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Lieut.-Col. Moran and Major Kipp Still Third and Fourth.

The attention of voters in THE EVENING WORLD National Guard Election is called to the fact that, including Sunday, the contest will continue but five days longer. All, therefore, who have not yet voted are urged to send in their ballots as early as possible and avoid all possible chance of omission.

No votes that are received after 6 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 24, will be counted.

Col. Ruppert still leads, his friends having increased his vote to 77,387. Capt. Wilson is a close second with 75,785 to his credit. Lieut.-Col. Moran's vote has grown to 69,003, and he still holds third position. Major Kipp plods along steadily in fourth place with 53,317.

The sword which the successful candidate will receive is to be a most magnificent affair. In the first place, it is to be made upon an entirely new design, richly ornamented, and of the best material to be obtained.

The blade will be of the finest Damascus steel. The handle and guard will be of brass of special design, burnished and hand-chased, as will also be the mountings upon the scabbard, which will be of steel and nickel-plated. The grip will be either of shark-skin or of embossed metal, silver-plated and burnished, the design depending on the rank of the officer receiving it.

The shape of the blade will also depend upon the rank of the winner: if he is a line officer it will be straight, and if a staff officer it will be a sabre and curved in form.

A medallion mounting of burnished and hand-chased metal on the upper part of the scabbard will be inscribed with the name of the winner, with his rank and regiment.

The sword will be manufactured by B. M. Whitlock, of 99 Fourth avenue, the well-known maker of military equipments, and this announcement of itself guarantees the best of material and workmanship.

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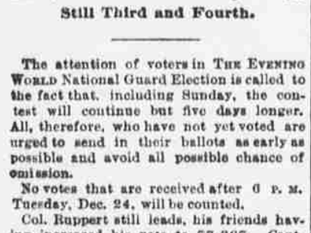

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Each reader may vote once only.

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Govs. Hill and Green, Commanders-in-Chief of the National Guard of their respective States, are excluded from the contest; all others, from lieutenant to general, now in the militia service, are in the race.

There are at present 208 candidates. The vote of the fifty highest stands to date:

Col. Appleton, 7th Reg., N. Y.	3,028
Capt. Abrams, Co. G, 7th Reg., N. Y.	451
Col. Austen, 13th Reg., N. Y.	442
Lieut. Babcock, Gun Detach., 4th Reg., N. Y.	5,203
Lieut. Boecher, 1st Battery, N. Y.	3,009
Capt. Bascom, Co. I, 71st Reg., N. Y.	3,311
Lieut. Ball, Co. G, 22d Reg., N. Y.	356
Col. Cavanagh, 69th Reg., N. Y.	360
Lieut. Cronus, Co. F, 13th Reg., N. Y.	15,786
Capt. Clark, Co. D, 71st Reg., N. Y.	6,476
Lieut. Cleveland, Co. B, 9th Reg., N. Y.	1,753
Lieut. Carnahan, 9th Reg., N. Y.	2,158
Asst.-Surg. Collins, 69th Reg., N. Y.	1,748
Lieut. Daly, Co. K, 22d Reg., N. Y.	1,230
Capt. Delcambre, Co. H, 71st Reg., N. Y.	2,086
Lieut. Despard, Co. G, 23d Reg., N. Y.	892
Lieut. Dick, Co. H, 22d Reg., N. Y.	1,977
Capt. Dewar, Co. I, 8th Reg., N. Y.	603
Brig.-Gen. Earle, Gov. Hill's staff, N. Y.	602
Lieut. Golding, Co. C, 71st Reg., N. Y.	1,332
Capt. Goss, Co. K, 71st Reg., N. Y.	450
Lieut. Hussey, Co. F, 22d Reg., N. Y.	609
Adjt. Hoagland, "Old Guard," N. Y.	9,008
Major Japha, 9th Reg., N. Y.	372
Lieut. Jonasson, Co. H, 12th Reg., N. Y.	496
Capt. Kennedy, Co. A, 71st Reg., N. Y.	2,448
Major Kipp, 7th Reg., N. Y.	53,317
Capt. Kulp, Co. H, 7th Reg., N. J.	7,343
Lieut. Kohlberger, Co. I, 9th Reg., N. Y.	731
Capt. Lee, Co. I, 22d Reg., N. Y.	2,046
Capt. Morgan, Co. H, 69th Reg., N. Y.	1,040
Lieut. Meyer, Co. D, 9th Reg., N. Y.	1,022
Capt. Murphy, Co. E, 12th Reg., N. Y.	607
Capt. Meidhof, Co. B, 22d Reg., N. Y.	609
Lieut.-Col. Moran, 69th Reg., N. Y.	69,003
Capt. Nesbitt, Co. B, 7th Reg., N. Y.	882
Lieut. Penny, Co. C, 9th Reg., N. Y.	681
Lieut. Pason, 2d Battery, N. Y.	32,070
Capt. Pressy, 11th Sep. Co., N. Y.	1,072
Capt. Rhoades, Co. F, 7th Reg., N. Y.	328
Col. Ruppert, Gov. Hill's staff, N. Y.	77,387
Lieut. Scanlon, Co. F, 69th Reg., N. Y.	1,333
Major Stanton, 1st Brigade, N. Y.	1,070
Capt. Sloan, "Old Guard," N. Y.	37,267
Capt. Swazey, Co. F, 47th Reg., N. Y.	1,777
Capt. Thurston, Co. E, 22d Reg., N. Y.	409
Lieut. Tompkins, 14th Sep. Co., N. Y.	432
Lieut. Wilson, Co. F, 7th Reg., N. Y.	348
Capt. Wilson, 2d Battery, N. Y.	75,785
Capt. Zabriskie, 71st Reg., N. Y.	437

