MORE INSPECTORS?

A Possible Result of Yesterday's Police Trials.

Commissioners Make a Hurried Visit to the Capitol.

Explanation by an Old Politician of an Apparent Game of Bluff.

The calm and quiet that existed in police circles to-day was wonderful, in contrast with the excitement which has prevailed for the past week because of Supt. Byrnes's charges of neglect of duty preferred against Inspectors Williams and McAvoy, and Capts. Doherty, Stephenson and Westervelt.

The exceedingly tame result of the accused officials' trials yesterday has created no less astonishment than the cool reserve, yet pleasant and smiling demeanor of Supt. Byrnes, who, to all appearances, was snubbed, if not, in a measure, "turned down" by the action of the Police Commissioners yesterday.

Wiseacres yesterday declared that the only course open to Supt. Byrnes in the event of such action as was taken by the Board, was to promptly resign. But the smiling Superintendent had not resigned this morning, and gave no outward intimation that he intended to do any such thing.

These little things, coupled with the exceedingly good terms on which the heads of the Department seemed to be with themselves, naturally gave rise to this query:

"What is the meanng of Supt. Byrnes's charges against two Inspectors, who were completely exonerated by the Board?"

An "Evening World" reporter could get no satisfactory answer to this query at Headquarters. Commissioner James J. Martin, the President of the Board, it was said, was in Albany, and none of the other members of the Board was at Headquarters.

Supt. Byrnes received the reporter cordially, but declined to talk of yesterday's trials or their results, but he evinced not even a sign of displeasure, which quite naturally might have been expected.

The reporter did, however, find one man, high up in political circles, and an ex-Assemblyman, well informed regarding Police Department affairs, who claimed to be able to solve the enigma. Said he:

"This whole affair is a game of bluff, and it means just this: More fat police appointments.

"What makes me think so? Simply this, and you'll see that I'm not far out of the way. You remember that yesterday Commissioner Martin asked Supt. Byrnes if he did not think the police inspection districts were too large, and that the Superintendent thought they were?

"Yes? Well, you also remember that after a long secret session the Board exonerated both inspectors, and why? Because their districts were too large, and they had to depend on their captains to a great extent to learn what was going on.

"Now, the Commissioners are always desirous of making fat appointments. Why not? It's good politics. At present there are no vacant captaincies. None can be made at once on account of the age limit, and none for cause. Now, observe.

"The Commissioners have it on the records by testimony of the Superintendent that the inspection districts are too large. True, they can cut them up themselves and detail Captains to them, and Sergeants to take the places of the Captains so detailed; but that must be done from the present force, and isn't the idea, or object, at all.

"The inspection districts are all big enough to cut squarely in two. But to appoint Inspectors for the three new districts will require special legislation. Here I might ask why President Martin made such a sudden trip to Albany right on the heels of that 'star chamber' session and its findings yesterday?

"See how nice it is; three new Inspectors would make room for three new Captains; their promotion means three new Sergeants, and their elevation, three new roundsmen. There are twelve nice, fat appointments that cannot be made just now in any other way.

"Incidentally, a clause could be run into the new law on Inspectors, giving the Commissioners power to appoint the Chief Inspector, and there you have your friend 'Billy' McLaughlin at the head of the Detective Bureau, de jure, as well as de facto.

"Sounds well, doesn't it? And why shouldn't it work well? You may have observed, too, that Commissioner MacLean hasn't had anything to do with this affair. He wasn't at the trials yesterday, and entirely contrary to custom, the evidence was reviewed and the decision given within two hours after the trial, while Captains being harmlessly censured, and the Inspectors exonerated because more of the latter were needed.

"Perhaps Commissioner McLean anticipated this, and concluded that his usual vote in opposition would avail nothing, but I am inclined to doubt it, because of the strange haste of 'The Inseparable Three' to dispose of cases on the spot.

"The actual additional expense of this move practically means the salaries of the three new inspectors, $10,500; but their appointments and the consequent promotions in the lower ranks would be wonderfully good politics."

When questioned as to a possible increase in the number of inspectorships this morning, Supt. Byrnes, as yesterday, admitted that he thought the present districts were too large.

