

LOW HIT HARD IN ASSEMBLY.

Tunnel Bill Passed, but Republicans Attack Measure.

PARTY MEN BREAK AWAY

Mayor's Reform Ideas Will Bring Defeat Next Election, Opponents Declared.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, March 25.—The Assembly today passed the Stranahan bill concerning upon the Rapid Transit Commission of New York the right to tunnel the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel franchise and to control the work in connection with the improvements. The vote was 56 yeas to 29 nays. There was considerable bitter talk during the debate on the measure and Mayor Low and the Republicans were not spared by members of the party. "Tammany Hall in its worst days never proposed such a vicious piece of legislation as this tunnel bill," said Assemblyman J. A. Allen. "Reform was pledged when Mayor Low was nominated, but it is reform of the kind that means shame and defeat for the Republican party."

SAY FIREBUG WAS AT WORK.

Police Investigating Three Tenement House Fires.

ALL IN SAME VICINITY.

New Blaze Would Start Before Old One Was Extinguished.

Fire marshals and policemen are investigating three suspicious fires which occurred within a short time and within a few blocks of each other about a week ago. They believe that the fires were the work of a firebug. The first fire occurred at 2:45 o'clock in the rear of the hall on the ground floor of the four-story brick tenement at No. 39 Third avenue. The fire was just outside Fred Schiller's paint store. An iron-covered door prevented the flames from reaching the inflammable stock. The second fire was discovered fifteen minutes later in the basement of the big five-story building at No. 127 East Forty-seventh street, corner of Third avenue. The janitor says that the fire was started in a closet on the ground floor and spread to the engine-room in the basement. The second fire started before the firemen had returned to their engine-house, and while it was burning the third fire was started in the cellar of the tenement-house at No. 35 Second avenue, one door from Forty-seventh street. This was directly under a paint store. The lives of several hundred persons were in jeopardy. None of the fires did much financial damage.

NO CHURCH WEDDING.

Cards of invitation were recalled yesterday for the wedding of Miss Wilson, which was set for Easter Monday. This was due to the death yesterday of Mr. William, a brother of Frederic Gallatin, the father of the bride-elect. The marriage will take place as arranged, but the ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's parents in the presence only of the immediate family.

MURDER PLANNED, WOUNDED MAN SAYS

BUTTENMILLER SURE HIS FRIEND TRIED TO KILL HIM.

Shooting Was Thought to Have Been Accidental, Statement Made to Doctor.

Behind the plain report of the shooting of Andrew Buttenmiller by his friend Charles Claus while they were on a clam-digging expedition together yesterday, there appears to be a story of bitter vengeance. Buttenmiller is in John's Hospital with a bullet in his left side, but it is expected that he will recover. Claus has been held in the Plasing Court without bail to await the result of the other man's injuries. "It was first thought that the shooting was accidental, but Buttenmiller tells an entirely different story. He declares that his friend tried to murder him in cold blood as the result of a quarrel they had recently had, which he thought had been made up between them. His account of the shooting and what led up to it as he gave it to Dr. Bauman in the hospital is as follows: "Charles Claus and I have been friends for years. We grew up together. He lives at No. 45 Morgan street and I live at No. 48 Milton street. We went to school together. I am twenty-one years old and he is a year younger. "A short time ago we attended a ball together, and while there had some words. It didn't amount to anything, and in a few days Claus came to me and made up.

\$400,000,000 IN BIG FLOUR TRUST.

GIANTS OF WHEAT TRADE IN COMBINATION.

National Millers' Federation is Formed in Chicago and Quite Ready for Business.

CHICAGO, March 25.—The final steps in the formation of the National Millers' Federation, representing a total capital of \$400,000,000 and an annual flour output of 100,000,000 barrels, were taken at a meeting held here today. The Federation is the national organization of the various State associations, and, in addition, it will include the National Millers' Association and the National Winter Wheat Millers' Association. Officers of both these organizations have been prominent in organizing the new federation. At today's meeting the following officers were elected: President, Barney A. Bokhart, Chicago; First Vice-President, Henry L. Little, Indianapolis; Second Vice-President, Edwin E. O. Stansard, Missouri; Treasurer, W. C. Riss, St. Louis. A special committee, which includes the officers, was elected to add additional members being: Hovey, Michigan; W. N. Anderson, Wisconsin; M. H. Davis, Ohio; T. H. Baird, Kentucky; H. Harker, Kansas; J. M. Hesser, Iowa; W. M. Howe, Michigan; G. L. Cutler, Ohio; A. W. Miner, Pennsylvania; C. B. Baker, New York; E. H. Evans, Indiana; E. P. Johnson, Tennessee; and W. C. Starnes, Minnesota. The first annual meeting will be held in Chicago June 11, 1908.

