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LAST EDITION. TUNNEL SAFETY.

Commissioners Will Take Up the Duty of Providing for It.

A Two Days' Session of the Board Opened at Albany.

Experts to Testify as to the Utility of Different Lights.

ALBANY, May 18.—The Railroad Commissioners began a two days' session to-day for the consideration of plans for lighting and ventilating tunnels in accordance with the provisions of the bill which was received the Governor's signature last week.

The question of properly lighting and ventilating tunnels is regarded by the Commissioners as a great deal of a poser.

The Commissioners claim to have experts at work experimenting with every conceivable kind of light, from the modest tapers to the magnificent electric lamps, and before they conclude they are expected to furnish the Commissioners with testimony enough concerning their various illuminating devices to start a library.

Inconspicuous electric lamps, such as are in use in the Hoosac Tunnel, won't be it at all, the Commissioners claim, saying that they may do fairly well in a tunnel where there are only two trains an hour, but where there are thirty trains an hour they will not fill the bill.

The great objection to them is that their rays cannot penetrate the perpetual fog of steam and smoke that fills the tunnel.

To-day's session has been devoted entirely to preparation and testimony, and the reports will be taken up to-morrow with the reports of the experts. It is intended to give a public hearing to the railroad companies, but the date has not been fixed for it and will not be determined until the close of to-morrow's session.

Commissioner Rickard, when asked by THE WORLD'S correspondent regarding his plans for lighting and ventilating the tunnels, particularly the Fourth avenue passage, said he had formulated no plan as yet and could not speak understandingly on the subject until he had heard the reports of the experts.

"The most important thing seems to me," said he, "to be to get the kind of light that will concentrate its rays upon the track in such a way as not to disconcert the engineers, and at the same time be sufficiently powerful to penetrate the clouds of steam and smoke."

"Ordinary sixteen-candle power incandescent electric lamps have been tried in the Fourth Avenue tunnel in New York, but they had to be taken out. They did not meet the requirements at all, but, on the contrary, were a source of annoyance to the engineers."

"The railroad companies put them in as an experiment and took them out at the request of the men who had to drive engines through the tunnel. Their tendency, the men claimed, was to confuse them."

"Now it will be necessary to avoid the defects of these incandescent lamps and to secure something that will light the track as the locomotive headlights do. Just what will be decided upon, of course, I can't say. The experts will have to report, and then a public hearing will be given to the railroad companies."

Upon being asked about the lighting of the Fitchburg tunnel by incandescent electric lamps, Commissioner Rickard said:

"I know that Hoosac Tunnel is lighted by electricity after a fashion, but then that tunnel cannot be compared to the Fourth Avenue tunnel. There is a great many things to be considered in this matter, and I think every facility should be given to all parties interested to be heard before any action is taken."

Table with columns: High, Low, American Sugar Ref., American Oil Co., etc.

Russia Acquires Full Control of a Great R. R. Plant.

She Lost Her Reason.

CITY NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Note-Book and Desk.

Charged With Kicking a Woman.

Turned Up by the River.

Crownwell Gets His Big Fee.

Clearing Out the St. Romans.

Cousins Held for Robbery.

Mrs. Goodwin Gets \$75 a Week.

Recognized a Highway Robber.

Robbed in the Steerage.

Dr. Newell Paroled.

Farell's Record Against Him.

Manager Doris Acquitted.

Conferring with Boss Croker.

Gildea's Trial for Murder.

Beattie's Axe Taken So Heads.

Attempted Suicide for a Love Affair.

Paquin's Trial for Murder.

Was Natalie Obtained?

Two Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Lord Edward Cavendish, of Derbyshire, Dead of Influenza.

Wicked Gibbs Threatens.

Cabinet Places in Portugal Reported as Going Begging.

Games Scheduled for To-Day.

Wrote News in Mich.

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ALL travelers should take MORRIS'S CHERRY BLOSSOM, and they are invaluable on long trips.