"I never heard the subject of dividing up the districts discussed until the Commissioners questioned me yesterday," he continued. "The Board can divide the districts or the precincts as they see fit, but they cannot increase the number of inspectors except by special legislation.

"The law at present expressly provides for one Superintendent, four inspectors and one captain and four sergeants for each fifty of the total number of patrolmen."

BOARD UNDER FIRE NOW.

Labor Men Accuse the Commissioners Before the Mayor.

A delegation from the Central Labor Federation, headed by Charles Bohm, waited on Mayor Gilroy this morning to prefer charges against the Police Commissioners.

The Federation's grievance is that the Commissioners acquitted Policeman Stewart, of the Twenty-first precinct, who was accused by Walking Delegate George Herzberg, of the Waiters' Union, with having clubbed and kicked him.

Mayor Gilroy said he would refer the case to the Police Commissioners for explanation before taking any action.

$25,000 for a Bruised Head.

James Hasford, of 146 Fulton street, Brooklyn, this morning brought a suit in the Circuit Court, Brooklyn, for $25,000 against the Brooklyn City Railroad Company. He claims that he tried to board a Third avenue car in October, 1891. The car started suddenly, knocking him down and injuring his head.

Killed on the Railroad Track.

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Eliza Betts, while walking on the railroad track at East Summit this morning, was struck by an express train and killed instantly. She leaves a family.

Her Husband Tried to Kill Her.

Mrs. Josephine McGowan complained in the Ewen street court to-day, that for three nights her husband had kept her in terror by threatening to kill her, and she had had a desperate fight with him to get his pistol away. McGowan was held for examination.

49 RECRUITS PERISH.

And 20 More Are Terribly Burned on a Russian Railway Train.

Flames Driven Backward by the Rapid Progress of the Cars.

Many of the Men Leap from Windows and Some Escape.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 17.—A railroad train, composed of several cars filled with recruits, was running from Slatousk to Samara, when flames burst from the foremost car.

The train was going at full speed, and the tongues of fire swept backward, and in a few minutes all the cars were blazing.

The engineer, for some unaccountable reason, did not stop the train until he had run a considerable distance. In the mean time there was a scene of indescribable confusion in the cars.

The recruits, or, at least, as many of them as could do so, leaped from the windows and doors. Some of them landed uninjured in the heavy snowbanks, while others, who landed in the cleared track, were killed.

Those who were unable to get out of the cars were burned to death, for the train was entirely consumed. Some of the men were terribly burned before they jumped. When the confusion had somewhat subsided the officer in charge of the recruits, who saved himself by jumping, called the roll of his men.

It was found that forty-nine of them were dead, and twenty terribly burned and otherwise injured.

A strict investigation will be held to determine the cause of the fire. It is supposed now that some of the men in the forward car were skylarking and upset the stove. It is claimed that the engineer was guilty of criminal negligence in not stopping the train as soon as he saw the fire. Had he done so, the loss of life would have been very small.

$260,000 LOST BY FIRE.

Flames Do Mischief in Boston, Albany and Kansas City.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—The interior of the four-story brick building 273 and 275 Franklin street, was almost entirely destroyed by fire early this morning.

The losses are estimated as follows: On building owned by J. A. Nowell's heirs, $25,000; Ashton Vaire Company loses $80,000; Emil Meyer, $40,000; Underhay & co., $4,000; Frank Howland, $2,000. Total, $161,000.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—Fire broke out in the shoe factory of Moses W. Dodge shortly after midnight, and despite the insufficient water supply the flames were confined to the Dodge building and two others immediately adjoining.

The total loss will reach $40,000, divided among M. W. Dodge, J. H. Simmons & Sons, Adam J. Burke and J. E. Taylor & Sons.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—Fire this morning destroyed the large three-story brick building at Seventh and Central streets, occupied by three firms. With the building the loss will be $60,000.

MENDING THE MAIN.

Brooklyn's Water Supply Soon to Be in Normal Condition.

Within the next few days the Brooklyn City Water Work's broken 48-inch main, near the new Rockville Centre Reservoir, will be again in condition to stand a full pressure of water.

