THE ALDERMEN FRIGHTENED

AWED BY A SUPREME COURT INJUNCTION.

A SUDDEN HALT CALLED BY MR. GRANT—THE MAYOR RETURNS THE PAPERS PASSED ON AUG. 30.

The Aldermen have a due regard for the efficacy of an injunction issued by a Justice of the Supreme Court, even if they have none for public opinion. This was unmistakably shown by their action at the regular meeting yesterday, at which a communication was received from the Mayor returning the papers passed at the special meeting of the Board on August 30, and informing the Board that the Corporation Counsel deems the meeting illegal. Mr. Edson said that it was his duty and the duty of each department of the city government to decline to recognize the action taken at the special meeting held by some members of the Board on August 30 as the action of the Board of Aldermen.

President Kirk said he was opposed to accepting the conclusions drawn by the Corporation Counsel and the Mayor. Only the courts could decide whether the meeting was legal or not. He was of the opinion that the meeting was legal, although not present himself. If it was declared illegal many other meetings of the Board could be declared illegal on the same grounds, and the result would be much litigation and loss to the city. He thought that the papers returned by the Mayor should be sent to the clerk of the Common Council, and after the customary ten days should receive his seal and signature, and be declared in force.

Mr. Grant declared that in the face of the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, who is the recognized legal authority for the Board, and of the Mayor, it would be inconsistent on the part of the members to set themselves up in opposition. They had no right to go contrary to the opinion of the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Sheils said that it was only the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, and that this might be reversed by the action of the courts. When this office was filled by a man elected by the people he (Sheils) would have a great deal more faith in his opinions.

Mr. Miller said that he was not present at the special meeting, but was of the opinion that the Board should wait and see what the courts might decide.

A long discussion followed. Mr. O'Neil moved that the papers be sent to the clerk of the Board for his signature, the Mayor having practically taken no action concerning them. Mr. Grant moved as an amendment that they lie on the table. The amendment was lost by 3 to 16. The vote on Mr. O'Neil's motion was just the reverse of this. Before it could be announced Mr. Grant sprang to his feet and said that an idea had just occurred to him. The proposed action might be contrary to the terms of the injunction issued by Judge Donohue, prohibiting the Board from taking any further action with reference to the Broadway Surface Railroad. There was a halt at once. Several of the members anxiously asked if the Broadway Surface Railroad resolution was included in the list of papers named by the Mayor. The assistant clerk read the communication, in which the Broadway Railroad was not mentioned. Still the members were not satisfied. Several expressed themselves as not wishing to proceed until they knew where they stood. Messrs. O'Neill, Fulgraff, Reilly and others said that they did not wish to proceed contrary to the terms of the injunction. The roll was again ordered to be called, the result of the previous vote not having been announced. When Mr. O'Neil's name was reached he asked leave to withdraw the resolution, but it was decided that this could not be done. The vote as announced was 11 nays and 5 members excused from voting. Mr. O'Neil next moved that the papers lie on the table pending the decision of the court. Mr. Grant moved to reconsider the vote just taken. This was carried. Mr. Grant then moved that the papers lie on the table, and this was also carried.

The Mayor yesterday appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee of Fifty provided for at the Chickering Hall meeting on Thursday:

Samuel D. Babcock,	Eugene Kelly,
Levi M. Bates,	John Kelly,
August Belmont,	David H. Knapp,
Robert Bliss rt,	Edward M. Knox,
James M. Brown,	Arthur Leary,
William Caldwell,	James M. McLean,
L. E. Chittenden,	Fordham Morris,
H. B. Claflin,	William W. Niles,
William A. Cole,	Herman Oelrichs,
R. Carman Combs,	F. P. Olcott,
Edward Cooper,	R. M. Olyphant,
James M. Constable,	Oswald Ottendorfer,
Robert G. Cornell,	George M. Pons,
Frederick R. Coudert,	Jesse Seligman,
Charles A. Dana,	James H. Seymour,
David Dows,	John A. Stewart,
Norman C. Ely,	Charles S. Stockwell,
Amos F. Eno,	Alexander Thain,
Charles M. Fry,	H. K. Thurber,
John W. Gerard,	Daniel F. Tiemen, sr.,
Norris Green,	Ferdinand Traud,
Siegfried Grimer,	David M. Turnure,
J. Hobart Herrick,	A. J. Vanderpoel,
George T. Hope,	Jacob D. Vermilye,
D. Willis James,	Frederick S. Winston.

L. E. Chittenden, in behalf of E. M. Knox, E. B. Thurber and other persons seeking to prevent the Aldermen from granting the Broadway franchise to the Broadway Surface Railroad Company, moved yesterday for leave to serve a supplemental complaint making the railroad company and John H. Lydby parties defendant with the Aldermen.

