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BIG POOL-ROOMS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS BY THE WESTERN UNION

Service Cut Off from Three Great Syndicates, Who Refused to Meet Increased Telegraphic Rates, and James O'Leary, of Chicago, Will Take Their Places, 'Tis Said.

Assertion Is Made that the Present Act Is the Greatest Blow that Has Yet Been Dealt to the Gambling Fraternity From Any Source.

The Western Union Telegraph Company cut off its telegraphic service to-day to the three big syndicates which furnish information to more than a hundred pool-rooms operating in this city.

But this does not mean necessarily that pool-rooms will be a thing of the past. With the refusal to allow their instruments to tick in the branch offices of the pool-room syndicates the Western Union by no means withdraws from the field.

James O'Leary, said to be a friend of the assistant to Major R. C. Clawry, General Manager of the Western Union, it is said, will be a prime figure in the new scheme.

The three syndicates which will be put out of business are generally known as the Beattie Syndicate, the Steinmetz Syndicate and the Hannigan and McCormack Syndicate.

The action of the Western Union in cutting out the three syndicates is the logical result of the recent fight made against it by the syndicate operators.

In pool-room circles and along the turf line the report is that the new big and comprehensive pool-room which is to be plentifully provided with ramifying telephones, is to be given the entire local field to itself.

READY TO TAKE CANAL.

Panama Payments Authorized and Full Possession Within a Month.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A conclusion of the negotiations for the title to the Panama Canal property is in sight. Within thirty days, perhaps in a shorter time, the United States will be in full possession of the property and the money consideration will have been paid to both the Republic of Panama and to the new Panama Canal Company.

tion of which have just been exchanged. Also that he is authorized to pay to the new Panama Canal Company the \$40,000,000 which under the agreement between the United States and that company we are to pay for their property, and have notified the canal company we are ready to close the transaction. The details in connection with the transfer of the canal company's property should not require more than thirty days.

WEATHER FORECAST. Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday for New York City and vicinity: Cloudy to night; Thursday cloudy and warmer, with rain; fresh east to southeast winds.

For a persistent cough, Plan's Cure for consumption is an effective remedy. All druggists.

Greatest February in The World's History

Both in Circulation and in Advertising

Table showing February Daily Average and Copies of 'The World' sold in New York City only for years 1904, 1903, 1902, and 1901.

Table showing Columns of Advertisements for February, 1904, 1903, 1902, and 1901.

VIPERINE WINS PREMIER STAKES

Beats Sweet Pepper, the Favorite, and Other Fast Ones for Important Stake—Stella Allen Bought for \$900.

THE WINNERS.

- FIRST RACE—Banana Cream (4 to 1) 1, Sabinal (25 to 1) 2, Prince of Endurance 3. SECOND RACE—Stella Allen (3 to 5) 1, Pinkie (4 to 1) 2, Guadalupe 3. THIRD RACE—Presentation (20 to 1) 1, Frank Bell (8 to 5) 2, Sid Silver 3. FOURTH RACE—Viperine (5 to 2) 1, Sweet Pepper (7 to 5) 2, Delaval 3. FIFTH RACE—Gravina (3 to 5) 1, Lee King (6 to 1) 2, Mauter 3. SIXTH RACE—Wreath of Ivy (3 to 1) 1, Docile (30 to 1) 2, Overhand 3.

NEW ORLEANS, March 2.—A number of horses from the G. L. Richards and E. W. Walden stables were sold in the paddock before the races to-day. Clint Burnett bought Knowledge for \$625, E. L. Tally paid \$275 for Julia Junkin, Mose Goldblatt secured Royal Pirate for \$500. Contentious went to S. Street for \$250. Lew Marion bid in Ghats for \$205 and Transmigration was bought by J. Black for \$180.

Runners are not worth much down here now. Willie Harris bought Short Cake at private sale for \$800 from J. Praying. Bob Turner has quit booking at the track and is now running one of the downtown pool-rooms. The weather is clear and track very fast.

Seven furlons. Starters, white, locks. St. Hif. Fin. Betting. Banana Cream, 105. 5 28 11 9-2 9-5 Sabinal, 105. 5 41 214 20 9 Prince of Endurance, 110. 3 31 18-2 3 Dr. Richards, 115. Aubin 2 28 41 50 20 Lady Radner, 105. Lavin 1 91 4 8-5 7-10 Golden Flower, 97. Wilfr 3 21 35 12 7-2 Sir Kingston, 110. Dean 2 51 41 18 6-6 Tom McGee, 115. C. H. 1 11 10 10 10 Heronine, 105. Bonnell 4 28 101 30 12 1/2 The Doctor, 115. C. H. 1 11 10 10 10 Le Preichte, 105. Rob'nell 12 12 42 15 Start good. Won easily. Time—1:27 4-5.

Stella Allen was easily the best of the lot that went to the post in this race. She was always favorite at odds on. When the start came she was off with the leaders. In the run to the first turn she moved up and passed Pinkie without an effort. Rounding the far turn Stella Allen opened up a lead of half a dozen lengths, and in the run home she showed her class and won with a gallant. Stella Allen was run up \$300 and sold to Albert Simons for \$900.