One hundred and fifty men are at work on the pipe. A wrought iron band will be placed around it, and it will then be strong enough, it is said, to allow a pumping of about 25,000,000 gallons, its full capacity.

Water Purveyor Hawkes's men this morning found three-quarters of the fire-plugs in the Sixteenth Ward frozen, and thawed them out.

WOULDN'T ACCEPT THE CUT.

McDonald Held Out to Make Up His Wages.

Thomas P. McDonald, of 47 Clinton street, a driver employed by the Eastern Despatch Express Company at 434 Broome street, was charged with petit larceny in the Tombs Police Court to-day, and was remanded for examination.

When McDonald went for his wages Saturday night he was told by the cashier, Theodore Kornann, that his pay had been reduced from $60 to $50 a month. McDonald refused to accept the cut, and also refused to give up his collections, amounting to $7, and the receipts and other papers belonging to the Company until he was paid his wages in full.

JUDGE HENRY RICHARDSON DEAD

Brother-in-Law of the Late Fernando Wood Passes Away.

PUEBLO, Col., Jan. 17.—Judge Henry Richardson, for the last eighteen years a prominent citizen of Pueblo, and for many years a well-known politician in New York city, died last evening, aged seventy-seven years.

He was a brother-in-law of the late Fernando Wood, of New York. The interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery, New York, next Saturday.

SOPHIE JANSEN'S PLIGHT.

A Pretty Servant Girl Dying at Bellevue from Malpractice.

The Coroner was called to Bellevue Hospital this morning to take the ante mortem statement of Sophia Jansen, a Swedish servant girl, twenty-three years old.

She was taken to the hospital last night from 229 East Forty-fifth street, suffering from peritonitis, caused, it is believed, by a criminal operation. It is said that she is in a very critical condition.

Tenant's Suit for Injuries.

Judge Clement, in the City Court, Brooklyn, to-day tried the case of Kate Wilson against Ann Kane, to recover $10,000 damage for personal injuries, received, as alleged, through the defendant's negligence. Mrs. Wilson occupied apartments in a tenement-house at 40 Columbia street, in March last. She fell downstairs and broke her arm. She alleges that the stairway was in a dangerous condition and the halls were not lighted.

Cable Brevities.

Charles Wells, commonly known as "Monte Carlo Wells," arrived in London from France today in the custody of detectives, and was arraigned at the Bow Street Police Court on twelve charges of fraud, amounting to £45,000. He is the man who claimed to have broken the bank at Monte Carlo by "an infallible system."

The Bank of Spain will float 50,000,000 pesetas of Treasury bills at 3 per cent.

The military hospital at Stoke, one of the suburbs of Devonport, England, burned this morning. All hands escaped despite panic and disorder.

The secretary and the two officials of the Corinthian Club, London, who were arrested on Jan. 9 on the charge of keeping a disorderly house, were committed for trial to-day. The Club has been the resort of men of the "masher" type and fast women, who danced and caroused until 3 or 4 o'clock every morning.

Owing to the abuse of the privilege accorded ladies to visit the House of Commons Sir Arthur Wellesley Peel, the speaker, will issue stringent limiting regulations to be enforced at the coming session.

MR. CROSS TAKES JUDGMENT.

Settlement of the "Cherry Diamond's" Difficulties Probable.

Syndicate Scheme Dropped and a New Plan Formulated.

The Manhattan Athletic Club did not appear to defend the suits brought by Cornelius Vanderbilt Cross against it upon the motions before Justice Patterson in Supreme Court Chambers to-day to strike out the answers interposed by the Club as sham, consequently the motions were granted by default, and judgments were given against the Club on the pleadings.

A new plan by which it is hoped to extricate the Manhattan Athletic Club from its present financial difficulties has been formulated and practically adopted within the past two days.

It is the only scheme which has thus far been suggested which seems to have an assurance of success, for the reason that by the new arrangement some of the wealthiest members of the Club have now taken matters in hand and purpose to look after the debt, and see that every creditor gets 100 cents on the dollar.

