GILROY FIGURES KIERAN CO. OWES $6,174,806.58

And Adds That Of Doubtful Liabilities May Decrease Total.

FIGHT OVER RECEIVER.

Lawyer Olney as Referee Hears Evidence to Decide Which One Shall Rule.

Lawyer Peter B. Olney, of No. 68 William street, acted as referee this morning in a hearing on the application of William H. Dorothy, the Hodge and Homer Company, and the Burke Furnace Company, all of Chicago, to determine the question of the receivership between Robert C. Morris, Federal receiver of the defunct Fidelity Funding Company, and Thomas F. Gilroy, who has possession of the effects of the concern as receiver under the State law.

The Fidelity Funding Company, of which Patrick J. Kieran was the head, is alleged to have swindled various priests, nuns and Catholic institutions throughout the country. The Chicago creditors hold dishonored drafts on the company executed by the St. Mary's Academy of Maumee, Ill., and indorsed by Kieran, and they seek the appointment of a Federal receiver in place of Mr. Gilroy.

Mr. Gilroy was examined by Frank Crocker, attorney for the petitioners, regarding the condition of the Fidelity Company's affairs, and he said that the total obligations of the defunct company, as they appeared in the books, amounted to $4,961,587.91. In addition to this, in the shape of notes outstanding against the company, of which it was either the indorser or the maker, there are liabilities of $1,718,218.67, a grand total of $6,174,806.58.

More Debts in Sight.

The witness said also that additional liabilities might develop later in the shape of possible claims of customers whose notes had been used by the company without authority. He could not make an estimate of the amount of these notes.

Mr. Crocker asked for an estimate of the unsecured indebtedness of the company. This the witness was unable to give offhand. He said also that he was unable to estimate the amount of secured indebtedness without figuring up a mass of figures from the books.

When questioned about the assets of the company Mr. Gilroy said the personal accounts of Kieran, for whom the police are looking in Philadelphia, it is said, amounted to $37,000. The defunct company had claims, the witness declared, against certain banks for permitting Kieran to use the company's assets for his personal benefits.

"These claims," said Mr. Gilroy, "will amount to approximately $400,000 or $500,000. I am unable to fix a definite amount."

"What deficit does the company's books show?" asked Mr. Crocker.

"The books show a deficit of $420,061.52."

"What is the actual deficit?"

Deficit Is $800,000.

"I can make only an estimate. Taking what information I have been able to give I should say about $800,000 is the total deficit."

"And the total assets?"

"I should say about $24,000."

Referee Olney, at the request of Lawyer Crocker, acknowledged proof from the testimony of the insolvency of the Fidelity Company. Lawyer Montague, counsel of the State receiver, objected to Mr. Crocker's questions along this line, but they were allowed. Mr. Crocker wanted to know the total amount of notes held by institutions in New York City. This the witness was unable to give. He said he would be able to figure it out later after consulting the books of the company.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

To-day's Highest, lowest and last prices of stocks and net changes as compared with Thursday's final figures, are as follows:

