bar as a prelude to Most's case, and while this was going on a reporter interviewed Mrs. Hoffman.

She said: "My husband is Dr. Julius Hoffman, a physician of large practice. We believe in anarchism, and that it is our duty to come forward and assist a brother Anarchist when he is in trouble on account of his beliefs or his expression of his convictions. We own our house, and will become bail for Johann Most."

Lawyer Blake had proceeded five minutes in his charge to the jury in another case, when, at 11.40, District-Attorney Martine, entered. Mr. Blake discontinued, and Court Clerk Hall read the indictment to Most, concluding with "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

Counsellor Howe interposed in behalf of Most and addressed Judge Cowing: "I am glad this case comes before you, for I know that you will not be influenced by public clamor, and as for the District-Attorney, with the emphatic compliment tendered to him almost unanimously by the people last week, I am sure that he will be fair."

Mr. Howe declared that ever since the Chicago executions the newspapers had been clamoring for the blood of the Anarchists or those who sympathized with them. The people had been excited by the press.

But Most was surrounded by the protection of the Constitution. The indictment gave no clue to the evidence on which it was found, and he had no means of knowing what charge was made against him unless it were based on the statement of a reporter for THE WORLD that he had taken a stenographic report of the utterances of Most at Saturday's meeting. But that statement Herr Most had denied in writing. The names of the witnesses examined by the Grand Jury indorsed on the indictment were those of Policemen Roth and Sechs.

Mr. Martine interposed that if Mr. Howe was moving to produce the minutes of the Grand Jury, he might have them.

Mr. Howe thanked Mr. Martine and then went on to say that liberty of speech was more importmant than Herr Most's liberty and trusted there would be no Comstockian methods adopted. Most was not a man to run away. He had simply criticised the hanging of the Chicago men and suggested something to be done in the indefinite future. He knew he was going to be arrested and did not run away. Mr. Howe thought $500 bail would be enough, as Most was only guilty of a misdemeanor at the most.

Mr. Martine thought that as Most had but recently come out of prison for a similar offense, $2,500 bail would not be too much.

Judge Cowing fixed bail at $1,500, and, by consent, Tuesday next, Nov. 22, was fixed for the trial, the day before Thanksgiving—first suggested—being unacceptable to Mr. Howe, because it would deprive some of the parties interested of their Thanksgiving dinner. He said that Most had fifty witnesses.

The speech Most delivered in the Seventh street hall on Saturday night was taken down in German by Patrolmen Roth and Sechs, neither knowing that the other was present. The two reports were carefully translated, and were found to agree as to the language that was used. These reports will form the evidence at the trial.

Most was given a seat in the prison van and taken to the Tombs at the close of the proceedings before Judge Cowing. But he was brought back to the District-Attorney's office and set at liberty at 1 o'clock, the District-Attorney accepting Mrs. Ida Hoffman as bondsman for him.

The husband of Mrs. Hoffman, Dr. Julius Hoffman, is the man who figured conspicuously three months ago as a witness in the trial of Joseph Bernheimer, the painter, who was charged by Walking Delegate Charles Schalk with assault with intent to kill. Schalk called at the home of Bernheimer's father and insisted that he should discharge a non-union man in his employ. Words followed and Schalk, it is alleged, insulted Mrs. Bernheimer, whereupon her son gave Schalk a pair of black eyes.

On the trial before Justices Kilbreth, O'Reilly and Ford, in the Special Sessions Court, Dr. Hoffman testified that he attended Schalk and that he was covered with serious wounds. Schalk was in court swathed in bandages. Lawyer Friend, who was defending Bernheimer, asked Dr. Hoffman if he believed in the Bible.

Hoffman replied scornfully in the negative, whereat Friend asked the Court to order the removal of Schalk's bandages. Dr. Hoffman was compelled to remove the rags himself. No bruises were apparent. Bernheimer was discharged forthwith.

THEY ALL SAY IT'S A MYTH.

Baccarat Not Allowed in the Union Club, and Mr. Lorillard is Not in Town.