The men who will have charge of the fund of $200,000, which is to be raised for this purpose, are M. D. Borden, Thomas L. James and Henry Clausen, and probably also ex-Mayor William R. Grace, who is one of the active members and patrons of the Club.

Of course, it involves the abandonment of the syndicate scheme which was adopted by the members about three weeks ago, and to which nearly $150,000 had already been subscribed.

That plan did not find favor with all the members, because they objected to selling the club-house, and under the new plan this will not be necessary.

It is proposed to begin by paying all the creditors of the club 25 per cent. of their claims in cash, and giving them the best of security for the remainder, and so far as they have been heard from it is believed that they will all be willing to consent to this arrangement.

In making up the fund several large subscriptions have already been made, Mr. Borden having given $25,000, and it is believed that nearly all the subscribers to the original syndicate fund will allow their subscriptions to stand, so that there will be no difficulty in raising the entire amount within a very few days.

It is said that a new Board of Officers and Governors has already been selected, and that they will be ratified by the members of the club and will take office immediately.

This gives the greatest satisfaction to the members, who are generally of the opinion that no headway can be made against the present difficulties so long as the old management remains in control. What they want is a clean sweep, and this is to be accomplished under the new arrangement.

In connection with this latest development it is understood that C. Vanderbilt Cross has come to an agreement with the Board of Governors of the Club, and has subscribed $1,000 to the new fund, while his lawyer, W. W. Bryan, has subscribed $250.

The 75 per cent. of the debt remaining after the first payment to creditors will be liquidated gradually from the income of the Club, which can be easily carried out under a careful and economical management of the finances.

An execution against the Club in favor of the Nicoll & Roy Company on a promissory note of the Club, dated Sept. 6, 1892, for $544, payable four months after date, was received by the Sheriff yesterday.

The summons was served on President George W. Carr on Jan. 12, and no answer being filed within the prescribed limit, two days, judgment was taken by default.

FIGHT FOR A PIER.

Dock Board Prevents Transfer of the Guion Line's Lease.

Steamship agents in this city are all a good deal excited over the refusal of the Dock Board to approve the transfer of its lease by the Guion Steamship Company to the White Star Line, of its pier, 38 North River.

The lease runs till 1898. The pier is considered one of the most valuable on the river front. Its rental is $35,500 per year, and it is reported that the White Star people paid a bonus of $50,000 for the transfer in the expectation that the lease would be transferable and that a renewal for twenty years could be obtained at its expiration.

The announcement had been made in this city and on other side of the ocean that the lease had been transferred, and it is said that great pressure has been brought to bear on the Dock Commissioners by agents and owners of rival steamship companies, with the result that the Board has refused to approve the transfer, as stated.

NEW ANTI-TRUST DISTILLERY.

To Be Erected at Louisville by New York and Boston Capitalists.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 17.—Kentucky distillers, aided by New York and Boston capitalists, have arranged to start a big spirits distillery in opposition to the Trust.

The distillery of the J. G. Mattingly Company, with twenty-six acres of ground in this city, has been bought for $300,000, and will soon be running. It will be one of the largest plants in the world and is now the second largest in Kentucky. It has a mashing capacity of 300 barrels a day, which will be doubled at once. Paul Jones will be President of the new Company, and W. H. Thomas a director.

THERE'S TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Officials and Home Government Split on the Jury Question.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Despatches from Calcutta state that the Marquis of Lansdowne, Viceroy of India and several other leading officials of the Indian Government threaten to resign in consequence of the disapproval by the Home Government of the virtual abolition of trial by jury in Bengal.

The Viceroy has telegraphed to the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of state for India, asking his immediate sanction of the appointment of a Commission to consider the jury question.

Paterson Saloon-Keeper Held.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 17.—Abram Wilkeman, the saloon-keeper of this city, who was arrested for shooting two men, during a row in his saloon early Sunday morning, has been held to await the result of James Mitchell's injuries, which are reported very serious. W. C. Ditmar, who was shot in the arm, is under bonds as a witness.

Lake Huron to Get £12,000 for Towing the Spree to Queenstown.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The action brought by the owners of the steamer Lake Huron for £25,000 for towing the disabled North German Lloyd steamer Spree into Queenstown has been settled out of court.

