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LAST EDITION

LAST SESSION OF THE GIRLS.

Wind-Up of the Fair Bread-Winners' Monster Convention.

Mrs. Browning Tells About the Massachusetts Girls' Condition.

The final session of the National Convention of Working Girls' Clubs at the Assembly Rooms, Metropolitan Opera-House, this morning, was an informal affair.

MISS HOWE.

Miss Chairman Grace Dodge, whose venerable mother, Mrs. William E. Dodge, was an interested attendant of the Convention, opened the proceedings with characteristic promptness at exactly 10 o'clock with a brief invocation of the blessings of the Deity.

Then "Buzz, rip-slap, tat-tat-tat-buzz-z b-m-m-m-m!" Great Scott! how those girls do talk! They rattled away at a gait that no living stenographer could follow for five minutes, and they discussed with intelligence and in a manner evincing deep thought the social problems of the days.

The day's business began with the reading of a number of papers that had been omitted in their order in the programme of the previous session, for one cause or another.

Miss Corner, of Montreal, read a report from the Industrial Union of that city; Miss Hurley, of Chicago, from the Woman's Improvement Association, of the World's Fair town; Mrs. Browning, of Lawrence, Mass., told of "A Successful Experiment in a Massachusetts Town;" Miss Snow, of Washington, talked of "Educational Work in the Knights of Labor;" Miss Graeff, of Philadelphia, on "Practical Classes in the New Century Guild;" Miss Jervis, Danielsonville, Conn., and Mrs. Warner read papers on "Country Clubs."

The only incident of the Convention that was the slightest reminder of a convention of men occurred when Miss Corner, a pale-faced little woman in mourning crape, began to read, in a low, sweet, plaintive voice, of the work of the Montreal Industrial Union.

Then there were two or three cries from the rear of the room, "Louder! louder!"

Tom Corwin, the once famous raconteur, of Ohio, returned to such a cry once: "On the day when Gabriel blows his last trump there will be some fellow from this town in the back seats, who will shout, 'Louder!'"

The second paper of the day, owing to the fact that Miss Hurley, of Chicago, had a bad cold, was read by Maria B. Chapin, one of the sweetest specimens of womanhood in the Convention. Miss Chapin is a Connecticut girl, and is spending the Winter here.

Mrs. Browning, of Lawrence, told how the Club of that city spent $1,800 in a successful endeavor to turn the shopgirls of the town to amusement more rational and improving than those heretofore enjoyed.

She said the average earnings of the shoe-shop and mill girls of thirteen to seventeen years was from $3 to $4.20 a week, and that their parents could allow the girls not more than 50 cents a week for pin money.

In the discussion of the question of dues, Miss Howes, of Boston, said that her club, having started out on a basis of 25 cents dues per month, were obliged to reduce the fee to $1 a year, and that the girls in the Club were found to average only $4.65 a week wages.

The constitution provides for an initiation fee of 25 cents, and monthly dues of 20 cents.

Mrs. Ollesheimer, of the Ivy Club, said that with a membership of 120 averaging $6 weekly wages the Club was self-sustaining, whereas there were exchanges of "ains" and a dozen bright girls starting to their feet said in chorus: "There's the difference! We average only a little more than $4 a week."

Miss Richmond, from Baltimore; Iselin, of New York, and Mrs. Richards, a Baltimore reporter spoke on the subject.

Some one had made a parallel between college and club and said that the college boy cost much more than he paid for the college settling the difference, which started an animated discussion, which Chairman Dodge was obliged to cut off, much to the disappointment of 100 delegates who were on their feet seeking recognition.

Miss Howes, of Boston, Chairman of a Committee on Resolutions, submitted elaborate resolutions commending the New York Association for planning this Convention and carrying it to success; thanking Mrs. Ollesheimer's Entertainment Committee for the good time enjoyed between sessions, to the city clubs for entertainment, and finally that the Convention owed a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Dodge for her tact, promptitude, courtesy and dignity as presiding officer.

The formation of a United Association of Working Girls' Societies, under one constitution, for co-operation and mutual benefit, was also recommended.

The Committee, comprising the first directress of each working girls' club and the Secretary, was empowered to organize the United Association.

Miss Morgan, of Hartford, offered a resolution instructing Chairman Dodge to appoint within two days a committee to formulate a plan for the publishing of a paper to be devoted to the interest of working girls' clubs throughout the United States.

This was received with thunderous applause and the resolution was passed unanimously.

