

M'ADOO LIKELY TO GIVE WAY TO M'AVOY AS HEAD OF POLICE

Newly Named Commissioner to Go to Congress While Work in Police Department Will Be Taken Up by Former Inspector, the Latest Rumor.

Street-Cleaning Commissioner Will Undoubtedly Be Keahon--Dalton, Donohue and Scannel Are Said to Be Assured of Remunerative Places.

It is rumored in inner Tammany circles that the police situation has been settled so that former Inspector of Police Thomas F. McAvoy will be Commissioner within a few months.

News that the deal has been consummated comes from an excellent source. It is said that Charles F. Murphy feels that Mr. McAdoo can so impress his business principles on the department in a few months that it will be safe to place the police machinery in the hands of a practical policeman like McAvoy.

That Mr. McAvoy was not disposed to accept the deputy commissionership is known to be a fact. He is a man of wealth, and has a remunerative contracting business.

Mr. McAdoo has ambitions to figure in national politics and Tammany would like to have him in its delegation in Congress.

CHANGE TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT MAY 1. It is believed by those who think they are posted that Mr. McAdoo will resign about May 1 and that Mr. McAvoy will then be appointed Police Commissioner by the Mayor.

The appointment of William Dalton as Commissioner of Public Works; Matthew Donohue as Commissioner of Sewers, and George Scannel as Commissioner of Highways, will be announced tomorrow by Borough President Ahearn.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS AGREED UPON. The news was given out at Tammany Hall to-day that the appointment of Patrick Keahon as Commissioner of Street-Cleaning has been decided upon.

Mr. McClellan appeared to be a trifle worried to-day for the first time since his return to New York from Washington.

Aderman Timothy P. Sullivan will be Vice-Chairman of the new Board of Aldermen. In the appointment of patronage of that body, Manhattan Borough will get three sergeants-at-arms Brooklyn Borough two and Richmond and Queens one each.

Sheriff Erlanger announced this afternoon that he had appointed James W. Gerrard, jr., of the firm of Bowers & Sands, as Sheriff's counsel.

LEFT FORTUNE TO HIS HOUSEKEEPER

Rich Newport Lawyer Bequeaths Money and House to Woman and Also Provides for Her Relatives.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 28.—The will of Francis Baring Peckham, wealthy lawyer of this city, filed for probate to-day, gives \$45,000 and a residence to Mary C. Mahoney, Mr. Peckham's housekeeper, and two of her relatives.

WENT OVER NIAGARA FALLS IN A BOAT

Man Was Standing in Small Craft and Could Be Seen Waving His Arms as He Plunged to Death.

NIAGARA, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A boat containing a man passed down the river and plunged over the Horseshoe Falls this afternoon.

BANKER GARTH, WHO KILLED HIMSELF, AND A GROUP SHOWING MRS. GARTH, HUBERT AND MISS HARTIGAN READY FOR A RIDE.



KOMOMBO BREAKS A TRACK RECORD

Colt Has Easy Time in Winning Opening Race at New Orleans and Covers Four and a Half Furlongs in 54 4-5 Seconds.

THE WINNERS.

- FIRST RACE—Komombo (16 to 5) 1, Trossachs (16 to 5) 2, Docile 3. SECOND RACE—Tribes Hill (6 to 5) 1, Noveta (20 to 1) 2, Major Mansir 3.

When Granville W. Garth, President of the Mechanics' National Bank, who committed suicide by plunging into the sea from the deck of the Mallory line steamer Denver last week, sailed from this port on Dec. 19 he was suffering from an aggravated form of nervous prostration, brought on by overwork and worry.

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ABEEL FIGHTING HARD AGAINST EXTRADITION.

Young Man Accused of Impersonating J. Ogden Goelet Denies Charges, but Employs Lawyer to Help Keep Him in Canada.

(Special to The Evening World.) NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 28.—James Abeel, charged with forging the name of J. B. Van Every and impersonating "J. Ogden Goelet" while making love to Miss Eleanor Anderson, daughter of a Sixth avenue restaurant-keeper in New York, this afternoon began a vigorous fight against extradition to the United States for trial.

After having been under a close police guard at the Hotel Savoy all morning, he was arraigned before Magistrate Cruikshank shortly after noon. In court he was represented by William P. German, of Welland, Ont., one of the best lawyers in the province.

Abeel was dressed like a Berry Wall. When Magistrate Cruikshank commanded him to answer to the charge of forgery, the young New Yorker arose. With head erect and shoulders thrown back he answered in a ringing voice: "Not guilty, your honor; not guilty by any means."

Abeel started to say more, but with a gentle push his attorney shoved him into a chair, where he sat staring straight into the eyes of Detective Valley, of the New York police force.

Denies All the Charges. Before he was arraigned in Magistrate Cruikshank's court Abeel was seen by an Evening World correspondent. He ridiculed the charges against him.

"I am guilty of the charge of forgery and impersonation?" he asked. "Ha! ha! Well, hardly! How absurd a question. I am absolutely innocent of any crime. I never impersonated J. Ogden Goelet or any other Goelet. If any persons believe that I forged the name of J. B. Van Every they are allowing their imaginations to run away with their common sense. What a foolish thing that would be for a fellow to do."