The story printed in this morning *Sun* that Pierre Lorillard recently lost $225,000 to Allen Thorndike Rice over baccarat in the cardroom of the Union Club is regarded as a myth by clubmen generally. Mr. Pierre Lorillard, sr., who is the one referred to, is out of town. He left two weeks ago on a trip to Florida, and the West Indies, intending to remain away several months. His son, Pierre Lorillard, jr., was seen this morning by a WORLD reporter at the tobacco factory in Jersey City, and denied the story, and said there was absolutely no basis for it.

Mr. H. W. T. Mali, a prominent member of the Union Club and a member of the House Committee, made this statement:

"The story is ridiculous. Baccarat is never played at the Union Club. I am there so frequently that I could not fail to hear of it if it were so. Besides, baccarat is forbidden by the rules. The only games allowed are whist, euchre, all fours, ecarte, cribbage, besique, billiards, chess, checkers and backgammon. No betting for over $5 a point is allowed except in whist, where $20 a game is the limit. I say again the story is untrue, and I never heard a hint of it until this morning. If it could be true both gentlemen would be expelled from the club."

Other well-known members of the club, among them Mr. William E. Strong, Mr. James H. Beekman, Mr. H. W. Bibby and Mr. B. F. Lee were seen and all repudiated the story as absurdly untrue. They never heard even a hint of the matter until it was printed this morning.

Mr. Rice himself said the story was nonsense. "There is not a word of truth in it," he said, good humoredly.

A Life Insurance Company's Calamity.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 18.—Insurance Commissioner Tyler has issued an order forbidding the Continental Life Insurance Company doing new business or paying dividends until its assets are equal to its liabilities. The Commissioner has make a thorough examination and finds a bad state of affairs, which must be corrected or the company will follow the Charter Oak Life Company. It holds large blocks of Standard Cement and Utica Cement stock, which have decreased in value, leaving assets far below liabilities.

Oliver Thorne Identified.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 18.—Charles Earl, a farmer, of Vencentown, Burlington County, visited the county jail this morning and positively identified Oliver Thorne, who is in jail for swindling farmers, as the man who was riding with farmer Pearce, who was drugged while on his way to Mount Holly on Oct. 29. Earl testified at the inquest that he drove out part of the way from Camden behind Pearce, and saw Thorne give Pearce liquor. When Thorne was brought out of his cell, Earl instantly recognized him as Pearce's companion.

Stole From an Ex-Sheriff.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 18.—Thieves forced an entrance into the home of ex-Sheriff B. S. Totten, at Middlebush, last night and stole clothing and money to the value of $300. Some of the valuables were taken from the room in which Mr. Totten was sleeping.

Locomotives, Cars and Freight Burned.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

LUDLOW, Ky., Nov. 18.—A disastrous fire occurred this morning at the Southern Railroad depot. Eight locomotives and 150 cars loaded with freight were destroyed, together with everything pertaining to the Southern Railway round-house, machine and carpenter shops. Loss $350,000; partially insured.

Cincinnati Street Car Strikers Return.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

CINCINNATI, Nov. 18.—The street car strike is settled, and all the men returned to work this morning. The strikers receded from their position at a late hour last night.

Wisconsin Dry Goods Men Assign.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

ASHLAND, Wis., Nov. 18.—Cohen Finn & Co., dry goods merchants, have made an assignment. Liabilities, $75,000; assets, $65,000.

KNIGHTS OF LABOR REBEL.

PENNSYLVANIA WORKINGMEN RESTLESS AND DEFYING RULES OF THE ORDER.

More Than a Thousand Striking Shoemakers Go Back to Work in Spite of Orders from the District Assembly—Secessionists in Convention at Pittsburg—Contemplated Shut-Down of Bessemer Steel Works.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PITTSBURG, Nov. 18.—The secession movement from the K. of L. is assuming definite shape. The convention of delegates from the various assemblies which are leaving the Knights of Labor to join the new district of the Iron and Steel Workers' National Assembly commenced last evening. Representatives were present from local assemblies numbers 1,477, 6,557, 6,658, 2,925, 2,656, 1,967, 2,551, 9,473, 8,495 and 10,103. It is expected that five other assemblies will be represented this afternoon when the convention reassembles.