Then Miss Helen Iselin submitted the following:

Whereas, Several bills have been presented to the Legislature of the State of New York providing for the appointment of women as deputy factory inspectors;

Resolved, That this Convention heartily indorses and urges the passage of a bill providing for the appointment of women as deputy factory inspectors; further

Resolved, That harmonious and efficient action in the Department of Factory Inspection imperatively demands that the appointment of all officers, male and female, be committed to the head of the Department, the Chief Factory Inspector;

Resolved, That female deputy factory inspectors should not be required to visit factories where women and children are not employed.

Resolved, The copies of these resolutions be published and be brought to the attention of the Legislature.

The resolution was heartily indorsed, and there was talk of a petition from the 2,250 club girls of New York for female factory inspectors, which THE EVENING WORLD has labored consistently for for months.

And thus, as the factory bells were tolling the dinner hour to their employers, the first National Convention of Working Girls came to an end, and after a half hour of visiting the delegates parted happier, wiser and stronger in their fight for each other as workers.

Most of the delegates, after a lunch, departed for their homes. There will be another—a second National Convention, probably in 1892. It will be called by the committee of two members from each of the Central Associations or Clubs in New York, Boston, Washington and Philadelphia.

GUESSING FOR THOSE TICKETS

Many People After "The Evening World's" Baseball Prizes.

Read the Conditions Here—Coupons on the Second Page.

The way the baseball guessing coupons are pouring into the mail-bags of THE EVENING WORLD indicates that the cranks who want those season tickets mean to make the best possible use of the short time before the contest must close.

The majority of the guessers are too modest for their own interest and confine their figures to the probable attendance at one of the four ball parks included in the contest; but the truly ambitious guess on the attendance at all four parks on the opening days.

Remember there are four tickets to be given as prizes, and anybody can guess for all of them.

The games on the attendance at which the guessing is to be recorded will occur as follows:

Brotherhood Park, Saturday, April 19, New Yorks (P. L.) vs. Philadelphias (P. L.)

New Polo Grounds, Saturday, April 19, New Yorks (N. L.) vs Philadelphias (N. L.)

Eastern Park, Friday, April 25, Brooklyn (P. L.) versus Philadelphia (P. L.).

Washington Park, Thursday, April 24, Brooklyns (N. L.) versus Philadelphias (N. L.)

The person guessing nearest to the attendance at Brotherhood Park, New York, gets the season ticket for those grounds; the one guessing nearest to the Washington Park, Brooklyn, attendance gets that ticket, and so on.

In case of postponement of games on account of rain the contest will be open for the actual opening days.

The conditions are these:

The guessing must be done by properly filling out the coupons which will be regularly printed in THE EVENING WORLD, and forwarding them addressed to the *Baseball Ballot Editor* EVENING WORLD, P. O. Box 2,354 New York City.

No guesses will be received for the games at the Brotherhood Park and the new Polo Grounds after noon of Saturday, April 19; for that at Washington Park, after noon of Thursday, April 24; or for that at Eastern Park, after noon of Friday, April 25.

The ballot to be used in the contest is printed on the second page of THE EVENING WORLD.

Vote early and often.

To buy a season ticket for yourself costs $35. To buy an EVENING WORLD, with its guessing coupon, costs one cent.

STRIKING CARPENTERS PARADE.

One of the Biggest Labor Demonstrations Seen in Chicago.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

CHICAGO, April 17.—The striking carpenters held a parade to-day, and it was the biggest demonstration of the kind ever seen in Chicago.

The idea in getting up the parade was to call forth an expression of public approval, and the outcome of the move shows that the men are heartily supported.

Fully 4,000 men were in line and they made a fine appearance.

Judges Tuley, Altgeld and Tuthill, who are old and respected Chancery Judges, are doing all in their power to bring about a reconciliation between the Master Carpenters and the striking men.

According to a member of the Committee of Arbitration, about all that now stands in the way of a termination of the strike is the refusal of the master carpenters to recognize the Carpenters' Union; and it may be said in all fairness that the Master Carpenters have lost the sympathy of the public by this refusal.

Even the architects and the capitalists who have buildings to erect take the part of the strikers, and the belief is general that they will triumph in the end.

ALDERMEN MUST TESTIFY.

Subpœnas for the Whole Board by the Fassett Committee.

Thirteen Aldermen had been subpœnaed at noon to-day to appear before the Fassett Investigating Committee next Saturday and tell what they know about the organization and workings of the legislative branch of the municipal government.

At that time Alderman McLarney was served, and Counsel for Ivins's process-server continued his search after the other twelve.

Mr. Ivins is out of the city, and the Aldermen who are anxious to know what is expected of them as witnesses found their inquiries to that point unanswered.

Meyer Obstructs the Armory.

