

CHIEF CROKER AGAINST "PULLS."

Fire Department Free from Political Influence He Tells Westerners.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Good Firemen Sure of Life Positions, but They Earn All the Money They Get.

Chief Croker, of the New York Fire Department, who has been attending the big meeting of firemen at Indianapolis, was interviewed there by a reporter.

Although a nephew of the Tammany chieftain, he does not believe that the politician should have any influence in the conduct of firemen.

"I am opposed," said he, "to political influences being used in any department, but last of all, fire departments. There are 2,200 members of the New York Fire Department. It is divided into 103 engine companies, 40 hook and ladder, and has 5 water towers, 6 boats and 3 searchlight engines.

"Every member of that force is there for life during his term. If a fireman is overcome by sickness and when he gets old there is ample provision for him.

"Promotions are made by civil-service examinations. I never got advanced except in the department in which some might think a pull helped me.

"In addition to these firemen who constitute the paid force, there are 2,000 volunteers. I expect that we shall be allowed \$1,000,000 for the maintenance of the department for next year, which will be an increase of \$50,000.

"The New York department is really forty-nine times as large as any other in the world. We have forty-nine deputy chiefs. Our firemen get \$1,000 a year, and the chief gets \$2,000.

"Chief Croker repudiates the suggestion that he would like to be President of the association.

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Magistrate Furlong declared that there were no grounds on which to issue subpoenas.

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ENGLAND GROWLS AT RUSSIA.

Denounces Latter's Interference with Quetta-Nushki Trade Routes in Persia.

BEAR WANTS A FIGHT.

Russia Seeks to Cripple British Trade and Is Openly Seeking a Pretext to Quarrel.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Russian agents in Persia are interfering with the Quetta-Nushki trade route, between India and Eastern Persia, opened by the Indian Government. According to a Times despatch from Simla, Russia, by virtue of a loan contracted in 1900, has effective control of the customs and is giving endless worry and trouble to traders by means of customs regulations, especially quarantine restrictions.

It is possible for Russia to paralyze British trade by long detentions of caravans and travellers. The native belief that Russian influence is supreme in Eastern Persia is having a bad political effect.

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QUARTET OF ELOPERS STILL DODGE THE POLICE.

Boys and Girls of Harlem, Who Went Away to Get Married, Have Sent No Word to Friends — Youthful Appearance May Be a Bar to Ceremony.

Harlem's double elopement continues to bother the police who have made a diligent search for Thomas Conway, the seventeen-year-old youth, who is alleged to have run off with Mamie Healy, sixteen years old, of No. 1 West One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

Young Conway, who lived with his mother and two brothers at No. 167 Madison avenue, disappeared on Tuesday last. His brother, Michael, in looking for him went to a shoemaker's shop in East One Hundred and Eighteenth street. There he found a note left by his brother for a friend named John Healy. The note gave a clue to Conway's intentions. It was as follows: "Meet me to-morrow night at Forty-seventh street and Third avenue. Mamie and I are going to be married. Yours truly, TOMMY."

It then developed that Healy, who is eighteen years old, and Agnes Hicks, seventeen years old, had left their homes on Tuesday and have not since been seen. The police believe both boys eloped with the girls named and have been unable to get married because of their youthful appearance.

They were traced to a house in East One Hundred and Fifteenth street, and from there to West Forty-seventh street.

Mrs. Conway, the mother of Thomas, said today: "My son left home on Tuesday evening to go to Mount Morris park to hear the music. If he eloped I hope he has not been married, for he must have been in a hurry by some person who obtained control over him. He was a good boy and I want him to return home, but not married."

Healy is said to have considerable money. The two girls, who wear short dresses and still have their hair hanging in braids, had nothing but the clothes they wore.

COURT SCENES MADE HER FAINT.

STYLISH WOMAN AND FIDO KICKED UP A BIG ROW.

Terrible Things She Heard as a Spectator Sent Mrs. Adele Gets Into Hysterics.