A petition was received by the Aldermen yesterday from the Cortlandt and Fulton Ferry Railroad Company asking that the proposed route be changed. The route as proposed passes along Westst., to Cortlandt-st., to Broadway, along Maiden Lane to Water-st., thence to Burling Slip, to Southst., to John-st., to Dey-st., to West-st. and the Cortlandt-st. ferry. President Kirk explained that the route formerly included Fulton-st. instead of Dey and John-sts., but the travel in that street was so great that it was deemed advisable to make a change. The matter was referred to the Railroad Committee.

Justice Van Brunt yesterday granted an injunction restraining the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railroad Company from building its road in Forty-second-st., between Fourth and Lexington aves., in the suit brought by the Houston, West Street and Pavonia Ferry and Third Avenue Railroad Companies. An injunction regarding the rest of Forty-second-st. was denied. The principle is laid down that no street railway has a right to the exclusive use of the street through which it passes, much less to challenge the right of another corporation to occupy a portion of a street not embraced in the charter of the road seeking the intervention of the court. The action of the defending company, the Justice says, does not interfere with any contract rights possessed by its opponent. He therefore sees no ground upon which the plaintiff can ask the Court to prevent the construction of the defendant's road as to any part of Forty-second-st., except between Fourth and Lexington-aves. The defending company said it did not threaten or intend to built its road between Fourth and Lexington-aves.

MR. KNOX REPLIES TARTLY TO MR. SHARP.

Edward M. Knox, the batter, owner of $300,000 worth of real estate in Broadway and one of the plaintiffs in the suit against the Aldermen and the Broadway Surface Railroad Company, yesterday denounced Jacob Sharp and his statements with regard to Mr. Knox, published in THE TRIBUNE yesterday, in good set terms. Mr. Knox said:

"I say that such men as Jacob Sharp and methods like his are responsible for the state of anarchy that we are getting into in the city of New-York, and I would suggest to the Committee of Fifty that they appoint a sub-committee on Law and Order to look after all corrupters of men in this city, especially those who hold public office. Mr. Sharp sought this interview with me. He was sitting on one of the lounges in the corridor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel when I entered, and he called me to him. I was with William Wise at the time. The first thing that I said to Mr. Wise after I had been talking with Mr. Sharp was, 'What do you think this old man has been saying to me? and I told Mr. Wise what it was then and he will tell you so. I said to Mr. Wise that as firmly as I was resolved to oppose the Broadway Snuffer-out Railroad Company's schemes before, after the impertinent remarks of Mr. Sharp I was more firmly resolved than ever, if possible, to carry out this opposition to the end. I have never even seen Mr. Scribner, the lawyer to whom Mr. Sharp says I said that I had previously mentioned my desire 'to get into this thing.' Before I went to Europe in June I wrote to Mr. Scribner asking him if he would represent me in my action against the effort to lay a railroad in Broadway. I wished to employ him as he had been the counsel in our suits against the East Broadway and Dry Dock Railroad Company when that company had its tracks in Broadway from Ann to Fulton sts., and when he compelled the company to take up its tracks again. He had also been our attorney in the matter of the Loew bridge across Broadway at Fulton-st., and carried it to a successful conclusion. Mr. Scribner replied to my communication that he was already engaged on the other side. I then employed John D. Quincy to protest against the proposed railroad in Broadway before the Railroad Committee of the Board of Aldermen and also before the Commission. I have never seen Scribner before or since.

"In the conversation with Mr. Sharp I said to him: 'Suppose the injunction holds, what will you do?' He replied: 'Oh, to — with the injunction! We have the permission of the Common Council and we're going to lay those rails.' As regards the statement about my wanting to 'come in,' no such thing was said. There was no such conversation. I shall do all that is in my power to compel the selling of that franchise at public auction, if we're to have a railway down Broadway at all. I think it should bring fully $5,000,000. I did not say to Mr. Sharp 'I want to get into this thing.' I did not say anything about discontinuing the suit. There was nothing of the kind said. I am not interested in the Cable or any other road. I am opposed to any railroad in Broadway."

DANGEROUS TIMES FOR BATHERS.

"I tell you it is ticklish work bathing in the rivers or bay just now, unless you are inside a floating bath," said the keeper of the free bath at the Battery yesterday. "We saw a young shark right in that shallow water between the bath and the pier yesterday, and there are lots of big fellows lying around the wharves, especially near the markets, waiting for fresh meat." Both of the Battery baths were crowded yesterday with bathers eager to escape from the heated atmosphere.

THE TELEGRAPH POOL.

DENIAL OF THE REPORT FROM BALTIMORE THAT IT HAD BEEN BROKEN.