Sigmund T. Meyer to-day filed objections to the award of $417,500 for the Seventy-first Regiment Armory site, at Thirty-fourth street and Park avenue. The grounds of the application are that the sum awarded is not the fair market value of the property.

The Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.
American Cotton Oil	19	19	19
Allen & Tex Haute pfd	115	115	115
Atlantic & Pacific	6¾	6¾	6¾
Atch., Top. & Santa Fe	38	38¾	37⅞
Brunswick Land	29	29	29
Canadian Pacific	74¾	74¾	74¾
Canada Southern	55	55	55
Chesapeake & Ohio	23	23	23
Chesapeake & Ohio 1st pfd	60¾	60¾	60¾
Chesapeake & Ohio 2d pfd	40	40	40
Chicago Gas Trust	49⅝	47¾	46⅝
Chic., Rock Island & Pac	105	105⅛	105
Chicago & Northwest	111	111	111
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	68⅝	68⅝	68⅝
Chic., Rock Island & Pac	95⅝	95⅝	95⅝
Chic. & Eastern Ill.	50	50	50
Chic. & Eastern Illinois pfd	85	85	85
C., C., C. & St. L.	72⅝	72⅝	72⅝
Col. & Hocking Coal	22	22	22
Col. Coal & Iron	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Consolidated Gas	97⅝	97⅝	97⅝
Del., Lack. & West	138⅝	139	137⅞
Delaware & Hudson	152⅝	152⅝	152⅝
Denver & Rio Grande	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	48⅝	48⅝	48⅝
East Northern pfd	8	8	8
Illinois Central	115⅝	115⅝	115⅝
Lake Shore	107⅝	107⅝	107⅝
Louisville & Nashville	76⅝	76⅝	76⅝
Manhattan consol	100	100	100
Missouri Pacific	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝
Mobile & Ohio	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
Nat. Lead Trust	17⅝	18	17
N. Y. & New England	37	37	37
New York, Lake Erie & West	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
Northern Pacific pref	73⅝	73⅝	73⅝
Ohio Southern	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Ontario & West	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
Or. Transcontinental	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
Oregon Short Line	41	41⅛	41
Pacific Mail	45	45	45
Pipe Lines certificates	83⅝	84	83⅝
Phila. & Reading	40⅝	41	40⅝
Rich. & W. st P. Ter.	21⅝	21⅝	21⅝
Rochester & Pitts	44⅝	44⅝	44⅝
St. Louis & San Fran pref	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝
Southern Pacific	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
Sugar Refineries	74	74	74
Tenn. Coal & Iron	198	198	198
Texas Pacific	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝
Tenn. Coal & Iron pfd	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝
Tol., Ann Arbor & N. M.	67⅝	67⅝	67⅝
Union Pacific	52⅝	52⅝	52⅝
U. S. Express	72⅝	72⅝	72⅝
Wabash pfd	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Western Union Tel	82⅝	82⅝	82⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie pfd	75⅝	75⅝	75⅝
Wis. Central	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝

SLOWLY POISONED.

Young Norman Almost Killed with Doses of Croton Oil.

His Mother Arrested on the Charge of Administering It.

An Insurance Mortgage on His Life Said to be the Motive.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 17.—Mrs. Carrie E. Vandegrift, a well-known resident of this town, was arrested at her elegant residence on East Broad street this morning, and taken to the County Court, at Mount Holly, to answer an indictment charging her with attempting to murder her son, Frank C. Norman, by poisoning him with croton oil.

The alleged crime was first discovered by Dr. Walter E. Hall, the family physician, who was called to attend the young man two weeks ago.

He found him suffering from what he at first supposed was bowel complaint, and treated him accordingly, but at each succeeding visit found the young man growing weaker and weaker.

The case puzzled the physician, who finally diagnosed it as croton oil poisoning.

During all the time the sick man was being nursed and fed by his mother, who seemed devoted to him.

Dr. Hall called Dr. J. Howard Hugh and Dr. Franklin Gaunt in consultation, and they coincided in his view, that young Norman was dying from slow poison.

They did not say anything to Mrs. Vandegrift, but made their suspicion known to Public Prosecutor C. Budd, and he detailed men to watch the woman.

The detectives saw her visit drug stores at intervals, and once witnessed her purchasing croton oil. More frequently her favorite maid, Berenice Kain, went to the druggists and she was several times observed purchasing the oil.

Dr. Hall and the public prosecutor then became convinced that the mother was surely, but slowly, killing her own son.

He is twenty-four years old and has always been noted for his love for his mother.

To make assurance doubly sure one druggist was ordered to substitute something else for croton oil the next time it was called for by Mrs. Vandegrift or her maid.