SNEEZE IN CONCERT.

La Grippe Spreading Rapidly in All Large Cities.

It is quite evident that the Board of Health is not receiving reports of all the cases of Russian influenza, or French "La Grippe," that are under treatment in this city. Patients swear their physicians to secrecy in order to avoid the promised quarantining, which might incommode them at this busy season.

About every third person one meets is stuffy and full of aches, however, and "bad colds" are universal in New York.

The employes at the Grand Central Depot are sneezing and coughing, and there is considerable alarm there. Train Despatcher Garrett H. Wilson, of the New York and New Haven road, has been sick with something very like "La Grippe," and absent from his post since Tuesday, and nearly everybody else about the station is stiff, sore and weary.

But in the courts jurors, taking advantage of the "scare," are suffering from the influenza with startling unanimity, and at the opening of court a whole panel rises and visits the desk of the Judge, holding handkerchiefs to noses, coughing and sneezing and asking to be excused from jury duty, to go home and nurse "La Grippe."

Philadelphia is discussing "La Grippe," and the Quaker City medical sharps say it is conducive to spinal meningitis.

Detroit's bank employes are suffering with influenza, and the doctors insist that they got it through handling paper money. The entire staff of one bank is laid off with an "all-gone, tired-out feeling," their noses, mouths and throats dry and parched.

Kansas City gets in ahead of St. Louis and Chicago with nearly one hundred cases, from the very mildest to the very "grippest."

Bridgeport has one bad cold to each inhabitant, but denies the presence of La Grippe.

Boston is sneezing in mighty chorus. Harvard College is invaded and 148 salesmen and saleswomen at one of the big dry-goods houses are down with it.

Devil's Lake Indians in Distress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—In obedience to instructions from the Indian Bureau, Inspector Tinker has made an examination into the present and prospective condition of the 1,000 Indians on the Devil's Lake Reservation, in North Dakota. He finds that on account of the almost entire failure of all crops on the reservation, it will be necessary, in order to keep the Indians from want, for the Government to furnish all the Indians on the reservation full rations of pork, flour, and some clothing during the Winter and until next year's crops are available. These Indians have, for a number of years, been entirely self-supporting. Congress will be requested to authorize the necessary expenditures.