It was stated in a dispatch from Baltimore, published yesterday morning, that the agreement between the Baltimore and Ohio, the Postal and the Bankers and Merchants' telegraph companies had been broken by the withdrawal of the last named company, that its wires were being cut out of the Baltimore and Ohio building, to which the company had recently removed its quarters, and that it was rumored at Baltimore that the Western Union Telegraph Company had taken an active part in the disruption of the telegraph pool. The truth of these statements was denied in the most positive terms at the offices of the three companies in this city, by D. H. Bates, executive manager of the United Telegraph Lines, and by Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

At the office of the Postal Telegraph Company it was said that there was not the smallest foundation for the dispatch; that the agreement was iron-bound and could not be broken by either company, even if there was any wish to do so. In regard to the financial embarrassment of the Bankers and Merchants' Company it was said that the amount of its indebtedness was probably not much over $200,000, and it would be settled soon. Garrett S. Mott, president of the Bankers and Merchants', said that the statements in the published dispatches were false in every particular and that there was nothing in the existing relations of the united lines which furnished even an excuse for them.

D. H. Bates, president of the Baltimore and Ohio and executive manager of the united lines, said that the dispatch was an absolute lie from beginning to end. "I sent to Baltimore this morning as soon as I read the dispatch," he added, "and the answer was that nothing was known about it there and that there was no foundation for the story. The Bankers and Merchants' wires have not been cut out of the Baltimore and Ohio building and business is being done on them as usual."

In regard to the rumor, mentioned in the dispatch, that the Western Union Telegraph Company had "a finger in the break-up," President Green remarked with some disdain: "We have had nothing to do with it in the remotest way. No, we have no wish to secure control of the Bankers and Merchants' line and if we wished we could not afford to have it. We always want new telegraph property, for we never have enough to meet the demands of our business. But both the Bankers and Merchants' and the Postal systems are so covered by mortgage debts that we would not undertake to pay the interest on the bonds. Why, one company has a bonded debt of ten millions and the other fifteen millions. It would swamp the Western Union to acquire these properties and guarantee the interest on their mortgage debts. There can be only one end for these companies—the property must be sold under foreclosure. No one wants the property at twice its cost."

WRANGLING OVER A BROOKLYN SCHOOL.

Great indignation prevails at the dismissal of Miss E. A. Brooks as principal of the school No. 8, in Brooklyn, and the election of Miss Agnes Y. Humphrey in her stead. Mr. Hardenberg, a former member of the school committee strongly condemned the action of the board, and gave it as his opinion that Professor Charles R. Abbott, principal of School No. 1, was instrumental in having Miss Brooks dismissed, so that his sister-in-law, Miss Humphrey might be placed in a better position. Mr. Hardenbergh also testified to the efficiency of Miss Brooks. Miss Brooks was busy all day yesterday circulating a remonstrance among her friends for signers and could not be seen, but intimate friends of hers said to a TRIBUNE reporter:

"The present difficulty began on February 22 last, when Miss Brooks gave a reception to the pupils. The reception for some reason was not well attended, and when Miss Brooks asked Mr. Harkness, a member of the local committee, 'shall we have another reception?' He said: 'ask Mr. Abbot, for he is the real principal of this school.' Again in March Mr. Abbot gave her to understand that she had outlived her usefulness, and would be transferred to No. 27. On September 1 she was at her post again, and on Wednesday when she was reading the Bible the message was sent that she was dismissed."

William Harkness denies that Professor Abbot had anything whatever to do with the election of Miss Humphrey, his sister-in-law, but avers that her election was purely on her past record for energy and executive ability. Mr. Harkness also denies that no hearing was given to Miss Brooks. He says that at a meeting of the committee on the Board of Education the charge of inefficiency was made against her, and her only answer was that the rich families were moving out of that neighborhood. A proposal to transfer her to No. 27 was then made, and agreed to, but afterwards it was rejected by Miss Brooks. Professor R. T. Leighton, of the Central Grammar School, and Superintendent Patterson both expressed their surprise at the hasty action of the board.

REOPENING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Thousands of boys and girls with their books and satchels poured in at the open doors of the city schools yesterday morning. There are eighty-one Grammar schools in the city and fifty Primary schools, with an attendance last year of 132,000.

"The hot weather will operate a little against a full attendance," said Superintendent Jasper, "but the scholars came out bravely. In the new school at First-ave. and Eighty-fifth-st. this morning there were nearly 1,500 children in the Primary department and over 700 in the Grammar. In the new building at Lexington-ave. and Sixty-eighth-st., over 1,000 scholars were present. We cannot tell very much about the attendance before the end of the week, but I expect it will reach nearly 140,000. There are no more colored schools; the colored children attend the regular schools in their districts."

At the Normal College the walls resounded with echoes from the glad voices of 1,500 girls, their faces in almost every instance shining with the glow of health. President Hunter said that it would take a week or so to get in regular working order, but yesterday was the day for the visitor who could go around with the girls in the different class rooms, listening to the many voices as they compared notes of the vacation sport and talked of the different studies for the coming year. A fair specimen of the American girl can be found at the college. Many graduates of the Grammar schools last June were disappointed at not being admitted after having passed a standard of 75 per cent in their examinations.