He did so. Immediately a marked improvement was observed in the sick man's condition.

Croton oil is an intensely irritating poison, and leaves little or no trace after it has served its purpose.

Young Norman was taken ill last April, and when Dr. Hall was called to attend him, he was on the brink of the grave.

Owing to the social position of Mrs. Vandegrift, the authorities felt obliged to move slowly in the matter.

Since the death of her husband she has posed as a sorrow-stricken widow and turned her attention to church matters.

She became a leading member of the Broad Street Methodist Church, and gained renown as a dispenser of charity. She was considered a pious woman.

Prosecutor Budd discovered on Tuesday, what may be considered as a motive for her alleged crime, in the shape of an insurance mortgage for $20,000 on her son's life which would revert to her at his death.

He then learned that at the death of her husband in 1887, she was obliged to raise $12,000 to pay off his liens, and she got the money through the United Security Life Insurance and Trust Company, of Pennsylvania, which issued a mortgage on her son's life for an equal amount.

At his death his insurance would cover the loan and leave her property free from any encumbrance.

The accused woman is short, slight and handsome, and does not seem to be more than thirty years old, although she admits being forty-five.

As soon as a true bill was found against her yesterday she was placed under surveillance.

Since Thursday Dr. Hall has thrown away all food prepared for young Norman, and looked after him himself until Tuesday, when he brought a trained nurse from Philadelphia with the result that young Norman began to improve rapidly.

His mother was not permitted to go near him. He asked why, and when told became very much enraged.

"It is a lie!" he declared at first, but when some of the facts in possession of the authorities were placed in his possession, he began to doubt, and seemed the greatest part of his life moaning, "Oh, could she? Could she? My own mother. Impossible!"

This morning he insisted on accompanying her to the County Court House. She was permitted to sleep at home last night, but at 9 o'clock this morning Constable Mitchell and his deputy, Ed Tillingbast, presented themselves at the house and showed their warrant for her arrest.

She displayed wonderful self-control and only asked time to attire herself for the journey.

She robed herself in a gown of the latest New York fashion and swept out of the house, leaning on the arm of her son, who has so far recovered since the poison has been stopped that he is able to be about.

The party entered carriages and drove to Mount Holly, seven miles distant. A great crowd was in front of the house when the prisoner and her escort left, and they hooted and hissed as the carriage drove away.

Mrs. Vandegrift smiled, but paid no further attention to the angry mob.

Bail will be required for her appearance on trial, and if it is not forthcoming she will spend to-night in the county jail at Mount Holly. Her maid may also be locked up with her as an accessory or a witness.

Mrs. Vandegrift has lived in Burlington since 1878. Previous to that she resided in Philadelphia, where her reputation was that of an adventuress. She is said to have been married to a castle king named Norman, the father of the young man she is now accused of trying to kill.

What became of Norman is not known, but subsequent to his death or disappearance, she spent one or more terms in Moyamensing Prison accused of larceny.

During a certain trial held here in 1884, at which she was a witness, Philip Rudolph, a member of the South Ward Methodist Church, in Philadelphia, testified that Mrs. Vandegrift had once sued him to recover $10,000 damages for defamation of character, but when the case came to trial she was in prison on a charge of stealing a watch and the suit against him was dismissed.

Just now she met Joseph Vandegrift is not known. He was one of the oldest residents in Burlington, and has two sons by his first wife, now living on Pearl street.

It is said that they never recognized their stepmother. He was quite an old man when he brought her back from Philadelphia as the second Mrs. Vandegrift.

He died three years ago, leaving an estate valued at $60,000, of which his wife got one-third.

The children got the rest but Mrs. Vandegrift put in two little claims of $7,000 each against the estate. The case never went to court.

An incident in Mrs. Vandegrift's life here was a charge she once brought against a young man named Van Sciver, whom she accused of trying to burn her with vitriol. He denied the charge, and was not found guilty.

At the time of her husband's death, it was hinted that his taking off was rather sudden, and whisperings of poisoning were heard which are becoming louder now and his body may be exhumed for examination.

Mrs. Vandegrift admits having purchased croton oil recently, but claims that she used it to remove a corn. She refused to show Dr. Hall the alleged corn, though, and her story is scouted.

WILL JOHN AND HELEN PART.

Helen Dauvray Ward Insists on Returning to the Stage.

The Great Shortstop Objects, and It Is Said They Will Separate.

Theatrical and baseball circles will not be very greatly surprised by a rumor that John M. Ward, the popular ball-player, and his wife, Helen Dauvray Ward, have agreed to separate, and that they have been living apart for some time past.