Mr. Ditman's Troubles.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Counsel for William D. Brelsford, attorney in fact for Joseph G. Ditman, has brought suit in the shape of a bill in equity, filed in the Court of Common Pleas, in the name of Joseph G. Ditman, the missing bank president, against the W. F. Shaw Company, music publishers, asking for the appointment of a receiver for the company. The bill says that the capital stock of the company is $325,000, of which Mr. Ditman holds $150,000. The bill says that the Company is without available funds and assets to meet its obligations and to pay its current running expenses, and the court is asked to order an account to be taken of the business and condition of the Company.

Hotel Arrivals.

Albemarle—Congressman Charles S. Randall, of Massachusetts. *Astor*—Congressman John A. Quackenbush, of Troy. *Brunswick*—Virgil P. Kline, of Cleveland. *Fifth Avenue*—Sir Charles E. Lewis, M. P., of England, and O. F. Williams, U. S. Consul at Havre. *Murray Hill*—Judge F. A. Macomber, of Rochester; Prof. C. H. F. Peters, of Hamilton College, and Prof. Lane, C. Eaton, of New Haven. *New York*—Ex-Gov. Robert M. McLane, of Maryland. *Westminster*—Judge Douglas Boardman, of Ithaca. *Windsor*—Congressman Rodney Walker, of Massachusetts, and Jesse Spalding, of Chicago.

Consul Lewis Has Been Recalled.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—It is admitted at the State Department that Wm. R. Lewis, United States Consul at Tangiers, has been recalled at the request of the Moorish Government, and that the President is now considering the appointment of his successor.

Tanner Admitted to Practice.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Ex-Pension Commissioner Corporal Tanner has opened a law and claims office here and was to-day admitted to practice as a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Ball of the James F. Kenny's.

The annual ball of the James F. Kenny Association will take place Monday evening at Nilsson Hall. A shell basket will be drawn for by the ladies.

"Acorn Brand" Chocolate Cream. Christmas, 40c., Equals others, 50c. All grocers.*

MR. CULLOM'S BLUFF.

His Proposal to the Senate for a World's Fair in 1892.

Only $50,000 Asked to Be Appropriated by the Bill.

Solidity Assured of New York's Guarantee Subscription List.

The holiday rush drives everything else out of the minds of New Yorkers, and, naturally, the World's Fair boom is affected. But the guarantee subscriptions now amount to $5,252,598, and every dollar is ready when it is called for.

There is no humcombe in the New York Guarantee Fund, and if solidity goes for anything before Congress New York should win against the straw bids of Chicago. The other cities are not in it.

The Committee on Legislation, of which W. E. D. Stokes is secretary, will meet Monday or Tuesday, and will send the official list of New York's subscribers, made out by Secretary Wilson, of the Chamber of Commerce, to Washington. The standing of all subscribers has been inquired into by Mr. Wilson's assistants, and the work of revision and scrutiny has consumed many days. A few "shaky" subscribers have been dropped from the list, and that sent to Congress will be entirely collectible.

At this meeting a committee will be selected to go before the Congressional Committee with argument for New York's claims.

Assistant Secretary Howard, of the Committee on Site and Buildings, says that Committee will not meet again till after the holidays, but for several weeks two gentlemen have been engaged in prosecuting the work of obtaining from property owners in the locality selected for a site consent to use their land for the Exposition. Their work is nearly completed and will be very satisfactory.

Both houses of Congress will adjourn to-night for a recess that will extend to Jan. 6.

Senator Cullom, of Illinois, has opened the ball for Chicago with a bill that quite clearly shows that city's hand. It is clearly a "bluff," for it provides for the appropriation of only $50,000 for "the proper celebration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by an exhibition of arts, industry, manufactures and products in 1892."

Of course, everybody knows that $50,000 wouldn't pay the expenses of the Congressional Committee that would represent the National Legislature at the quadri-centennial.

The bill was prepared by the Chicago Fair Committee, and provides that thirty days after its passage the President shall appoint, on the nomination of the Governors of the several States, Commissioners as follows: For the State in which the Fair is located 100 Commissioners, selected from the stockholders, provided they represent a guarantee fund of not less than $1,000,000, these Commissioners to be nominated by the Governor of the State and the Mayor of the city where the Fair is to be held; eight Commissioners-at-Large and one Commissioner from each other State. There shall also be alternates, and the Commissioners as a body shall be known as "The United States Columbian Exposition," and shall be created a body politic with corporate powers by this act.

