ACTIVE WAR ON GERRY

To Be Renewed in Earnest when the Legislature Opens.

Chances that He Will Be Shorn of His Autocratic Power.

Parental Instinct Ignored by His Cruel Officers.

Alexander Hume Ford, the dramatist, is a great lover of children. He believes that the stage is one of the best schools for forming juvenile character, and he has been instrumental in giving to the stage some of the best exponents of child parts. He considers it a laring cruelty when a child with a natural aptitude for the stage is kept by law from pursuing his favorite vocation.

It is this feeling that brought him to the front last Winter in the fight against the arbitrary methods of the Children's Society.

He soon became the head of the movement and enlisted the co-operation of the theatrical managers. Mr. Ford is sanguine over the prospects for the anti-Gerry crusade which is to go on at Albany as soon as the Assembly meets. Mr. Ford says that at the next meeting of the Legislature the Anti-Gerry Society will ask for an amendment which will forever settle the question.

To Seek an Investigation.

"Further than this," said Mr. Ford, "there is a movement on foot to request the Legislature to appoint a committee to look into the methods of the Children's Society and take from it its police powers. It is believed that Gerry's agents have made many illegal arrests. I have seen Supt. Byrnes and he has promised to collect evidence when called upon to do so. The Anti-Gerry Society is also at work through its lawyer, Myer J. Stein, and the Winter will be spent fighting the question to a finish."

Mr. Ford recounted several instances of the hardships that are imposed on poor children by the Society. One of these cases was that of little Lizzie McGrath, who lived at 400 East Twenty-third street. The family was very poor, and the father was out of work. Last Winter was a hard one, and McGrath seldom made more than $4 or $5 a week as a tailor. The eldest daughter, a slim, pale-faced girl of thirteen, worked twelve hours a day in a dry-goods store on Fourteenth street for $1.75 a week.

Her little sister, Lizzie, the mainstay of the family, danced with a score of other children in "La Cigale," and earned $10 a week. Every night her older sister came from the cash counter to the theatre to enjoy a romp with the children in their play-room and share their supper. Gerry sent an agent to attend the rehearsals and gave his permission for the children to dance, but that pleasure was soon to be at an end.

Driven from the Stage to the Store.

When little La Regalencita defied the Society, said Mr. Ford, a message came over the telephone and fell heavily on the hearts of the children. Gerry had decreed that children should not sing or dance on the stage any longer, and Manager French was threatened with prosecution in the courts if he should disobey the mandate of the autocrat.

"The distress among the children obliged to support themselves was pitiful," said he. "They wept bitterly as they thought of the long hours in the great dry-goods stores in prospect and the hard work to which they must return.

"Under the cloak of charity a man, naturally unsympathetic and cold, who has never known what want and misery and poverty are, except as he has seen them from the windows of his carriage on a brief tour of the city, or within the walls of an institution," said he, "sent these children back to a life full of pain and sorrow. He knows," continued Mr. Ford, "that the factory and the dry-goods store are far more injurious to health, life and morals of children than their light work on the stage can ever be."

"Don't you think the Society does good?" was asked.

"I used to think so," he said, "but I don't any longer. It is a breeder of brutality. It is the only society that lives by the suppression of the parental instincts. 'Babes torn from mothers,' used to be a great anti-slavery cry, but the Children's Society tears babes from mothers every day. Indeed, one day not long ago I witnessed a touching sight at the Society's headquarters.

Parental Instinct Suppressed.

"A respectable-looking woman came in and asked to see her child. Supt. Jenkins gruffly told her she could not. The woman wept and pleaded in vain. Short and brutal replies answered her tears. 'For God's sake,' she said, 'let me see my child for out one brief instant.'

"'No, you had better go on. Go on, now, I say,' and to this order the unhappy mother went away.

"I asked Mr. Jenkins why he had crushed the woman's maternal love so, and he said: 'Oh, she drinks.'

"'Is she drunk now?' I asked.

"'No, but I learned from the last place she was at that she was drunk two weeks ago.'

"This was only one instance of the police and spy power of the Society," said Mr. Ford. "Whatever good the Society may do, it can never compensate for the danger to society of giving police power to a private society.

"We do not anticipate as much trouble in the Assembly this Winter as in the past. Mr. Gerry's arguments are all old. He has never advanced a new argument to uphold his position, and I defy him to do so."

Stage Children to Visit Albany.

Mr. Ford says that the anti-Gerry movement will have powerful and unique allies this Winter at Albany, and that Zelda Sanders, President of the Stage Children's Anti-Gerry Society, and other stage children expect to visit Albany and use their juvenile persuasive powers on the legislators.