"We were sorry," said Commissioner Wood, "but the Normal College Committee had to draw a line somewhere. The college only accommodates 1,500; last year it was so full that classes were held in the halls and full justice could not be done to the work. Last week the committee decided to admit only those who had made 82 per cent or over in their examinations. There were 791 who obtained 75 per cent but only 198 who received 82 per cent. These will swell the college enrolment to between 1,600 and 1,700 and so maintain an average attendance of about 1,500."

The College of the City of New-York will open to-morrow and the per cent necessary for admission will probably be 82.

TWO ATTEMPTS TO FIRE A TENEMENT.

Battalion Chief Gicquel yesterday sent to Chief Shay of the Fire Department two reports of fires in the tenement house No. 150 Tenth-ave. On Saturday at 9 p. m. an alarm was rung for a fire, but it was extinguished before the arrival of the firemen. The report closes as follows: "This was an incendiary fire, as upon examination I found that an attempt had been made to burn the building by setting fire to closets in bedrooms unoccupied on the second floor. The bottoms of the closets were saturated with kerosene oil. Then they were set on fire."

The second report states that at 12:50 a. m. on Sunday another fire was discovered on the fourth floor, the wood-work in the hallway being ignited. The following is a part of the report: "Four attempts were made to set this building on fire. Paper and rags saturated with kerosene oil were found on the second, third and fourth floors of the building." Information of the attempts to destroy the building was sent to Marshal Sheldon and an investigation was begun. The police thought that the incendiary had been refused permission to occupy vacant rooms in the house. Much indignation was felt by the forty or more occupants of the house whose lives were thus endangered.

NO NEWS OF THE STOLEN CUSTER WATCH.

The occupants of the Stuyvesant Fats, at Third-ave. and Eighteenth-st., sat yesterday amid the cinders and dirt resulting from the fire which started in an air shaft early on Sunday morning. Wet carpets hung on the outer walls and waved impatiently for the coming of the insurance examiners. Mrs. Margaret Custer Calhoun, widow of Lieutenant Calhoun, who resembles her brother, the Indian fighter, with her short, curly auburn hair, told a TRIBUNE reporter that she had received no news from the gold watch stolen from her apartment at the time of the fire. She did not suspect the firemen in the least, but she had noticed a strange man in light clothes on the night of the fire who acted in an officious manner and suddenly disappeared. Beyond a small amount of change in a purse belonging to Mrs. Custer, nothing else was missed. Nothing was stolen from the other tenants of the building. The policeman on the beat, who was present at the fire, said to the reporter that no one but the firemen, himself and the janitor entered the building. The janitor was disposed to make light of the theft. The watch was a gold one with a plain engine-turned case. Mrs. Calhoun did not know the number. It was given to her by her brother, and was highly prized.

HOW BOSS McLAUGHLIN MADE FIFTY CENTS.

Ex-Register Hugh McLaughlin, the "boss" of the Brooklyn Democratic "machine," who spends his time when in the city in whittling and cyphering over the political slate, must make a living without work, for his wife recently told him that he had earned his first money in seventeen years. The circumstances were these: He has been spending the summer at Lake George, and one day a young woman who was rowing across the lake with another fell overboard, but was rescued by her companion. The latter was so exhausted that she could not row the boat back, and Mr. McLaughlin offered to do it for her. With his sturdy figure and well-tanned face he was mistaken for a veteran, and the young woman paid him 50 cents for the job.

THREE TRAGEDIES AT FORT HAMILTON.

TWO MEN DROWNED—A MAN'S BODY FOUND HANGING TO A SAPLING.

Charles Mohr, of No. 326 East Fifty-seventh-st., was drowned at Fort Hamilton village early yesterday morning. In company with Bernard Conklin, of No. 294 Columbia-st., Brooklyn, Earl Bird, Thomas Toohey and Louis Kock, who are employes of J. O'Conner, at Fort Hamilton, he went in bathing about 12:30 a. m. Mohr dived boldly into the water from the pier near the Bennett Sisters' bath house, but soon made an outcry. Conklin, who gave his testimony to Coroner Bennett yesterday said that he believed Mohr was a good swimmer and was only fooling. When the party went out, Mohr was missing, and his body was found in three feet of water. All efforts to revive him were fruitless, as fifteen minutes had elapsed between his cry for help and the finding of his body. A verdict of accidental drowning was rendered.

Anthony and Thomas Nichols, bartenders, at the Continental Hotel, this city, were rowing in the Narrows off Fort Hamilton yesterday. On account of the heat Thomas went ashore, leaving his brother to return to his fishing. An excursion party on the schooner Crasier came along as he reached the centre of the channel and invited him to have some beer. In trying to reach it from his boat Nichols fell overboard and sank immediately. There were twenty persons on the schooner and the shore was lined with spectators, but no effort was made to save the man. At last accounts his body had not been recovered.