The Commissioners shall be called together by the Secretary of State in the city of the Fair, where they will open books for subscriptions of $10 shares in a $15,000,000 capital stock. The President shall issue a proclamation when the site is selected by Congress, inviting foreign nations to take part.

DEATH OF DAVID BIDWELL.

The Oldest Theatrical Manager but One in the United States.

David Bidwell, one of the best-known theatrical managers of the South, died in New Orleans on Wednesday in his 69th year. He was born in Stuyvesant, this State, close by the banks of the Hudson, and, like his old friend, John A. Duff, late manager of the Standard and other theatres, was engaged in his youthful days on one of the fast Hudson River steamboats. He was a bright boy and could sing a good song, dance a lively jig, throw a break-neck somersault and play the violin. In the dull days of Winter young Bidwell found employment in the theatres of New York. He gradually worked his way into theatrical management.

In 1843 he fitted up and managed the Empire House on Broadway street, three years later joined his brother, Henry Bidwell, in New Orleans, who at that time was a prosperous ship-chandler. He was at one time proprietor of the Phœnix House in the Crescent City and made a good deal of money. In 1855, Mr. Bidwell, in connection with George Lawrason, built the New Orleans Amphitheatre for circus entertainments. The following year it was transformed into a theatre and renamed the Lafayette, and was opened by Don Bonicasili. The succeeding season Mr. Bidwell formed a partnership with Spalding & Rogers, and again the building was renamed as the Academy of Music. So successful was the firm that at one time it had theatres in successful operation in St. Louis, Memphis, Mobile, Paris and Havana, in addition to the New Orleans house.

In 1867 Messrs. Bidwell, Spalding and Avery Smith sent a circus to Paris to the Exposition there, made a good deal of money by the venture, and after they had gathered in their harvest laid siege to London and there repeated their Paris success. At the close of the season, in 1868, Mr. Bidwell returned home. He subsequently dissolved partnership with Mr. Spalding and secured the lease of the St. Charles Theatre in New Orleans. Afterwards he leased the Grand Opera-House there and managed all three theatres successfully. With the exception of J. H. McVicker, of Chicago, Dave Bidwell was the oldest theatrical manager in the United States at the time of his death.

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LEDERER SET FREE.

Dismissal of the Charges of Abandonment by Actress Clara Chester.

The Plaintiff's Disappearance Puts an End to the Case.

Lawyer Newcombe's Daughter Remains Legally Mrs. Lederer.

The curtain fell to-day on the Chester-Lederer comedy, which was in full swing at the Tombs Theatre a fortnight ago.

An examination was to have been held before Justice Hogan at the Tombs to-day to prove that Lederer was guilty of bigamy in his marriage with Miss Newcombe. The principal witness in the case did not put in an appearance, and on motion of Abe. H. Hummel, counsel for the giddy little Chester girl, the case was dismissed.

All of the legal luminaries who were interested in the comedy were present at the dismissal, as well as the principal, Mr. Lederer. De Lancey Nicoll sauntered in with Mr. Hummel, evidently to take part in the prologue. He said nothing, however, but agreed to have the charge against Mr. Lederer dismissed.

The whereabouts of Miss Clara Chester-Linton-Burns-Lederer is still only known to her nearest friends.

"As there is no fear of her becoming a charge for the Charities Commission, I suppose it is best to dismiss the case," said Justice Hogan.

The plot or basis of this now celebrated comedy drama is a suit brought by an actress known on the stage as Daisy Linton, or Clara Chester, who claims that when she was Miss Clara Chester Burns Mr. Lederer made her his wife. She sued him for abandonment upon the publication of his elopement with and marriage to Miss Ida Florence Newcombe, daughter of the well-known lawyer, Richard S. Newcombe.

