WATER IN QUEENS MENACE TO LIFE.

Chemist Asserts It Is Poisoned by Acids and Filth from Salt Marshes and Contains Much Solid Matter.

INQUEST ON AN EXPLOSION.

Chemicals in It, It Is Maintained, Ate Into Boilers of Pumping Station, Causing Them to Blow Up and Kill Two Men.

That water poisonous enough to cause the explosion of a boiler and the death of two men has been supplied for years to the residents of the Astoria and Steinway sections of the Borough of Queens may be proved to-night at an inquest to be held in Long Island City. This inquest is to fix the blame for the explosion of one of the boilers in Pumping Station No. 2, at Steinway, on Sunday, Nov. 9, when Engineer William Dighby and Fireman James Nelson were blown to pieces.

There have been already two sessions of the inquest. It has been shown that when the men went on duty in the morning the fires were in good shape, there was sufficient water in the boilers, and to the experienced judgment of the engineer there was no possibility of an explosion.

Poisonous Chemicals in Water.

It is expected that the testimony of chemists will show that the water in the boilers—the same water pumped to consumers by the city—was so impregnated with poisonous chemicals that it ate away the flues and gave opportunity for the explosion.

When Patrick Jerome Gleason was Mayor of Long Island City he shut down Pumping Station No. 2. His enemies averred that his action was the result of his ownership of the Woodside Water Company and his desire that that concern should sell water to the city. The appalling record of deaths in the Astoria and Steinway sections from diseases resulting from impure water supply after Station No. 2 resumed business shows that Gleason's contention that the water was unfit for use was sound.

Politics is blamed by the residents of Queens Borough for the heavy death rate as well as for the explosion that wrecked the pumping plant. That a few men might be kept at work and because the owners of private water companies refused to be "seen" water reeking with poison was pumped into thousands of homes—the homes of the wealthy as well as the homes of the poor.

Had to Purify It.

For months preceding the explosion manufacturing plants in the district supplied by Station No. 2 found it necessary to purify the water by chemical means before it could be used. Consumers who had not the facilities of the manufacturers were compelled to use the slimy fluid as it was served to them.

Among the chemists who have been called by Coroner Samuel Nutt and the District-Attorney of Queens County to testify to the quality of the water served from Pumping Station No. 2 is F. S. Tolman, who has his laboratory in Steinway. Mr. Tolman made the following statement to an Evening World reporter to-day:

"The worst water furnished by the city came from Pumping Station No. 2. Situated as the station was, in a hollow with salt marsh lands surrounding it, the pumping station was a disgrace to the city, and I have no doubt that it was the means by which hundreds died.

Dangerous to Life.

"The chemists of the various Health Boards, prior to and since consolidation, made analysis of the water pumped from the artesian wells which were sunk in close proximity to the marsh lands and pronounced the water taken from the wells and pumped throughout this section as dangerous to the health of our people.

"I have made daily analysis of the water from Station No. 2, and prior to the explosion of three weeks ago my analysis showed that there were from 75 to 150 per cent. of solid matter to every gallon of water pumped through that station, or, in other words, we were being compelled to drink some clear water mixed with salt water from the sea and that was brackish, hard and slimy. The water was totally unfit for household use, and for use in boilers it was also unfit.

"It was the same to the human system to give an invalid or a weak person a drink of that water as it would have been to inject a dose of poison. I have no heritancy in saying that the water from those wells when pumped into the boiler which exploded was the real cause of the explosion, and the killing of the engineer and fireman.

Ate Into Boiler Surface.

"The lime, chloride of sodium and muriatic acid would attack the boiler and eat out its pits, which means that the acids would eat off its surface, thus weakening the boiler, which was permitted to carry ninety pounds of steam to the square inch.

"About seventy pounds pressure was, in fact, on when the weakened boiler exploded.

"When Pumping Station No. 2 was first started I made daily analysis of the water and found only from six to eight grains of solid matter, but that was under old Long Island City, when there were only 250,000 gallons in each twenty-four hours pumped from the wells. But since consolidation there have been 2,500,000 gallons pumped through the station each day. Of course as the water rolled down the hills from the highlands the pumps, if they did not exceed the supply from the hills and were kept going in conformity with the water which flowed into the wells, delivered pure water, but when the wells could not deliver enough to keep the pumping station going the sea waters mixed in with the pure water, and both combined were distributed in thousands of homes and the results were appalling.

"It is absolutely necessary that we have pure water, and for that reason I make daily analysis of the supply, and it would be of great benefit to this community if The Evening World would lay the bare facts before the authorities and the public at large so that if any steps are taken to rebuild the destroyed station they may be frustrated."

BOILER EXPLOSION CAUSED BY ACID-FILLED WATER.