	High.	Low.	Last.	Ch'ge.
Amal. Copper	54½	52¾	54¼	+ 2¼
Am. Car & Fdy	36	35	35¾	+ 2¾
Am. Can	9¼	9	9	— ¼
Am. Ice Sec.	29¾	29¾	29¾	+ ¾
Am. Locomotive	53¾	52¾	53¾	+ 1¾
Am. Sm. & Ref.	84½	81½	83½	+ 3½
Am. S. & R. pf.	102	101½	101½	— ½
Am. Sugar	137	135¾	136¾	+ 3¼
Am. Tel. & Co.	127¾	127¾	127¾	+ ¾
Anaconda Mining	50¾	49	50¾	+ 1¾
At. T. & S. Fe	101	97¾	101	+ 4¼
Balt. & Ohio	114½	113	113¾	— ¾
Brooklyn R. T.	69¾	67¾	68	— 1
Can. Pacific	178¾	176¾	177½	— 1½
Ches. & Ohio	66	65¾	65¾	— ¼
Chi. M. & St. P.	130¾	129¾	129¾	— ¾
Chic. & Alton	65½	62¾	65	+ 2½
Chic. & N. W.	184	179¾	184½	+ 5
Col. F. & I.	43¾	42½	43¾	+ 1¼
Col. Southern	35½	35	35½	+ ½
Consol. Gas	143	142¾	143	— 2
Del. & Hudson	184½	183½	184	— 1
Dist. Sec. Corp.	38¾	37½	38½	— 1
Erie	35	34	35	+ 1
Gen. Electric	169	168	168	— 1
Gt. North. pf.	147¾	146¾	147¾	+ 2
Inter. Met.	29	27	27	— 2
Illinois Central	147½	147	147½	— ¾
Inter. Pump	44	44	44	— ¾
Kan. City, So.	42¾	41	41¾	— ¾
Louis. & Nash.	157¾	156½	157¾	+ ¾
Manhattan	155½	154½	155½	— 1
Metro. St. RR.	44½	44	44½	+ 3½
Minn. & St. L.	85	80	85	+ 5
Mo., K. & T.	43¾	42¾	43¾	+ 1¾
Mo. Pacific	96	95	95¾	— ¼
Nat. Lead	73	71¾	72½	— ¾
Nor. & West.	89	87¾	89	+ 2¼
North. Am.	74½	74½	74½	
N. Y. Central	124½	123¾	123¾	— 1½
North. Pacific	142¾	141¾	142¾	— ¾
Ont. & West.	47¾	47	47¾	— ¾
Pennsylvania	131¾	130½	131¾	— ¾
Pressed Steel	44	43½	44	— 1
Ry. Steel Spring	44	43	44	— 1
Reading	149¾	149	149¾	— ¼
Rep. Steel	34	32¾	34	+ 1
Rock Island	25	23¾	24¾	— ¼
Rock Island pf.	62¾	60	62¾	+ 1¾
So. Pacific	121¾	119¾	121¾	— ¾
South. Ry.	29½	28½	29½	+ ¾
South. Ry. pf.	59½	59	59½	+ ½
Third Ave.	41	40½	40½	— ½
Union Pacific	181½	181½	181½	— 3½
U. S. R. & C. Co.	42	41	41	— 1
U. S. Steel	42	39¾	41¾	+ ¾
U. S. Steel pf.	119	118¾	119¾	— ¼
Utah Copper	45½	44½	45	+ 1
Va.-Caro. Chem.	48¾	48¾	48¾	+ 1¾
Wabash	19½	19½	19½	+ ¾
Wabash pf.	40¾	39¾	40¾	+ ¾
West. U. & M.	85½	85½	85½	— ½
West. Un. Tel.	68¾	67¾	68¾	+ ¾

+Advance. —Decline.

'FRISCO'S COADJUTOR BISHOP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It was learned here to-day that Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University of America, has been appointed Bishop Coadjutor of San Francisco. The term of Bishop O'Connell, who at present is spending a few days at his old home in Charleston, S. C., as rector, expires Jan. 11 next.

ISN'T EVEN A 50 PER CENT. KIDNAPPED MAN, HE SAYS

Dentist Charged With Spirting Doctor's Wife and Boy Tells Story.

TRIED TO PAY BOARD.

Disgruntled, He Declares, and It Was Up to Him to Keep All Alive.

Charles D. Brande, a dapper little dentist, was committed to a cell in the Jefferson Market Court prison to-day, charged by Dr. John F. Van Horn, of No. 98 De Kalb street, Brooklyn, with "suspected kidnapping" in that after he departed from the home of Dr. Van Horn last September, Mrs. Van Horn departed, and likewise six-year-old Kenneth Van Horn.

The little dentist said not a word in court, and the case looked very more serious when it was announced that six hours after the prisoner's arrest yesterday, Mrs. Van Horn and her boy had returned to Dr. Van Horn's home. Then Dr. Van Horn absolutely refused to discuss the case further.

But after Mr. Brande had comfortably disposed himself in his cell and sent out for a big black cigar he unloosened himself to an Evening World reporter, telling a remarkable tale of his year's sojourn in the home of Dr. Van Horn and the wherefore of his abrupt departure, followed by the exit of Mrs. Van Horn and Kenneth Van Horn, six years old.

Made Odd Rent Compact.

"'Twas a year ago last August that I met Dr. Van Horn," began the little dentist, "and he was then living at No. 81 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn. He had a general practice, and I wanted an office in which to pull and fill teeth. It was agreed that I should have my office in his house and pay him 50 per cent. of my earnings.

"There wasn't any kidnapping about the disappearance of Mrs. Van Horn and the boy. We were simply put out, and the doctor was not there to look after her.

"We were out in the street, though I managed to send my possessions to storage. Then some friends of Mrs. Van Horn came along—the Traverses, of No. 1366 Fulton street—and offered to give us shelter. They said they would take us all in for $12 a month. That looked pretty cheap, so we went.