While walking in the woods near the fort, Alexander Schneider, of Fort Hamilton village, suddenly came upon the body of a man hanging to a sapling dead. The man was about forty-six years old and was dressed in a blue beaver suit. Judge Church, as coroner, was at once informed, and an inquest will be held to-morrow. In the pockets of the dead man were three cards, bearing the name and address of John Rosch, confectioner, No. 321 Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn, also a subpœna to one Ross, requiring him to attend as a juror in an excise case last January. There were also a gold cuff button and a bunch of keys, but no money about him. The body appeared to have been in the woods for some time. Mrs. Rosch yesterday said that there was no doubt that the body was that of her husband, who left home on Thursday morning last. She knew of no reason for his act.

HE WOOED AN ALDERMAN'S DAUGHTER.

A GAY MARRIED CAVALIER CHASED BY THE ENRAGED FATHER—IN A POLICE COURT.

Pretty Lucy Quintard, age eighteen, is the daughter of Alderman Quintard of the Twenty-third Ward, Brooklyn. She lives with her parents, at No. 431 Greene-ave., and attended the Central Grammar School. Lucy has a frank and confiding disposition. Her father has recently been compelled to invoke the aid of the law to protect her against the wiles of a bad young married man, who dresses in gay clothing and wears diamonds. Yesterday Mr. Quintard caused to appear before Justice Massey, Charles Campbell, age twenty-eight, who lives with his wife and two children at No. 113 Lexington-ave. Campbell has a fair complexion, light blue eyes, somewhat long curly hair, and a blonde mustache. Alderman Quintard charged him with a misdemeanor, or conduct tending to produce a breach of the peace. Campbell, it appears, became acquainted with Lucy in riding back and forth on the Green, Gates and Fulton Avenue cars, and taking advantage of her confiding nature, soon developed an interesting and somewhat active flirtation with her. The father heard of it and determined to stop it. Last Wednesday he heard a low whistle outside the window. Going to his daughter's room he moved the slats of the blind so that he could see but not be seen. Then came a soft pleading voice from a male figure outside:

"Won't you come down, dearest? My heart is breaking, and I want to speak to you, my own little darling."

The "little darling" could not respond, except to watchful papa. As Alderman Quintard shot hastily out of his gate "Charlie" as hastily shot down the street, murmuring "This is not my ain lassie."

"Turn, turn, oh my beloved," rapturically called Mr. Quintard, after the fleeing form, but Campbell's thoughts did not take that turn, nor did his feet either. He sped on and on, but the angry father was gaining on him. The motive power of wrath was stronger than that of terror. Campbell sought a haven of refuge in a vacant house and hid, and the Alderman gave over the vain pursuit. Several letters were found from Campbell to Miss Quintard of a sort which the Alderman, as a father, could not give his sanction to. He warned Campbell, by letter, to desist, but the infatuated fellow disregarded the warnings, and yesterday the arrest followed. Justice Massey held him in $2000 bail, which was furnished, and Campbell left the room, but not, it is said, to the bosom of his family.

CURIOUS HIDING PLACE FOR MONEY.

Aendio Accola, an Italian, has for some years had living with him an Irish woman, Mary Cooney. They lived at No. 113 Liberty-st. Accola worked in Washington Market, where he was known as "Jimmie Cooney." He had managed to lay aside $1,600 which he had deposited in the Longrant Savings Bank. He drew his money recently when there was a run on the institution, and received his small fortune, mainly in gold, and placing it in a tin pail he secreted it under his bed. Three days later, on returning home for his dinner, he was surprised to find his rooms locked and Mary gone. He grew suspicious, broke open the door and looked for his gold in vain. It had been taken from the pail which was standing where he had placed it, empty. Yesterday a lad found him carrying quarters of beef in West Washington Market, and shouted, "Jimmy, if yer wants yer woman, she's down to the house." The man lost no time in getting to the house, which he reached just in time to see his former companion, neatly dressed, step into a cab followed by another woman. He ran after the vehicle and as Broadway called an officer who arrested the occupants. The second woman was Catherine Curtin, of No. 11 Carlisle-st. She made great exertions to escape arrest by declaring that she knew nothing about the money. Being searched by the matron she was found with $1,173. Mary had given it to her for safe keeping. The latter said she took the money fearing that her lover intended to desert her and return to Italy. Both women were committed for examination.

SWEARING THAT JUDGE STRUCK KOPF.

Patrick Judge was examined further yesterday before Judge O'Reilly at the Jefferson Market Police Court in reference to the murder of Frederick Kopf. When Mrs. White, the cook on the barge, was asked to identify the man who threw the beer glass that killed Kopf she said that James Kelly, the Court janitor, who was sitting beside Judge, was the man. Mrs. Vail, in whose arms Kopf fell dead when he was carried into the kitchen, said she knew nothing about the throwing of the glass and did not notice Judge there that day. August Drew, age twelve, of No. 82 King-st., was the next witness. He contradicted himself, and occasionally came to a standstill, and would say nothing, but held his finger in his mouth and cried with fear and confusion as questions were pressed upon him. He said that he saw the glass thrown, saw it hit Kopf, but when asked who threw the glass he stopped and began to cry. Justice O'Reilly and Assistant District Attorney Gove suggested that somebody must have been intimidating the boy. At length he answered: "Patrick Judge threw the glass."

