

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 23.

A SERIOUS DUTY. To-day the Grand Jury begins its investigation into the cause of the collision in the Fourth Avenue Tunnel on Feb. 20th, through which six persons lost their lives.

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fashions and Fancies That Delight the Gentler Sex. A Car Conductor Discourses About Women Who Don't Waste Politeness—Colored Jackets for Children—Rivals for Diamonds.



The conductor's little chubby boy was in the car when it left Central Park, and I fed him enough almonds, caramels and marshmallows to give him colic for a week. That was the cause of conversation, and the conductor talked women for two miles.

They're pretty to look at, but they don't waste any politeness on us. Here on this line a long time and don't think I ever asked a civil yes. One will turn up her nose and say nothing. Another will snap a time and ask 'how many times I expect to collect a fare.'

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THE CLEANER.

Theories on the Huntington-Wright mystery are growing thicker than tar in a wastebowl. Some of the accounts this morning give four and five different ones, without the slightest regard for the unfortunate readers. The interest in the story is being killed by them.

I hear that Sarah Bernhardt will give a benefit for the Pasteur Institute next Monday afternoon. Now, if there was any hydrophobia to speak of what a good thing she would be doing.

I hear that Father Duffy, of St. Joseph's Church, in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, is to be transferred to Poughkeepsie and that his parishioners are consequently grieving.

The advancement of Adam A. Cross, who recently received his gold captain's badge from the Police Commissioner, has been a rapid one. While the captain is thoroughly going and capable official, his frequent promotions, I am told, are not to be attributed to that fact alone, but because he had some unusually strong backing.

Among the old-time municipal office-holders who are keeping steady with reference to their political affiliations just now, I am told, are Henry G. Antwerp and Germain Fauchel, both Deputy Tax Commissioners.

GRAND JURY NOW.

Second Step in the Investigation of the Fourth Avenue Tunnel Disaster. Important Evidence Discovered by Examining the Victims' Bodies.

Central Labor Union Indorses the Bill for Lighting the Tunnel. Prospects of the Sulzer Bill, Urged by "The Evening World."

The Grand Jury to-day began its consideration of the disaster whereby were caused the deaths of Helen T. Supple and the other victims of the fatal Fourth Avenue Tunnel collision at Eighty-sixth street Feb. 20, last.

In addition to the testimony of these and other witnesses before the Coroner, District Attorney Neill will also present important evidence, which Assistant District Attorney W. Washburne Lynn has obtained since the inquest.

The first witness to arrive at the Grand Jury room this morning was Coroner Ferdinand J. Kelly, who came at 10.30 with a big bundle of papers and inquiries relating to the tunnel disaster.

IN CLUTCHES OF LA GRIPPE.

The Disease Again in New York—Many Notable Victims.

La Grippe, the dreaded Russian malady, is again in the metropolis, and although the spread of the disease has not yet attained the dimensions of a full-fledged epidemic it is creating considerable consternation, especially among the medical profession.

Dr. Edson, of the Board of Health, stated this forenoon that he believed there was an epidemic of la grippe in this city at present. The death rate, the doctor said, last week stood at 94, which was at least 200 above the average of the same week in previous years.

Dr. Anthony Kupperer, the throat specialist, is himself suffering from la grippe, but while he is positive, from a personal knowledge, that the disease is in the city, he is not so sure of a result.

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NOTES OF THE STAGE WORLD.

Manager Henry E. Abbey's First Trip to Australia. "The World's" Prize Play to Succeed "The Pharisee."

Henry E. Abbey—New York's enterprising manager—leaves to-day for Australia, a country he has not yet visited. With Mrs. Abbey, he starts this morning for San Francisco, where he will embark for the far-off land.

The play to succeed "The Pharisee" at the Madison Square Theatre will be that excellent comedy-drama, "The Merchant of Venice," written by the late William Shakespeare, and produced by the World's well-remembered play company.

George Backus has been engaged for Mr. Pitou's stock company. Mr. Backus is working upon a new one-act play.

Miss Margaret Mather's company arrived in the city yesterday from Washington. Mather and Bernhardt played side by side at the nation's capital, and both stars did extremely well.

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REED WILL STUDY IN EUROPE. Ex-Speaker Thomas H. Reed has gone to Europe to thoroughly study English and Continental governments and parliamentary systems.

NARROW TEMPERANCE DOCTRINE. A singularly narrow piece of legislation that is proposed in Maine, by which, if it becomes actual law, liquor dealers and persons who drink liquors will become ineligible for jury duty.

The Central Labor Union has indorsed Assemblyman Sulzer's bill to ventilate and light the Fourth Avenue Tunnel. It thinks, however, that the bill should also order that every tunnel in the State be lighted and ventilated.

SPOTLETS. It isn't essential to a kidnapping case to catch the "kid" napping. After awhile even American "pig" iron will be regarded tolerably by Germany.

MYSTERIOUS "MRS. JOHNSON." The Alleged Shoplifter Released on Bail This Morning. "Mrs. Mary Johnson," the mysterious prisoner who was arrested Saturday for shoplifting, having been caught in the act of stealing a pair of silk stockings at Stern Bros.' store, was released on bail this morning.

THE COMMISSIONER'S INDIGNANT REPLY TO AN INFAMOUS LETTER. Commissioner Gilroy, of the Department of Public Works, to-day sent the following letter, in response to one received by him, dated at Gladstone, N. J., and bearing the signature of E. H. Deakins. The letter is self-explanatory.

200 Chilean Rebels Executed at the Cannon's Mouth. BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION. LONDON, March 23.—Despatches from Calli, received via Buenos Ayres, say there has been severe fighting near Valparaiso recently, and that 200 of the rebellious forces taken prisoners, tied together and shot with cannon and musketry by the Government troops.

HOWARD CROSBY VERY ILL. La Grippe and Grief at His Daughter's Death Lay Him Low. Dr. Howard Crosby is dangerously ill at his home, 115 East Ninety-third street. He fell a victim to the grip last Friday, and pneumonia is feared. His wife, in the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, was filled yesterday by the Rev. Dr. Hastings.

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AT AN ODD BANQUET. Leading Brewers and Their Wives Attend the Beefsteak Club. The leading brewers of the city, with their wives and daughters attended the dinner tendered to the ladies of the Turley Bay Beefsteak Club at Opperman's brewery Saturday evening.

TRIED TO BRIBE MR. GILROY. The Commissioner's Indignant Reply to an Infamous Letter. Commissioner Gilroy, of the Department of Public Works, to-day sent the following letter, in response to one received by him, dated at Gladstone, N. J., and bearing the signature of E. H. Deakins.

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PARNELL READY IF HEALY IS. His Application for the Chiltern Hundreds All Prepared. (DUBLIN GAZETTE NEWS SPECIAL.) DUBLIN, March 23.—The Freeman's Journal publishes a letter from Mr. Parnell, addressed to the Cork Leadership Committee, informing them that he has sent his application for the Chiltern Hundreds to Col. Nolan, the "whip" of the Irish party, to be forwarded to the Chancellor of the Exchequer as soon as Mr. Maurice Healy, his colleague in the representation of that city, has submitted his resignation and gone to his constituents.

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