"I hadn't been there long when they told me I owed them $12. Twelve dollars for what?' I asked. 'Twelve dollars for food,' said they. But I couldn't see that at all, considering the way I used to lug food into the house for supper. Heavens, it was awful the way I furnished them with pigs' feet and bologna and beer, and liverwurst and weinerwurst and all the other wursts.

"So I kicked up a fuss and they had me arrested and fined me $10. I paid the fine and went to Manhattan. I got a job pulling teeth at No. 387 Canal street and hired a flat at No. 101 Barrow street, where Mrs. Van Horn came to board with me, bringing the boy.

Has His Own Family.

"They came to board I say, whereas I should say I took them in out of pity. Kidnapping, indeed! Why I've got a wife and three stepchildren of my own, all living somewhere on Livingston street, Brooklyn.

"You see, my wife and I didn't seem to agree. She had me arrested for objecting to the breakfast eggs, or something like that, and then told the Judge that she would be satisfied to live apart from me. I felt kind of bad about this, but managed to take it philosophically.

"On Saturday that man Van Horn came looking for me like a one-man mob. He found out where my office was, but I saw him coming in the front door and went out the back. A friend of his was waiting at the back door and asked me where I was going. 'Going for a drink,' said I. 'Come along.'

"He came and so did Van Horn, yelling 'Kidnapper!' and creating a riot. He had me arrested. But, you see, he's got no case, and I guess he'd be glad to get off from hearing my story in court to-morrow."

Wife Said She Left.

Mrs. Van Horn, when seen at her husband's Brooklyn home this afternoon, backed up the little dentist's statement that the charge of kidnapping was absurd. She said, further, that she had left Dr. Van Horn voluntarily because of his treatment of her and had returned to his home after the arrest of Brande because she intended to make him support her.

"I have consulted a lawyer to bring proceedings against Dr. Van Horn," she said, "and the delay has forced me to accept the hospitality of friends. It is all nonsense about my being kidnapped by Mr. Brande or running away with him."

When Dr. Van Horn was questioned about the statements of the little dentist and his own wife, he said, "I absolutely refuse to talk."

He intimated, however, that he would withdraw the "suspected kidnapping" charge he had made against Brande.

TO SELL EXCHANGE SEAT.

Marshall, Spader & Co. to Retire From Cotton Trading.

At the New York Cotton Exchange to-day the membership of John Marshall, Board member of Marshall, Spader & Company, was posted for transfer.

On Thursday the firm of Marshall, Spader & Company was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange for a period of three years for violation of certain rules of the Exchange.

The action of Mr. Marshall in withdrawing from the Cotton Exchange is taken to indicate that it is the intention of the firm to dissolve and discontinue business.

At the offices of Marshall, Spader & Company to-day no statement could be obtained.

Swift & Company's sales of Fresh Beef in New York City for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 26, averaged 7.98 cents per pound.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS, SPREADS PANIC IN TOWNS OF ITALY

Reign of Terror Now Prevails Where Shocks in South Are Felt.

FLOOD AND TIDAL WAVE.

Buildings Thrown Down and Victims Buried in Ruins—Death List May Be Heavy.

ROME, Dec. 28.—A terrible tidal wave followed the earthquake that laid waste Sicily to-day, some dispatches received in Rome yesterday. The death list is reported heavy and the property loss is great. The center of the disaster was Messina, on the Straits of Messina, and the great loss of life and property occurred on that island. The reports are as yet incomplete, but the people everywhere were hurled into a condition of panic.

At Castanuova, a thriving town of 9,000 people, a number of houses were shaken down and the inhabitants fled for safety to the streets. Vast crowds gathered in the parks, and the churches were filled. At Minei, a small town 30 miles southeast of Catania, several houses collapsed and the scenes of panic were repeated.

Tidal Wave With Shocks.

At Catania the docks and shore front were overwhelmed by a tidal wave that rolled in from the sea. Much damage was done to the shipping. Details are lacking, but it is known that several steamers were damaged. At Catania the shocks lasted for twenty seconds.

At Agosta, in the Province of Syracuse, two churches and several houses were demolished, but no lives were lost. The prisoners in the local jail made their escape and danced through the praying crowds on the streets for liberty. The troops were called out and quiet was restored. There were shocks also at Lindua Glosse, Santa Saverina and Noto, all in Sicily.

The latest reports from Calabria say that three dead and sixty wounded persons have been removed from the ruins of Stefanconi.

Troops to the Rescue.

