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BOUND TO HAVE MR. QUIGG.

SENATOR PLATT INSISTS UPON HIS ELECTION.

BUT THERE IS A BITTER FEELING AMONG SOME OF THE REPUBLICAN POLITICIANS WHICH THEY DON'T CONCEAL—THE CONGRESSMAN'S ELECTION, HOWEVER, REGARDED AS PRETTY CERTAIN.

Senator Thomas C. Platt, after two nights and two days of wrestling with the question of who is to be president of the Republican County Committee to succeed Edward Lauterbach, resigned, returned to Washington yesterday afternoon, satisfied that the honor will be conferred to-morrow evening upon Lemuel E. Quigg, member of Congress from the XIVth District, unless something breaks loose of which the Senator is as yet unaware.

Plenty of things did break loose yesterday, and so many arguments were made against his pet candidate for the place about to become vacant that old politicians marvelled at Mr. Platt's unruffled demeanor and alleged abstinence from participation in the heated language with which his apartments in the Fifth Avenue Hotel were said to be surcharged from early morn until dewy night. Seldom in the course of Mr. Platt's long and eventful leadership has so much opposition been levelled at one man as was developed against Mr. Quigg yesterday. The hopeful prediction of his friend, Frederick S. Gibbs, on Saturday, that the votes against Mr. Quigg could be counted on his fingers and toes were blown to smithereens. Before Mr. Gibbs was out of bed yesterday the bombardment began, and although the assailants were constantly advised that they had made no breach in the walls of the Platt fortress they stood by their guns and kept up the fight.

MR. BLISS EARLY ON HAND.

One of Senator Platt's earliest callers yesterday morning was Secretary Cornelius N. Bliss, of President McKinley's Cabinet. Mr. Bliss wanted everybody to understand that he was taking no part in the scrimmage over the election of a new head for the Republican County Committee. Mr. Bliss had been to see Mr. Platt on Saturday, and it was understood that the latter had urged Mr. Bliss to take into serious consideration the advisability of becoming a candidate for Mayor of the Greater New-York this year. After Mr. Bliss had gone away Senator Platt told prominent Republicans that the Secretary of the Interior had refused most positively to allow his name to be considered as a candidate. The bad blood which had been shown of late in the organization and the imminent possibility of a wide-open factional split in the County Committee were among the reasons which machine men gave in explanation of Mr. Bliss's determination to keep out of the race.

Other early callers on Senator Platt yesterday were Louis F. Payn, of Chatham Corners, State Superintendent of Insurance, and George W. Aldridge, of Rochester, State Superintendent of Public Works. They labored with Mr. Platt for a long time to persuade him that he was making the mistake of his life in advancing the young Congressman to so important and responsible a place as president of the Republican County Committee. Each man brought to light his personal grievances against Mr. Quigg, but without avail. Mr. Platt had made up his mind and was not to be swerved by argument or the exhibition of political sores. The debate became bitter and personal. Many things were said by both Payn and Aldridge that would make undoubtedly interesting reading.

PAYN'S LOGIC.

When Mr. Payn came down to the hotel corridors about noon he was still "hot under the collar."

"What is the result?" Mr. Payn was asked.

"Well," replied the Superintendent of Insurance, making an effort to look as if he was taking the situation in a cool and undisturbed way, "I suppose that Mr. Quigg will be elected president of the County Committee," and then he added, with a suggestive twinkle that usually comes into his eyes when he says something particularly sarcastic, "and that we may expect, as a natural consequence, the nomination of 'Fred' Gibbs for Mayor."

"You are speaking seriously, of course, Mr. Payn?"

"Why, yes," was the reply, and the little bright eyes twinkled more. "Wouldn't Gibbs's nomination for Mayor be the logical result of Quigg's election?"

ALDRIDGE ON "CANAL BUSINESS."

Superintendent Aldridge was more politic. While he did not deny that he thought Mr. Quigg's elevation a political mistake, he did not care to admit that he was here to fight Quigg.

"Oh, I take no interest in your local fights here," Mr. Aldridge said. "I am only here on canal business, you know." And the Public Works Superintendent grinned facetiously.