The theatrical managers are also lending all their influence to the agitation. The Managers' Association, of which A. M. Palmer and Frank Sanger are officers, have assumed all the expenses of the suit of Zelda Sanders, whose case goes to the Supreme Court on appeal next month. This is the case which Mayor Grant decided should go to the courts to test the meaning of the law.

"If Zelda wins," Mr. Ford explained, "the Mayor can give licenses for children to dance and sing irrespective of Gerry's mandates. If she does not win, the fight will go in the Legislature."

The money to meet the expenses of the campaign against Gerry, it is thought, will be raised at the benefit for the Anti-Gerry Society to be given on the afternoon of Dec. 16 at Proctor's Twenty-third street Theatre.

The play will be a strong war drama called "Drayton Hall," written by Mr. Ford. Zelda Sanders will then make her debut in a leading role. She will have a night prayer scene, to which her exquisite beauty fits her. The play culminates in an intensely dramatic situation, and many of the leading actors in other companies have volunteered their services to give eclat to the cast.

Jarring of Police Harmony.

There is prospect of a hot fight between Supt. C. P. Smith, of the Jersey City police, and the Police Commissioners of that city. Supt. Smith is in favor of a general shake up of the force. The Police Board hesitates about making the changes until Supt. Smith has made specific charges against the captains and detectives who have, according to him, neglected their duty.

Coming Events.

Ball of the K. U. V. Banner Bros.'s employees, at Beethoven Maennerchor Halle, East Fifth street, Monday night.

Third annual sundown supper of the Tenderloin Club at Jaeger's, Madison avenue and Fifty-ninth street, Dec. 18, 7.30 p. m.

The Rev. Dr. Newland Maynard, Chaplain of the Ninth Regiment, will preach the annual sermon to the command under Col. William Seward to-morrow afternoon at Calvary Episcopal Church, Twenty-first street and Fourth avenue.

Saturday evening, Dec. 17, at the Museum, Central Park West and Seventy-seventh street, lecture, Prof. J. E. Rees, of Columbia College, "The Great Telescopes of the World."

To-morrow afternoon, 4 o'clock, Eighty-ninth Street Branch Young Men's Christian Association, address to young men by Miss Fanny J. Crosby.

To-morrow afternoon, 4 o'clock, 15 East Fifty-ninth street, lecture, Dr. Ward, "The Life and Character of Charles Darwin."

FOREIGN THEATRICAL NEWS.

Famous Terry Family to Start a School of Acting.

Loie Fuller Makes a Hit in Paris—New London Plays.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Dec. 10.—This is the cattle show week, when London is filled with more people from the provinces than at any other time during the year. For the theatres it is the most thriving week of the year, the strangers in the city naturally turning at night to them for amusement.

The death of Fred Leslie, which occurred on Wednesday last, threw a gloom over the London theatrical world, in which he was very popular. On Wednesday night the Gaiety Theatre, where he was playing prior to his illness, was closed in honor of his memory.

The original four-act comedy "Liberty Hall," by Mr. H. C. Carton, has been produced at the St. James's Theatre, with George Alexander, the manager of the theatre; Miss Marion Terry, Miss Maude Millett and Alisa Craig, Miss Ellen Terry's daughter, in the cast.

It is a smartly written and charming play. It has a simple English conventional plot and is well acted. It is drawing good houses and seems destined for a long run, which will prove the fallacy of the idea that the public does not care for sweet, pure plays, but wants drama based on Ibsenism.

The appearance of Miss Marion Terry and Alisa Craig in "Liberty Hall" calls attention to the fact that the Terry family are opening in Bedford street, Strand, a school of acting, an idea which has long been advocated by many members of the profession. Classes will be formed for teaching elocution, acting and stage dancing. Benjamin Terry, the father of the numerous Terry family, will preside, and will be assisted by Mrs. Edmund Phelps, Miss Maud Milton, Miss Charlotte Elliott, Miss H. D'Auban and Mr. Walter Melbourne. A theatre is to be built on a small scale for the use of the public. Many actors contend that such institutions are useless. The experiment will therefore be followed with much interest.

On Monday night Mr. Brookfield's version of Sardou's "Divorcons," under the title of "To-Day," was produced at the Comedy Theatre. The risky situations in the original play were greatly altered, one change being the transference of the cabinet particulier dinner to a public room in the Savoy Hotel. The dialogue of the play in spots is extremely witty, but the work is weighed down with much dulness in an attempt to spin a short farce into a comedy.

On Thursday Mr. Charles Wyndham successfully reopened the Criterion Theatre with Mr. Henderson's "Agatha," that had been renamed the "Silent Battle" to distinguish it from "Agatha Tylden," Mrs. Langtry's play. It proved a special treat for the admirers of fine acting.