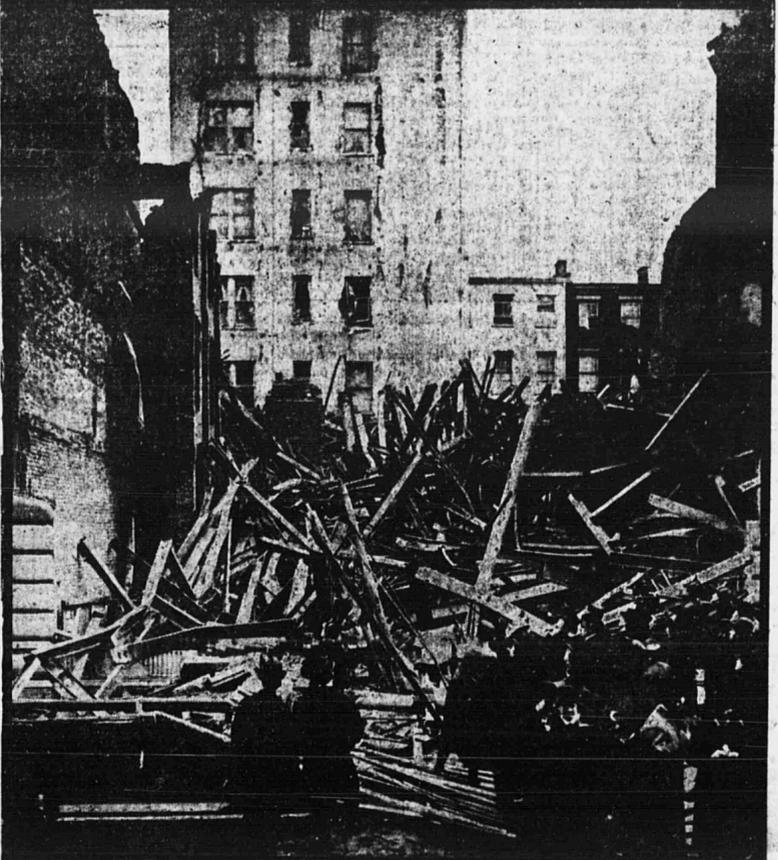
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NEW CUBAN TREATY SIGNED. WASHINGTON, March 4.—Secretary Hay and Senor Quesada, the Cuban Minister, to-day signed a new treaty with the Cuban Republic, which is to be ratified by the Senate. To guard against a lapse in the Senate, as was the case with a previous convention, the treaty signed to-day was purposely framed by the State Department without the designation of any special period of time within which ratifications must be exchanged.

RUINS OF HOTEL DARLINGTON

Specially Photographed for The Evening World.



Steel Structure Ten Stories High for the New Darlington, at No. 57 West Forty-sixth Street, Collapses, Carrying Forty Workmen Down—Guests in Hotel Patterson, Next Door, Killed and Injured.

PORT ARTHUR CAPTURED, IS THE LATEST REPORT

London Has the Rumor, but There Is No Confirmation of It—Big Armies Are Massing to Be Ready to Strike Near Yalu River.

LONDON, March 2.—A rumor was circulated in the lobby of the House of Commons this afternoon that Port Arthur had fallen.

The origin of the rumor could not be traced and no confirmation whatever was obtainable.

TROOPS MASSING FOR GREAT LAND BATTLE.

TOKIO, March 2.—The commander-in-chief of the Japanese army, Gen. Prince Komatsu, with all the members of the General Staff, reached Seoul, in Corea, to-day and took charge of the active land operations.

All the movements thus far made have been formulated by the General Staff and have been preliminary to a general advance upon Manchuria by way of Corea. A sufficient number of troops have been landed in Corea to allow the immediate working out of the plan of campaign, although it may be some time before there is a decisive battle.

Accounts of skirmishes between troops of the Japanese and Russian armies on the border between Corea and Manchuria have reached here. These skirmishes have taken place in the vicinity of Pingyang and prove nothing save that the armies are close together and that the battle-ground for the first engagement of the war on land has been selected.

The crew of the hospital ship report that Port Arthur is well bottled up. The battle-ship Retvizan is aground at the mouth of the harbor in such a way that the Russian battle-ships and armored cruisers inside cannot get out, but her guns are available. All of the outside fighting since the first engagement has been done by the cruisers A'koi, Novik and Bayan.

There is a Japanese cruiser ashore and abandoned thirty miles south of Chemulpo, Corea. She may have been disabled in the engagement at Chemulpo in which the Russian war vessels Varieg and Korietz were destroyed. The officers of the Varieg reported at that time that they had sunk a cruiser and a torpedo-boat destroyer.

The movement of the Japanese forces to the front has been accomplished with admirable system. There has been no confusion. The people are waiting with patience for news of the first encounter between the armies.

MYSTERY IN NURSE'S DEATH

Inquest to Be Held on Body of Miss Florence White, a Trained Nurse, Who Died in Brooklyn Memorial Hospital.

