

"Circulation Books Open to All."

"Circulation Books Open to All."

PRICE ONE CENT.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1900.

PRICE ONE CENT.

ANTI-POOL-ROOM BILL PASSED.

BLOW TO ALL BETTING

POLICE CAPTAIN THOMAS IS INDICTED.

Grand Jury Presents Three Bills Against the Commander of the Tenderloin Precinct, Charging Neglect of Duty.



CAPTAIN A. J. THOMAS.

The Grand Jury this afternoon returned three indictments against Capt. Andrew J. Thomas, of the Tenderloin Precinct. The body finds that he has been derelict in his duty in failing to suppress the notorious Tivoli, the Haymarket and Dore, whose proprietors have been indicted. These places more than any other of the resorts in the Tenderloin have been run "wide open" despite many complaints and the revelations of their character made by cases which frequently come up in the police courts.

THOMAS NOT ARRESTED.

No warrant was served on Capt. Thomas and none will be issued. District-Attorney Gardiner notified Chief of Police Devery of the indictment. "I have not been notified—that is, not officially—of the indictment," said Chief Devery to an Evening World reporter. "If I am instructed to produce Capt. Thomas in court at a certain time he will be there, no doubt of that."

ONLY A MISDEMEANOR.

"The offense as I understand it," he added, "is only a simple misdemeanor. And I can't recall an instance where an officer was suspended for having committed a misdemeanor." "Why," warmly exclaimed the Chief, "Thomas is one of the best men we have in the department." "Why, I want to say to you that the Tenderloin has never been so clean as it is to-day. And Capt. Thomas has accomplished all of that. He is a fine officer!"

TO PUNISH MR. CROKER?

Assembly Passes a Resolution That May Be a Precedent. ALBANY, March 28.—The action of the Assembly this afternoon in passing a resolution calling for the punishment for contempt of two Syracuse sporting men, Hammerly and Snyder, who refused to answer questions of the Syracuse investigating committee, is in all probability the forerunner of an attempt to punish Mazel Committee witnesses who refused to respond to questions asked by Mr. Moss.

A TENDERLOIN BOMB.

"Gee! That's tough on the old man!" he exclaimed when he realized that it was no joke. Then word was carried back. It came like the explosion of a bomb in the garden and the patrolmen. They seemed stunned. Soon the news spread throughout the precinct, and in the saloons and the cafes, where the gay sporting element gathered, it was the mournful opinion that the reformers were putting the Tenderloin "on the blink."

10 P.M. EXTRA CAPT. THOMAS CAN'T BELIEVE HE HAS BEEN INDICTED.

Capt. Thomas appeared at a little after 1 o'clock. When told of the indictment he appeared to be surprised. He said: "I don't believe it. If I had been indicted I should have known of it long ago. I don't think they have indicted me. If they have I am not at all afraid of what the result will be. I have friends who will stand by me, and will be ready when wanted. However, I don't believe it just happened."

STEEL COMPANY WITH \$52,000,000 CAPITAL. The American Steel Company, with a capital of \$52,000,000, filed articles of incorporation today, at Newark, N. J. The incorporators are D. W. Morrow, P. J. McCook, Alfred L. Curtis, J. S. Brown, J. J. Fay, W. E. Dwight, T. M. Day, Jr., A. P. Bartlett and Clifford C. Fay.

PEEKSKILL MAN SAID TO BE DEMENTED. Henry Gibson, thirty-three years old, of Peekskill, N. Y., was found at Seventy-second street and Lexington avenue, this afternoon, as a policeman of the East Sixty-seventh street station, and taken to the Presbyterian Hospital. He appeared to be demented.

DROWNED MAN IDENTIFIED AS HENRY RUSSELL. The body of the man found in the North River, near Pier 3 yesterday, was identified today as that of Henry Russell, a messenger, thirty-two years old, who died with his mother, at 5 Carlisle street, Brooklyn.

RUSIE MAY NOT BE A GIANT. The men who met with the New York connection in a fight with the Philadelphia home team, and saying: "Rusie may not be a giant, but he is a fighter."

MARCH TO PRETORIA TO BEGIN ON APRIL 2

Boer Forces Believed to Be Advancing South to Give Battle. LONDON, March 28.—The remarkable statement is made in a despatch from Bloemfontein, by the correspondent of the Times, who has been the mouthpiece of Lord Roberts, that 15,000 foreign troops have been landed to aid the Boers.