SAY METROPOLITAN LOSES 7 MILLIONS.

ALLEGATION OF OPPONENTS MEETS WITH THREAT.

Company Says Dividend Will Be Cut Unless Deal Goes Through.

Beliefs in the bill to restrain the Metropolitan Street Railway Company from leasing its lines to the Interurban Company were held with Justice Childers in the Supreme Court today. The majority's brief states that the Interurban Company controls a line only four miles in length in Westchester County, but has six cars, never had more than 100 passengers, and is pending the case of the Minnie Healy suit. STRIKE IS THREATENED. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 25.—It is rumored here that unless the Pennsylvania Railroad accedes to the demand of the section hand on the New York division for an increase of wages a strike will follow. SENATOR GRADY DECLARED THAT THE REFORM MAYOR OF NEW YORK IS SATISFIED AND THE WANTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE. Senator Mills of Westchester, said: "These bills are not what my people want, but as we cannot get anything else I shall vote for them."

TELEGRAPH

MARCH CONFIRMED. ALBANY, March 25.—The Senate this afternoon on motion of Senator Sullivan confirmed the reappointment by Gov. Odell of James E. March as Port Warden of the port of New York.

MATCH PLANT BURNED. OMAHA, Neb., March 25.—The building of the Omaha Match Company was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight. Loss, \$50,000.

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LOCAL

ALARM CLOCK SAVES LIFE. One of those alarm clocks that rings until you get up to stop it went off in the room of Viola Freeman, a servant in the home of Alfred Seiler, No. 35 West 105th street, at 11 o'clock last night. She was awakened by the noise and went up to investigate. She found the man unconscious from gas and called on the fire force. He was in time to save him. The jet was turned accidently.

JERSEY AFTER MADDEN. It is probable that Pallonman Madden was committed bigamy when he married a woman south-west of the Hudson in the Hudson county (N. J.) Grand Jury to be sworn on next month. Madden's first wife, Linda Harten, belongs in Jersey and it is strongly rumored that Madden will have to stand trial there.

NEW \$175,000 THEATRE. Plans have been filed for the erection of a six-story and basement brick theatre and offices, Nos. 136 to 144 West 105th street and No. 126 West 104th street. The theatre is to be known as the Hudson, and is to cost \$175,000. It is the property of the H. B. Harris Company, the lessee.

OFFICE TO CLOSE FRIDAY. The Building Department will close on Good Friday.

TOBACCO PAYS DIVIDEND. The American Tobacco Company directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on the preferred stock and 1 1/2 per cent on the common. This is an increase of one-half of one per cent on the common stock.

GIRL A CLEVER DETECTIVE. Friends are complimenting pretty Miss Grace Hanks, a student of the New York University, for her plucky detective work which resulted in the arrest of Alfred Heagan, charged with the theft of many valuable and rare manuscripts. Heagan has confessed.

FITCHIE BLAMES PLATT. Discussing his removal from the Commission of Immigration, Thomas Fitchie bitterly denounced Senator Platt, Light, Woodruff and Michael Kelly, who, he says, have persecuted him.

CITY TO BURY MRS. WILSON. Potter's Field will in all probability be the final resting place of the remains of Mrs. Lillian Wilson, who poisoned her husband, Mr. Frank Wilson, after murdering her brother, Robert E. Hutchinson, on one set having appeared in the city to claim the body.

FEET CUT OFF. Harry Smith, thirty years old who lives at No. 100 West 105th street, Brooklyn, while crossing the railroad tracks at the Madison station last night was struck by a train of the Putnam road and his feet were cut off. His condition is critical.

GOT \$7,500 ON APPEAL. By taking his case to the Court of Appeals, Leslie B. Morris secured a verdict for \$7,500 against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for the loss of his suit when he was arrested in the case of the action had returned an award of six cents.

MADIA VICTIM, PERHAPS. Friends believe that Giuseppe Belligian, now in the Hudson Street Hospital, was found strangled in a boxcar on the Hudson River last night. His arrival in this country, is a Madia victim.