The prisoner's counsel asked the boy if anybody told him that it was a beer glass. "They said it was a beer glass," replied the boy. Justice O'Reilly declared that it was evident that the boy had been intimidated. Mr. Gove said he had reason to know that he was.

A NEAT STEAMER FOR A NEW LINE.

The steamship Miranda, of the New-York and New-Foundland Steamship Company, sails to-day on her first trip from this port for Halifax, Sydney and St. Johns. Her sister ship the Portia, will soon be here from England and one of the two vessels will sail each week. The line succeeds the Cromwell Line. The ships are built at New Castle on the Tyne and are of the following dimensions: Length 230 feet, beam 30 feet, depth of hold 23 feet. The Miranda carries 1,600 tons dead weight of cargo and has engines of 180 horse power. She is capable of making 12½ knots an hour on a consumption of 18 tons of Sydney coal a day. Her crew numbers 32 men. She is handsomely fitted up in her saloons and state rooms and has accommodations for 60 saloon and 40 steerage passengers. The Miranda is commanded by Captain Bindon. She is one of the most complete little steamers that sails from this port. The only thing wrong about her is her flag.

KILLING A MAN WHO HAD BEATEN HIS WIFE.

Michael Long, a workman on the Erie Road, was found dead in bed yesterday, at his home, No. 178 Thirteenth-st. There were cuts and bruises on his body, and it was evident that his death had resulted from violence. Mrs. Long said that her husband and her brother, John Hayes, of No. 177 Tenth-st., had had a friendly scuffle on Sunday night, and when they were separated Long went to bed. She slept in another room, and when she went to call her husband in the morning she found him dead. Hayes went to Long's house about 9 a. m. yesterday with his sister, and was arrested. The police learned that Long had quarrelled with his wife on Friday night, and had given her a terrible beating. Mr. Long threatened to inform her brother, and it is supposed that her brother called Long to account for ill-treating his sister. The only persons present during the scuffle were Long, his wife and Hayes.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS.

Sturtevant House—Congressman William M. Springer, of Illinois....*Fifth Avenue Hotel*—J. Hubley Ashton, of Washington; Judge W. H. West, of Ohio, and ex-Governor A. H. Littlefield, of Rhode Island....*Victoria Hotel*—Ex-Senator Reuben E. Fenton, of Jamestown, N. Y., and ex-Congressman M. N. Nolan, of Albany.....*Brevoort House*—Governor Robert M. McLane, of Maryland....*St James Hotel*—John P. Stockton, of New-Jersey; Judge John H. Kennard, and J. R. G. Pitkin, of New-Orleans, and John N. Boffinger, of St. Louis.....*Windsor Hotel*—The Rev. Dr. W. H. Dallinger, of Sheffield England.....*Gilsey House*—Ex-Congressman J. M. Davy, of Rochester.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

New-Brunswick bank defalcation investigation.
Coney Island Jockey Club races, Sheepshead Bay, 3 p. m.
Broadway Railway Commissioners, Supreme Court.
National Trotting Association races, New-York Driving Club's grounds, 2 p. m.
National Rifle Association fall meeting, Creedmoor.
Funeral of J. Nelson Tappan, Church of the Holy Trinity, 10 a. m.
Meeting of Western Union Telegraph Company directors.
Assessment Commission, 2 p. m.
Convention of Christian Workers, Twenty-third Street Tabernacle.
General Wylie's case before a Court of Inquiry.
Examination for Cornell University scholarships, Board of Education rooms.
Blaine and Logan meeting, No 645 Third-ave., 8 p. m.
Twelfth Ward Republican Club, No. 2,305 Eighth-ave., 8 p. m.
Society of Amateur Photographers, No. 1,260 Broadway, 8 p. m.
Meetings of Health and Police boards.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Eighteen pauper immigrants were detained yesterday on the steamer City of Chicago.

T. Weber, of Power, Son & Co., yesterday was elected a member of the Cotton Exchange.

The Baptist Ministers yesterday recounted the experiences of their summer vacation.

The American Writing Machine Company has issued 500 bonds aggregating $50,000 and executed a mortgage for the sum upon their franchises, etc., to John C. Howe of Boston.

Matthew Huxley, an Englishman who arrived yesterday from Jacksonville on the steamship State of Texas, was sent to Bellevue Hospital. He was believed to have typhoid fever.

The steamship Niagara which arrived from Havana yesterday brought part of the crew of the steamer City of Merida which was burned in the harbor of Havana.

THE WORK ON TRINITY STEEPLE.