Many other Republican politicians were admitted to Senator Platt's rooms yesterday who had long-drawn-out conferences with him on the Quigg question. Ex-Police Justice Jacob M. Patterson, who is now a Quarantine Commissioner and who controls the Xth Assembly District, went to urge the Senator to reconsider his purpose of making Mr. Quigg president of the County Committee. George W. Wanmaker, leader of the XVth Assembly District, was another. Charles K. Lexow, of the XXIId District, the Nyack Senator's brother, who tried to get signatures enough of leaders on Thursday evening to call a caucus to protest against Quigg, was also there. So was Chief Clerk William H. Ten Eyck, of the Board of Aldermen, who dominates the region above the Harlem River.

GIBBS TALKS FOR QUIGG.

F. S. Gibbs was about the only leader of importance who ascended to the fourth floor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel to argue the Congressman's side of the case. Postmaster Van Cott, of the Vth District, and John Steibling, of the XIIth, also knocked and were admitted, but they did not exert themselves to say much in favor of Mr. Quigg. Upon Mr. Platt and Mr. Gibbs the onus of the defence for the most part fell. Lucas L. Van Allen, one of Mr. Olcott's Assistant District-Attorneys, said that he believed that a majority of the Republican County Committee favored Quigg, otherwise he would not vote for him.

Mr. Lauterbach was with Mr. Platt awhile yesterday before going out to Pompton, N. J., where his wife is for the present. Mr. Lauterbach denied that there was any possibility of his changing his mind or that he thought of recalling his resignation. He and his wife, he said, had made their arrangements to sail for Europe in a short time. Mr. Lauterbach expects to be away until September 1, when he promises to return to take an active part in the campaign, but not as president of the County Committee.

DISAFFECTED DISTRICTS.

A prominent member of the committee had a list at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening of what he called the Assembly districts against Quigg. The list included the 1st, IInd, IVth, VIth, VIIIth, Xth, XIIth, XIVth, XVth, XVIth, XXth, XXIId, XXIIId, XXIVth, XXVIth, XXVIIIth, XXXth, XXXIId, XXXIVth and XXXVth.

"I don't say," he remarked, "that they will all vote again Quigg on Tuesday night, but they would all oppose him and more, too, if Mr. Platt would take his hands off.

"Indeed, there is not a living man in this town who knows anything about the Republican County Committee who does not know that Quigg would not stand a ghost of a show of election if Platt would permit the members to choose their own president."

BROOKLYNITES WEREN'T THERE.

Conspicuous in their absence from Mr. Platt's quarters yesterday were County Clerk Jacob Worth and the Brooklyn contingent. The undercurrent of sentiment about the Republican State headquarters and the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday was that Mr. Worth was a farsighted politician, and that his views regarding an alliance with the Citizen's Union for the purpose of bringing about a general compact and aggressive coalition against the restoration to power of Tammany Hall were sound, and it was many times predicted that such a programme was bound to come. Hugh McRoberts, one of the Richmond County leaders, who was among Mr. Platt's callers yesterday, said:

"I am a straight-ticket man myself, but I recognize the good, hard, sensible way in which Jacob Worth has sized up the situation. My only criticism is that Mr. Worth makes his suggestions too early. But, while I favor a straight ticket, I am for any plan by which we can win. It begins to look as if we would all gradually come around to Worth's way of thinking."

Among the other Republicans who saw Mr. Platt yesterday were Colonel John W. Corning, formerly sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate; Barnet H. Davis, of Palmyra, State Committeeman; William J. Youngs, Henry C. Johnson and Senator Higbie, of Suffolk, and Thomas A. Braniff, of Richmond. Frank S. Witherbee, Assemblyman Degnan, Dr. E. J. Palmer, Quarantine Commissioner; Frederick Haldy, of the IIId District, and M. J. McCann, of the XXth, came to the hotel too late to see Mr. Platt. Some of them, however, only inquired for Mr. Payn, and hurried off to the Grand Union Hotel, where he stays, hoping to find him before he left the city for Albany. It was a great day for Payn, and a stream of politicians called on him to assure him of their co-operation in his onslaught on Mr. Quigg.

Nevertheless Mr. Quigg's election on Tuesday evening was looked upon as certain.

A CRASH IN A FURNACE.

SEVERAL MEN BADLY HURT AT NEWCASTLE, PENN.

Newcastle, Penn., May 23.—The big Rosena furnace, in this city, owned by Senator Mark Hanna and ex-Senator Cameron, "blew out" this morning, and a great volume of coke, iron ore and coal came crashing through the roof of the casting-house, burying thirty men under the wreckage. Manager Reis was taken out with the skin hanging in shreds from his hands and arms, and his legs terribly burned and bruised.