Mr. Lederer, a theatrical manager, was secretly married, Oct. 18, to Miss Newcombe by Rev. Alexander Shaw at Long Island City. After the ceremony the young lady returned to her parents' home. The latter, becoming reconciled to the inevitable, made preparations and sent out invitations for a second and elaborate wedding at their home.

These plans, however, were upset by the declaration and claim of the Chester girl that a common-law marriage had taken place between herself and Mr. Lederer some time before at Buffalo, and that they had lived together at many places thereafter as man and wife. The invitations for the super-nuptials at the Newcombe mansion were cancelled, and Mr. Lederer was forced to abandon the role of bridegroom of Miss Newcombe to assume that of defendant to Miss Chester's suit for abandonment.

Much sensational testimony was taken in the hearings upon this complaint, when two weeks ago the affair became still further complicated by the disappearance and abandonment of her suit by the fair but unstable Chester.

The denouement would appear to leave Miss Newcombe in the undoubted right to be called Mrs. Lederer.

Art Dealers and Associations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Secretary Windom and Assistant Secretary Tichenor to-day gave a hearing to Mr. William Schaus and other art dealers, of New York, in opposition to the practice whereby so-called art associations are afforded facilities denied the regular dealers in the importation of works of art. Mr. Schaus said these associations have the advantage of being able to import free of duty, and, having just whatever number of works of art they see fit, to keep them in the country on exhibition for pay for six months or a year, and they reship the unsalable portion, paying duty only upon those for which they have in the mean time secured a purchaser. The regular dealers have to pay duties on everything they import, and have to stand the usual risks of trade besides being debarred from charging anything for the exhibition of the articles. Subsequent to the hearing Assistant Secretary Tichenor remarked that he thought the dealers had good grounds for complaint. The question will be acted upon in a few days.

Criticisms of Speaker Reed.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—There is some complaint here growing out of the disposition of Speaker Reed to turn the whole matter of the minority representation on the House committees over to Mr. Carlisle. According to report indeed the ex-Speaker has had almost as much voice in determining where his party friends shall serve in this House as he had in the last. It is not charged that Mr. Carlisle has sought this supremacy or that so far as he has consented to exercise it he has blundered, but members of the minority do not relish the idea of being deprived thus of their individuality when no formal abrogation by caucus has taken place.

The criticism is of Mr. Reed, not of Mr. Carlisle, whose leadership the Democrats gladly acknowledge in all things affecting party policy on the floor.

A Fight with Desperadoes.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., Dec. 20.—Sheriff Knight and son, of the Cherokee Nation, attempted yesterday to arrest Jim Burgess, John Hunton and John Newton for carrying intoxicating liquors into the Nation contrary to law. A fight with revolvers ensued, during which George Knight, the Sheriff's son, was shot through the heart and killed. The Sheriff received an ugly wound in the leg, and Jim Burgess had a leg broken by a bullet from the Sheriff's revolver. The two uninjured desperadoes escaped.

Mr. Grady's Condition.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 19.—Mr. Grady passed a bad night and the doctors report more fever to-day. This is sent in response to many telegraphic inquiries concerning his condition.

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DEATH FOLLOWS.

One of the Rescued Presbyterian Hospital Patients Succumbs.

Total Wreck of the Main Wing of the Hospital.

Crowds Surround the Morning Scene of Desolation.

The Fire Caused by Overheated Steam-Pipes Among Lint.

The handsome main wing of the Presbyterian Hospital on Seventy-first street is a picture of dreary desolation this morning.

Last night's terrible fire, which threatened the lives of so many helpless patients, has left the upper part of the building almost a total wreck.

The roof has been destroyed completely in many places, and has fallen in along the whole length of the building on Seventy-first street, while every floor is drenched with water and the rooms filled with mud and ashes.

Crowds of people stood upon the sidewalk opposite during the morning hours watching the force of men clearing up the debris and recounting the exciting scenes they had witnessed the night before, when eighty patients were carried from the ill-fated building more dead than alive with the fright which sudden and swift danger had brought upon them.

THE BURNING HOSPITAL.