The convention was called some time ago by Past Master Workman Thomas Clark, of L. A. 1,477, and one of the most active spirits in promoting the organization of the National Assembly of Iron and Steel Workers. After a permanent organization is completed to-day the question of a scale for next year will be the most important feature of the convention proceedings.

Taken as a whole the scale will be about the same as that in use by the Amalgamated Association, and will consequently provide for a raise in the wages now paid Knights of Labor in several departments.

SHOEMAKERS TIRED OF IDLENESS.

Philadelphia Knights Return to Work in Defiance of Their District Assembly.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—In going back to work the striking shoemakers have acted in direct defiance of the District Assembly Knights of Labor. About one thousand men returned to their benches in the various factories yesterday, and more are going back to-day. The men are disgusted with the action of the District Assembly, and say they are tired of living on nothing to please a few unreasonable people who have been using them to avenge an imaginary grievance, and giving them no good reason why they should remain out.

The District Assembly will hold a meeting to-day, but their action will not affect the action of the people who returned to work yesterday. If the District attempts to expel those members, the action will be resisted, and as the majority of the members of the District are in favor of bringing the strike to an end, it is not improbable that they will expel that portion of the District which insists on maintaining the strike.

WOULD AFFECT 25,000 MEN.

Contemplated Shut-Down of All the Bessemer Steel Rail Works in the Country.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PITTSBURG, Nov. 18.—A general shut-down of the Bessemer steel rail business of the entire country is contemplated. The probability is that these mills will close Dec. 1. The reasons for this are that the large mileage of railroads built this year is not expected to be repeated next year on account of the talk of stringency in the money market. Tight money would prevent the placing of contracts and result in depressing prices, which have already reached too low a point consistent with the price of iron and labor.

Consultations have been held by the representatives of the twelve Bessemer rail works in different parts of the country, and the proposed action now under consideration will be harmonious. It is almost certain that the old Bessemer Association will be reformed for the purpose of controlling the production and price of steel rails directly and indirectly. The shut-down would affect 25,000 men.

ANGER DID NOT HELP MATTERS.

While Resenting Their Daughters' Arrest Two Men Get Into Trouble.

Mrs. Theodore Gould, of 206 East Eightieth street, lost a few articles of clothing yesterday, and had Mary E. Delaney, aged fifteen years, and Mary Archibald, aged eleven years, arrested on suspicion of stealing them. They all live in the same house, and the police have considerable trouble in keeping the house quiet.

Edward Archibald and Daniel Delaney were indignant when they heard of their children's arrest. Going upstairs they broke open Mrs. Gould's door. They were about to clean out the place when they were arrested.

The children were committed to await investigation by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to children, and their fathers were put under bonds for one month, in default of which they will be sent to the Island. Justice White committed them in the Harlem Court to-day.

John Pitman's Nephew Has Reached Town.

Police headquarters was visited this morning by a queer little man who wore a hat whose brim measured fully eight inches in width, and whose trousers seemed uncertain which they preferred, his shoes or his knees. He was in search of his uncle, John Pitman, who, he said, lived in this town somewhere. The exact locality he did not know. The stranger's name was James Pitman. Two years ago, while at home in the Tennessee Mountains, he received a letter from his uncle John telling him to come on. At that time his parents were alive and he was content with hog and hominy, but last month his father and mother died, and now he wants his uncle. The police knew of no person named John Pitman, and James went away disconsolate.

Jurors for Two Celebrated Will Cases.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

BOSTON, Nov. 18.—Forty-six jurors have been summoned to appear at the Supreme Judicial Court on Dec. 5, when it is expected that the Codman will case and the Milmore will case will be tried. This sitting of the court is held for the express purpose of hearing the probate appeals above mentioned. In the Milmore will case the appeal is by Charles Milmore, a brother of Joseph Milmore, who was the testator. It is said that sensational developments may be expected in the case.

Mary Ross Affronts the Court.

Mary Ross, a buxom and hilarious young woman, caused quite a commotion in the Essex Market Court to-day. The Court had levied $10 on her for being intoxicated. This she slapped down on the desk with vehemence, and, shouting "Let her go, Gallagher," made tracks in an approved stride for the door, when the Court awakened to the contempt of court shown by her and to the necessity of action. An officer was told to bring her back, but her stride served her in good stead, as she was not retaken.