Half a dozen other men were also more or less injured.

About twenty minutes after the accident at the Rosena furnace a cave-in occurred at the big seventy-foot cut of the Newcastle Traction Company, which is engaged in making a track to the new Cascade Park. Michael Curdy was buried under seventy-five feet of sand, gravel, clay and rocks, and was dead when taken out. Peter Herinsky was terribly bruised about the shoulders and hips, and his chest was crushed.

ALBANY DIOCESE FIFTY YEARS OLD.

ARCHBISHOP MARTINELLI PRESIDES AT THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Albany, May 23.—Monsignor Martinelli was the guest of honor at the celebration here to-day of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic diocese of Albany. Pontifical mass was celebrated, the Archbishop presiding, assisted by Bishop Burke, of Albany, and Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse. There were pontifical vespers this evening. To-morrow a reception will be tendered to the Papal Delegate.

The diocese of Albany was erected by the Holy See in 1847, and was then bounded on the north and east by the limits of the State of New-York, extended south to the 42d parallel of north latitude, and west to the eastern limits of Cayuga, Tompkins and Tioga counties. This territory now includes several Episcopal sees.

SAFE-CRACKERS BUSY IN SYRACUSE.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT THEY PLY THEIR TRADE, AND THE POLICE CAN'T CATCH THEM.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 23.—One or more gangs of safe-crackers, more or less expert at the business, have operated in Syracuse every Saturday night but one since April 8, and their cash booty to date reaches somewhere between $1,500 and $2,000. In every case nothing but money has been taken. Last night they succeeded in eluding five watchmen and two policemen about some Walton-st. blocks, and cracked three safes. They got nothing as far as can be learned now, but escaped without leaving a clew. The police have been on the alert for a month, each night squad being augmented by day men in citizens' clothes, but Chief of Police Wright has thus far failed entirely in getting a trace of the thieves. Merchants are hiding their Saturday receipts in all conceivable places except in their safes.

GORDY'S STORY OF A LETTER.

A DOCUMENT EXCULPATING HIM SAID TO BE IN THE POSSESSION OF HIS COUNSEL.

Georgetown, Del., May 23.—A sensation was created here to-day when it became rumored that Mr. Cullen, the chief attorney for the defence in the Gordy case, had in his possession a letter which stated that the writer and a companion had plotted the murder of Mrs. Lewis, for whose death James M. Gordy is to be hanged on June 11. The story comes from Gordy's cell, and he says he has been assured that his attorney has the letter, and that the case is to be investigated.

Gordy talks as if he was firmly convinced that the writer can and will be traced, as he says he has an idea who the writer and his associate are. It is in keeping with the theory advanced by him in an interview on Tuesday last, when he stated that he suspected certain persons in Newark, N. J., of having worked up the job and personated him, as they knew all about his private affairs. He says the letter states that there were two in the plot; that they induced Mrs. Lewis to convert everything she had into cash, even her furniture, which was sold to a dealer whose name is given; that one of them married her, then brought her down into Delaware as described at the trial; that the accomplice, who had gone before, met them at the river and took charge of her after she was placed in the boat, and then finished the murder the other had begun.

At the trial the question was argued as to whether one man could have done all it is claimed Gordy did in the time allotted him. Especially was it doubted whether he could have rowed the boat a mile up the creek and disposed of the body in the manner described in the short time the woman's companion that night is known to have spent on the river. It is also recalled that a mysterious stranger had been in Georgetown and Milton for two days, and that he disappeared on the night of the murder. Gordy claims that this was the accomplice and one of the real murderers. Gordy has always admitted that he came down on that train, but insisted that he drove leisurely to his home, and also that the satchels and handbag found, and which it was claimed belonged to Mrs. Lewis, were the property of his wife, who died three years ago.

The sensation created by this latest story is widespread, and many are asking if Gordy is guilty. Mr. Cullen could not be seen to verify Gordy's story of the letter.

A RECKLESS WHEELMAN KILLED.

Rochester, May 23.—Otto Keppling, eighteen years old, while racing on his bicycle with a train on the Irondequoit Bay Railroad to-day, caught his pedal in the step of a car and was thrown under the wheels. He was instantly killed.

TO REMOVE PREJUDICE AGAINST JEWS.

Indianapolis, May 23.—The annual meeting of District Grand Lodge No. 2, Order of B'nai B'rith, began here this morning. The most important business to-day was a movement, started by Rabbi Levi, of Cincinnati, to remove popular prejudice against the Jewish race. A special committee will consider the subject.