There will be some few expressions of surprise, but the majority will merely shrug their shoulders and exclaim: "I told you so."

For the past three weeks Ward has been living at the Clarendon Hotel in Brooklyn, but only his intimate friends knew it.

Mrs. Ward has been staying at the Hotel Vendome with her sister, Mrs. Timothy Keefe.

JOHN M. WARD.

Thus they have been living apart, and it is said that the papers which will legally sunder the union that so surprised every one several years ago are being drawn up, and will be signed by both parties in a few days.

The cause of the rumored separation is well known. There were many who predicted at the time of the marriage that Miss Dauvray would never wholly renounce the stage.

Her protestations that she had given it up forever have apparently been forgotten, for now Mrs. Ward announces that she will return to the stage.

Ward is said to have declared that she should not while she was his wife. Mrs. Ward, if rumor is to be believed, remained firm in her determination, and stories of a separation gained currency.

The couple were married in the Fall of 1887, and the whole country was interested in the romantic wooing and wedding.

Mrs. Ward was a prominent and very popular actress, and intensely fond of baseball, rarely missing a game, save on matinee days.

It was thought at the time of the marriage that Mrs. Ward would return to the stage, but she denied that she ever would, as Mr. Ward was opposed to it.

In the Fall of 1888, while Ward was West with his Club, a clipping from a paper containing an interview with Mrs. Dauvray-Ward in New York was sent to him. In it she was represented as saying she was going to take to the stage again.

HELEN DAUVRAY WARD.

He telegraphed Mrs. Ward, who, it is said, denied the authenticity of the interview.

Mrs. Ward was to have gone around the world with her husband on the famous baseball tour, but just before the start he received a telegram stating that she could not go.

Neither did Mrs. Ward welcome her husband when he returned from the tour and he searched the pier in vain for her face.

Two months ago Mrs. Ward made the positive statement that she would again appear before the footlights.

"She must choose between me and the stage," Ward is quoted as saying when he heard it.

Mr. Ward flushed painfully when an EVENING WORLD reporter saw him this morning, and he struggled to keep back the tears.

"I have nothing to say," he said in a low voice. "It is a private matter, and no one should question me."

"Then you will not say whether or not the report is true?"

"I have nothing to say," was his only reply.

Mrs. Ward was dressing when the reporter called at the Hotel Vendome. The reporter sent up the above story and asked whether or not it was true. This was the answer Mrs. Ward sent down.

"The story is absolutely wrong in every particular."

The last five words were underscored.

Mrs. Tim Keefe and Mrs. Ward start for San Francisco shortly. The former said that Mrs. Ward would positively appear next year in a society drama which Sydney Rosenfeld is now writing for her.

SUICIDE AT THE NEW CAPITOL.

A Sick Man Leaps from the Senate Floor to the Ground Floor.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

ALBANY, April 17.—Jacob Thorne, a sidewalk fruit dealer, was found dead with his head crushed to a jelly, at the foot of the Senate staircase at 8 o'clock this morning.

A woman says she saw him leap from the Senate floor railing to the ground floor, a distance of eighty-five feet.

Thorne has been ill for some time, and of late he was said to be flighty.

Scorned by Col. Cruger.

Col. S. V. R. Cruger, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, said to-day that the organizations in the Fifth and Eighth Assembly districts are in a very flourishing condition.

"I have nothing to do with that song-and-dance performance in the Eleventh District," he added, referring to Leader James McMurray and his friends of the B. M. R. O.

Lanser's Companions Set Free.

Maggie Weaver, Mamie Duffy and Louis Phillips, the women who were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the death of Fireman William H. Lanser, were discharged in the Yorkville Police Court this morning, the Coroner having certified that Lanser's death was caused by apoplexy.

One Month's War Service Did It.

William E. Cosine to-day got a mandamus from Judge Barrett requiring Commissioner Gilroy to reinstate him as assistant foreman in the Public Works Department.

Cosine served in Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers, for one month during the war, and claims the rights of a veteran.

For Good Republicans.

The Republican County Executive Committee has secured a suit of rooms in the Cumberland, at Twenty-second street and Fifth avenue, where it will hereafter hold its meetings. The rooms will be open every afternoon and evening.

NIHILISTS.

They Burn the Imperial Palace at Oranienbaum.

Seven Inmates of the Structure Perish in the Flames.

The Burning Was in Fulfilment of a Long-Standing Threat.

Fire Started at Different Points of the Palace Simultaneously.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

ST. PETERSBURG, April 17.—The Imperial Palace of Oranienbaum has been burned to the ground with all its contents.

The flames broke out in the night, and spread with such astonishing rapidity as to indicate that the fire was set simultaneously in different parts of the building.