It is believed that the march of the main army from Bloemfontein will not take place until April 2. As despatches from Lorenzo Marques, Delagoa, have been reporting a big influx of foreigners at that port from all over the world, it is not doubted here that the Boers have received big reinforcements. Other despatches from Bloemfontein say that President Kruger boasts he will retake Bloemfontein within a week and that he has foreign assistance. It appears probable that the Boer forces are advancing south reinforced by the commandos which recently escaped north.

ASSEMBLY ADOPTS RADICAL MEASURE.

SUMNER HELD BIG FIGHTS FOR INQUIRY.

Luxuries on Transports Calls for Official Action.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Representative DeRicks, of New York, will introduce a resolution providing for the investigation by a select committee of the charges of extravagance in fitting up the army transports, particularly the Sumner. He will also direct the Secretary of War to furnish the House all information regarding the expenditure of money on these vessels.

BIG FIGHTS MAY BE OFF.

Club Licenses Expiring May 1 May Not Be Renewed.

There is a possibility that the Corbett-Jeffries fight and all other big fights arranged to take place after May 1 will not come off in this State. The licenses of the clubs that give prize fights expire on May 1, and from the way President York, of the Police Board talks, no new licenses will be issued.

Bucket Shop Speculation Also Prohibited and Telegraph Companies Put Under Penalty Not to Furnish Facilities for Operations.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 28.—The Assembly today, by a vote of 79 to 74, passed the bucket shop bill to close up pool-rooms. The bill is short and to the point, as follows: "Any corporation or association, or the officers thereof, or any partnership or individual who furnishes information by telegraph, telephone or other instrument, machine or mechanical contrivance operated by electricity to any person who engages in pool-selling or bookmaking at any time or place, or any person who keeps or occupies any room, shed, tenement, tent, booth or building, float or vessel, or any part thereof, or who occupies any place or stand of any kind upon any public or private grounds within this State with books, papers, apparatus or paraphernalia for the purpose of recording or registering bets or wagers, or selling bets."

Cheering the flag and elated over the prospect of going to Manila, 50 United States soldiers from Fort Schuyler marched to the Brooklyn dock of the transport Sumner, at the foot of Pacific street, this morning. The big white steamer lay at her dock all morning waiting orders to call. At noon an official message was received on board ship and everybody concluded that it was the order from the War Department to get under way. There was a lot of cheering and bustle and visitors on board began to make their adieux.

Corbett and Jeffries are down to battle on May 11, and Sharkey and McCoy expect to pound each other about July 4. Besides these there are many other smaller "bouts" on the calendar. Commissioner Hoss and Sexton refused to discuss the matter.

CLEVELAND AND BRYAN.

Ex-President Denies that He Favors the Silver Man's Renomination.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 28.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland was interviewed today in regard to the published statement that he and Mr. Carlisle are in favor of the renomination of William J. Bryan for the Presidency, and will vote for him if he runs again.

FIRE CIVIL-SERVICE FRAUD

The Ratings on Examination Paper Have Been Altered.

An investigation has been begun by the Civil Service Commissioners at the request of Chief Examiner Ireland, to find out who has been changing the ratings on the examination papers of candidates for promotion in the Fire Department. The announcement today by Examiner Ireland that fraud has been practiced for some time was brought out by the removal from the eligible list of three firemen who applied to be foremen.

DELAGOYA BAY AWARD.

Portugal Condemned to Pay \$2,000,000 by the Arbitration Tribunal. BERNE, Switzerland, March 28.—According to the Delagoa Bay Railroad award, Portugal is condemned to pay \$2,000,000 francs or \$625,000.

This will be a solar plexus blow to the sporting element, as some big fights are set for days after May 1.

Mr. Cleveland denied that he had ever given anyone authority to make such a statement. Further than that he declined to give expression to his views on the subject.

And shall upon conviction for the first offense be fined not less than fifty dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days, and upon conviction for a second offense shall be guilty of a felony and shall be fined not less than ten thousand dollars and be imprisoned for not less than two years.

SANDERS'S STATEMENT.

Assemblyman Sanders said to the Evening World correspondent: "My bill will practically prohibit betting in the pool-rooms. That is the first of the entire evil. It will be destroyed by this bill. "If the pool-rooms cannot get information from the tracks showing the results of the races as well as the fluctuations and odds given on the horses in the betting ring, they will have to give up business. "They may be placed in the position of giving large odds on horses that may be favorites at the track. "It will do away with the nuisance of the army of touts and broken-down sports who prey upon the frequenters of the pool-rooms."

WONT AFFECT TRACKS.

"I do not believe that this law will abolish betting at the racetracks, but it should be so construed it would be my great pleasure. "I think my bill will pass the Assembly. I hope the Governor will send an agency message to the Senate regarding the passage of the bill before the session."