On the same night Terry's Theatre reopened with Miss Florence Warden's "Uncle Mike." It was presented by a capable company, but its members failed to save the play, which was aimless and unreal.

Miss Loie Fuller, the originator of the serpentine dance, has made a great sensation in Paris, where her beauty, her grace and her talent have been extolled on every hand.

It is stated from Edinburgh that the Queen has summoned the American Quartet of Meistersingers to perform at Windsor Castle on Saturday.

Paderewski netted £900 from his single recital in London on Tuesday last. He played at Brighton to-day. He travels in England in a special saloon car, containing a piano, which enables him to practise on his journeys. He will sail for New York in January.

Henri Marteau, the Josef Hoffman of violinists, who played some years ago at the Richter concerts at St. James's Hall, has been engaged by Rudolph Aronson and Major J. B. Pond for a tour in America, beginning next January.

TELLS A TALE OF HORROR.

Lizzie Mulvey Found Unconscious in a Lumber Yard.

Lizzie Mulvey, twenty-two years old, and bearing evidence of departed beauty, lies ill at New York Hospital, the result of an experience startling even in the metropolis.

The girl was found behind a lumber pile in the most remote corner of the lumber yard of Eben Peck, at Eleventh avenue and Twenty-ninth street, last evening. She lay on a plank unconscious from exposure. There was a man's overcoat about her shoulders and another buttoned about her legs. She wore a cotton petticoat, a cotton chemise, and nothing else. Her head and feet were bare.

At the hospital Lizzie revived sufficiently to relate that she had been in that lumber yard for a whole week. She said she had been taken there by a man she did not know, after he had given her a drink of liquor that made her drowsy. She had had occasional spells of consciousness, when she realized that there were several men with her.

The overcoats were claimed by Andrew Hetzes and John Nolan, employees in the lumber-yard, who said the coats were stolen three weeks ago.

Lizzie said her father was John Mulvey, who lived with his sister, Mrs. Ann Levice, at Richards and William streets, Brooklyn.

CONNOLLY'S AID INVOKED.

A Little Girl's Pitiable Case Cited to the Factory Inspector.

Mrs. Alice H. Rehlne, 410 West Thirty-sixth street, has written a letter to Factory Inspector James Connolly, asking him to prefer charges against the proprietors of the Mutual Steam Laundry Company, 401 and 403 East Twenty-third street, for employing a girl under fourteen years of age, who, while carrying out the instructions of her forewoman, had her right arm so injured that it had to be amputated from the shoulder.

The girl's name is Agile Lupien, and she lives with her father, Napoleon Lupien, at 407 East Eighteenth street.

Mrs. Rehlne also alleges that other children below the legal age are employed at the laundry.

VIGILANCIA IS ALL RIGHT.

The Brazil Mail Steamship Meets Uncle Sam's Requirements.

The big Brazil mail steamship Vigilancia has shown the required amount of speed and will carry the United States mails to Brazil.

The required speed is 12 knots per hour, and the big steamship on her trial yesterday easily rated at 13.89 knots, with 1,600 tons of cargo in the hold.

The Vigilancia is a steel single-screw steamer of 4,115 tons, with triple expansion engines. She is American built. The Finance, Advance and Alliance have yet to be tested.

Capt. J. A. Crossman, a survivor of the ill-fated Chenango, which blew up, is in command of the Vigilancia.

Boy—Candle—Shavings—Slight Fire.

A boy with a lighted candle collided with a barrel of excelsior packing in the basement of 43 Beekman street at 9.10 o'clock this morning, and caused a damage by fire of about $2.

Hurling Game at Ridgewood Park.

A hurling game will be played at Wallace's Ridgewood Park on Sunday afternoon between the Wolfe-Tones and the Irish-Americans.

WAS A GENTLEMAN POLICEMAN

Boyle Said Half Pay Was Only Cigar Money.

Has a Rich Mother and Resigned Rather than Do Duty.

A good story is told at Police Headquarters about Patrolman William F. Boyle, of the Tenderloin Precinct, whose resignation was accepted by the Police Commissioners yesterday.

Until a week ago Boyle was attached to the East Sixty-seventh street station. Previous to that he was on the sick list for nearly a whole year drawing half pay. Police Surgeon McGovern had Doyle up on trial a fortnight ago, charging him with feigning sickness and failing to report for duty when ordered to do so.

Boyle at the trial told Commissioner Sheehan that he had a weak ankle from a fall received in the performance of his duty, which rendered him unfit for patrol duty. He claimed that he was a cripple for life in consequence of the injury.

Dr. McGovern insisted that Boyle was able to do duty if he wanted to. He said he had called to see Boyle at his home on several occasions, but Boyle was not at home and had violated the rules of the Department in leaving the house while under the surgeon's care.