The North German Company will pay £12,000.

His Bath in the North River.

Benjamin E. Patterson, of 54 East One Hundred and Fifth street, fell overboard this morning at the foot of West Eighteenth street. He was rescued and sent to New York Hospital.

PRESIDENT SCHELL MENACED.

Blood-Red Letters Have Warned Him of Death.

His Former Body Servant Arrested and Held.

A short, sickly-looking negro, who gave his name as George Fuller, of 243 West Sixty-first street, was arraigned in the Tombs Police Court this morning.

He was charged with sending threatening letters to President Robert Schell, of the Bank of the Metropolis, 20 Union square.

The prisoner was held in $500 bail for trial in the Court of General Sessions.

The bonds were furnished by William Henry Hull, the wealthy wholesale druggist of 218 Greenwich street, in whose household Fuller is now employed as a servant.

The complaint is based on a series of letters extending over a period of two years.

The last letter was dated Dec. 2, 1892. It was written in blood red ink and read as follows:

Fifty-two years ago Sage received his dynamite this day Jay Gould has received his. You are my next subject. Prepare to meet your God. It is sure. G. C. O. Y. H.

Another letter, dated Sept. 22, warned Mr. Schell to give up his "secret detective business," as it would be impossible to trace the writer; also to have the warning sent to Mrs. Schell, as revenge was sure to follow.

Fuller was employed as body-servant for Mr. Schell from 1886 to 1890, when his services were dispensed with because a new corps of white servants refused to eat at the same table.

Mr. Hull does not believe Fuller is the writer of the letters. He says he is an intelligent, educated man, above such practises, and besides writes a very legible hand, while the handwriting of the letter is a mere scrawl.

SEVEN INJURED, ONE WILL DIE.

Another Chicago Street-Car Smashed at a Grade Crossing.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A through train on the Rock Island road, leaving the city at 11.15 last night, tore through a street-car at Forty-seventh street. The seven passengers in the car and the driver were buried beneath the wreck of iron, wood and glass. The injured are:

WILLIAM COLLINS, a police officer, skull fractured, badly cut about the face and body; will die.

ARTHUR CLARK, inspector Erie Railway yards, head cut about the head.

CHARLES SAUNDERS, driver of the car, seriously cut and crushed about the head and body.

SIMON JURGESON, cut on the head and bruised.

MRS. SIMON JURGESON, face, head and hands cut by glass, and badly bruised.

J. C. CAUBERRY, head and face cut with glass.

CHARLES FOX, cut about the head and body with broken glass.

The conductor of the car, John Taylor, and the injured driver, Charles Saunders, were placed under arrest, notwithstanding the serious wounds of Saunders.

As he approached the well-known crossing Taylor says that he looked ahead, and, although the gates were up, he saw the train coming. He claims that he notified the driver to stop, but that as he did so some one called to Saunders, the driver, to proceed, as the way was clear.

The car had nearly succeeded in crossing the tracks when the engine struck the rear of it and it was overturned. Driver Saunders was taken to a police station in an ambulance in an unconscious condition.

WHO IS THIS DEAD NORA?

Proves Not to Be the Sister of the Man Who Identified Her.

A remarkable case of mistaken identity has just been brought to light.

The body of Nora Quinlan, a young domestic, who was thought to have been murdered the night of Jan. 4 in the hallway of the tenement-house at 150 West Twenty-eighth street, was identified at the Morgue by Patrick Quinlan, 845 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, as that of his sister, whom he had not seen for a long time.

The body was removed to the house of a friend, David Lalor, at 337 East Eighty-first street, and the funeral would have taken place to-day had not the real sister of Patrick Quinlan made her appearance in the flesh last night and convinced her relatives that they were making a mistake in supposing her to be dead.

She resembles the dead woman strikingly, both in face and figure, and as they have the same name the mistake was natural under the circumstances.

The body of the murdered woman has been returned to the Morgue, and will probably be buried in Potter's Field instead of Calvary Cemetery.

NEW CITY HALL PLANS.

Committee Consulting Daily with Architectural Experts.