Only one death is reported to-day among the rescued patients removed from the Presbyterian Hospital last night, and that occurred at the Mount Sinai Hospital at 3 o'clock this morning.

The patient was William Hough, who had been an inmate of the institution for some time.

The shock which he suffered last night when removed brought on his death. He was forty years old and has relatives who will take care of him.

The six firemen, Capt. William Duane, Gus Levy, John Dunbar, Edward Roderick and Washington Roger, of Engine 30, and John Hays, foreman of Engine 16, are not so seriously injured as was at first supposed.

They are only severely burned, and they were taken to their homes last night after their wounds had been dressed at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

Capt. Duane is hurt about as badly as any of them, and he went to the hospital this morning to have his injuries attended to.

Supt. Wall, of the Presbyterian Hospital, had his hands so full of business this morning that he hardly knew which way to turn.

"It is almost miraculous," he said to an EVENING WORLD reporter, "that we were able to get all three patients out, and get them settled so quickly and comfortably, and with almost an entire absence of serious results.

"The death of Hough is the only one which I think will result.

"From the reports which I have received from our physicians who have visited the various hospitals which are taking care of our patients this morning I learn that all are doing as well as could be expected, and that they are getting the best of treatment.

"Where are forty of our patients at the Mt. Sinai Hospital, twenty at the German Hospital, about ten at St. Luke's, all children, and the remainder at Roosevelt Hospital.

"Everyone has been very kind and generous, and we had more offers of assistance and accommodations than we could make use of. By 11 o'clock last night all of the patients were housed and cared for."

"What step will be taken towards providing accommodations for them in the future?"

"There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors this evening, and they will decide that question. I can say, however, that our new dispensary building and that adjoining it on Madison avenue and Seventieth street are not yet occupied, and that by Monday we will have accommodations there for at least forty of the exiled patients. The others will probably be accommodated for some time to come in the hospital, where they have been placed."

"Have you yet discovered the origin of the fire?"

"Yes; we think it started in a drying closet in Ward 9, on the top floor of the main building. The closet was used to dry damp cloths; and there was a coil of steam pipes there.

"It must have been a case of spontaneous combustion, for the dry cloths and lint are very inflammable substances.

Supt. Wall also said that the entire medical staff of the Hospital, comprising six internes and five externes, were almost this morning visiting the patients at the various hospitals and had offered their assistance in tending the patients.

At the German Hospital Supt. Ludwig said that as soon as he heard the Presbyterian Hospital was afire he had given orders for sixty beds to be prepared at once, and then he started down to help at the burning building. Several of his assistants accompanied him.

The twenty patients they rescued were received by Mrs. Flentje, the chief of the Sister nurses of the German Hospital, who did everything for their comfort.

She made tea and warm milk for the poor panic-stricken people, and when the Presbyterian Hospital physicians came around later they were surprised to find how admirably their patients were being treated.

"This morning," said Supt. Ludwig, "they are all more or less under the excitement of last night, although most of them are comparatively quiet."

Supt. Hadel, of Mount Sinai Hospital, said that his thirty-nine guests from the Presbyterian Hospital were doing as well as could be expected this morning.

LAURA'S TALE OF WOE

Falsely Accused and Abused by a Cruel Aunt.

A beautiful little eight-year-old girl with a wealth of jet black tresses, out from under which looked a pair of sparkling black eyes, told a terrible tale of cruel treatment at the hands of her aunt, at the office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this morning.

Her name is Laura Thompson and she has neither father nor mother.

Last night little Laura ran up to Policeman McNally, in Fifth avenue, and begged him to take her to some institution for protection.

Her head was cut and her face terribly bruised, and she told the officer that she had just ran away from her aunt, who lived in the top flat of the house at No. 140 West Thirty-sixth street, because that woman had struck her on the head with a salver for denying that she had stolen a $50 watch.

The policeman took her to the West Thirtieth street station, where the little girl repeated the story, adding that her aunt's name was Mrs. Potter, but that at present she was known as Mrs. Carrie Woodward.

Sergt. Sheldon at once reported the case to the Society and Agent Knoll took charge of the little girl.