On one occasion the officer's wife told the doctor that her husband was a "gentleman policeman," and that he would have to call between 11 and 1 if he wanted to see him.

Boyle was ten years on the force. It is said he made a statement that he was going to remain on the sick list until he put in his twenty years, when he would retire. This came to the ears of President Martin, who had Boyle transferred to the West Thirtieth street station to see if Capt. O'Connor could get any work out of him.

But Boyle chose to resign rather than do duty, and the Commissioners are not sorry.

The reason that the police did not trouble Boyle was that his aged mother is worth between $200,000 and $300,000, while according to one of his associates his wife has $50,000 in her own right.

A policeman acquaintance of Boyle said he remarked that he fancied going up the road behind a spanking team sooner than do duty. Once when one of his associates spoke to him about the $50 a month he was drawing, while on sick leave, he said:

"Tut! tut! my dear boy, that's only cigar money!"

Surgeon McGovern is happy that Boyle has been taken off his list of police patients.

JERSEY KISSES ONLY $6.

A Connecticut Drummer Expresses Satisfaction with the Price.

The dignity of the Commonwealth of New Jersey has been sustained by Dogberry Simmons, of South River, and a fair price has been judicially fixed for kissing a pretty, cherry-lipped Jersey girl without her consent.

The price is $6, and though Miss Annie Steele, the charming kissee, may not agree as to the sufficiency of the appraisement, the kisser, a swell young man who said he was a salesman for Johnson & Robbins, of Wethersford, Conn., promptly paid the fine with expressions of extreme satisfaction.

It may be, however, that his judgment was biased because of his narrow escape from the pan of hot ashes which Mrs. Charles Anderson tried to throw upon him, the contents of Mr. Anderson's shotgun, the whack of Neighbor Applegate's shillelah, snatched from the cordwood pile, and the ire of the other neighbors who gave chase when the fair Annie yelled for help.

You see, Annie opened the door. The young stranger said she was a pretty girl, asked for a kiss and then took it before she had time to reply. Then she yelled, and the neighbors chased the marauder with the weapons of vengeance most handy.

The audacious thief was captured by a constable, but when he was arraigned before Justice Simmons, surrounded by the whole neighborhood, panting, out of breath, but full of indignation, he refused to give his name, and had the nerve to say he didn't see that he had done anything wrong—and anyway, if he had realized the enormity of the offence, the temptation was irresistible, and—

"You are fined $6," decreed the Court laconically. The kisser promptly paid and disappeared.

MUTINY AT GARDEN CITY.

The Cathedral Schoolboys Sent Home for the Holidays.

The trouble in the Cathedral School of St. Paul, at Garden City, L. I., which was founded as a military academy by A. T. Stewart, has culminated in the closing of the school for the holidays much earlier than usual.

The trouble began by five of the "masters," as the teachers are called, sending in concurrent resignations. They did not like the way they had been treated by the head master, Charles Sturtevant Moore, A. B.

The trustees passed resolutions in support of the head master, and the 100 students, who sympathized with the under masters, started in to show their displeasure.

Up to Thursday morning the boys owned the school. They had midnight parades, fancy dress orgies, and played football in the halls with chandelier globes.

When the pace became too hot the head master sent the boys home on a long Christmas holiday.

Yesterday they left in a body, full of joy and devilry, mutinous to the last.

SCHOOL BOARD POLITICS.

Commissioners Scheming to Succeed President J. L. N. Hunt.

It is predicted that until the second Wednesday in January, when the election of a President of the Board of Education to succeed J. L. N. Hunt takes place, there will be a surfeit of politics in the Board. Beside the present incumbent, Commissioners Robert Maclay, A. L. Sanger and William Lummis have been announced as candidates, with, perhaps, several others to hear from.

It is hinted that the majority of the Board desires a change and that there are equality as many who would be willing to accept the mantle which Mr. Hunt will soon doff.

The question of establishing a fund to pension teachers after they have served a certain number of years will be brought up at the next meeting of the Committee on By-Laws.

Nevada's Silver Depression.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Gov. Calcord, of Nevada, speaking of the despatch stating that nearly all the quartz mills on the Carson River had shut down and that there was a general depression in Nevada owing to the low price of silver, said: "This is all true, and I may add that we have not now a dividend-paying silver mine in Nevada."

Three Small Fires.

Slight fires occurred during the night in the rooms of Eliza Demarest, at 303 West Thirty-third street, causing $100 damage; at 351 East Seventy-seventh street and at 54 Cliff street.

Northern Pacific Gets Patrolmen.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

TACOMA, Dec. 10.—Owing to repeated attempts to wreck trains on its lines the Northern Pacific has sent out armed patrolmen on every three miles of road between Tacoma and the Columbia River.

German-American Veterans.