Brokers Apologize to the Stock Exchange.

R. M. Halsted, John Wallace and C. M. Cummin have apologized to the Board by letter for having burlesqued the hanging of the Anarchists on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

JOHN J. BRESLIN DEAD.

He Passes Away at His Home After a Lingering Illness.

The death of John J. Breslin, the well-known Irish Nationalist, occurred early this morning at No. 451 Canal street, where he had been living for some time past. Death resulted from disease of the liver, from which he has been suffering for the past three months. The disease however, has confined him to the house for but a short time, and he was obliged to take to his bed only two weeks ago. Few outside of his immediate circle of friends knew of his illness, and even to them his death was unexpected. The family which he leaves consists of his widow and two young children. The former was Miss Teresa Borman, of this city. His other relatives in New York are three brothers, Michael, Neal and Patrick, and two sisters, Miss Eliza Breslin and Mrs. Mary O'Silva. His funeral will take place Sunday next, at his late residence, and the remains will be interred in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Breslin was born in Dublin in 1833, and his patriotism has led him to take part in many stirring adventures. The first act which brought him into prominence was his liberation of Head-Centre Stephens, the Fenian leader, from Bridewell prison, in 1865, and another was the rescue of the imprisoned Fenians at Freemantle, Australia, in 1866, in connection with the Catalpa expedition. He has lived in America since 1866.

In conjunction with John Devoy, Breslin established the *Irish Nation*, and he had always taken an active interest in Irish affairs since his residence in this city. He had held the office of Inspector in the Street-Cleaning Department since 1885.

BARNEY O'ROURKE ALARMED.

President French Said to Have Furnished Material for New Indictments.

Barney O'Rourke, the owner of several saloons and a Republican politician of great influence in the Eighth Assembly District, is a very much frightened man. He has heard that new indictments will shortly be presented against him and that his "pull" will not avail to save him.

It will be remembered that O'Rourke worked and voted for Col. Fellows for District-Attorney, and that two days after election several indictments against him in the District-Attorney's office were quashed because the papers in the cases could not be found. There is now a rumor that new complaints against O'Rourke are being prepared and will be presented to the Grand Jury.

A friend of Barney O'Rourke's said to-day to a WORLD reporter: "Barney knows what is going on, and he is getting scared. You see, Police Commissioner French is determined to get square with Barney for supporting Col. Fellows. Looks to me as if French is furnishing some evidence to Mr. Nicoll. No, it would not surprise me if Barney was hauled up again. He had better take my advice and skip until January."

There are hundreds of citizens of the Eighth Assembly District who are astonished at the manner in which Barney O'Rourke is permitted to evade justice. They are wondering if he will ever reach the end of his rope. His saloons are the resort of law-breakers, and he contracts every year to deliver the votes of his friends and heelers to candidates. He is a member of the Republican County Committee, but belongs to a party named O'Rourke.

MORE LIGHT IN THE PARKS.

A New System in Use for Lighting Madison and Union Squares.

The electric lights which have been doing night work for four years in Union and Madison squares are now at rest, having been lowered to the bottom of the towers. While they are relieved of regular duty they will be ready for an emergency in the way of helping out the arc lights which surmount twenty-three bright green poles at different points in these parks.

The new lights, which have been burning for three nights, are a great improvement over the old. Ladies and children need no longer have any fear of the rustic bench tramp who used to take up his abode in the shadow of these parks, for at night it is as light as day now. Every one is glad of the change except these permanent fixtures and park lovers. Park policemen have a sinecure now, for the new lights will do away with all the freaks which kept them so busy.

Justice, the Moonshiner, Hanged.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

CANTON, Ga., Nov. 18.—Tilliman C. Justice was hanged at Hiawassee at noon to-day. Several hundred people witnessed the execution. The trap was sprung by Sheriff W. D. Burch. Justice was an illicit distiller. James B. Goddard, his neighbor, was opposed to moonshiners and was suspected of having reported several illicit stills. Justice shot him down one day while passing his house and then brained him with the butt of his gun. Justice was aged thirty and Goddard seventy-five.

Won't Tell About Stolen Bonds.