Meanwhile the aunt had arrived at the station to report the flight of her niece and was astonished at finding the girl there.

She told the Sergeant that Laura was a bad, vicious child, and had been brought up in the slums of Brooklyn until she had become thoroughly incorrigible.

The woman said she had taken the child at the request of her mother, when the latter was dying in a Brooklyn hospital, and had tried to give her a good home and make a good girl of her. Laura's mother, the Woodward woman said, was her sister.

The Society's officers found that Laura was in a terrible condition from bruises and blows that had been inflicted upon her delicate little body.

Low down on the back of her head the hair appeared to have been torn out by the roots, and a large bare spot disclosed an ugly wound, now slowly healing.

Seventh Battery, Attention!

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

NEWBURG, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Gen. Wilson, late Junior Vice-Commander of the Department of New York, G. A. R., after reading the article in THE WORLD in regard to the battle-flag held by William Pratt, of Palatka, Fla., says he has not the least doubt that it belongs to the Seventh Battery of Artillery, raised in Elmira by Capt. Thos. H. Bates. Their battery consisted of six brass Napoleon guns and was captured at Fair Oaks, as called by the Union troops, or Seven Pines, as known by the Confederates, on May 31, 1862. Battery A at that time lost everything, and Reagan's battery, or the Seventh Independent Battery, raised at Newburg, protected the retreating artillerymen, which may account for the supposition that it was the one losing the guns. Company A, Seventh Battery, was so badly cut up that the remnant after the battle was transferred to Reagan's, but none of them are living here. Gen. Wilson saw the capture of the guns, flags, &c., which were taken from a redoubt and the Napoleons turned upon the Union forces.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 19.—G. A. R. men here say that Battery A was not organized in Elmira and they know of no members here.

Custom-House Statistics
show that 2,454,504 cases of champagne were imported during the last decade, of which over one-fourth was "G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry." Their importation during that period was over 200,000 cases more than any other brand, indicating its popularity. *.*

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Colgate's Gifts for Children.
Young Folks' Christmas Beautiful Box for 25c.*

NOW IT'S THE FOG KING.

LARSEN FINED $500.

Justice Lays a Strong Hand On the Arch Faith-Curist.

Edward Larsen, the Arch Faith-Curist, of Brooklyn, was made an example of this morning by Justice Tighe, who fined him $500, as a warning to all members of the religious sect who refuse to take proper precautions against the spreading of contagious diseases and the relief of those of their number suffering from them.

Larsen was tried before Justice Tighe on Monday last in the Butler Street Police Court and found guilty of a violation of the Penal Code and the health laws of Brooklyn.

Dr. Prendergast then testified to having been called the latter part of last month to attend Larsen's four-year-old daughter, who was suffering from diphtheria at her father's home at 43 Woodhull street.

He prescribed for the little one, but the father did not have the prescriptions filled, because, as he afterwards said, he did not believe in giving medicine to the sick; that the child was God's, and was in his hands to do with as he pleased, and that if God wanted her he would take her.

Dr. Julius Bierworth, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, went to Larsen's house shortly after Dr. Prendergast's visit and discovered that the latter's instructions had not been carried out and that another, an infant child, had also taken scarlet fever as a result of its parents' neglect.

The doctor reported to Supt. Wilson, of the Children's Society, and also to the Health Department, and Larsen's apartments were forcibly put under quarantine and the sick children properly cared for and their lives saved.

When asked on the trial what he had to say, Larsen, who is a large man of the decided blond type, said, "Nothing."

He gave a similar answer to-day, and in passing sentence Judge Tighe referred to the danger to the whole community caused by the peculiar belief and practice of the Faith-Curists. He, therefore, as a warning to all members of the sect, fined Larsen $500.

The prisoner took the matter coolly, and was led away by the court officer to the pen to await conveyance to the Penitentiary.

Larsen would not pay his fine. None of his brethren of his faith appeared in court. Larsen's employer called and advised him to conform to the laws of the city and State, but Larsen was inflexible and refused to give up his religious belief.