WRECK OF THE STEINWAY PUMPING STATION.

REMNANTS OF THE BOILER THAT EXPLODED.

A MANIAC AFTER X-SCIENCE 'CURE.'

Henry E. Pratt, a Rich Paper Merchant Whom the Healers Tried Their Powers on, Is Placed in a Madhouse.

Word reached New York to-day that Henry E. Pratt, formerly a wealthy paper merchant, living at No. 888 Green street, Brooklyn, for the recovery of whose mental faculties two years ago the Christian Scientists claimed great credit, had been sent yesterday to the Middletown Asylum for the Insane in Connecticut. He is said to be a hopeless lunatic.

Until about three years ago Pratt was doing a large business, when it was reported that his mind was weakening. Hearing of this his creditors pushed him hard for their claims, his business was taken from him and he was placed in charge of doctors, neurologists and alienists. All declared that his condition was hopeless and that he could live only a very few years.

After this he went to Hartford, Conn., where the Christian Scientists took him in charge. It was while with them he regained his reason and was apparently as sound minded as ever. Leverin E. Simonson, first reader of the Christian Science Church there, took him into his home about a year ago and he spent last summer at Guilford.

Only a few days ago, in speaking of the supposed cure of Pratt, Mr. Simonson said:

"Christian Science has done what materia medica has failed to accomplish." The cult in Hartford, even in Boston, referred to the presumed cure of Pratt as one of the great accomplishments of the faith.

Now that Pratt has suddenly lost his mind completely and has become such a maniac that he must be locked in a cell at the asylum, the Christian Scientists are saying nothing. The experts at the asylum say Pratt can live only a short time, his mind being diseased beyond cure.

MUST TAKE LIBRARY.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 3.—The Supreme Court decided that the Council's vote to accept $75,000 from Andrew Carnegie for a library, and the selection of a site in accordance with Mr. Carnegie's decree, amounted to a contract, which cannot be annulled. The Council, because of a deadlock among members over some details of the library, had rescinded its acceptance.

COFFEE DID IT.

Put a Man Out of the Race.

Coffee serves some people in a most atrocious manner.

"I was a veritable coffee fiend until finally my stomach rebelled at the treatment and failed to work," writes a gentleman from New York.

"I had dyspepsia in its worst form; blind, staggering headaches with vertigo about a half hour after each time I ate, and I finally grew so weak and became so thin that my mother advised me to stop coffee and try Postum Food Coffee.

"I did not like it at first, but after experimenting in making it, mother soon got it just right, and I then liked it better than coffee.

"I soon noticed my biliousness stopped and I lost the trembling effect on my nerves; Postum did not stimulate me but seemed to exhilarate. I gradually regained my wonted good health; my old appetite returned, and to-day I am well—dyspepsia, headache and vertigo all gone, and Postum did it.

"When I began its use I had been troubled for two years with all kinds of stomach trouble. I became a veritable walking apothecary shop, but I have not taken a dose of medicine since I commenced using Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

QUIT HUSBAND TO SAVE HER JOB

Woman Department Clerk in Washington Feared Dismissal, so They Agreed to Separate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—One of the women clerks in the Post-Office Department has given up her husband rather than lose her position through the recent order of Postmaster-General Payne that after the first of the year women employees of the department who are married may be asked to leave the service.

After the order was promulgated this woman went to her chief of division and said:

"I cannot take the risk of dismissal merely because I have a husband. He may lose his position at any time, and then we will not be able to live. He and I have talked the matter over, and we could not figure how we could get along without the two salaries.

"We have lived rather independently of each other and have not been particularly congenial, so under the circumstances, we concluded that the sensible thing to do would be to separate.

"I cannot now be classed as a married woman. I am single and dependent entirely upon my own exertions. I have no husband to support me and do not think the rule of the Postmaster-General will apply in my case."

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This has been the question which has puzzled physicians and dyspeptics alike, until the question was solved three years ago by the appearance of a new discovery in the medical world known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, which it was claimed was a certain, reliable cure for every form of stomach trouble.

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Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets were not placed before the public until this three years' trial left no doubt as to their value, and they have recently been placed in the trade and can be found on sale at all druggists' at the nominal price of 50 cents per package.

No extravagant claims are made for the remedy. It will not cure rheumatism, pneumonia, typhoid fever nor anything but just what it is claimed to cure, and that is every form of stomach trouble. No dieting is necessary; good, wholesome food and plenty of it, and you may rest assured that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will DIGEST it. Druggists claim for it that it is a pleasure to recommend it to dyspeptics, because it gives such universal satisfaction.

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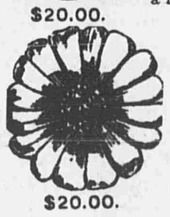

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