MAY BE EVIDENCE AGAINST LUETGERTS.

Chicago, May 23.—Charred bones and some old clothing, said to be blood-stained, were taken by the police to-day from a building in the rear of the home of Adolph L. Luetgerts, the wealthy sausage manufacturer, who is accused of wife murder. The bones will be examined to determine if they are from a human body, and the stains on the clothing will be put under chemical test to ascertain whether they are blood stains. The police attach great importance to this find.

Languor, dull headache and constipation are removed by Tarrant's Seltzer Aperient. 50c and $1.—Advt.

CABINET CRISIS IN SPAIN.

THE SUBJECT OF ANXIOUS DISCUSSION IN MADRID.

Madrid, May 23.—The Cabinet sat in council this evening until 8 o'clock, and it was decided to appear before the Cortes to-morrow and give explanations of the Tetuan-Comas incident of Friday last, even if the Liberals should absent themselves.

A special committee of the Chamber of Deputies will be instructed to consider the Budget bill without delay.

The position of the Cabinet is the theme of most anxious discussion on all sides. Some of the Government organs think the Ministry should meet the Cortes to-morrow, endeavor to secure the adoption of such bills as are pressing, and then suspend the session as soon as possible. Others think a change of policy expedient, and, in fact, inevitable. All admit the difficulty of appointing a colorless Ministry to carry on the business of the country.

London, May 24.—The Madrid correspondent of "The Times" says: "Seldom in the history of the Cortes has an affair created such a sensation as the Tetuan-Comas incident. It is difficult to conceive how a staid and experienced statesman like the Duke of Tetuan could have so completely lost his self-control on so slight a provocation.

"It is believed that Señor Sagasta is willing to do all he consistently can to minimize the difficulties of the situation; but it seems impossible that the Duke of Tetuan should retain his portfolio."

"The Standard's" correspondent at Madrid says:

"In the conference held on Saturday between the President of the Senate, the Premier and Señor Sagasta, with reference to the Tetuan-Comas incident, the President said he would not be justified in interfering, as the affair had not occurred in the Senate Chamber, but in the lobby. The Premier declared that the Opposition ought to be satisfied if the Duke of Tetuan announced in the Senate Chamber that he never intended to slight or give offence to the Liberal minority. He added that the Government could not dispense with the Duke of Tetuan's services as Minister of Foreign Affairs, because he alone was acquainted with and able to conduct important and delicate pending negotiations with foreign Governments (meaning America).

"Señor Sagasta promised to give his followers conciliatory advice, but said he must be guided by their decision. Accordingly, he summoned a meeting of the Liberals, who were in no conciliatory temper. However, after a prolonged discussion, they gave a vote of confidence to Señor Sagasta, with instructions to settle the conflict on the understanding that they would not enter the Cortes until the Government had given them such satisfaction as Señor Sagasta deemed proper.

"The dissentient Conservatives intimated that they would follow the decision of the Liberals, and, therefore, only the Ministerialists have been present in Parliament since Friday.

"The Premier, on receiving the reply of Señor Sagasta, went to the palace to inform the Queen Regent, who summoned a Council of Ministers. The crisis has withdrawn popular attention from the attitude of the United States Senate, which a majority of the newspapers and of the Ministers affect to consider without importance as bearing upon the immediate relations of the two countries."

SPANISH DELAY THE RUIZ INQUIRY.

CONSUL-GENERAL LEE CONTRADICTS A STATEMENT OF DR. CONGOSTO.

Havana (via Key West), May 23.—The investigation by Commissioner W. J. Calhoun into the matter of the death of Dr. Ruiz is not proceeding rapidly. On Thursday Dr. Congosto, the Spanish Consul at Philadelphia, asserted that Ruiz did not explain that he was an American citizen, and therefore was kept incomunicado more than seventy-two hours. General Lee, on hearing this, promptly and emphatically stated that on February 6 he sent official notice to the Marquis de Ahumada, Acting Captain-General, to the effect that Ruiz was an American citizen and that he demanded his treaty rights. It appears that Señor Congosto ignored this fact.

The investigation will not proceed further until the Spanish representative has approved the written statement of Consul-General Lee as to the scope of the inquiry, the Americans desiring to go further than the Spanish deem necessary. There is little hope that facts bearing directly on the nature of the death of Dr. Ruiz will be elicited. It is thought, however, that arrangements will be made allowing the inquiry to proceed on Monday.