Notice was given to-day to look out for three bonds of the Edison Illuminating Company, of Brockton, Mass., Nos. 17, 18 and 32, which had been stolen from the owner, Mr. Isaac Pitman. It was said that William Lloyd Garrison, of Boston, was able to furnish the particulars of the robbery. A special despatch to THE WORLD from Boston says that a reporter who called on Mr. Garrison was told that, acting under the advice of detectives, he would refuse to talk.

To Organize Working Women.

The Committee of the Working Women's Meetings will be at Pythagoras Hall, 154 Canal street, this evening, for the purpose of giving information as to the practical steps to be taken to form labor organizations. Women engaged in making men's and women's clothing, underwear and cloaks, and factory operatives of all kinds are invited to be present. No addresses will be made—the object of the Friday evening meeting being the practical work of organizing.

The Hog Butchers' Demands.

The Stanley Association of Hog Butchers expects an answer from the employers to-night to its demands for uniform wages and the employment of union hands only. A meeting will be held to-morrow morning to decide what course to pursue in the event of a refusal. It is likely that an attempt will be made to enforce the demands by a general strike if the employers decline to sign the agreement.

Will Nast Support Cleveland?

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 18.—Thomas Nast said to-day: "The result of the recent New York election will force the nomination of Cleveland on the Democratic party, but they don't want him. I can see that. Will I support Cleveland? That depends."

Congressman Cox's Lecture.

Congressman S. S. Cox is to deliver a lecture entitled "Travels in Turkey," before the Narragansett Club, at 307 West Fifty-fourth street, this evening.

THE CZAR REACHES BERLIN.

MET BY PRINCE WILLIAM, WHO REPRESENTED THE EMPEROR.

Great Crowds on the Street and There Were Guards of Honor in Abundance—Formal Civilities Exchanged—A Family Banquet Will Take Place at the Imperial Palace To-Night—The Crown Prince Worse.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.]

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—The Czar and his family have arrived here safely. Prince William, as a representative of the Emperor, met the Czar. Great crowds were on the streets and there were guards of honor in great numbers. Formal civilities were exchanged. There will be a family banquet at the Imperial Palace this evening.

VERY MALIGNANT SOFT CANCER.

The Crown Prince Becomes Worse—His Case is Incurable.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.]

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—A despatch from San Remo states that the Crown Prince has become worse. The discharge from the throat of green matter has been carefully examined by experts, and has turned out to be entirely cancerous. This kind of soft cancer is most pernicious and incurable. The Crown Prince's throat has now been clinically and pathologically proved to be affected with soft cancer of a very malignant nature.

NINE WILLIAMS MEN ARE ANGRY.

Claim that They Have Been Discriminated Against in Young Choate's Case.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

ALBANY, Nov. 18.—The parents of Lindley C. Couper, Nathaniel Gorham, William F. Judson, F. H. Lovell, Gerrit Y. Lansing, Nelson H. Patridge, Charles M. Ransom, F. K. Scribner and S. Vilas Beckwith, the nine Williams College Sophomores suspended for hazing young Choate, are preparing a letter to the college authorities demanding the reinstatement of their sons.

Twenty Sophomores confessed to a share in the proceedings, but only nine were suspended. It is set up that the whole twenty-one were questioned by the Faculty as to whether their parents would permit them to return to college if suspended. Twelve said their parents would not allow them to come back, and the remaining nine said their parents would permit them to finish their course. Thereupon the nine and not the twelve were punished.

The parents of the nine say their sons have been discriminated against, and unless even-handed justice is administered, they will not send them back to Williams. They also set up that the hazing of Choate took place eight days before the ordeal of his initiation into a secret society and that the latter event brought on his trouble.

THE VICTIM OF COMSTOCK'S WRATH.

Nine-Year-Old Johnny Flynn Badly Bruised and Racked with Pain.

The miserable, fifth floor, one-room tenement in the rear of 39 Park street was this morning made even more miserable to nine-year-old Johnny Flynn, who lives there with his widowed mother.

Johnny arose this morning, his body stiff and racked with pain, the result of the assault upon him in City Hall Park yesterday by Anthony Comstock, agent of the Society for the Supression of Vice.