It will take about three weeks longer to "point" the exterior of Trinity Church steeple. Afterward it is probable that the exterior of the body of the church will be similarly treated.

A BRIDGE FOR THE NEW-YORK HOTEL.

The proprietor of the New-York Hotel was given permission by the Aldermen yesterday to construct an iron bridge as a fire-escape from the rear of the hotel to the roof of a building in Mercer-st.

FUNERAL OF ISIDORE VALENTINE.

Isidore Valentine, whose vacant chair, draped in black, stands upon the floor of the Stock Exchange, was buried at Cypress Hills yesterday. His funeral service was held at his home, No. 152 West Fifteenth-st., where many friends, including fellow-members of the Exchange gathered.

POLICE CAPTAIN TYNAN NOT DEAD.

Inspector Murray yesterday sent a telegram to Hudson, N. J., inquiring if the report of Police Captain Edward Tynan's death, which was circulated on Sunday was correct. He received a reply that Captain Tynan was alive and likely to recover, although he was dangerously ill on Sunday.

CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA'S ADMISSION.

The Associated Pioneers of the Territorial Days of California will celebrate the thirty-fourth anniversary of the admission of the State into the Union to-day, by an excursion to Glen Island and a clam-bake, followed by toasts, speeches and reminiscences.

INDICATING ELECTRIC-LIGHTED STREETS.

The Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution recommending the Commissioner of Public Works to examine and report as to the best method of placing signs bearing the names of streets at their intersections where the electric lights are used.

ADMITTING THAT HE STOLE FROM HIS EMPLOYER.

Lewis Gregor, the partner of Albert H. Wheeler, No. 30 New-st, filed two affidavits in the Jefferson Market Court yesterday charging Ralph H. Newton, with stealing $1,200. Newton pleaded guilty, and was held under $4,000 bail.

FIVE YEARS EACH.

William Smith and William Miller, who were charged with stealing clothing to the value of $1,480 from the store of Bernard Blumenthal, at No. 13 Orchard-st., were convicted yesterday in the Court of General Sessions and sentenced by Recorder Smyth to five years each in the State prison.

DONNA MADIANA OUT OF DANGER.

Donna Madiana, the leading lady of the "Strangers of Paris" company, who was prostrated by sunstroke on Saturday evening, was reported by Dr. Utley last night as in a fair way of recovery. The attack was a severe one, the physician said, and came near resulting in spinal meningitis. In one less strongly constituted the attack would have resulted fatally.

FOR THE HEALTH HOME ON CONEY ISLAND.

The Children's Aid Society acknowledges the receipt of $125, from the lady guests of the Oriental Hotel for the Health Home on Coney Island. In addition they have sent more than one hundred garments made by them and numerous other articles of wearing apparel for the poor mothers and children, and donations, handed directly to Mrs. Matthews, the matron, for food for sick children.

CARING FOR A STARVING FAMILY.

Agent Knoll, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, found Lena Young and her four children starving in a basement at No. 238 East Seventy-fifth-st, on Sunday. The woman and her infant, ten months old, were sent to the hospital, and Justice Duffy committed the other children, the eldest of whom is only six years old, to a charitable institution. The husband, who is said to be a vender, was not found.

BETTING DRINKS FOR THE CROWD ON A DEAD MAN.

William Mortimer, a Scotch horseshoer who was kicked by a horse in Franklin-st. a week ago and left the Chambers Street Hospital before the surgeons thought it was prudent for him to do so, became intoxicated on Sunday and was put to sleep in a hammock in the rear of the grog shop at No. 19 Jay-st., where he boarded. At 5 p. m. George Meirose, an acquaintance, looked at the hammock and said: "I'll bet the drinks for the crowd that Scotty is dead." His offer was accepted and the bartender went to the hammock and saw that the Scotchman was dead.

NEWS OF A MISSING MERCHANT.

"I have just received some startling information," said the brother of the missing feed dealer, Thomas F. Kelly, yesterday afternoon, as he rushed out of the Astor House elevator. On the sidewalk stood O. Powd, with whom he talked a moment and then quickly walked around the corner to the main entrance. Mr. Powd said: "All I know is that Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Kelly's brother-in-law, told me ten minutes ago that the missing man had been heard from at Pittsfield, where he tried to collect a bill, and that he was on his way home."

ELEVEN YEARS OLD AND LOOKING FOR WORK.

Louis Kloolin, a bright German boy of eleven was taken to Castle Garden yesterday by a policeman who found him wandering aimlessly about the streets. Louis arrived from Hamburg eighteen days ago to seek his fortune, his father being dead and his mother too poor to support him longer. She gave him all her savings and her blessing and sent him to America. The officials at Castle Garden will try to find work for him.

PRISONERS HELD IN $2,500 BAIL FOR BURGLARY.

