

SORTING OUT THE GUESSES.

Winner of European Trip to Be Announced Without Delay.

Nellie Bly's Quiet Sunday at Home—Happy, but Not Tired.

The busiest place in THE WORLD office today is the room where the guesses on the duration of Nellie Bly's journey around the earth are being assorted.

The magnitude of the task may be imagined when it is stated that nearly a million of the guess coupons were received, and that they came in in scores of thousands after it was known that the young woman had arrived at San Francisco.

In addition to the regular clerical staff of THE WORLD, a score of "postmark experts" from the Post-Office are employed in their hours of duty in Mr. Van Cott's premises.

It is now known that more than a thousand guesses have hit the right number of days, but are out in the hours, minutes and seconds.

The time, as announced in the SUNDAY WORLD, was 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes.

The greatest possible care has been taken that no coupon received should be mislaid.

The bright little woman who has been the object of so much attention spent Sunday quietly in her own room.

"Kind friends began to give them to me at San Francisco," she said, "and I received them at almost every point along the route.

"It seems good to get back to New York," she chirped, "and my journey was a pleasant one from beginning to end, and I am almost sorry it is over.

"My net money does not take kindly to life in a flat. He smashed pretty nearly everything in the kitchen this morning.

"Nellie did not hear of the guessing contest till she was in New York.

An Oyster Famine Imminent.

ALL WORKMEN INDOURSE IT.

Signing Mammoth Petitions for "The World's" Weekly Payment Bill.

Organized and Unorganized Labor a Unit in Demanding its Passage.

The 30,000 petition blanks headed by THE WORLD'S Weekly Payment bill, which have been printed for circulation among the people, are being rapidly taken up by labor organizations all over the State.

Each blank has room for fifty names, and the signatures are filling up at such a rate that the members of the Legislature who are asked to enact the bill, are likely to be overwhelmed by this manifestation of popular sentiment in its favor.

Senator Roosevelt, who stands as sponsor for the bill, is delighted with the reception which it has met at the hands of the public, and is enthusiastic in his belief that it will be passed by the Legislature without serious opposition.

The bill has been carefully examined and analyzed by some of the most eminent jurists in the State, and it has been pronounced a perfectly sound and constitutional measure, and one which is calculated to insure untold benefits to wage-earners of every class.

The laws as they exist at present are framed so as to give the claims of laborers and mechanics a preference over all others in matters where the payment for work done is involved, and their special laws come in before the claims of all other creditors.

It is the policy of the law to make them a privileged class in this respect; but, when the favor with which it has regarded them in the past, there are a great many cases of employees of insolvent companies and corporations whose wages are not paid, and who are left in the lurch at the end of their claims have been swept away in the final wreckage of such concerns.

The Weekly Payment bill will do away with all these things by compelling all corporations, whether solvent or continuing their business in the hands of receivers, to keep their servants' wages closely paid.

Among the numerous signed petitions framed for the bill, one was sent to THE WORLD asking for the passage of the bill one of the first came from the employees of the Postal Telegraph Company's main office.

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MORE NAMES ON THE BILL.

Upper County Delegates Want a Voice in the World's Fair.

The Committee of One Hundred to Be Increased by Twenty-five.

The second hearing of the World's Fair bill is expected to be held in the Assembly to-night, with a prospect of its immediate third hearing and subsequent passage.

The merits of the bill will be discussed in the Senate to-morrow, and the third reading having been ordered for Wednesday, but little doubt is expressed of its passage on that day by the two houses.

It is now claimed that the delay in passing the bill before is mainly due to the ways of W. E. D. Stokes, who is said to have added three names to the original Committee of One Hundred.

Senator Fassett and his colleagues objected to what they considered an assumption of authority on the part of Mr. Stokes in the tacking on of the bill brought to Albany by Mr. Stokes, there were 103 names.

One of the extra three has been identified as a clerk in a Twenty-third street store, and all three are supposed to be personal friends of Mr. Stokes, upon whom he desired to confer the honor.

State Senator George Z. Erwin, who has been appointed Chairman of the Special World's Fair Committee by President pro tem J. Sloat Fassett, came to the Assembly yesterday and had conference with several prominent lawyers regarding the bill.

Mr. Erwin expressed himself as heartily in favor of the passage of the bill at once, but said there were a number of persons living in New York who object to the names of several of the incorporators of the bill.

"The people of the entire State are interested in the Fair," said he, "and should have a representation among the incorporators."