Mrs. Catherine Flynn, the mother of the lad, said this morning that she did not know whether she would prosecute Comstock or not. He had not maimed the boy, but had bruised him considerably. If his big brother had been there, she remarked, there would be no necessity for resort to the law or courts, for the man who assaulted Johnny would have received what he gave in measure to suit the difference in their age and size. Mrs. Flynn said that she would consult a brother-in-law this evening, and her action in the matter of the prosecution of Comstock would be entirely controlled by the result of that conference.

Waylaid by Four Thieves.

Frank Coyle, a laborer at the Manhattan Gas Works, who lives at 518 East Eighteenth street, while passing the corner of New Chambers and Cherry streets last night at about 10 o'clock, was waylaid by four young thieves, who knocked him down and took $17 from his pocket. Coyle, on regaining his feet, grabbed hold of James Callahan, seventeen years old, of 69 Cherry street, whom he identified as one of the gang who robbed him. He shouted lustily for help. A policeman took Callahan to the station house. This morning Justice O'Reilly at the Tombs Police Court held Callahan in $2,500 bail to answer for the robbery. Coyle was committed to the House of Detention as a witness.

Money Stolen from His Inside Pocket.

Diedrich Stelter, of 175 Bowery, Henry Cordis and Herman Doescher, of 125 Elizabeth street, were, until last Wednesday morning, bosom friends. They went out together to a ball at the Germania Assembly Rooms, on the Bowery, last Tuesday, and stayed there all night drinking freely. In the morning they went to the barroom 125 Bowery, where Stelter missed his pocket-book containing $75. He told Justice Gorman, at Essex Market this morning, that he carried the money in his inside pocket and that both defendants knew where it was. Justice Gorman held the men in $700 each to answer.

Swindled by a Young Beggar.

In the Essex Market Police Court this morning the Rev. John Marshall Chew, of 308 West Fifty-sixth street, charged Willie Hahn, twenty years of age, with obtaining $5 from him under false pretenses. Hahn was sent to the City Prison for six months. He is well known to the police. He presented a letter to the minister purporting to come from Ridley & Co. in which he was offered work. He told a piteous story, and succeeded in getting the money. He is said to be a professional beggar.

A Vicious Way of Collecting a Bill.

Stephen Madden, a boarding-house keeper, at 50 Market street, was before Justice Gorman, at Essex Market Court this morning, charged with an assault with a knife on Angus McLeod, a sailor. A wrangle ensued over the payment of a board bill, when Madden drew a knife, cutting McLeod very severely in the arm and hand. A policeman took Madden out of his bed at 2 o'clock this morning. He was held in $1,500 for examination and McLeod was sent to the House of Detention.

Not a Result of the Fight.

Samuel Scudder, a negro, thirty-five years old, was found lying dead in the yard at 35 Thompson street this morning. The police heard that there had been a fight there during the night and made an investigation. It proved that Scudder had not been involved in it. His last residence was at 51 Oliver street, Newark.

HERR MOST GETS THE GRIP.

LEAGUE AND BROTHERHOOD MEET.

At the Fifth Avenue Hotel the Baseball Men Talk About Contracts.

From early morn yesterday until evening the committee representing the Ball-Players' Brotherhood waited at the Barrett House for the message from the League which would signify peace or war. It came at 6 o'clock in the form of an invitation for Messrs. Ward, Brouthers and Hanlon to meet the members of the League. Forthwith they took their line of march for the Fifth Avenue Hotel. After a sharp engagement, led by President Ward, the Brotherhood scored a victory.

As a result, to-day, they met the League delegates to discuss the present form of contract. Yesterday the Brotherhood were locked out of the big parlor. To-day they were locked in.

The decision of the League has taken everybody by surprise. The different delegates have said over and over again that they would never recognize the Brotherhood as an organization. Their note last evening was addressed to the Brotherhood Committee as individuals. To-day they say: "We did not understand the objects of the Brotherhood. They came as individuals and President Ward demonstrated that the Brotherhood wished to help the League, so we gave them the recognition they craved."

Notwithstanding what the League men say to-day it is believed by good judges that they concluded it would be bad policy to fight the Brotherhood.