John Conners, age eighteen, of No. 352 West Fifty-second-st., and Edward, alias "Lefty" McNally, of the same age, were held in $1,000 bail each in the Yorkville Court yesterday, for forcing open the basement door of R. T. Geer's house, at No. 330 West Fifty-seventh-st., and stealing silverware, which they sold to a jeweler, Charles Hanschildt, at No. 432 West Forty-third-st. Minnie Hafner, of No. 248 West Forty-fifth-st., said that the prisoners had also broken into her rooms on Saturday, and stolen two gold watches and other articles of jewelry. They were held in $1,500 bail each on that charge.

THE CASE OF MRS. MANDELBAUM.

Mrs. Mandelbaum, who was arrested by Pinkerton's detectives on charges of receiving stolen goods, and concerning whom a war of words arose betwen the District Attorney and Inspector Byrnes, was called upon yesterday in the General Sessions Court to defend herself from the charges made against her. Her counsel asked for an adjournment until to-morrow, which was granted by Recorder Smyth. The counsel said that the history of Gustave Frank, the principal witness against Mrs. Mandelbaum, had been examined and that a commission might be asked for to take testimony in Cologne as to certain alleged offences committed by Frank in that city. A motion for a commission will probably be made to-morrow.

REFUSE DUMPED INTO THE HARBOR.

Commander Taylor, U. S. N., Naval Adviser to the Mayor, has made a report on the condition of the harbor. He says that he has found that great quantities of city refuse are distributed over the northern part of the entrance between Sandy Hook and Coney Island. The east channel, the fourteen-feet channel and the bottom between and north of them are especially marked by the presence of refuse. Commander Taylor thinks that the dirt, when dumped from the scows, is moved slowly after it reaches the bottom by the ocean swells and toward the northern entrances and shoals. He thinks it would be much better to use this refuse for filling or for agricultural purposes, and recommends that a contract be made with the Long Island Railroad Company to transport a certain quantity daily.

BROOKLYN.

Philip Dougherty, a carpenter, age fifty, of No. 1,066 Atlantic-ave., while crossing the Atlantic-ave. railroad track at Classon-ave., at about 2 p. m. yesterday, was struck in the forehead by an eastern bound Manhattan Beach train. The blow crushed his skull, and he died almost instantly. The body was taken to the morgue.

The body of a man about fifty years old, with gray hair and smooth face, was found floating in the Atlantic basin, at North Pier, yesterday morning. He was dressed in a dark sack coat, white undershirt and linen trousers. The feet were shoeless.

The seventh cow from Mrs. Gau's stable was killed on Saturday by Veterinary Surgeon McLean, who made a post mortem examination at the offal docks. The veterinary surgeons of the Milk Raisers' Association, who were invited to attend, did not appear.

There was no quorum present yesterday when the meeting of the Bridge Trustees was called, and no business was transacted. Superintendent Martin said that 10,000 persons crossed the Bridge on Sunday on the foot-path. The car travel is increasing.

Chief Engineer Van Buren, of the Brooklyn City Works Department, is doing the preliminary work for the construction of the extension to the Knickerbocker-ave. sewer. It will be the largest in the city, having a diameter of twelve feet at the outlet, and will connect near Morgan-ave. with the present sewer, which is ten feet in diameter. The work will require two years, and the estimated cost is $600,000.

The Plattdeutsche Volkfest Verein continued their festivities yesterday with a street parade. There were 300 carriages in line containing guests and their families and there were wagons bearing designs representing scenes in the life and history of the "Fatherland." The line took an hour to pass a given point. The festival closes to-morrow.

Benjamin McCarty was held by Justice Mass yesterday without bonds for stabbing Richard DeLaney seven times with a knife on Sunday. McCarty pleaded not guilty.

NEWS FROM THE SUBURBS.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.—Dennis Winn, alias "Quinn," of Yonkers, indicted for bigamy in having married Miss Jordan while he had a wife and four children living in Ireland, entered a plea of guilty yesterday and was sentenced to four years in the State Prison.

PORT CHESTER.—An entertainment, by young girls, was held in a private house in Westchester-ave., in aid of the Bar'holdi pedestal, which netted $850.

YONKERS.—The free reading-room, opened in 1868, was closed last week, for how long is not known. In May, 1883, the Young Men's Christian Association reading-room was started, and several men withdrew their subscriptions from the old reading-room and united with the new one, which resulted in the temporary suspension of the former. E. A. Nichols, hearing that many would not visit the new room, reopened the old one on August 1, 1883, and supported it for a year. The readers averaged over 1,200 a month.

ALONG THE SOUND.

NORWALK.—George R. Cowles is named by the Republicans as a candidate for Senator to succeed James W. Hyatt, Democrat, resigned.

BRIDGEPORT.—Two thousand five hundred people came on Sunday from Norwich to witness the laying of a corner-stone for the Church of the Sacred Heart. The ceremony had been postponed two weeks.

SOUTHPORT.—The funeral of the Rev. James W. Horne, who was killed by a team on Saturday, was held yesterday from the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he was pastor. A religious poem written by himself and