A general call has been issued to all the German-American veterans of the United States regular army and navy to meet at Johnson's Kreutzer Hall, 415 East Fifth street, at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon to form an organization of veterans in honor of Gen. Steuben.

GILROY'S POLICY OUTLINED.

Expected to Retain Present Heads of Departments.

Who Will Lead Republican Forces in the Next Assembly?

Mayor-elect Gilroy's speech at the Sagamore Club reception Thursday night is regarded by politicians as outlining his policy relative to appointments. His eulogy of Mayor Grant and his administration, which he said was of "such high standard that it will be difficult for me to maintain it," and his subsequent remark that "with the assistance of the men whom he (Grant) has appointed as heads of departments, and with the assistance of my fellow-citizens, I have determined to do all in my power that can benefit the people of this city," is taken as an indication that Mr. Gilroy will continue in power the present heads of departments. The office-holders are, in consequence, overjoyed, and the office-seekers are correspondingly discouraged and dismayed.

The political prognosticators profess to know that most of the officials whose terms expire will be reappointed. It is asserted with an equal degree of positiveness that Mr. Gilroy's successor as Commissioner of Public Works will be taken from the Police Department, and that it will either be President James J. Martin or Commissioner John C. Sheehan.

If either Sheehan or Martin is made Public Works Commissioner, Mayor Gilroy will then have the appointment of two Police Commissioners, as Commissioner MacLean's term expires May 1 next. Mr. MacLean is in disgrace at Tammany Hall on account of his opposition to the organization's policy in the Police Board, and will not be reappointed, it is said.

Tammany Leader John Reilly, of the Tenth District, is reported to be slated for Fire Commissioner, and Leader John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the Bureau of Streets and Roads, who was a strong favorite for Commissioner of Public Works, for promotion to some more lucrative position in the Department.

A "sure tip" is to the effect that Commissioners of Accounts Michael T. Daly and Charles G. F. Wahle, whose terms expire Jan. 1, are certain of reappointment.

There is talk that Health Commissioner Joseph D. Bryant, who is Mr. Cleveland's physician, will not again be a candidate for reappointment, and that Registrar of Vital Statistics John T. Nagle will succeed him in the Board.

Drs. Platt, Brookfield, Hackett and other eminent physicians held a post-mortem examination on the Republican corpus delicti at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. Cause of demise not announced.

For a live subject they discussed the question, "On whom shall be bestowed the honor of the Republican leadership in the next Assembly? The contestants for the prize are George R. Maltby, of Ogdensburg; Hamilton Fish, jr., and Ainsworth.

Barney Rourke will only have a share in the Tammany leadership in the Third District. Assemblyman Timothy "Dry Dollar" Sullivan, who has moved from the Second into the Third District, has been made leader to succeed Harry C. Miner. But Rourke will be practically in charge while Sullivan is in Albany during the session of the Legislature.

DOLLARS FOR LOST DOGS.

Miss Booth and Mrs. Murtha Offer Rewards for Their Pets.

Miss Marion Booth, the actress, whose husband is suing her for divorce on the ground of alleged cruelty, now believes that her cherished pet dog, "Doctor," has been stolen by some of her husband's friends for the sole purpose of causing her annoyance.

MISS BOOTH'S DOG "DOCTOR."

The reward of $20 offered by Miss Booth for the return of the animal to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 10 East Twenty-second street, still holds good.

Another case of a lost pet, which has caused grief to a loving household, is that of the sky-blue terrier "Snap," stolen from Mrs. S. F. Murtha, 63 West Fifteenth street. Mrs. Murtha will give $50 for his return and "no questions asked."

ITALIANS FORCED INTO SLAVERY.

Band of West Virginia Negroes Watched Them Night and Day.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

PITTSBURG, Dec. 10.—About a year ago the Keystone Employment Agency of this city started Charles Stein with twenty-five Italians for Logan County, W. Va., to work on the Norfolk and Western Railway.

At Dingeslown a couple of hundred colored men pulled revolvers and told the Italians that they would have to stop there and work or be shot.

The colored men guarded them while they worked and while they slept and gave them no pay. After a week, at midnight, they stole away down the valley. The colored men pursued them with bloodhounds and they made good their escape only after killing the dogs and eluding the negroes by hiding in the mountains.

Stein, who has returned to Pittsburg, thinks that some of the men were killed at Dinggestown.

M'AULIFFE AND MYER TO SPAR.

Interest Centring in the Friendly Bout at Chicago To-Night.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—In the Second Regiment Lake Front Armory to-night Jack McAuliffe, light-weight champion of the world, and Billy Myer will spar six necessarily friendly but spirited rounds. No attempt will be made to give the affair the semblance of a prize fight.