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HAYDEN SUGGESTS BELL.

Mayor Chapin Appoints Him Police Commissioner.

Other Important Executives by the Brooklyn Appointment.

Mayor Chapin, of Brooklyn, this morning made the following appointments: Capt. HENRY R. HARRIS, Police Commissioner in place of James D. Bell.

JOHN GRIFFIN, reappointed Health Commissioner. JOHN EXNIS, reappointed Fire Commissioner. JOHN C. MCGUIRE, reappointed Register.

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BIG PETE JACKSON IN TOWN.

The Colored Champion Pugilist Arrives on the Adriatic.

Says He Won't Fight Sullivan Under London Prize Ring Rules.

The White Star liner Adriatic arrived at her pier at the foot of Christopher street, North River, shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

Conspicuous among her passengers towered the tall, athletic form of Peter Jackson, the colored Australian heavy-weight champion. He was surrounded by his friends and he seemed to be in the best of humor and spirits.

AN EVENING WORLD reporter greeted him almost before the gangway had been laid, and Peter expressed himself as pleased to return to his country.

He was dressed in a close-fitting suit of Scotch tweed that showed off his athletic figure to perfection. He looked remarkably well, and in reply to a question said that although the weather was very rough coming across, he never felt better in his life.

"I suppose you've heard all about Sullivan's declining to fight you for a purse of \$15,000?" asked the reporter. "Yes, but that does not worry me," he modestly replied. "I have not challenged Sullivan."

"Why?" began the reporter. "You understand I have a contract with the Club," he went on, quickly. "That requires me to meet all comers. Any arrangement the Club may make suits me."

"You are willing to raise the stakes?" inquired the reporter. "It makes no difference to me," Jackson replied. "I am willing to go as high as \$100,000 for a fight with Sullivan."

"Well," he said grimly, "I wouldn't care to be dragged to Mississippi, and I always steer as clear of policemen as I can. Whatever the Club says suits me."

Jackson was met by a delegation from the United Club, a prominent colored organization in this city, who welcomed him in warm style.

He was accompanied by "Parson" Davies, his backer, who met him at Quarantine street, his trainer, and William Naughton.

He was very popular on the trip over, and the passengers took a wonderful interest in his city, who welcomed him in warm style.

This morning they drew up the following testimonial and presented it to him: "We, the undersigned, cabin passengers per steamship Adriatic, from Liverpool, on the 21st inst., in company with you, to you our thorough appreciation of your services as a champion pugilist."

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STAGGERING INTO HARBOR.

Terrific Experience of the Steamship Adriatic.

Other Ships Much Damaged—The Erin Now Given Up.

Battered and seared, her funnels incrustated with rust and brine, the steamship Adriatic, of the White Star line, staggered up to her pier at the foot of Christopher street this morning, although badly wounded.

Her passengers looked nearly as bad as the steamship, and appeared to be very glad when the gangplank was stretched from the pier to the rail.

From the start she encountered severe gales and head seas, but nothing serious occurred until Saturday, the 19th. Then a hurricane struck her vessel, and hundreds of tons of water poured over her decks from bow to stern.

Loose gratings, blocks and life-boys were swept away by the whirling waves. All the passengers were locked up down below to avoid being swept overboard.

The vessel behaved nobly through this rough experience and came out right and true Thursday following, when the ship ran into another terrific gale. The tempest drove her suddenly to leeward, and wherever water struck the vessel it stuck fast in the shape of ice.

A huge wave leaped the ship early Thursday morning. It knocked Second Officer Cavan clear of his feet and left him groaning with pain on a heap of iron chains. His ankle was badly bruised.

The vessel was driven to leeward, and the wheel-house, where the ship's carpenter was repairing the steering gear, it tumbled him around in lively style, finally left him with a sprained back and ankle.

The officers and crew were just congratulating themselves that the worst of the storm was over, when a second sea, larger even than the first, curled over the bow and went sweeping all the way across the deck. Seaman Cocking, Chinn and Allen could not escape it in time and were nearly swept overboard. They were thrown heavily on the iron grating, and all were more or less badly bruised.

Hayes, another seaman, was frosted in the intense cold. Emerging between the deck and the depth of six inches and more and the ship was being hoisted by the mainmast. The steamer finally cleared it.

No serious damage was done to the ship, and the injured men were fortunate to escape serious wounds. The steamer finally cleared it.