Seven inmates, cut off from escape, perished in the flames.

The fire was the work of Nihilists conspirators, who had often threatened to destroy the palace.

The burned palace at Oranienbaum, on the Gulf of Finland, was a favorite residence of the Czar Nicholas.

It contained many historical relics of great value, including the coronation garments of the Empress Catherine, locks of the same Empress's hair, and a set of shipbuilders' tools which belonged to Peter the Great.

The term "Oranienbaum" means "orange tree" or "orange grove."

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

The Love and Suicide of a Grandson of Poet Wordsworth.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

LONDON, April 17.—Much sympathy is expressed here with the family of Lieut. Wordsworth, the son of the Bishop and the grandson of the poet, who has just committed suicide.

Young Wordsworth, four months ago, fell in love, but on proposing was refused.

This caused him the most intense anguish, as is shown by his letters and by several poems which prove that he had inherited no small portion of his grandfather's poetic ability.

His misfortune was at once made known to the entire regiment by his evident dejection, his untrimmed hair and beard and his carelessness in dress.

For this he was sharply reproved by his superior officers.

On Tuesday he was missing at roll-call, and nothing more was heard of him until his body was found yesterday in the River Severn, near Worcester.

A Count and Countess in Jail for Fraud.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

PARIS, April 17.—The arrest of the Comte and Comtesse Maulmont, who are both in jail for obtaining money under false pretenses has created great excitement in aristocratic circles.

Although the income of the noble pair was of the smallest they have for months been spending money lavishly and indulging in carriages, jewels and other luxuries of the wealthy.

From their cosy residence at Neuilly they would drive out daily in quest of funds, which they solemnly declared were to be devoted to the support of charitable institutions.

As the Comtesse was an eloquent pleader she obtained numerous subscriptions as she went from house to house, while the Comte worked the clubs.

An English Steamer Sunk and Four Men Drowned.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

LONDON, April 17.—Through a collision with the British steamer Altyre, near Hartlepool, the captain and three of the crew of the British steamer Euclid have been drowned.

The Euclid sank. The Altyre, with her bows stove, has arrived at Shields.

Drury Lane's Manager May Become London's Sheriff.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

LONDON, April 17.—Augustus Harris, the well-known lessee and manager of Drury Lane Theatre, is a candidate for the office of Sheriff of London and stands a fair chance of being elected.

Portuguese Bonds Wouldn't Float.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, April 17.—The attempt to float the last issue of Portuguese bonds proved a fiasco.

The news of the fresh expedition to the Shire River and of further complications between Portugal and England made the market here and in Paris distrustful with regard to all kinds of Portuguese securities.

BOGUS VOTES IN THE HORSESHOE.

Jersey City's Blackest District Under the Probe.

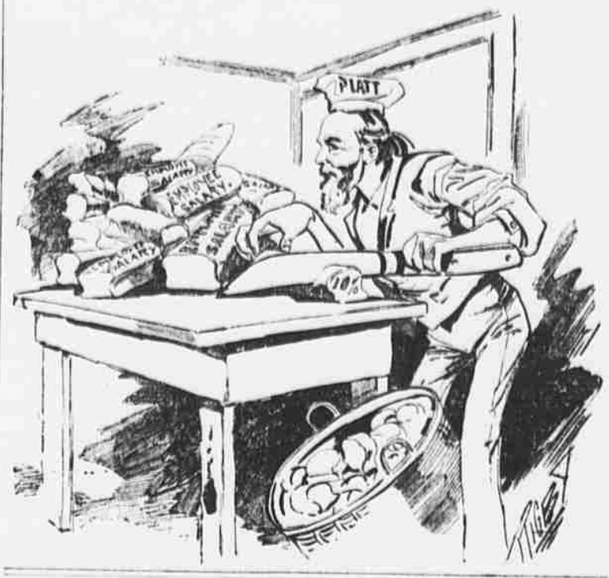
Senators Gardner, Nevins and Adrian, of the New Jersey Senate Investigating Committee, to-day resumed the investigation as to the Hudson County ballot frauds.

The Committee took up the frauds alleged to have been committed in the Second District, known as the "Horseshoe."

This district last Fall gave Grubb about one hundred votes, while Abbott's vote amounted in the thousands. This district also gave Mayor Cleveland at the late charter election a heavy majority.

The witnesses examined this morning were men and women who reside in the tenement-houses and rookeries that comprise the horseshoe.

MR. PLATT IN ANOTHER ROLE.



PLATT CUTTING SALARIES.

Ten to 20 Per Cent. off U. S. Express Employees' Pay.