Soldiers have been called in to carry on the work of succor. The troops have been ordered also to tear down damaged buildings in order to minimize the danger from falling walls.

Sixty persons are said to have sustained injuries at San Nofrio and the population is camping out in the open air. The troops everywhere are engaged in the work of rescue.

Buildings were damaged at Borgia, Ceradi, Centrache, Olivadi, San Vito, Pomerano, Nicotera and Tropea, but no casualties have been reported from these points. A number of persons were injured at Mileto and Gonadi. San Gregorio, San Giorgo and Majerata also suffered.

King Ready to Aid.

NAPLES, Dec. 28.—King Victor Emmanuel, who is shooting near Naples, this morning received the first reports of the earthquake in Calabria. He at once issued orders to make preparations for a trip to the stricken section should the circumstances warrant.

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 28.—A tidal wave swept into this port to-day, a result of the earthquake disturbances. The people on the water front were thrown into an indescribable condition of fear. The approach of the water was seen, and sharp cries of warning rang out. The people fled from the docks and the water front into the town. Where the sailors could get ashore boats of all kinds were abandoned.

Vessels Are Swamped.

The waters came and left confusion and damage in their wake. It is not known whether any lives were lost. A number of fishing boats were swamped, and three steamers in port were more or less damaged. An Austrian steamer, the Budatwo, was nearly overwhelmed.

Much merchandise piled on the docks was washed away.

Brief reports have been received here from Palermo, the capital of Sicily. The shocks there lasted 32 seconds. The telegraph and telephone systems were put out of business and railroad communication was interrupted, but the submarine cables from Palermo are still working.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A despatch received here from Catania, Sicily, says the Swedish steamer Asta, the Austrian steamer Budatwo and the Italian steamer Orseolo, were damaged to-day by an earthquake and consequent tidal wave at that port. The extent of the injuries to the vessels is not given.

FORMER NEW YORKER DEAD.

THOMASTON, Me., Dec. 28.—Edward E. O'Brien, one of Maine's wealthiest citizens, whose property includes real estate holdings in New York and in and about Boston, died here to-day, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. O'Brien was for years a member of the ship chandlery firm of Gilchrist & O'Brien, of New York, and afterward was in business in Boston and in this town.

BE SYSTEMATIC!

It's the systematic person who usually wins in the long run. One should use system in newspaper reading if he wants to keep thoroughly posted.

Wouldn't it be well to start the new year by planning to read systematically? Of course you would want a good newspaper—in fact, the best newspaper—and you would want it every day.

The circulation of the Morning World is 150,000 copies greater per day than any other morning newspaper in America. It prints more separate advertisements than any other newspaper on earth, barring none.

So why not profit by the experiences of other readers and subscribe for the Morning and Sunday World, starting Jan. 1? Then you'll be getting the BEST.

BURSTING HOSE AT BROOKLYN FIRE IMPERILS LIVES

Fire Fighters Fall Unconscious in Building as Water Is Cut Off.

Fire broke out yesterday afternoon in the house in Third avenue, near Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, Brooklyn, at 4 o'clock (this morning, after they had worked into a warm and smoking at Forty-seventh street and attempted, but in vain, the building, and at 7 o'clock each street, when the house was burning from cellar to roof and there was proof that the occupants had all escaped.

The men who were rushed to the Sor-[illegible] Hospital were Lieut. James Jarek and Fireman William Smith, of Engine Company No. 16. Both these men are likely to die.

A motorman passing on a surface car saw flames bursting from the cellar of the building, a three-story structure, and, deserting his car, rounded the alarm. On the second floor lived William Pittman, his wife and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker and their two children, Charles, twenty-two, and Ethel, twelve—and in the third floor Richard Reifeld and his wife. The ground floor was occupied by James Dempsey's saloon, and in the cellar was stored a large quantity of liquor.

Ethel Tucker is an invalid and was rescued with difficulty.

Mush Hose Bursts.

The first of the fire fighters to arrive was Engine Company No. 141, in command of Acting Capt. Heffernan. Ladders were run up the front of the building and some of the more daring firemen climbed the smoking and burning stairs.

There was no difficulty with water, but hardly had the engine began pumping when hose began bursting, as though they were made of tissue paper. There came break after break. Every break showed the rottenest sort of hose.

Heffernan and some of his men got to the cellar, depending upon the water to drive back the flames. No water came, as the rotten hose gave way, and Heffernan and several of his men tried to reach the street, only to fall unconscious. Heffernan's comrades outside guessed the truth, and went to the rescue, and quickly their unconscious comrades were carried to the street.