The meeting this morning opened at 10 o'clock. The members representing the League were President John K. Day, of New York, President A. G. Spalding, of Chicago, and John I. Rogers, of Philadelphia. The Brotherhood was represented by Messrs. Ward, Brouthers and Hanlon. Mr. Rogers presided. The modified form of contract was taken up and discussed. The best of nature seemed to prevail, both sides making concessions in the proper spirit.

The first hitch came in regard to a section in a modified contract. It was that if a club disbanded during or at the end of a season the players should have the right to sign wherever they pleased, regardless of any action by the League. As it stands now there is a law in the League that when a club disbands they shall be distributed by a special committee appointed by the League. The League men argued that the law should stand without change. This the Brotherhood would not agree to and it caused the first ripple in the smooth water of the arbitration.

Suing on Defaulted Bonds.

The property in the State of the Southern Railroad Association has been attached by Judge Barrett of the Supreme Court at the instance of Stern & Myers, counsel for James J. Smith. The suit, which is for the recovery of $17,000, with interest from 1874 at 7 per cent., grows out of an issue of bonds by the Mississippi Central Railroad Company, and the defendant is sued as the indorser of the bonds. Mr. Smith purchased seventeen of these bonds, and alleges that neither principal nor interest has been paid.

Schoolboys in a Bad Business.

George Johnson, Hersch Beermann and John Murray, age sixteen years, were charged in the Essex Market Court to-day with varying the monotony of school life by standing drunken men up against walls and going through them. The officer said that they had parted company with one of the inebriates as he came up. This they denied. They were held each in $500 bail for their good behavior for three months.

"Beezy" Garrity's Landlord Sentenced.

Joseph Burke, alias "Red" McCarthy, was sentenced to-day to four years in the Erie County penitentiary by Judge Benedict in the United States Circuit Court for passing counterfeit money. He is the man who kept the house in which "Beezy" Garrity was killed.

Fined on Comstock's Complaint.

The case of Dr. Joshua J. Roth, of 5 Union square, who was arrested last Saturday on complaint of Anthony Comstock on a charge of selling immoral pictures, came up in the Special Sessions to-day. The defendant pleaded guilty. A fine of $50 was imposed, which the defendant paid.

The Drew Sinks a Schooner.

The United States Inspectors of Steamboats received a report to-day from Capt. James McDonald of the schooner Robert Knapp, of a collision yesterday between his vessel and the steamer Drew, of the People's Line, off Caldwell's Landing. The schooner was sunk. The loss is about $1,500.

Local News in Brief.

Mayor Hewitt administered the oath of office to-day to J. Edward Simmons, President of the Board of Education.

Judge Benedict, in the United States Circuit Court to-day, swore in the Grand Jury for the December term. James McCreery, dry-goods merchant, is the foreman.

A man supposed to be Reinhardt Buprer, a cook, fifty-five years old, was found lying dead in a doorway at Orchard and Houston streets this morning. He is supposed to have died from heart disease.

Thomas Tomeney, aged sixty years, who said he was without a home or friends, fell into the river from pier No. 53 (old) North River this morning. He was rescued and taken to the Chambers Street Hospital. He will recover.

John Lewis, thirty-three years old, of 151 East Ninety-seventh street, put up at Chamberlin's Hotel at 215 Duane street last night. He was found this morning nearly overcome by gas in his room. He was taken to the Chambers Street Hospital.

James Snow, Henry Jackson, Ernest Cohen, Eugene McDonald, Henry Palmer and George Miller were charged at Special Sessions this morning with pocketselling at 118 East Thirteenth street. Snow, as the keeper of the place, was fined $100, and the rest, being merely visitors to the place, were discharged.

SEVENTEEN MEN IN AGONY.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING OF THE VICTIMS OF THE PHILADELPHIA EXPLOSION.

All of the Men Taken to Jefferson Hospital—Rum Was the Cause of the Frightful Accident—A Drunken Man Attempts to Fill a Lighted Lamp From a Two-Gallon Can of Gasoline—Horrible Result.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—Dr. Orville Hornitz, the Night Surgeon-in-Chief of the Jefferson Hospital, was hastily summoned from his home at 11 o'clock last night to attend seventeen men who had been horribly burned by a gasoline explosion on Sansome street. The citizens and police carried the burned men into the hospital one by one, to three little rooms, where they were laid upon stretchers.