The faces of the clerks at the office of the United States Express Company in lower Broadway wore an expression of gloom and despondency this morning.

They had learned that after May 1 their salaries were all to be reduced from 10 to 20 per cent., and the thought was not a pleasing one, even though it was said that the salaries of President Thomas C. Platt and the other officers of the Company were to undergo a similar lopping-off process.

This was decided upon at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors, when it was also announced that the annual dividend would be cut down from 5 to 4 per cent.

It was all very well for the officers to reduce their salaries, they grumbled, because they could make up the deficiencies from the dividends, as they were all heavy stockholders in the Company, but as employees, who had only their salaries to live upon, and in monthly payments at that, they couldn't see how the scheme came in.

The general cut in salaries started afresh all the rumors in Wall street which were current at the time the reduction in dividends was announced and which knocked down the price of the stock of the United States Company twenty points in the market.

The stories of Mr. Platt's losses in the Tennessee Coal and Iron break were revived, and it was asserted that some of the biggest contracts of the Express Company were paying handsomely enough to justify the Company in holding on to them.

Ex-Senator Platt, however, denied very positively the truth of those rumors this morning, and said that the Company was as prosperous as ever but that a reduction in expenses had been found necessary.

"In reducing salaries," he said, "we have not touched those that are only $50 a month or less. Above this figure the largest sa aries have been reduced in the greatest proportion, or 20 per cent., while the smaller salaries have been cut down 15 per cent.

"We have always paid our employees generous salaries, and the reduction that has been made is not sufficient to cause any hardship.

"We are obliged to be economical just now, and that is all I can say about it. The express company is a private business, and it does not concern the public what reasons it has for economizing."

President Platt's present salary is $20,000. It will be $16,000. Charles H. Crosby, the Vice-President, received $14,000; Thomas F. Wood, Treasurer, $8,000, and D. P. Fells, Secretary, $5,000, all of which will be reduced 20 per cent.

WAS THE SHOOTING PLANNED?

Belief that the Pistol Was Bought Purposely for Witte's Murder.

Frank Witte, the young man who was so mysteriously shot in the back of the neck, in the presence of his wife and Philip Gruber, their boarder, Tuesday, was resting very quietly in his cot in ward 10 at Bellevue Hospital to-day.

He had several severe hemorrhages last evening, and early this morning complained of severe pains in the head.

Dr. Finney, the attending physician, told an EVENING WORLD reporter that Witte was steadily improving, and that there is a chance for his recovery if septic pneumonia does not set in.

Witte still sticks to his former statement about Gruber and his wife being present when the shooting occured, but cannot say who did the cowardly act.

All the gunsmiths and pawnbrokers shops are being visited by Detective Hisert and Patrolman Fraser to see if the brand new pistol with which Witte was shot can be identified and its owner proven. The police believe the pistol was bought purposely for use against Witte.

Gruber's room has been searched by the officers for cartridges to fit the pistol, but none were found.

THE EXCISE BOARD WAKES UP.

Licenses Refused for the Howard House and the "Black-and-Tan."

The Excise Commissioners to-day rejected the application for a license of the proprietors of the Howard House, a Harlem resort near the bridge.

They also rejected the application of Frank Stevenson for his Bleecker street "Black-and-Tan."

Local News in Brief.

William Gwynn Morgan, of 51 West Seventy-first street, appeared in Jefferson Market Court to-day and had his colored assailant held for robbing him and beating him in a Broadway railway yesterday.

A man named Burke was held in Essex Market Court to-day on a charge of stealing a watch he is supposed to have stolen. Henry Herbert and Jacob Geagler saw Burke and another knock down a German and go through his pockets at Houston and Essex street last night. They captured Burke, but let the other go.

William Huber, of 2060 Third avenue, was held in Harlem court to-day on a charge of defrauding John Kleiner, of 70 East One Hundred and Sixth street, out of $457 in the sale of a saloon, upon which there was a mortgage that was afterwards foreclosed.

Emil Berset, of 237 East Ninety-third street, was to-day committed for examination as to his sanity. Berset was found raving mad on the street at 10 o'clock this morning saying he had killed one child and wanted more victims.

The jury in the suit for $10,000 damages of Isabella Stoth against B. Dutman & Co., in the Common Pleas Court, could not agree on the amount of damages, although all were agreed that she deserved a verdict and Miss Stoth will have to sue again.

FUNERAL OF MR. RANDALL.

Attended by a Vast Number of People at Washington.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

WASHINGTON, April 17.—In insisting that the funeral of her husband, held at the Metropolitan Presbyterian Church in this city to-day, should be accompanied by only the simplest of ceremonies, Mrs. Samuel J. Randall was carrying out only what she knew would have been the wish of the dead statesman.