Among other steamships that arrived this morning were the Falls of Invernauld, Capote, Trinidad and Forterra. All three were driven to leeward, and the Cambria, which arrived yesterday, struck the same hurricane reported by the Adriatic. She lost the port lifeboat.

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LOUNSBERY'S STEAL \$48,000.

Conference Between Postmaster Van Cott and High U. S. Officials.

Jekyll and Hyde Existence of the Defaulting Cashier.

The Post-Office authorities are still in a state of nervous excitement over the default of George H. Lounsbury, the late cashier.

There was a long conference this morning between Postmaster Van Cott, Inspector Wheeler, Acting Cashier Wood, Commissioner Shields and Assistant District-Attorney Rose.

The Postmaster declined to say afterwards what discoveries had been made in the course of the investigation, although he admitted that the shortage was larger than he had at first been led to believe.

From other sources it was learned that the inventory of all the postage stamps in the office had been completed, and it showed that stamps to the value of \$18,502 were missing, which, together with the cash deficit, will bring the total amount of Lounsbury's stealing to \$47,500.

In addition to this the sum of \$500, which has been contributed to the Pearson Monument Fund, of which Lounsbury was custodian, is missing.

Postmaster Van Cott expects to complete his investigations to-day, when he says he will prepare a statement showing the amount of the defalcation to a penny. There has been some talk of the bondsman resisting the payment of the claim which Postmaster Van Cott has against them, but this idea is ridiculed by the Post-Office authorities.

They say that the bond was a special indemnity obligation, which Postmaster Van Cott counted his cashier, assistant cashier and the cashier of the money-order department to give when he took the office. There is no chance that they can escape.

The cashier's safe, which was sealed up last Friday, has not been opened since. It was thoroughly ransacked at that time and every nook, cranny and compartment was emptied.

Assistant Postmaster Morgan said this morning that the inventory compartment, in which the friends of Lounsbury have asserted a large sum of money and valuables would be found when opened, was actually open when the safe was first searched.

All that contained was a few New Year's cards. There was not a cent of money in it. A box containing some jewelry belonging to his first wife, which Lounsbury kept there, had been removed by him the night previous, when he left the office for the time being.

This explains the fearful story which has been in circulation ever since the suicide of Lounsbury.

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EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.

EIGHT YEARS A FUGITIVE.

Burglar Miskell in Custody for Killing Policeman Burnham.

Thomas Miskell, an ex-convict and burglar, for whom the detectives have been scouring the land eight long years, is locked up at Police Headquarters at last.

He is charged with having had a hand in the murder of Policeman Burnham in Lansingburg, N. Y., in 1881.

Miskell was one of the gang who was surprised cracking a safe in that town by Burnham as they fled.

Nothing was known of the tragedy until the next morning, when the policeman's corpse was found in the alley. By that time the gang was many miles away.

Miskell, Kit Carson and Tim Connor all well-known New York thieves, formed a partnership for out-of-town operations about the time of the appearance of Inspector Byrnes on the scene as chief of the detective force and his breaking up of the band that robbed the Manhattan Bank was scattering consternation among the "crooks" in that city.

The trio robbed the safe of the Walter A. Wood Mowing-Machine Company in Troy and fell into the hands of the police up there.

Miskell and Carson were sent to Clinton Prison for five years, but got out in 1881, and immediately went to work again as burglars.

Connor having disappeared, they formed a new copartnership with "Albany Micky" and John Sweeney, both thieves of their own caliber, and they took the Lansingburg job. Sweeney was on guard outside while the others were breaking up the safe, and he ran away before the battle with the policeman began.

Officer Burnham had heard his warning and went through an alley to catch the burglar who had been found in the alley the next morning with a pistol bullet in his hand.

Alexander, who was charged with breaking a safe in Jackson Mich. They made a haul, but were arrested after a while and sent to prison for seven years. Sweeney, who was charged with breaking a safe in New York, and the names of Seymoure, fell very ill, and on his bed he confessed the murder. A Troy policeman was sent for, to whom he confessed the murder of the policeman.

"Albany Micky" denied the truth of the story. When he was released he broke up the partnership with Carson and Miskell. As long as they were at large it was morally certain that they would turn up, committing some equally atrocious crime.

The search was unsuccessful until a few days ago, when Detectives Adams and Valley heard that Miskell was back in New York. They tracked him down and caught him Saturday night on Ninth street. The burglar made a fight for it, but was easily overpowered.