A stylish gowned woman entered the Harlem Court today and carried with her a woolly haired lap dog.

The woman occupied a back seat and attracted little attention until court was about halfway through, when she suddenly fainted and fell to the floor.

Half a dozen gallant bluecoats rushed to her assistance and Policeman Donzelmer very properly looked after poor Fido. On recovering from the faint in the Judge's private room the woman became hysterical, screaming at the top of her voice.

And the dog, overcome with terror, added his shrill howls, so that the court was compelled to shut up shop for awhile.

With the combined yells still echoing in the courtroom, the woman was finally hurried away to Harlem Hospital.

Upon reviving she gave the name of Mrs. Adele deles, of No. 216 Lexington avenue, and said that curiously to see a New York police court had led her into the trouble.

"I was so overcome with the terrible thing," she explained, "that I fainted dead away. Even Fido felt badly over the scenes."

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WHY BATEMAN TRIED TO DIE. SHOT THE COWS AS BURGLARS.

ARGUES HIS OWN CASE WITH BIG SUCCESS. BUT CHARLTON OF STATEN ISLAND IS NOT AFRAID.

THREATENED BY LETTER WRITER. STABBED WIFE IN A QUARREL.

SHIPPING NEWS. ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY. Sun rises, 6:25 Sun sets, 6:24 Moon rises, 7:25

THINK HER A WOMAN BURGLAR.

Mrs. Dykman, with the "Picture Hat" Under the Third Degree.

QUAILS NOT, HOWEVER.

Police Believe that She Has Been Implicated in Many Recent Robberies.

Mrs. Kate Dykman, believed by the police to be the woman in the "picture hat" who has been robbing fashionable apartment houses on the west side, was taken to Police Headquarters today and put through the "third degree."

She did not blinch, however, successfully resisting all efforts of the detectives to force her to confess. She was photographed for the gallery, smiling as she sat for the picture, and remarking that pictures "always did flatter her."

Detective Trainor, who has been investigating the case, says he is convinced Mrs. Dykman is the much-sought burglar.

He found that she lived with her husband, Lawrence Dykman, at No. 529 East Twelfth street. The pair, however, never remained long in one place. A month was their limit. They lived previously at No. 19 Amsterdam avenue, at No. 57 East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, at No. 42 West Fifty-second street and at numerous other places in the city.

Two years ago they lived at No. 214 West Sixty-ninth street. At the time there were two burglaries in the house and over \$1,500 worth of goods stolen. The police then suspected Dykman.

The husband was only released a few weeks ago from the island, where he served a two months' sentence for stealing a bicycle.

Mrs. Dykman was to be arraigned in the West Side Court this morning, but the case went over until Monday, the detectives desiring more time to look up her history.

She was arrested yesterday at No. 1 West Eighty-seventh street. She called there and asked for a Mrs. Seymour. A servant told her that Mrs. Seymour had moved and that the apartments were occupied by a Mrs. Stearns.

Mrs. Dykman said she knew Mrs. Stearns, and asked the privilege of writing her a note. While the servant's back was turned, Mrs. Dykman made a hurried search of the room and was caught in the act.

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WHY BATEMAN TRIED TO DIE.

HE IS HELD IN \$2,500 BAIL AS A DEFAULTER.

MILLER & Co., Brokers, Furnish the Explanation He Refused to Give for His Attempted Suicide.

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ALL PARIS TO GREET THE CZAR.

Great Naval Demonstration Is Planned for the Expected Royal Visitor's Reception.

RULERS MEET AT SEA.

President Loubat and His Cabinet Will Meet Czar Outside the Three-Mile Limit.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—As the day set for the arrival of the Czar in France, the preparations, in great haste, for His Majesty's visit is quickening into excitement. The newspapers are devoting columns daily to the various arrangements under way.

The official programme of the fetes is still unpublished, but it is now known that the Czar will reach Dunkirk during the morning of Sept. 15. He will proceed to Compiegne the same afternoon and will go to Rheims the following day to witness the sham fight with which the grand manoeuvres will close, from Vitry Fort.