HOBOKEN WARNED OF FIRES. In a letter from Gustavus Meyer, who styles himself an astrologer, from Hoboken, N. J., Mr. Croker has been warned that there are a number of serious fires in Hoboken and other buildings in this city within the next fortnight.

SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED. In honor of the exercises of the new A. S. school of Metal Working of the Technical Institute will be held this evening in the new structure, which is an addition to the institution on 31st Street.

PRESIDENT UNEASY MODEL. Stanley Todd, who is busy at his studio at No. 100 West 105th street, is planning a full length portrait of President Roosevelt to be hung in the White House, says that the President was his most realistic subject he ever had.

SHERMAN FINEST TRANSPORT. SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The United States transport Sherman, under command of the Union Iron Works, will go into dry-dock on Saturday morning to take her place on the Maglia route, under command of Capt. Frazer. The Sherman is said to be the finest vessel in the transport service.

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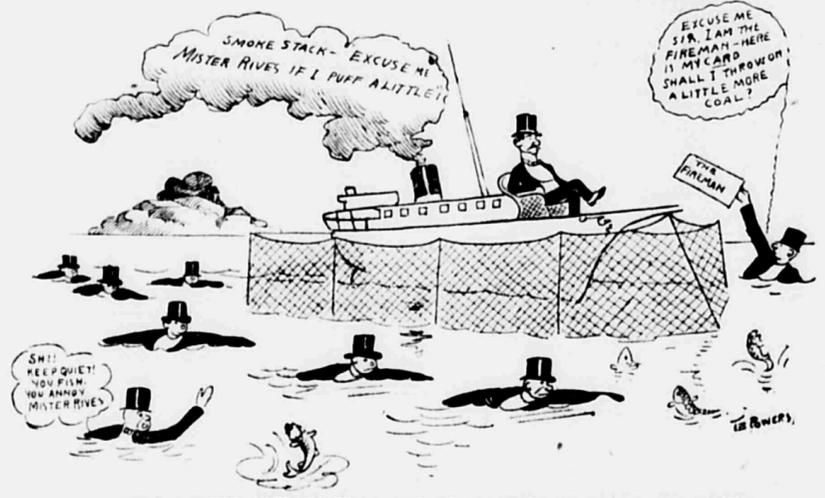
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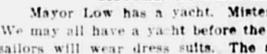
ARTIST POWERS HAS SOME FUN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION. HE PROPHESES THAT WE'LL ALL BE YACHTSMEN.



Dr. Woodbury. Mayor Low. THE REFORM FLEET. Mister Rives. Larry Delmour in the small boat, fishing—Well! they have the yachts, but Croker has the moated grange.



MISTER RIVES'S SAILORS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON BOARD HIS YACHT. Mayor Low has a yacht. Mister Rives will have a yacht. Maybe Dr. Woodbury will have a yacht, too. We may all have a yacht before the summer is over, but Mister Rives's boat will be unique in that all of the sailors will wear dress suits. The sailors must know how to swim, for no member of Mister Rives's crew will be allowed on board the boat except from dire necessity. For instance, if the fire gets low the fireman will send up his card to Mister Rives from his berth in the Sound before he will be allowed to attend to the furnace. All hands may swim alongside of the yacht, and no whistling. A net will be thrown out to keep the fish away from the boat or otherwise annoying Mister Rives. Any little fish who flops onto the deck in a fit of exuberance after sundown, not properly attired in evening dress will be dismissed from the ship at once.



Mayor Low will summer at Rye and will come down to his office in his yacht. ("Mind the rocks, pilot!")

for the eighty-ninth annual graduation exercises of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

CLEVELAND GOES SOUTH. BRUNETON, N. J., March 25.—Accompanied by Dr. J. D. Bryant and Prof. John H. Finley, ex-President Cleveland left his home here today for a fortnight's winter trip to Florida.

MAYOR LOST HIS FRIENDS. WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 25.—After stating that every one of the 102 persons he had not appointed to office had become his bitter enemy, Francis M. Nichols, Mayor for a dozen years, declined renomination.

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Mayor Low Scored for Indorsing Tunnel Regulations Declared Not Satisfactory.

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CABLE

\$125,000 FRENCH EXHIBIT. PARIS, March 25.—The bill providing for an appropriation of \$125,000 for the exhibit of French manufactures and fine arts at the St. Louis Exposition next year, has been passed unanimously by the Chamber of Deputies.