WESTERN BANKS CONSOLIDATE.

THE METROPOLITAN, OF KANSAS CITY, ABSORBED BY THE BANK OF COMMERCE.

Kansas City, Mo., May 23.—By an arrangement just completed, the National Bank of Commerce, of this city, will absorb the business of the Metropolitan National Bank, having decided to buy the deposits of the latter institution. Both banks are among the oldest established and largest concerns in the city. In its last statement, rendered May 14, the Metropolitan showed deposits of $2,040,655; loans and discounts, $1,488,652; cash and sight exchange, $855,493; total resources, $2,623,064. The statement of the Bank of Commerce, issued on the same date, showed deposits of $6,142,661; loans and discounts, $4,806,387; cash and sight exchange, $2,685,524; total resources, $7,794,527.

A GREAT GATHERING OF DOCTORS.

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, May 23.—The golden jubilee meeting of the American Medical Association, which will be held in Philadelphia on June 1, 2, 3 and 4, promises to be not only the most important meeting ever held by this great organization, but the largest gathering of noted medical men ever brought together in this city. Apart from the attendance of physicians from all parts of the country, the numerous able and interesting papers placed upon the programme insure a meeting with important scientific results in contributions to medical literature and in the priceless hints that will be given from the experience of practical workers in the field of medicine and surgery.

The Committee of Arrangements has arranged a series of clinical lectures and demonstrations, free to members, for the week preceding and that following the association meeting. This course of instruction by the faculty of the teaching colleges of the city, and laboratory, dispensary and ward demonstrations by the staffs of the various hospitals and medical institutions have been designed for the considerable number of physicians who will be glad of the opportunity of brushing up their knowledge on various branches while in the city.

The college courses will begin to-morrow at all the colleges and hospitals in the city, and besides clinics, opportunities will be given to see the practical working of the Roentgen rays at all the hospitals.

HARD AT WORK IN THE DELTA.

PLANTERS AND TENANTS BUSY IN THE LATELY OVERFLOWED REGION.

Vicksburg, Miss., May 23.—Hundreds of mules were sent back to plantations in the Delta from here yesterday. A transfer scene as wonderful as any spectacular drama is being enacted in the overflow region, and all is activity with planters and tenants. Camp Warren will be emptied by Tuesday, and the tents folded and shipped away.

The two crevasses below Greenville—Deerfield and Promised Land—are closed, or will be in the next few days, the falling waters making this an easy task.

Captain Davis took some supplies for a few families at Valley Park yesterday afternoon, but few more expeditions of this kind will be necessary, it is believed. The gauge-reading last night was 47.8 feet—a fall of four-tenths. Captain Thompson, of the Louisiana engineers, is here, but leaves for St. Joseph to-morrow. He has been engaged in levee work this fall and summer with Assistant United States Engineer Brown, of Lieutenant Newcomer's staff. Both men predict a marked increase in the rate of decline this week.

FLEISCHER'S WIFE IN ALTOONA.

Altoona, Penn., May 23.—Eugene Sebastian Fleischer, who was murdered in Pittsburg on Friday morning, leaves a widow and son in this city. It is stated that he deserted his wife in Hollidaysburg fourteen years ago for another woman, whom he took away with him. At that time it was charged that he was a defaulter to an insurance company and several secret societies with which he was officially connected.

Parquet Floors made by the National Wood M'f'g Co., 129 5th-ave., are durable and inexpensive.—Advt.

FOUR MEN MISSING.

LIVES THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN LOST IN YESTERDAY'S GALE.

YACHTS CAPSIZED AND DAMAGED IN GRAVESEND BAY AND AROUND NORTON'S POINT—POLICE MAKE UNAVAILING SEARCHES FOR MEN AND BOATS.

Small craft and many of the larger yachts anchored in Gravesend Bay and Coney Island Creek suffered considerably from the high wind of yesterday morning, and it is believed from the reports made to the police that at least two people who were out pleasure-sailing have been drowned. The wind also caused much damage along the bay shore. The police have received a list of the missing yachts, but up to a late hour last night they could not find any of them.