Comptroller Myers, of the Sub-Committee of the Municipal Building Commission, this morning received reports from the various heads of city departments as to the space they will require in the new city Hall.

The Comptroller said that the Committee had not made calculations or adopted any plans yet.

He did not know when the Committee could be ready to report, but the Committee is in daily communication with Prof. Ware and other architectural experts.

Mr. Myers estimates the cost of tearing down the present City Hall and setting it up at another place at $175,000.

The Historical Society is considering a plan for the new location of the present building.

SMOKELESS FURNACE FUEL.

To Be Tried on Two Lines of Atlantic Ocean Steamships.

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—The Berlin Smokeless Combustion Company has made contracts with the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American Steamship Companies and the Vulcan Works of Stettin.

The principle is the use of coal dust mixed with air for firing furnaces, and the attendant advantages are that there is no wear of the boilers and no ashes. The invention is suitable for all kinds of manufactures.

LABOR DEMANDS IN CHICAGO.

Building Trades Want More Pay and No Non-Union Competition.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Every trade engaged in the building line in Chicago will make a demand for increased pay April 1.

In addition to the demand for an increase of wages, all the unions will insist on an agreement with the contractors to employ only union men in their respective lines of work.

In Memory of Robert E. Lee.

The third annual dinner to be given by the Confederate Veteran Camp of New York at the Scottish Rite Hall Thursday in honor of the memory of Robert E. Lee, promises to be a very enjoyable occasion. The speakers are ex-Gov. Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina; Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina; Col. George B. McClellan, Congressman John R. Fellows, Hugh R. Garden and H. W. Knight, of U. S. Grant Post, Brooklyn. Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie Davis will occupy a box.

Embraces Pretty Flushing Women.

The reappearance of the ubiquitous "Jack the Hugger," in Flushing, L. I., has caused a tremor of excitement among the feminine portion of the population. Sunday night he embraced several pretty women and tried to do the same to as many more. The police thus far have failed to find him.

Deaths from Typhus To-Day.

The Health Board reported to-day the death at North Brother Island this morning of Daniel J. Mahoney, seventeen years old, who had been removed from 280 Bowery.

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BLAZING WAGON ON BROADWAY.

A Florist's Stock Makes a Bonfire at Cedar Street.

Firemen Turn the Joke on the Crowd with the Hose.

Every body says it was the funiest thing that ever happened on Broadway—that is everybody except the florist and the delivery boy.

It was about 10.45 o'clock this morning. A florist's boy, in a florist's covered wagon, drawn by one brown horse, trundled up Broadway from the Battery.

They belonged to J. M. Kellar, the Bay Ridge florist, and they came over the ferry on the Vision, bound for an uptown customer. The wagon was filled to the roof with flowers and plants—Immortelles for the most part—packed in dry hay to keep them warm.

The old horse moved along at a jog trot, with ears a-flapping as if in pleasant rumination about the breakfast just eaten or the dinner that was coming.

The boy, smothered in overcoats and furs and lap robes and blankets, only sparkled as to his eyes. The rest of him was invisible and therefore expressionless.

It is impossible to say what he was thinking about when a man in a plug hat with a weed on it ran out from the corner of Cedar street, gesticulating wildly and yelling incoherently.

The muffled figure started up to an erect position, and the equine's ears became erect. The muffled figure revived itself and the eyes sparkled in the wagon, while a coonskin cap bobbed wildly.

Then the figure leaped to the ground, ran around to the back of the wagon and ran three ways at once, while about twenty men and boys swooped down and took the horse out of the shafts.

The dry hay and the immortelles had caught fire and in a jiffy the wagon was ablaze.

In less than three minutes 10,000 bankers, brokers, preachers, typewriters, lawyers and lawyers' clerks, clergymen, butchers, schoolmarams, policemen, insurance brokers, saleswomen, office boys, messengers and bon-bon girls were assembled to see the impromptu bonfire.

Everybody thought it a good joke and laughed heartily. There were 5,000 above and 5,000 below the burning wagon.

A policeman ran for the nearest fire-house and a steamer appeared.

That made the joke absolutely side-splitting, and the 10,000 yelled with glee.