HELPLESS CREW BROUGHT TO PORT. Men on Schooner L. L. Hamlin Caught in Blizzard So Badly Frostbitten They Could Not Handle Vessel.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—Led up from waterline to masthead, without sails and her crew badly frostbitten, the two-masted schooner L. L. Hamlin was towed into port by the tug Hercules to-day.

KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH. Fireman Victim in Collision Which Delayed Traffic.

WHOLE EAST SIDE BLOCK MENACED BY FERCE FIRE

Tenement Dwellers Routed from Their Homes by Blaze Which Destroyed the Huge Storage Warehouse of James R. Keane & Co. on the East Side.

LIVELY PANIC IN ROW OF CROWDED DOUBLE-DECKERS.

Four Alarms Were Sounded and the Resources of the Department Taxed to Their Utmost—Two Employees Were Burned in Making Their Escape from the Building.

The big storage warehouse of James R. Keane, at No. 205 East Seventy-sixth street, was destroyed by fire this afternoon, in spite of the employment of a great quantity of fire apparatus called out on four alarms.

The fire burned with terrific energy, and for a time the entire street, lined with great double-decked tenements, was in a panic, as the flames swept by the brisk wind, swirled over the roofs.

The fire started on the top floor of the building, where there were two men at work, Louis Hechfelder and Thomas Lyons. As far as they could tell the flames burst out from behind a wooden partition curtaining off a room in which furniture and bedding were stored.

Before the men could make any effort to escape the blaze cut off the stairway. They groped their way through the smoke to the fire-escape, but had difficulty in opening the window letting out on it. When they finally succeeded in raising it the fire had reached them, and both were burned about the hands and face.

The fire ate its way down through the four floors to the main storehouse rooms with remarkable rapidity, the inflammable material within which the building was stored feeding the blaze until the flames mounted fifty feet high.

IMPRISONED HORSES FREED. When the first fire apparatus arrived there were eighteen horses tied in stalls on the first floor. The animals were in panic and neighing with fear.

Policeman Messmacher, of the East Sixty-seventh street station, fought his way through the smoke on the lower floor and swiftly cut the halters of the imprisoned horses, all of whom made their escape before the flames had reached the lower part of the building.

The warehouse extends through from Seventy-sixth to Seventy-seventh street, and the entire building was ablaze by the time the firemen got to work.

Crief Cruger, who had charge of the apparatus, first turned in a second, then a third and a fourth alarm when he saw that only prompt action would save the block of tenements east of the burning structure.

All the tenants of the two nearest tenements to the warehouse were ordered into the street and advised to take with them everything they possessed of value. The reserves of the East Sixty-seventh street station had been ordered out and aided the frightened women and children in getting out with their household gear.

Then a mass of water was turned on the threatened tenements, smothering both the front and rear windows. The water froze almost as fast as it settled within and without the tenement-houses, so that those who had the hardihood to return to their apartments after the fire was under control had to practically chop their way through ice.

Because of the length and narrowness of the warehouse the firemen had great difficulty in getting at the heart of the fire. In fact, they were compelled to fight it almost from the outer edges and adjoining buildings. All of the furniture stored in the building was completely destroyed, and when the flames were at last beaten down there was nothing but the shell of the structure left.

Mr. Keane placed the damage to the warehouse and its contents at \$35,000.

TO FIGHT EXCISE CHANGES. National Temperance Society Opposes Jerome's Plans.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 28.—The National Temperance Society, at a meeting held to-day at No. 3 East Fourteenth street, appointed a committee to go to Albany at the coming session of the Legislature and there fight to the finish any bills from District Attorney Jerome or from the liquor dealers of this city, providing for the repeal of the prohibition law.

SHOT HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW. Assailant Accused Victim of Advancing Wife Against Him.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 28.—Joseph Farley shot and probably fatally wounded his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Lawrence, at her home this afternoon. He is under arrest and in a hospital. The shooting occurred after a quarrel between the two women. Mrs. Lawrence was about fifty years old and Farley is a textile operative.

SPECIAL EXTRA. CLUB-HOUSE DOORS BROKEN IN BY POLICE

Capt. Hogan, of the Mercer street station, with Detectives Cook and Sullivan and a number of men from the District Attorney's office, raided the Aldine Club, No. 31 West Eighth street, late this afternoon on evidence obtained by Sullivan and Cook and three warrants charging that it was a pool-room.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS. Fifth Race—Sarah Maxim 1, Burning Glass 2, Decoration 3. Sixth Race—Bon Mot 1, Hands Across 2, Charlie Thompson

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 28.—Elizabeth N. J., Dec. 28.—In a freight wreck here to-day on the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania Railroad a fireman was killed and some other train hands shaken up. The smash-up delayed traffic for some time.

WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday for New York City and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night; Tuesday partly cloudy and moderating, followed by light snow; brisk northwest winds, becoming fresh southwest.

TRANSLATOR THOMAS DEAD. WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Col. Henry L. Thomas, for thirty-four years translator in the State Department, died to-day at his residence in this city, aged sixty-eight years, of pneumonia.

MORE GOLD COMING OVER. There was engaged for import to-day in London \$1,700,000 of new gold. Goldsmith, Sachs & Co. engaged \$500,000, National City Bank \$400,000 and Lazard Freres \$1,000,000.

JUSTICE M'KEAN ILL. Justice McKean, of General Sessions, left the bench at noon to-day and went to his home to nurse a bad cold. Justice Hinsdale took his place.