The twentieth is held open and is spoken of as a day of recreation, but if the Czar visits Paris it will be that day. Finally, Sept. 21, he will go to Beethem, near Rheims, to be present at the review of the whole army engaged in the Eastern manoeuvres, and will probably start on his way home early the next morning.

In order to make the naval display at Dunkirk more imposing the French Northern Squadron will be reinforced by three battleships and a cruiser from the Mediterranean, giving a total of thirty-nine warships, including afloat, and three torpedo boats.

The Czar will be on board the Imperial yacht Standart, which will be escorted by the Polar Star, unless he invites the Grand Admiral, the Grand Duke Alexis, to accompany him, when the cruiser Svetlana will join the escort.

President Loubat will arrive at Dunkirk Sept. 17, accompanied by the Cabinet Ministers, and will open the new City Hall there during the afternoon. The following morning President Loubat and the Cabinet will embark on the torpedo boat destroyer Cassini, which will proceed to the three-mile limit, where the President is expected to greet the Czar between 10 and 11 o'clock. M. Loubat will go on board the Standart, which will then review the fleet.

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Wanted to Leave Within a Month, but He Treats the Whole Matter as a Joke.

W. J. Charlton, of the Nordlinger-Charlton Fireworks Company, of Grantville, 8 L. received a threatening letter through the mail this morning. In it he is warned to leave Staten Island within a month by four men, whom the letter says, he treated unfairly in the past. Mr. Charlton has not reported the matter to the police, and says he does not intend to do so. He is rather inclined to look upon the letter as a joke. It reads as follows:

Charlton says he does not remember having treated four men or any number of men unfairly at any time. He says that he is perfectly willing to meet the writer of the letter, and that he would be glad to have him bring his three friends along with him. He believes he could handle the whole four. Mr. Charlton is a strongly built man.

PIPE FIRED POWDER. Entire Family Was Mangled by Father's Carelessness.

ALTOONA, Pa., Aug. 31.—At Munson, a mining town north of this city, Emanuel Rinus, a German miner, was emptying powder from one cask into another at his home when a spark fell from his pipe into the powder.

The explosion which followed wrecked the house and buried the Rinus family in all directions. The father, mother and two children were terribly burned and mangled. All are living, but their death is expected.

TO ALBANY BY TROLLEY. Trip from Battery to State Capital May Be Made Soon.

From present indications it will be possible soon to go by trolley from the Battery to Poughkeepsie, and perhaps to Albany. Lines already connect Peekskill, Ossining and Tarrytown.

Plans for connecting Peekskill with Poughkeepsie and Poughkeepsie and Ossining is in contemplation. Next will come a connection between Ossining and Tarrytown and Tarrytown and Albany.

AMUSEMENTS. CARNEGIE HALL, SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 1, AT 8 P. M. MRS. CARRIE NATION

Lost, Found and Rewards. LADY'S hunting-case and watch; initials A. N. R. please call. Will pay its value for return. No. 10422, 23 W. 14th St.

TRUST SEEKS MEN IN EUROPE?

Reported in Pittsburg that Skilled Laborers Will Be Imported for Mills.

JARRETT'S TRIP ABROAD.

He Is the Secretary of the Labor Bureau of the American Sheet Steel Company.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 31.—Rumor has it that John Jarrett, Secretary of the Labor Bureau of the American Sheet Steel Company, has gone to Europe to secure skilled laborers to replace the strikers, but the report is discredited in labor circles.

It is known that Mr. Jarrett has not been a well man for some time, and it is said that his mission to Europe is in search of health.

The proposed miners' demonstration at Monaca, Pa., on Labor Day, it is said, has fallen through. The leaders fear a clash between the miners and the town authorities, and have about decided to call it off.

The labor demonstration in Pittsburg promised to be the greatest ever seen here. Those having the affair in charge claim that 25,000 men will take part in the morning parade.

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