GRAND JURY ON THE RIPPER.

Witnesses Heard Against Frenchy Amerer Ben Ali.

His Indictment for the East River Hotel Murder Certain.

These witnesses were present to testify against Frenchy.

Very few of the witnesses detained at the House of Detention were called, and it was said that the evidence brought before the jury would be a brief summary of that produced at the coroner's inquest.

An indictment was expected this afternoon, it was said, although there was a rare possibility that the case might be continued over until to-morrow.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, of the Board of Health, had not yet in an appearance up to 11.45, but it was said that he would appear before the Grand Jury and give testimony regarding the tell-tale blood spots that he examined under the microscope.

Assistant District-Attorney Wellman is conducting the case for the people.

Dr. J. J. O'Connor said this morning: "I don't see how there can be any doubt as to the ownership of the knife now."

Very few of the witnesses could be put on the stand, as the jury was positively said that the bloody knife was the same as Frenchy had in the Queens County Jail, but they swore that it was very like it, and I am convinced that it did actually belong to him."

The Grand Jury came into Part I. at 1.15 this afternoon, but reported no indictment in the East River hotel murder case.

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WHAT CRIME IS HERE?

Staten Island Has Another Mystery in Mrs. Mahler's Death.

Her Body Washed Ashore Tied to a Heavy Stone.

Perhaps Murder, Perhaps Suicide, Say the Authorities.

There are reasons to believe that she was a victim of foul play.

It was about 6 o'clock Saturday night that the body was found.

The colored lad ran away in fear while Paton pulled the body beyond the reach of the waves.

The teeth were gone and not a particle of flesh was left on the skull.

The body was that of a woman, semi-nude, but bloated almost past the semblance of humanity.

The foreman of the jury said that no lumber would be sold or delivered, not even to box factories.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the Association to-morrow at 3 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Central Labor Union yesterday resolutions were offered to try and have the members of the Lumber Trade Association indicted for conspiracy.

After considering the matter, it was found best to let the Board of Walking Delegates, under whose direction the trouble is, attend to the matter.

The Board of Delegates will meet as usual at 10 East 112nd street this afternoon, and will discuss the present lumber trouble.

If the tie-up continues as lightly all the week as it appears this morning, it will secure some of the builders uptown very hard.

All labor organizations affiliated with the Central Labor Union have been requested to hold special meetings at once for the purpose of considering how to raise funds in aid of the building trades unions now on strike for shorter hours.

There is no doubt that the lumber trade is the cause of the trouble.

The men are equally determined, and give out without restriction that lumber is plentiful.

An uptown builder has imported a lighter load of beams and heavy timber from out of town, and this morning two loads were dropped in front of a five-story brick flat house that is the property of the late Mrs. Mahler.

Four loads were dropped in front of another new building in One Hundred and Eighteenth street between Fourth and Madison avenues.

A load of mixed building lumber was driving along East Tenth street this morning with the Central Labor Union company's paint on the truck. The Builder Lumber Company is in Brooklyn.

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Mr. Luck's lumber is so fixed, said Mr. Ogden, that the lumber trade is the cause of the trouble.

Whether this is a boycott or not it makes little difference. We want the thing fixed so no lumber can be used.

Secretary George Wood, of the Central Strike Committee of the Lumber Handlers' Union was at the headquarters in West 111th street on Second Avenue last morning.

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FEEL THE TIE-UP.

Association Lumber Yards Are All Closed in Earnest To-Day.

No Lumber Is Being Sold, Even to Boxmakers.

Walking Delegates Declare It Is All Bluff and the Unions Will Win.

Signers of the Lumber Trade Association's agreement had agreed to-day to shut up the lumber yards of this city and put into operation extreme measures.

At the yards of William P. Youngs & Bro.'s, at about Third street, the large cranes were closed, the trucks were drawn up in line and the horses were in the stables.

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A SUNDAY CALL.

Col. Hain Blames the Northern Road for Sunday's Mismanagement.