Both, however, are determined to make as good a showing as possible, and the best ring tactics that each of them knows is to be brought to bear. Myer has been training for some weeks, and will enter the ring twenty pounds lighter than when he commenced work.

McAuliffe has not trained and carries about thirty pounds of superfluous flesh.

Seidl in Harlem.

The first grand subscription concert for the benefit of the Harlem Y. W. C. A. will be given in the Calvary M. E. Church, Seventh avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, Monday evening by Anton Seidl and his Metropolitan orchestra. The soloists will be Miss Gertrude Stein, contralto; Mr. Clifford Schmidl, violin, and Mr. Victor Herbert, violoncello.

A Printer Found Dead.

Thomas Jelly, a printer, sixty-five years old, was found dead in the hallway of his residence, 37 Henry street, early this morning.

HOTEL SHIP FOR HUNTERS.

Curious Craft Now in Port on Her Way to Florida.

Designed to Carry the Rod and Gun Far Up the Rivers.

The hotel ship Danforth, lying at Prentice's stores, Brooklyn, attracts scores of curious people to the dock at the foot of Jorralemon street. The Danforth was built at Bath, Me., and is on her way to Smyrna, Fla., which will be her headquarters. She will navigate the Hillsbourgh and Indian Rivers, being designed for the use of hunters.

FLOATING HOTEL DANFORTH.

This novel craft is 125 feet long and 30 feet wide amidships. She is perfectly flat-bottomed, draws but 25 inches of water, and is painted white over all.

The Danforth has a deck-house 80 feet long, in the shape of a T, the wings being at the stern. The vessel has a stern paddle-wheel 16 feet long and 12 in diameter, divided in the centre, both sections revolving on the same shaft. There is a rudder on each side of the wheel and a third in the centre.

There are two fifty-horse power horizontal engines. They are set at an angle and the driving-rods work directly on the wheel. The next room forward of the engine-room is the social-room, 12 feet wide and 20 long, and fitted in keeping with the purposes for which the craft is designed.

Over the stairway leading to the dining-room below is the huge head of a moose, with antlers spreading 4½ feet.

The next compartment is a smoking-room, and beyond this is a miniature country store, with a complete stock of general merchandise for the convenience of the guests.

In the forward end of the deck is the wheel-house. From the engine-room around the entire deckhouse extends a clear deck eight feet wide, from which the sports will do their fishing and shooting. The dining-room below decks is light and airy. To the rear, under the engine-room, are the apartments of J. S. Danforth, the owner.

Six staterooms (7x10) open into the dining-room. Four others are reached by a companionway leading from the dining-room. The kitchen, boiler-room, quarters for the crew, coal bunkers and a water tank of 2,000 gallons capacity are forward. A dozen cedar and canvas canoes are stored on top of the deck-house.

The officers of the Danforth are: Capt. J. H. Marshall, of Norfolk, Va.; Manager, E. L. Rogers; Chief Engineer, Fred. Crooker. The crew is composed of twenty men, twelve of whom will act as guides. Among the latter are: Ben Crafts, Cliff McKenny, Clark Hill and Alex. Robarge and his sons Charles and Joe.

The Danforth ran from Bath to this port under her own steam, making 127 miles on one day. She will leave for the South to-morrow.

Capt. Marshall expects to arrive at New Smyrna by Jan. 1. Owner J. S. Danforth is manager of the Lake Pormachenee Club of Maine. He intends to spend his Winters in Florida and his Summers in his native State.

The Danforth will receive her guests, most of whom are Northern people, by Jan. 15, when the first trip will be made into the interior of Florida.

SUICIDE IN A CELL.

Stickler Shot Himself while Waiting for a Bondsman.

Another suicide in a cell is reported from Jersey City.

William Stickler, proprietor of a restaurant at 119 Pacific avenue, was arrested yesterday for assaulting his wife and her mother.

He was given a hearing before Justice Kimmerly and was sent back to the Communipaw avenue station-house pending the appearance of a bondsman.

Five minutes after he had been locked up the Sergeant heard a pistol shot, and on going to Stickler's cell found him dead on the floor.

The bullet had passed through Stickler's neck and lodged in his spinal column.

Stickler is thought to have been insane since he fell out of a four-story window recently.

ONE STUBBORN JUROR.

He Prevents an Agreement in the Barnett Case.

The jurors who tried Abraham Barnett, the Baxter street puller-in, for the killing of John T. Clower, came into the Oyer and Terminer this morning and told Justice Russell they could not agree.

The jury had been locked up from 3.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and had stood without the slightest change in view from 4 o'clock, fifteen minutes after leaving the court-room.

Justice Russell asked the jurors if they did not think it wise to again retire and try to reach a conclusion. The jurors said an agreement was not possible.

Barnett was indicted for manslaughter in the second degree.