It was in accordance with his simple, unpretentious way of life.

The body of Mr. Randall was taken to the church at 8 o'clock this morning, and lay for an hour in the lecture-room, where many friends and former associates went to gaze upon the disease-wasted features.

At about 10 o'clock the casket was again raised and carried to the catafalque prepared in the church proper.

There it was surrounded and almost buried beneath the floral emblems and loose flowers contributed by mourners and sympathizers with the family of the dead.

Seats were reserved for Mrs. Randall and the other members of the family in the right centre of the church; and the grief-stricken widow, with her two daughters, Mrs. Lancaster and Miss Susan Randall, and her son, Samuel J. Randall, passed up to the reserved place about half an hour after the body had been laid upon the catafalque.

In another reserved seat were placed Mr. O'Neill, of Pennsylvania, who succeeds Mr. Randall as "the father of the House," and three others of the dead statesman's oldest friends, Messrs. Holman, Carlisle and McKinley.

Mrs. Harrison, Vice-President and Mrs. Morton, Private Secretary Halford, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, numerous Senators, Congressmen and many notable men of public affairs were in attendance at the funeral, and besides these there was a throng of people which filled the church to the doors.

Rev. Dr. Chester, pastor of the church, conducted the services and preached the funeral sermon, being assisted by the Rev. Dr. Milburn, the blind Chaplain of the House.

The Schubert Quartet sang the funeral hymns.

A deputation of Grand Army men in uniform, from Philadelphia, attended the services and acted as an escort to the funeral procession.

Capitol policemen acted as bearers of the dead.

The honorary bearers were George W. Childs, A. J. Drexel, Alex. P. McClure, John Wanamaker, William McMillan, Charles A. Dana, ex-Gov. Andrew G. Curtin, Senator Gorman, ex-Congressman William H. Bowden, Congressman Blount, Senators Barbour, Dallas and Sanders.

After the services the remains were taken to the Pennsylvania Railroad depot to be conveyed to Philadelphia for interment, a special train being provided.

PHILADELPHIA ARRANGEMENTS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 17.—The train bearing the body of Samuel J. Randall will arrive at Ridge Avenue Station, near Laurel Hill Cemetery, at about 2.20 P. M.

The vault in which the body was placed already contains the bodies of Josiah Randall and wife, father and mother of the dead Congressman, and also the bodies of his brother, Harry Randall, and of members of the latter's family.

A special train will leave the Broad Street Station for Ridge Avenue Station at 2.30 o'clock for the accommodation of the throng from this city desiring to attend the funeral.

The Samuel J. Randall Association, Meade Post, G. A. R., and the James Page Literary Association will attend the funeral.

The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Henry C. McCook and Rev. Dr. Chester, pastor of Mr. Randall's church in Washington, assisted by other clergymen.

A quartet of the members of Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R., has been chosen to sing at the grave the hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

All the city flags are at half-mast.

YET ANOTHER CHICAGO STRIKE.

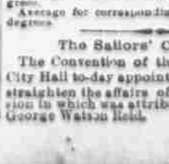
The Gasworks Employees Quit Work Between Two Days.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

CHICAGO, April 17.—Two employees of the Gaslight and Coke Company here were overheard talking about the reorganization of the Union, and were summarily bounced.

In consequence, all the employees of the North side station quit work last night, and going to the South and West stations prevailed upon the men there to quit also, until the discharged men were reinstated, the present scale of wages increased and the hours shortened.

Fair, with Southerly Winds.



WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—*Weather indications:*

For Eastern New York: Fair, stationary temperature; southerly winds.

The weather to-day, as indicated by Blakely's tele thermometer:

	1890.	1889.		1890.	1889.
3 A. M.	45	49	9 A. M.	54	48
6 A. M.	45	47	12 M.	63	55

Average for past twenty-four hours, 51 7-9 degrees.

Average for corresponding time last year, 54½ degrees.

The Sailors' Convention.

The Convention of the Sailors' Union at City Hall to-day appointed a committee to straighten the affairs of the order, confusion in which was attributed to ex-Member George Watson Reid.

LAST EDITION

SPIRITED AWAY THE CORPSE.

Coroner Levy Outwitted by the Collector and the Danish Consul.

The Cask and the Murdered Dane Carted to Jersey and Shipped.

Coroner Ferdinand Levy has been overreached by the combined forces of the Collector of the Port and the Danish Consulate officials.

His declaration that he would surely gain possession of the corpse of the murdered Dane found in a sack in the Appraisers' stores and hold an autops