Lieut. Jarock with Smith, Mike McNally and James Kane, got to the roof and were lowering themselves down through a trap door when the flames shot through the opening. Jarock lost his hold and toppled forward. Down came Smith, McNally and Kane after him. All the men got out save Smith. In the smoke and flames he lost his way, and he was feeling his way to the front rooms when the ceiling fell upon him, burying him under the plastering.

"For God's sake, come up here, some of you men!" called Jarock.

He managed to get to the front roof and yelled down just as Hook and Ladder No. 64 and Engine No. 101 came galloping up. Ladders were stretched in a jiffy.

Down the scuttle went the firemen, and they brought Smith out and carried him to the street. Then they brought down McNally and Kane, both unconscious.

All this while Jarock, weak and unable to stand, constantly breathing in smoke, sat on the edge of the roof. He would not allow himself to be saved until the last of his men was carried down.

HE WILL DOUBLE ALL GIFTS TO THIS HOSPITAL.

Isaac Guggenheim Makes Offer to the Managers of the Sydenham.

Isaac Guggenheim has informed the officials of the Sydenham Hospital that he will contribute as much to the institution during the year of 1909 as all other subscribers combined. The hospital, which is located at No. 339 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, recently largely increased its expenses by the purchase of four adjacent buildings, which will be used as an addition to the present quarters.

Lee Shubert has given the Lyric Theatre for a benefit performance in aid of the hospital fund, to be held on Sunday, Jan. 10. The benefit will be in memory of his brother, Sam Shubert.

BROKERS ASK WHY POOR LOST HIS PARTNERS

Governors of Stock Exchange Didn't Know They Had All Left Firm.

START INVESTIGATION.

No Other Brokerage Houses Are Involved in Mr. Poor's Tangled Finances.

The failure of Henry W. Poor had no effect upon to-day's stock market, as his financial troubles had been discounted and the crash of his departnered partnership been expected for several weeks. It was said during the trading hours in the Exchange to-day that no brokerage houses were in any way involved in the Poor failure. No estimates were obtainable as to the amount of Mr. Poor's liabilities.

As is customary in such cases, Mr. Poor was suspended by the Exchange, and his failure will be the subject of an investigation. The Board of Governors of the Exchange cannot understand how it was that all of his partners, whose names had been handed up to the Exchange, had slipped out of the concern so noiselessly. Not until the failure was announced did the Street learn that Henry W. Poor & Company possessed no company, having been narrowed down without notice to Henry W. Poor.

Had Many Partners.

During the twenty years Mr. Poor has been a factor in financial affairs he has had many partnerships. First there was the firm of Anthony, Poor & Oliphant. Then it became Poor, Oliphant & Co., then Poor, White & Co., then Poor, White & Greenough, then Poor & Greenough, and finally W. H. Poor & Co.

Mr. Poor was a factor in the promotion of the International Silver Co., the American Car and Foundry Company, and the Pressed Steel Car Company.

For a number of days lawyers for Mr. Poor and the law firm of Hawkins & Delafield, representing "certain creditors," have been trying to get all of the creditors together to decide on the best plan for realizing on the assets.

Any effort to throw Mr. Poor into bankruptcy and to have a receiver appointed for his estate is strongly opposed by lawyers Delafield and Cadwalader, the latter representing Mark T. Fox, the assignee. The lawyers had all of Sunday to round up the creditors, and it may be discovered this morning that all of them have agreed to the scheme proposed by Hawkins & Delafield to give the assignee an opportunity to realize to advantage on the assets of Mr. Poor.

It is not stated what the assets of Henry W. Poor are, but Lawyer Delafield says that if the creditors will get together, thus enabling the assignee to liquidate the affairs of Mr. Poor to the best possible advantage, "a large sum will be realized" for them. The independent creditors, however, seem to feel that they would do better if the estate were distributed under the bankruptcy law.

The Boston branch of H. W. Poor & Co. has decided also to make an assignment to-day.

Boston Office Closed.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—No business was transacted to-day at the Boston office of H. W. Poor & Co. The checks of the local firm, which has an account at the National Shawmut Bank, were returned unpaid on Saturday, and to-day all inquiries were referred to James F. Jackson, an attorney and former chairman of the Railroad Commission, who stated that he had been asked to act as assignee.

INVALID ENDS HIS LIFE.

Janitor, 15 Years an Asthma Sufferer, Shoots Himself.