Eleven of the jurors favored a verdict of guilty with a strong recommendation of mercy, but the twelfth man refused to accept such a verdict.

DID "NICK" SEE THE FIGHT?

Policeman and Pugilist Accused of Leaving His Post of Duty.

"Nick" Callan, the ex-pugilist, who was recently appointed a patrolman in Brooklyn, will face Commissioner Hayden next Tuesday morning to answer charges of absenting himself from duty from 6 o'clock Thursday night until 9 o'clock yesterday morning, when it is charged he went to Coney Island to witness the Goddard-Maher fight.

Charges were also preferred against Sergt. John L. Zimmerman, of the Vernon avenue station, for using insulting language to Samuel Myers, of 297 Pulaski street, when the latter visited the station-house to inquire about a missing child.

$12,460,235 PAID FOR THE FAIR.

Estimate for Completing the Exposition Already Exceeded.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The Directors thought $10,000,000 would be the limit needed to complete the World's Fair when Congress voted to send the Exposition to Chicago. Auditor Ackerman's report shows that the expenditures to Dec. 1 have been $12,460,235.61.

The receipts have been $13,229,451.98. The available balance on hand Dec. 1 was $630,008.33, about enough to last two weeks at the present rate of expenditure. But the souvenir coins are coming soon, and the directors have nearly $2,000,000 yet in Exposition bonds, from which no capital has been received.

John Kline May Be Hall's Trainer.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BELOIT, Wis., Dec. 10.—John Kline, of this city, may train Jim Hall for his fight with Fitzsimmons. Hall telegraphed Kline asking for the latter's services. Kline is a very successful trainer and fitted Hall for his previous engagement with Fitzsimmons.

"BLACK CROOK" GIRLS FLEE.

Appear in Scantier Costumes than They Wear on the Stage.

Fire in Bernard Dyllyn's Room at the Cafe Figaro the Cause.

A fire occurred early this morning in the Cafe Figaro, at 1 Irving place, which caused considerable excitement among the theatrical folks living there.

It was about 7.15 when the flames were discovered in the room of Baritone Singer John Bernard Dyllyn, on the third story rear.

Dyllyn was awakened by the smoke, and jumping out of bed found the woodwork around the fireplace ablaze. He rushed out into the hall crying "Fire!"

In a few minutes great excitement prevailed. Many of the actors and actresses in the "Black Crook" company live in the house, and every one was fast asleep when Dyllyn's cries rang through the halls.

James Thornton, author of "My Sweetheart's the Man in the Moon," and his wife slept across the hall from Baritone Dyllyn's room.

An apartment on the fourth story is occupied by Petro, the impersonator at the Imperial Music Hall.

Max Mansfield, one of the proprietors, slept in the second story.

Policeman Farrell sent in an alarm from the box corner of Third avenue and Fourteenth street. The noise of the fire engines as they came rattling up added to the excitement.

Mr. Mansfield's professional boarders rushed downstairs in all styles of attire. The firemen with their hooks and axes met them on the stairs.

There was considerable smoke in the halls, which made a number of the professional ladies experience a choking sensation. The firemen tore up the floor in the room where the fire was and broke through the ceiling of the room below.

The fire was evidently caused by a defective flue. It didn't take long to put it out, but by the time the firemen got through Baritone Dyllyn's room was a sad-looking place.

Mr. Dyllyn resumed his slumbers, which were so rudely disturbed, in another part of the house.

Mansfield & Van Raven, proprietors of the Cafe Figaro, place their loss at not more than $500.

IN TOUCH WITH ROCK ISLAND.

Rio Grande and Union Pacific Men May Strike Out of Sympathy.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

DENVER, Dec. 9.—It is rumored here that the switchmen on the Denver and Rio Grande and the Union Pacific, if necessary, will strike out of sympathy with the Rock Island operators.

The Rock Island Company uses the Union Pacific and Rio Grande track to Denver and Colorado Springs, having a contract which calls for the use of their tracks, unless it is made impossible by providential interference.

On this account the two roads will have to stand by the Rock Island, and if the switchmen strike it will cause a tie-up of their lines.

"Big Four's" Trouble Still Unsettled.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—After a four days' session of Supt. Peck, of the "Big Four," and the Executive Committee of operators, they are still unable to come to a settlement. There is more talk of a strike than at any time since the telegraphers have been in the city. The new scale of wages has been nearly or quite settled, but Peck refuses to recognize the order on the ground that it will set a bad example. The men claim that they would sooner do without the raise than not be recognized as a union.

James Smith, Jr., Would Be Senator.

It is announced to-day that James Smith, jr., of Newark, proposes to contest with Gov. Abbett for the succession to the United States Senate from New Jersey. Mr. Smith is now taking a rest after the arduous work of the late campaign at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Found Dead in the Hall.

