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BETTER NEWS OF CROKER. He Was Able to Go Out of Doors at Wiesbaden To-Day. Tammany Leaders Still Talking of His Possible Success.

MRS. VANDEGRIFT GUILTY. Verdict of the Jury in the Jersey Poisoning Case. Croton Oil Given to Her Son to Get His Life Insurance.

EXTRA II DIED BY FIRE. The Chenango County Poorhouse Destroyed at Midnight. 125 Unfortunates Thrown Into Dead Y Peril.

ONLY \$100 FINE FOR ROSSA. Light Sentence for Criminally Libelling Patrick S. Cassidy. Judge Andrews Influenced by the Irish Agitator's Extreme Poverty.



WANTED - A BETTER SITUATION. LAST EDITION "FENCE" FOR THE RAG GANG. Burglars and Their Backer Nailed by Byrne's Men. Valuable Stolen Goods Found in Sale's Sixth Avenue Store.

Gen. Grant's Physician, Dr. Douglas, Sick and Impoverished. His Misfortunes Said to Date from His Attendance on the General.

Dr. John B. Douglas, Gen. Grant's famous physician, who but a few years ago had a practice in this city that yielded a princely income, is to-day a charity patient in the Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Douglas is sixty-six years old, and his whole life is paralyzed. His misfortunes seem to date from the death of Gen. Grant, at which sick bed he had been for months a faithful attendant.

Frank W. Hisek, the correspondent who was given the full freedom of the Grant house in this city and afterwards at Mount McGregor, declares that Dr. Douglas was so constant in his attendance on the General that he seriously impaired his own health.

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Special Cable to the Evening World. WIESBADEN, May 8.—Croker, Tammany's chieftain, was able to go outdoors to-day. The illness of Richard Croker was still the talk of Tammany Hall to-day.

Referring to some hasty talk of a plot to supplant Mr. Croker, the district leader who told THE EVENING WORLD of the possibility of a fire Commissioner Purroy's selection said such allegations were foolish.

It is only natural, said he, that something should be said about a new leader. The news concerning Mr. Croker's health is most alarming and even if his disease should not prove fatal he may not return for a year or two.

With the election of a new leader before it in the coming campaign, and before he is a leader, it is not surprising that the news of the illness of Mr. Croker should be so generally discussed.

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Special Cable to the Evening World. NEW YORK, N. Y., May 8.—The number of persons who perished in the flames which destroyed the Chenango County Poorhouse at midnight is now said to be eleven.

The fire started in the north wing of the poorhouse, used for the confinement of idiots, and the dead are all of that unfortunate class.

The poorhouse proper was a wooden building, three stories in height, and burned so freely and rapidly that no effort was made to save it, the keepers and people of the neighborhood directing all their attention to the rescue of the paupers.

The inmates were located at Preston, six miles from this place. They were absolutely without means of fighting fire.

The buildings were valued at about \$25,000 and insured for a little less. After the blaze had burned itself almost out of tongues of flame could be seen looking about a number of charred bodies, and the spectacle was a ghastly one.

Early in the afternoon a woman in the idiot department was fatally burned by flames springing from her lighted pipe, which she shoved into her pocket.

Some of the rescued inmates were taken to the village churches for refuge. The means will be removed as soon as possible to a State institution.

NEWS OF THE DAY ABROAD. German Papers Warning Bismarck to Hold His Peace. Workmen Intimidated in Prague—An Inhuman Mother Sentenced.

Special Cable News Special. PRAGUE, May 8.—There is a growing feeling of indignation here over the recent utterances of Prince Bismarck. The Emperor's Hamburg organ is terribly angry, and other papers are recalling the course pursued by the late Chancellor towards Count von Armin under similar circumstances, that nobleman having been imprisoned and mutilated in a heavy fine for the disclosure and public discussion of state secrets.

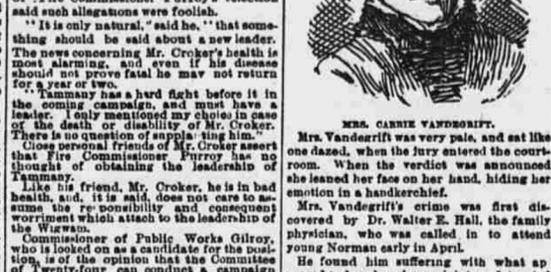
Special Cable News Special. PARIS, May 8.—An inhuman brute in the guise of a woman, Josepheine Hoegert, has just been sentenced to penal servitude for life for the murder of her eight-year-old daughter.

Special Cable News Special. LONDON, May 8.—At a meeting of the journeymen tailors to-day it was announced that thirty employers had agreed to the terms of the strikers.

Special Cable News Special. VIENNA, May 8.—The strikers in Prague have adopted a system of intimidation which has so far proved most efficient on the people a proposition for a prohibition amendment to the Constitution, at a special election, April 18, 1891, passed the Assembly this morning by 99 votes to 44.

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Mrs. Vandegrift's crime was first discovered by Dr. Walter E. Hall, the family physician, who was called in to attend young Norman early in April.

He found him suffering with what appeared to be a bowel complaint, and treated him accordingly.

But the patient kept getting worse, and the puzzled physician finally discovered that he was suffering from croton oil poisoning. The mother had been his nurse up to this time, as she seemed devoted to him.

Dr. Hall suspected Mrs. Vandegrift and informed Prosecutor David. Detectives were detailed to watch her and found that she had been purchasing croton oil, and finally Mrs. Vandegrift was arrested April 17, at her palatial residence on East Broad street.

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CLAASSEN'S JURY COMPLETE. The Trial of the Ex-Bank President Can Now Proceed. It was gloomy and chilly in the United States Circuit Court, in the Post Office Building, when Judge Bennett took his seat on the bench at 11 o'clock this morning.

Only One "Job" on Strike. The Central Elevator Alone Holds Out Against the Carpenters. The strike of New York's organized carpenters, which has been in progress since the 1st of May, is now in its eighth week.

MURDERED AT HIS RANCH. A Wealthy Texas Man Robbed and Killed by His Tenant. PERRY, Tex., May 8.—Edgar Clark, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Pittsburg, yesterday went to his ranch, six miles from here, to superintend some improvements.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Am. Oils, Am. Gas, Am. Sugar, etc.

GOOD NEWS FOR OVER THE BRIDGE. The Annexed District Street Commissioner Bill Passed. The bill providing for the appointment of a Commissioner for the improvement of streets for the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards has passed the Legislature.

Editor Godkin arrested again. Editor E. L. Godkin, of the Evening Post, was again arrested this forenoon on a charge of criminal libel preferred by the Attorney General.

Another Broadway Failure. Samuel Lathrop, dealer in military goods at 299 Broadway, has assigned to-day to the National Bank.

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