A sufferer from asthma for fifteen years, William Schaeffer, janitor of the flat house at No. 153 Secon davenue, committed suicide this afternoon. He was fifty-nine years old.

Schaeffer's wife, Catherine, who shared the janitor's work with him, knew he was despondent because he had spent Christmas in bed, and had threatened to kill himself. She watched him closely until persons called this afternoon and asked her to show some vacant apartments on the top floor.

During her absence from their rooms in the basement Schaeffer shot himself through the heart with a .38 calibre revolver.

SAYS CONTRACTS RING DIVIDED UP ON CITY SUPPLIES

Counsel for Investigators Declares Agreement on Bids Is Plainly Shown.

KEPT ALL RIVALS OUT.

Witness at Finance Hearing Gives Interesting List of Awards.

J. A. Shakland, expert accountant for the commission of State legislators who are investigating New York City's finances, was called to the stand to-day when the Commission resumed its sessions in the City Hall.

Prof. Collin, of counsel for the Commission, first made a statement to Senator Owens Cassidy and his associates, in which he said:

"One result of the present system of letting contracts to the lowest bidders has been the dividing up of the city's patronage among a certain number of contractors, and I propose to show, by the testimony of this witness, that three or four contractors secured all contracts for feed in the Department of Parks, Fire and Street Cleaning Departments in Manhattan, and that with regard to each department one of three got all the contracts.

Hints Plainly at Agreement.

"Things were so arranged that each contractor would bid low on feed for the department which he supplied, while the others would bid high. In this connection evidence is so conclusive that it couldn't be a mere happening or series of happenings."

In reply to questions by Prof. Collin and by Louis Bedell, of counsel, it was brought out that contracts had been awarded as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, MANHATTAN.

1906—Second half, three out of four contracts (one extra), Frank J. Lennon & Co.

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1907—First half, all four contracts, Frank J. Lennon & Co.

1907—Second half, two out of four contracts, Frank J. Lennon & Co.

1908—First half, two out of four contracts, Frank J. Lennon & Co.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, MANHATTAN AND BRONX.

1904—First half, two out of four contracts, Horace Ingersoll & Co.; others to John Noonan.

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1907—First half, one out of four contracts to Horace Ingersoll & Co.; others to John Noonan.

1908—Third quarter, two out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane; others to M. Rathbun.

1908—Fourth quarter, all four to Thomas Lenane.

1905—First quarter, two out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane; others to M. Rathbun.

1905—Second quarter, all four to Thomas Lenane.

1905—Third quarter, two out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1905—Fourth quarter, two out of four contracts to Lennon & Lenane.

1906—First quarter, three out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane; others to M. Rathbun.

1906—Second quarter, all four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1906—Third quarter, all four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1906—Fourth quarter, one out of four contracts to M. Rathbun & Co.

1907—First quarter, three out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1907—Second quarter, three out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1907—Third quarter, three out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1907—Fourth quarter, two out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1908—First quarter, three out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

1908—Second quarter, two out of four contracts to Thomas Lenane.

"Were the contracts always awarded to the lowest bidders?" asked Assemblyman George Palmer.

"Yes," was the reply.

Assistant Engineer Reed, of the Department of Finance, took the stand and caused much amusement by his reply to Commissioner Blanchard, criticisms of the Department of Finance made at an earlier hearing. He admitted that he had declined to approve of the plans for the West Thirteenth street police station.

"First," he said, "they called for a stable entirely surrounded by living rooms. That was changed. Then they wanted white marble wainscoting and treads on the stairs. These were cut out and considerable granite work taken from the front of the building. The saving amounted to many thousands of dollars."

STEAMER GOES DOWN IN COLLISION WITH BARK.

NEW CASTLE, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—The British steamer Advance and the British bark Iverna were in collision off here to-day. The Advance went down, and, with the exception of her first officer, all the members of her crew lost their lives. The Iverna put into Newcastle leaking badly.

The Advance mentioned in the foregoing despatch appears to have been a local vessel of small dimensions.

MONEY EXAMINERS HERE.

Congressional Committee Won't Call Financiers in Investigation.

United States Senators Aldrich, of Rhode Island, and Teller, of Colorado, and Representative Vreeland, of New York, who make up a sub-committee of the Congressional Monetary Commission, arrived at the Hotel Plaza to-day.

Senator Aldrich's secretary said that the report published in a newspaper this morning that the committee would meet prominent bankers and financiers here to place suggestions before the committee was not true.

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