BULLER ALSO "REGRETTED." LONDON, March 25.—Former War Secretary Balfour and Gen. Buller are in a wordy newspaper war because Mr. Balfour announces that he saved Gen. Buller's reputation has been injured by the report that Gen. Buller's despatches to the War Office.

LAND BILL INTRODUCED. LONDON, March 25.—The Irish Land Bill, which advocates the purchase of 100,000 acres of land for the benefit of Irish agriculture, has been introduced in the House of Commons.

TURKEY MASSING TROOPS. LONDON, March 25.—A report has been received here from Constantinople that a correspondent of the Daily Chronicle from Rome of that forty Turkish battalions have been mobilized for service in Albania, where there is a risk of anarchy.

QUEEN GOES TO COPENHAGEN. LONDON, March 25.—Queen Alexandra started today for Copenhagen to attend the celebration, April 8, of the birthday of her father, King Christian IX, of Denmark, who was born April 8, 1818.

CHOLERA IN MECCA. CONSTANTINOPLE, Tuesday, March 25.—An official bulletin on the subject of cholera at Mecca and Medina admits that 1,129 deaths from that disease have occurred at the two cities mentioned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ADJOURNS. LONDON, March 25.—The House of Commons, after a brief session today, adjourned until April 7, for the Easter holidays.

CELTIC TOURISTS AT NAPLES. NAPLES, Italy, March 25.—The White Star Line steamer Celtic, with a large party of American tourists on board, has arrived here.

ROOSEVELT TO VISIT PASTOR. WASHINGTON, March 25.—During his trip to the Charleston Exposition President Roosevelt will call on the Rev. James H. Duff, pastor of the Methodist Church, who married his parents.

DENIAL BUT NO NAME. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Although persons known to have confidence in the President in many important matters say that there is no truth in the report that Gen. Leonard Wood will be "bumped" to the head of the army, they decline to name the possible successor to the place.

NO BAIL FOR RATHBONE. Former Director of Cuban Posts Locked Up at Havana. HAVANA, March 25.—Estes G. Rathbone, the former Director of Posts, was taken to the carcel (jail) this morning, accompanied by a number of friends. Rathbone's bondman, Senor Lopez, a Spanish merchant, went to court this morning and announced that he was willing to furnish bonds in any amount, but bail was absolutely refused.

PAGE WRESTLING CHAMPION. Won Title of New York A. C. in Bout Decided Last Night. W. M. Page is the heavy-weight champion wrestler of the New York A. C. He won his title last night by defeating the only competitor in the class, R. L. Scott, after nine minutes' work.

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HABEAS CORPUS FOR VOELPEL.

OBTAINS WRIT THROUGH LAWYER. Authorities Must Answer as to Their Reasons for Holding Youth.

Former Assistant District Attorney John E. McIlroy this afternoon obtained a writ of habeas corpus from Justice Greenbaum for John A. Voelpel, the sixteen-year-old lad held in the Tombs on suspicion of having murdered his mother. The writ is returnable Monday. In his petition, signed in a fine, businesslike hand, Johnny Voelpel says he does not know why he is detained, but understands he is charged with murder in the first degree and held for the action of the Grand Jury. Then he says: "But your petitioner is innocent of the crime charged and of any crime whatsoever."

To Detectives Price and McCafferty, of Capt. Titus's staff, have been assigned the task of finding out whether Policeman Murray stole a pawn-ticket from the flat of Kate Voelpel. Murray was the second policeman to reach the flat after John Voelpel reported the murder to the Charles street station; he was in charge of the house for several days. That a pawn-ticket, issued to Mrs. Voelpel, should turn up in the hands of Murray's wife is considered suspicious enough to warrant a searching investigation.

Murray, practically, has been charged by his superiors with stealing the pawn ticket. He has been placed under charges of conduct unbecoming an officer.

ROOSEVELT TO VISIT PASTOR. WASHINGTON, March 25.—During his trip to the Charleston Exposition President Roosevelt will call on the Rev. James H. Duff, pastor of the Methodist Church, who married his parents.

DENIAL BUT NO NAME. WASHINGTON, March 25.—Although persons known to have confidence in the President in many important matters say that there is no truth in the report that Gen. Leonard Wood will be "bumped" to the head of the army, they decline to name the possible successor to the place.

NO BAIL FOR RATHBONE. Former Director of Cuban Posts Locked Up at Havana. HAVANA, March 25.—Estes G. Rathbone, the former Director of Posts, was taken to the car