The engine puffed and panted and steamed, and presently its hose was attached to a hydrant, and that convulsed the joke-loving ten thousand.

A stream was soon started, and the nozzle, in the hands of two strong firemen, was turned on the now seething bonfire.

The fire was low down and the stream put it out at the first dash. Then the stream went on and in about one more second the 5,000 happy people above the joke got the stream in their faces.

They stopped laughing and tumbled over each other getting away. The other 5,000 laughed harder than ever, but even a joke may be carried too far, and when the firemen began to move around to the other side of the "fire" with the nozzle the 5,000 who laughed last took to their heels.

The boy in the coonskin cap mournfully relieved the red horse to the dismantled wagon and returned to the ferry. The crowd dispersed.

Damage to wagon $20; damage to plants unknown.

NOT DRUNK, BUT ILL.

Justice Simms a Good Samaritan to a "Cub Doctor's" Patient.

Thomas McCarty, an old man, who has been given a home at Father Drumgoole's institute in Great Jones street, was arraigned in the Tombs Court this morning on a charge of intoxication.

His head was swathed in bandages, and he was so weak that court officers had to support him. He appeared dazed and did not seem to comprehend where he was or what was going on about him.

"That man is sick," said Justice Simms. "And needs medical attendance at once. Take him downstairs, officers, and have him attended to."

McCarty was found by Policeman Egger, of the Elizabeth street station, lying in a pool of blood, under the Elevated tracks at 90 Park Row last night. He had fallen in crossing the street, cutting his head on one of the iron pillars.

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An ambulance was summoned from Chambers Street Hospital. The surgeon dressed the wound, but refused to remove the old man to the hospital. He was locked up over night and brought to court this morning without further medical attention.

Justice Simms expressed the belief that McCarty's skull was either fractured, or that he was suffering from concussion of the brain.

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WHO KNOWS THIS DYING THIEF?

Skull Fractured by a Man He Was Attempting to Rob.

Expressman Vogler, Who Struck the Blow, Held.

Theodore Vogler, proprietor of Vogler's Brooklyn and New York Express, was held without bail, in the Tombs Court, this morning to await the result of injuries inflicted by him on an unknown man, who is now in Chambers Street Hospital.

Late yesterday afternoon Vogler came to New York with a load of packages to deliver. At 86 Franklin street he left his wagon, entered the building, and reappeared in time to see a short, stockily built man grab a package from the wagon and start to run away.

Vogler gave chase, and when within a few feet of the thief the latter dropped the package and turned upon his pursuer.

Vogler struck out full force striking the thief on the head, felling him to the sidewalk.

The man lay motionless, and blood began oozing from his mouth and ears. All efforts failing to arouse the man, Vogler went to the Leonard Street Police Station, related the circumstances as here told, and gave himself up.

The injured man was removed to Chambers Street Hospital, where it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull, which, in all probability, will result fatally. He had not recovered consciousness up to noon to-day.

Vogler is a married man, and lives with his wife and child at 85 Herkimer street, Brooklyn. Several of his friends tried to induce Justice Simms to admit him to bail, but without avail.

The injured man was arraigned in the Tombs about two weeks ago on a charge of attempting to rob a huckster's cart, but was discharged for lack of evidence.

His name is not known to the police, but they suspect he comes from the east side.

He is about five feet six inches tall, with sandy mustache and side whiskers.

AUTOPSY ON GEN. BUTLER.

Death Caused by the Bursting of a Blood Vessel on the Brain.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—The Journal says it is informed that an autopsy on the body of Gen. Butler previous to interment showed that the cause of death was the bursting of a small blood vessel on the brain, caused by a violent fit of coughing.

All the internal organs were found to be in excellent condition, and but for the accidental cause of his death he would probably have lived many years.

His brain weighed four ounces more than that of Daniel Webster, which was one of the largest on record.

$18,000,000 MORTGAGE FILED.

San Antonio Railway Secures the Central Trust of New York.

WACO, Tex., Jan. 17.—The indenture of a mortgage from the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway Company to the Central Trust Company, of New York, was entered for record in the County Clerk's office of McLennon County, in this city, yesterday.