A policeman, a few minutes after midnight this morning, found James V. Heslin, a hack driver, lying dead in the hall of 301 West Fifty-ninth street. Heslin was thirty-three years old and lived at 179 West Sixty-third street. Heart disease killed him.

TRYING MORAL SUASION.

A School Official Makes a Disastrous Experiment.

A good story is told at the expense of a recently appointed supervisor of the public schools in one of our large cities. She was an estimable lady, who had a strong belief in moral suasion and, naturally, a distrust of corporal punishment, says *Wide Awake*.

One day she happened to be visiting a school where a young incorrigible was undergoing punishment for a series of misdemeanors. Even the presence of the school official did not check his bad behavior, and the discouraged teacher cited him as "the worst boy in the school—one that I can't do anything with. I've tried everything in the way of punishment."

"Have you tried kindness?" was the gentle inquiry of the other lady.

"I did for a long while at first, but I've got beyond that now!" the teacher wearily replied.

"Now, my dear little fellow," the new supervisor said, as she seated herself beside him on the settee where he awaited a well-merited chastisement, "I want you to come and see me at my house on Tuesday afternoon. I like to have little boys come to see me, and we'll have a real cosy time. Now, won't you come?"

The astonished urchin could only stammer out: "I—I guess so. I'll get there if I can," and the good lady went to her new duties, well pleased with the success of her friendly subterfuge.

The Tuesday afternoon, exactly at the time appointed, an awkward and not over-clean boy was ushered into her pleasant reception room. Never was greater courtesy shown a guest. The host displayed to his admiring gaze the choicest engravings and brightest books. She played for him the simple and popular melodies that his taste demanded, and then invited him to tea. On her most delicate china she set before him viands that would have done credit to a New England Thanksgiving.

The boy ate with a half-starved relish, and as he showed every sign of enjoyment and glee, she deemed it time to begin the moral teaching to which all this had been the mere preface

"I was very sorry indeed," she began, gravely, and in her sweetest tone, "to see you sitting there in school the other afternoon waiting to be punished, and I thought"

"Oh! please'm," her little guest interrupted, with his mouth full of cake, "it wasn't me you saw that afternoon at all. It was Billy Patterson, and he gave me 10 cents to come up here and take your jawin'."

Not Made for Concerts.

[From Street & Smith's Good News.]

Bobby De Style—Where is mamma goin'?

Ethel De Style—To see symphony concert.

Bobby—Why don't she wear her new dress?

Ethel—I dess it's so tight she can't talk in it.

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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Carpenters and Joiners' Union No. 291 has donated $14.85 for the Homestead strikers.

Frank Cunningham is the able Secretary of Local Assembly 6,670, K. of L., Furniture and Carpet House employees.

Banner Brothers' employees will have their twenty-second annual ball at Beethoven Hall, 210-214 Fifth street, next Monday.

Richard Kirwin will represent Horseshoers' Union No. 1 at the Central Labor Union's Constitutional Convention next Monday evening.

Klotz & Kromner, of Sandusky, O., have abandoned their attempt to introduce the piecework system in their foundry, and their striking moulders resumed work.

All benefits were suspended by Division No. 2 of the Laborers' Union Protective Association yesterday, to be resumed when conditions will warrant.

Thaddeus B. Wakeman, of the People's party, will speak upon the subject of "Socialism in America," at Higgins's Academy, 140 West Twenty-third street, to-morrow, 8 P. M.

The Progress Association of Steam-Fitters' Helpers will elect new officers next week. The organization indorsed the nomination of James McKim for State Commissioner of Labor.

The Waiters and Bartenders' Union, of Hudson County, N. J., has instructed its Agitation Committee to arbitrate with the proprietor of Wisch's Hall, Hoboken, where non-union waiters are employed.

The Herbert Association of Waiters, Local Union No. 11, has elected Joseph Campbell, President; William Kirk, Vice-President; Henry Steward, Treasurer; Henry McLane, Secretary; Charles Booker, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Dec. 17 Cigar-Makers' Union No. 10 is to vote upon the question of levying a $1 assessment to create a $25,000 defense fund for the indicted Homestead strikers.

President Gompers, with trunks packed full of reports and documents, and Secretary Evans will leave for Philadelphia this afternoon to attend the annual Convention of the American Federation of labor.

Messrs. Philip Bauer, J. Klein and H. Kraemer are the delegates of Bricklayers' Union No. 11 to the International Convention of Bricklayers and Masons in Baltimore.

United Machinists' Union No. 2 has decided to merely condemn the actions and procedure of the Gerry Society. Thomas Morgan has been engaged as the speaker at the Union's Christmas festival.

George E.