The sight was horrible in the extreme. Groaning with pain, with shreds of flesh hanging from their blackened necks and faces, they twisted and turned upon the cots praying and appealing by turn. Dr. Howitz came quickly, and, with a corps of assistants, began to relieve the pain of the suffering men as much as possible with oil and lint. As each man was oiled and bandaged he was laid on a stretcher and carried through the corridor to the elevator, which took him to the ward on the third floor.

Some of them were bolstered up on the stretchers into a sitting position, with their necks drawn down close between their shoulders, their knees drawn up to their breasts and their faces distorted with pain. Some, totally unmanned by the awful agony, cried like children. Others, after being bathed in oil, were seized with chills, and, although heavily wrapped with blankets, complained piteously of the cold.

It is thought that two of the men will lose their eyesight. They are all burned more or less about the head, face, hands, knees, legs and feet. None of the injuries are necessarily fatal, but many of them are extremely dangerous.

The explosion occurred in a frame building at 908 Sansome street, which was used by the Edison Electric Light Company as a storeroom. From what can be learned from the injured men, William C. Bingard, the timekeeper, was holding a lighted danger lamp, while one of the workmen who was intoxicated poured gasoline from a two-gallon can into the mouth of the lantern. The drunken man's hands trembled, and the oil was spilled over the burning wick. In an instant the can exploded with a sharp report and the burning oil was sprinkled over the bodies and faces of the seventeen men. With wild cries and shrieks of pain the victims rushed for the door, through the narrow hallway and with waves of flame running over their bodies, staggered out into the street. Some of them rolled upon the pavement in agony, while others pulled the clothes from their bodies and cast them in the street. The firemen arrived quickly upon the scene and in ten minutes had the fire under control.

The names of the burned men are as follows:

DOOLEY, HENRY, 66 Orchard street, Newark, N. J.
KOOPHOLS, WILLIAM, 48 Almond street.
BATTEN, CHARLES, 1815 Wheat street.
BINYARD, WILLIAM C., 1830 Marshall street.
LANNIGAN, ANDREW, 1621 Copley street.
GAFFNEY, LAWRENCE, 1 Mark's Lane.
CLANY, PATRICK, 2206 Hummell street.
COYNE, JAMES, 1904 Carpenter street.
SMITH, WILLIAM, 46 Almond street.
MALEY, PATRICK, 833 Suffolk street.
THOMPSON, PATRICK, 16 Bainbridge street.
WARD, MICHAEL P., bricklayer, 1633 Seybert street.
COLGAN, JOHN, 48 Almond street.
TUOHY, JERRY, 1717 South Front street.
LAMMING, OWEN, 1949 North Nineteenth street.
LEARY, CONN., 1019 Mechanic.
MCARDLE, JESSE, 1108 Miller.

INFATUATION AND MURDER.

Capt. A. H. Mills Kills Mrs. Rising and then Commits Suicide.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 18.—Capt. A. H. Mills, an old citizen and prominent vessel man of this city, shot and killed Mrs. Austin Rising at her residence last night. Mills then went home, locked himself in his room and shot himself through the head, death resulting almost instantly. Capt. Mills, who was a widower, is said to have been infatuated with the woman.

William Warren's Seventy-Fifth Birthday.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—Yesterday was William Warren's seventy-fifth birthday. It was the intention of his friends to tender him an informal reception at his home on Bulfinch street, but on Monday Mr. Warren went to New York to attend the funeral of a friend and he had not yet returned last night. His absence caused sincere regret among his intimate friends, for by all members of the profession William Warren is esteemed for the great worth he has demonstrated throughout his long career. Upon his return from New York he will find his little home overrunning with floral tributes.

Telegraphic Brevities.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 18.—The Cincinnati Baseball Club is soon to be sold under order of court to satisfy an indebtedness of $80,000.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 18.—The Merchants' Cotton Compress and Storage Company's buildings were destroyed by fire last night, together with 18,200 bales of cotton. Loss, $1,000,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—Hong Kong advices state that the Chinese Government has cancelled all contracts rel