The instrument is made to secure an issue of $18,000,000 in first mortgage bonds.

$1,500,000 Sale of Cotton Lands.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—A transaction in Texas cotton lands, in which about $1,000,000 and 500,000 acres are involved, will be closed through John A. Kerr, of this city, representing the Texas land owners. The land is to be purchased by an association of foreign capitalists, most of whom are English-men and live in London. The lands are in McMullen, Lasalle and Frio counties, Texas. The object of the purchasers is to produce cotton on an immense scale.

Domestic Burned to Death.

Annie Meyer, nineteen years old, a young Hungarian, employed as a domestic in the household of Jacob Mayer, 135 East Forty-seventh street, was replenishing the furnace fire in the cellar of the house yesterday afternoon when her clothing caught fire. Before help could reach her she was fatally burned. Death soon followed.

Emmet Dalton Bound Over.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Jan. 17.—The preliminary trial of Emmet Dalton, of Coffeyville, took place here yesterday. He was bound over to the March term of the District Court on the charge of murder.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

New York Life Insurance Co.

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ASSETS.

Real Estate, including 11 Office Buildings and 97 pieces of property purchased under foreclosure	$12,531,016.75
Stocks and Bonds owned (market value)	86,680,177.51
Bonds and Mortgages	24,236,785.51
Loans secured by collaterals (market value of Securities held as collateral, $5,059,600)	3,916,000.00
Premium Loans on existing Policies (the reserve on these Policies, included in Liabilities, amounts to over $4,000,000)	1,096,850.03
Cash in Office and in Banks and Trust Companies	4,201,283.64
Interest and Rents due and accrued	971,810.14
Net amount of uncollected and deferred premiums	3,865,275.37
Total Assets	$137,499,198.99

LIABILITIES.

Reserve on outstanding Policies, at Actuaries' 4 per cent., as per certificate of New York State Insurance Department, including Additional Reserve on Annuities and Accumulation Policies voluntarily set aside by the Company	$119,075,888.00
Losses awaiting proof or payment	1,270,984.81
Matured Endowments due and unpaid (claims not presented)	67,244.49
Annuities due and unpaid (claims not presented)	58,036.99
Unpaid dividends due policy-holders	101,363.18
Premiums paid in advance	75,683.42
Trust Deposit, held for account of beneficiaries under terms of Policies	45,040.20
Total Liabilities	$120,649,250.89
Net Surplus, per Certificate of Insurance Department	$16,804,948.10
Total	$30,936,590.88

INCOME.

Premium Receipts	$25,040,113.93
Interest, Rents, &c.	5,896,476.90
Total	$30,936,590.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Losses paid	$7,896,589.29
Endowments matured and discounted, paid	1,114,301.99
Annuities paid	1,370,130.30
Dividends paid	1,408,219.58
Instalment paid on Trust Deposit	3,000.00
Total Amount Paid to Policy-holders	$13,995,012.33
Paid to Insurance Department for expenses of Company's Investigation	33,502.19
Commissions, Brokerages and payments to Agents	4,178,316.60
Agency Expenses	1,076,186.34
Physicians' Fees, Advertising, Stationery and Printing	775,059.84
Salaries to officers and employees, 518 in number	579,127.26
Law and Office Expenses, Rents and Repairs and Care of Real Estate	712,570.68
Taxes in the State of New York and other States	304,515.52
Total Disbursements	$21,654,290.76

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

	No.	Amount.
Applications Received, 1892	76,263	$207,228,240.00
Declined by Company	10,003	33,623,170.00
Issued	66,259	$173,605,070.00
In force December 31, 1891, including Premiums on Return Premium Policies	193,452	$629,083,178.[illegible]
In Force, December 31, 1892	224,008	689,248,629.[illegible]
Gain in 1892	30,556	$60,165,451.[illegible]

NOTE AS TO STATEMENT.

The above statement corresponds in all respects with the official report of the Company, as it will be published by the State Insurance Department. No assets not acceptable under the law of the State, or regulations of the Department, are included, and the SURPLUS ($16,804,948.10) IS THE EXACT SUM THAT WILL BE SHOWN BY THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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