He will have to serve a day in the penitentiary for each dollar of the five unpaid.

Where Are These Furs?

Stern Bros., the dry goods merchants, notified Detective Heidelberg, of Police Headquarters, Wednesday of the disappearance of $800 worth of furs. Mrs. Hendricks, of No. 117 West Twenty-third street, left the furs in Stern's store for safe-keeping during the Summer. Nov. 14 Mrs. Hendricks sent for her property and Edward Cronin, the driver of the delivery wagon, said he delivered it to a Mrs. Hendricks at No. 117 West Eighty-first street. The detective was positively assured that the goods had not been left at the Eighty-first street house. Heidelberg appeared at the Tombs Police Court Wednesday to get a summons for Cronin, but Judge Hogan advised him to first make a thorough investigation of the matter.

Rules for Pilot Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The International Marine Conference to-day adopted an amendment materially changing the second paragraph of article 8, relating to pilot vessels on pilotage duty, so that it reads as follows:

On the near approach of or to other vessels, they shall have their side lights lighted ready for use and shall flash or show them at short intervals to indicate the direction in which they are heading, but the green light shall not be shown on the port side, nor the red light on the starboard side.

Mott's Sparkling Ciders.
Healthful and palatable. Don't fail to try them or you will miss a good thing. *.*

EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.

IS IT MURDER?

Bertie Boice, of White Plains, Found Dead in Her Room.

Lying Face Downward and Much Cut and Bruised.

The Girl's Parents Were Away and the House Was Closed.

A Cousin and a Friend Break In and Find the Body.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 20.—There is much excitement in this village to-day over the case of Miss Bertie Boice, daughter of William A. Boice, of Grand street, whose dead body was found on the floor of her room last evening by William Ferguson, a cousin of the deceased, and his friend, Charles Wright.

The parents of the young woman left town last Sunday for a visit to Banksville, Conn., and she was expected to remain with an aunt, Mrs. Dorscoe Hammond, till their return.

For some reason, however, she returned to her own home on Tuesday morning, after passing one night with Mrs. Hammond.

The house was closed, but the young men effected an entrance through a narrow hall and found the girl attired in her night clothes, lying on her face, terribly bruised and cut.

The circumstances are such as to cause strong appearances of foul play.

Coroner Matthews was notified and Drs. Schmid and Curtis were directed to make a post-mortem examination.

An inquest was appointed for this afternoon.

SOLDIERS BLOWN UP.

A Russian Artillery Magazine Explodes with Frightful Results.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The explosion of a shell in an artillery magazine at Baku yesterday was followed by disastrous results.

The building, which was well filled with explosives of various sorts, was set on fire, and a fusillade of shells and rockets began, with a continuous explosion.

Over a hundred thousand cartridges exploded also, and the roar became terrific.

Four soldiers were killed and four dangerously wounded by the flying missiles.

BEN'S OLD COMRADES SORE.

The President Slighted Col. Merrill and Displeased Them.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—The appointment of State Senator Ensley as Pension Agent has disgusted the members of Harrison's old regiment, who expected the place to be given to Col. Merrill, of this city. When the regiment met here prior to attending the inauguration they passed resolutions indorsing Merrill for recognition and Harrison promised to heed their request. No request was made for any particular office, but now all the positions have been given out and Merrill remains unrecognized. Speaking of the matter to-day, a member of the regiment said:

There seemed to be nothing left but the Pension Agency, and we felt assured that Col. Merrill would get that. Harrison has gone back on us, and we are disappointed. We are unable to understand the President's treatment of his old regiment. The boys had their hearts set on having Col. Merrill rewarded. It looks to us very much as if that portion of our regiment which has always been in office has absorbed all the pap there is for the regiment, and that it is not worth while for anybody else to apply. We have nothing against Ensley, but here was a chance to stir up enthusiasm by a capital appointment, but it isn't made and we don't understand it."

Calder and Fair.
Prepare for a cold snap—buy a silk plush cap (Men's and Boys') at HACKETT, CARHART & CO.'s, Broadway and Canal st., for 50 cts., 75 cts., $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50. *