The Brooklyn Board of Health and District-Attorney's Office to-day ordered that the body of Florence White, thirty years old, a trained nurse, who died yesterday at the Memorial Hospital, Nostrand avenue and Sterling place, Brooklyn, be held until an autopsy could be performed.

Dr. Burns, chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Board of Health, declared in issuing the order that he was not satisfied with the death certificate issued from the Memorial Hospital and wished to make an investigation.

Yesterday Miss Marion White, the sister of the dead girl, and her father, who live at No. 132 East Sixty-sixth street, the city, called at the Board of Health headquarters and saw Dr. Burns. They told him that they had both called at the hospital while Miss White was dying and asked to see her. Their request was not granted.

After they learned that the young woman had died they applied to the hospital for possession of the body, to bury it. They were told that they could not have the body.

Dr. Burns, after listening to this story, called upon Assistant District-Attorney Elder and asked him to help him investigate the case. Mr. Elder learned that the dead girl had made a will during her illness in which she asked that O. E. Parker, of No. 129 St. John's place, Brooklyn, take possession of her body and directed that it be turned over to Mr. Helvia, an undertaker, of No. 190 Broadway, Brooklyn, for the purpose of having it cremated at Fresh Pond.

When Mr. Parker was asked about his acquaintance with the dead woman he said that he had known her for ten years and that he and his wife had befriended her when she had a disagreement with her family. He said that it was through his influence that she was admitted to the Memorial Hospital, where she was graduated as a trained nurse several years ago.

Before her death Miss White was employed by Dr. George H. Maher, of No. 88 Wilson street, Brooklyn, as a trained nurse. She lived at his home.

8 KILLED AND 10 MISSING IN FALL OF A BIG HOTEL

Steel Structure Ten Stories High for the New Darlington, at No. 57 West Forty-sixth Street, Collapses, Carrying Forty Workmen Down—Guests in Hotel Patterson, Next Door, Killed and Injured.

FOREMAN ARRESTED AND CHIEF OWNER PROBABLY A VICTIM.

Owing to Lightness of the Construction Work Was Ordered Stopped by the City Several Days Ago and Extensive Preparations to Strengthen the Framework Had Been Made by the Allison Realty Co.

SOME OF THE DEAD.

STORRS, Mrs., of Westchester, crushed in dining-room of Hotel Patterson. MORREL, FREDERICK, foreman for Roebing Company. UNKNOWN MAN—Died in Bellevue Hospital.

SOME OF THE INJURED.

CONY, JOSEPH, of No. 23 Pearl street. FAGIN, CHARLES, of No. 301 West One Hundred-and-First street. FOUNTAIN, JAMES, address unknown. MASTERSON, HENRY, address unknown. M'GINNIS, JERRY, address unknown. QUARLES, ANDREW, of No. 323 East Fifty-fourth street. SMITH, TONY, of No. 172 Avenue A. STRUBE, HARRY, of No. 42 Morris Heights. WEISENMILLER, FRANK, Brooklyn. WELLMAN, GOTTLIEB, address unknown. WHELAN, JOSEPH, of No. 309 West Sixty-seventh street. MEYER ERNEST, waiter at the Hotel Patterson; badly crushed. MARRA, ANDREW, of No. 82 Amsterdam avenue. SAVAGE, Mrs. MINOT J., injured by fall of walls of Hotel Patterson.

THE MISSING.

ACKERMAN, LEWIS, of No. 613 East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, employed by the New York Construction Company. ALLISON, FRANK, of the Allison Realty Company. CHRISTOPHER, WALTER, a stone setter. JOHNSTON, AXEL, of No. 613 East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, employed by the New York Construction Company. KELLY, TIMOTHY, a derrick rigger. WAYNER, JOHN, assistant foreman for the Roebing Company. DANWALTER, ADAM, master plumber. HENSCHON, EMIL, plumbers' assistant.

Eight persons are known to be dead, three or more are fatally injured, ten are missing, some of whom are probably buried in the ruins, and more than a score of others were seriously hurt in the collapse of the Hotel Darlington, a big apartment house in course of construction at No. 57 West Forty-sixth street, this afternoon. Six of the persons killed were workmen employed on the building. The other two were killed in the extension dining-room of the Hotel Patterson, at No. 56 West Forty-seventh street, which was crushed by the falling iron and brick.

Coroner Scholer issued a warrant this evening for the arrest of Paul Schwender, of Schwender & Cole, No. 76 William street, contractors for the ironwork on the collapsed building. Complaint was made by Inspector French, of the Building Department, who says that he ordered work on the building stopped this morning and that Schwender received the order.

It is believed that Frank Allison, a millionaire and member of the Allison Construction Company, which owned the building, is in the ruins, dead. His brother says that he received a telephone message from Frank at 1 o'clock saying that he had just reached the building and would remain there all afternoon.

"I am almost convinced that his body will be found in there."

Without the Use of Poisonous Drugs Father John's Medicine Cures Colds.