CAUSE OF THE "L'S" CRUSH.

Col. Hain explained this morning how it all happened that nearly half of the 40,000 or 50,000 people who started yesterday morning by way of the Sixth Avenue Elevated Railroad to attend the laying of the corner-stone of St. Joseph's seminary at Valentine Hill just below Tombs.

The elevated road was to make connection with the New York and Northern Railroad at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, but the connection and subsequent journey was a long and tedious one.

Trains on that road were stalled two miles from their destination, and thousands had to tramp the distance over dusty roads in order to be present at the ceremonies in time.

Among those who suffered most by this inconvenience and annoyance were the venerable Archbishop Corrigan and the other prelates who officiated at the services and Mayor Grant.

The delay gave a practical illustration of the inefficiency of traffic facilities. Several thousand people went to Tombs on the steamer Grand Republic and on other vessels, and if these excursions had been added to the crush on the railroad, some of them, as Secretary Hain of the New York and Northern said, would be in Tombs yet.

The One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street station of the Sixth Avenue "L" road was packed as it never was before—so crowded that a 2 o'clock train could not unload there.

Somebody is to blame, of course, Col. Hain says he isn't; that the fault lies with the New York and Northern.

Twenty-three train loads were discharged at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street in ten minutes. The New York and Northern couldn't carry the people away as fast as we wanted them, and the result was a block-up.

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Mysterious Butchery of a Man on Centre Street This Afternoon.

William Duckett Nearly Cut in Two, but Won't Tell Who Did It.

Taken to the Hospital in a Dying State—Police on the Murderer's Trail.

A horrible and mysterious butchery was done on Centre street at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The victim, a laborer, was found sitting on a stoop almost completely disemboweled from a terrible stab wound in the abdomen.

The man was returned to Chambers Street Hospital, refusing to say who inflicted his injuries.

Police Officer Mitchell, of the Leonard street station, who was patrolling his post along Centre street shortly after noon to-day, saw the man sitting doubled up near a pool of blood on the stone steps of B. Mannecke's drug store, corner of Pearl and Centre streets.

He was crying and appeared to be suffering from intense pain. Officer Mitchell questioned him and he said his name was William Duckett and lived at 194 Park row.

He said he had been injured in the abdomen a half hour before, but how or in what manner he received his injuries he declined to say.

Officer Mitchell had Duckett carried into the drug store and sent for an ambulance.

At the Chambers Street Hospital, all information was denied regarding the stabbing, except to Capt. Brooks, of the Elizabeth street station, who at one detailed Detective Sherman, Laton and Price to investigate the case.

Capt. Brooks said to an EVENING WORLD reporter: "This is, indeed, a very mysterious case. The man Duckett was most terribly stabbed and disemboweled."

"He refuses point blank to say who did the butchery. My three ward detectives are on the case and we expect to get at the bottom of it before long."

At Philip Mannecke's drug store, corner of Pearl and Centre streets, all information was denied regarding the stabbing, except to Capt. Brooks, of the Elizabeth street station, who at one detailed Detective Sherman, Laton and Price to investigate the case.

A young man was drawing soda water for a customer when an EVENING WORLD reporter asked for information regarding the man who had fallen in his doorway, bleeding and dying, and he replied coolly:

"He had nothing about it. He did not come here."

"Then what is that blood on your feet?" the reporter asked, pointing to spatters of blood on the drug clerk's forehead.

"I don't know anything about it. You had better find out," he replied, doggedly.

Even the old Italian who keeps a fruit stand at the corner, and who must have been within three feet from the spot when the wounded man fell, shrugged his shoulders and declared he had seen no man that had been stabbed.

A plumber in the basement under the drug store said that he saw a man resting toward Fifth street on the sidewalk. He was going north on Centre street, and a moment later a crowd gathered.

A bystander who refused to give his name, said that he saw two men, both drunk, in a sort of scuffle in Centre street south of Pearl street.

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