The first intimation that people had been drowned was given when John W. Lyons, of Bay Thirteenth-st., Bath Beach, reported to Captain Burford, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, yesterday afternoon, that while he was fishing off Norton's Point from an anchored rowboat he saw the overturning of a small sailboat containing two men. The boat at the time was within half a mile of the shore, and to all appearances she was laboring hard with the high wind and heavy sea. One of the men was handling the tiller while the other was trying to take in a reef or lower the sail. A few minutes later, Lyons said, he heard a cry, and as he looked toward the craft he saw the boom swing around, carrying with it the man who was attending to the sail.

The helmsman jumped from his seat and went to his companion's assistance, but as he did so the boat gave a lurch and a moment later overturned. The wind then caught the boat and it drifted off toward Fort Hamilton. Lyons rowed over to the scene of the accident, but he could find no trace of the men.

Three hours later the craft drifted ashore at Dyker Beach, between Dyker Park and the links of the Dyker Meadow Golf Club. The craft is an 18-foot keel sailboat, high in the bow, with a short, overhanging stern and leg-o'-mutton sails. The sail was torn to shreds, and two feet of the topmast was broken. The boat is painted green inside and out, but there are no marks that will lead to the identification of the craft or show who its owner is. There is no deck, and her port side is stove in. Acting Detective Brown, of the Bath Beach police, has been placed on the case, but up to a late hour last night was unable to find any trace of the missing men.

John Scherle, a piano-maker, of No. 379 Atlantic-ave., Brooklyn, also reported to the police of Coney Island at noon yesterday that while he was fishing off Coney Island Point yesterday morning he saw a small sailing craft with two men capsized within fifty yards of where he was anchored. Scherle says that he immediately set out to rescue the men, but he was hindered by the large quantity of water which entered his boat, and kept him busy baling.

Before he could reach the spot where the boat capsized another yacht sailed up and, after tacking about for ten minutes, sailed away. After the boat departed Scherle could see no sight of the two men, and he believed that they had been rescued.

Captain Collins, of the Coney Island precinct, ordered his men to make an investigation, and from their report the police are led to think that these men have also perished, as the police of Fort Hamilton, Bath Beach and Coney Island can find no trace at any of the landings where any rescued men have been brought.

William Schumacher's sloop yacht Clytie was saved from going ashore and being dashed to pieces at the end of Bay Twentieth-st., Bath Beach, by a volunteer wrecking crew composed of bicyclists, yachtsmen and waiters.

The naphtha launch Exenia, belonging to the South Amboy Yacht Club, and owned and captained by Thomas Fenton, jr., started from its anchorage at South Amboy at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, with James Wallace, David Watson, Thomas Fenton, and Donald McKay on board. When the high wind came up the launch was off Coney Island Point and it was capsized. The men were rescued by members of the Stella Boat Club, of Gravesend, and the New-York Volunteer Life Saving Corps.

LOST OFF FERRY POINT.

A FISHERMAN DROWNED WHILE TRYING TO SWIM ASHORE.

William Gasser, twenty-one years old, of No. 701 East One-hundred-and-ninth-st., was drowned off Ferry Point, in Long Island Sound, yesterday afternoon, while out rowing with three companions. His body drifted away with the tide. Early yesterday morning Gasser, with John Seafort, twenty-one years old, of No. 1,114 Washington-ave.; Fred Paul, twenty years old, of No. 783 Webster-ave., and William Kars, nineteen years old, of No. 153 Elton-ave., took a small rowboat owned by Kars and started from West Farms Creek for a day's sport fishing in the Sound.

They were out all day, and had excellent sport. About 5 o'clock they took in their lines and started for home. The tide was running strong, and they had great difficulty in making progress. There was also a heavy sea in the Sound. To add to their trouble, the boat was too heavily loaded, not having been built to carry four passengers. Off Ferry Point, about one hundred and fifty feet from the shore, the boat was whirled around by the combined wind and tide, and in their efforts to keep her on her course the boat was capsized, all the men being thrown into the water. All except Gasser were able to cling to the upturned boat, but he, relying on his ability as a swimmer, struck out for the shore.

He had gone but thirty feet or so when he threw up his hands and sank out of sight. It is thought he was either seized with a cramp or became exhausted. The men clinging to the capsized boat shouted for help until they were nearly exhausted. Fortunately, the anchor of the boat caught on the bottom of the Sound, and kept them from drifting further away from the shore. They saw two men pulling toward them in a boat, and thought they were coming to rescue them. But for some reason the men passed about ten feet away and did not even look at them. Some men on the shore hearing the cries of distress secured a rowboat and rescued the fishermen. They were almost exhausted, and had not the help come when it did they would certainly have been lost.

CHAMPION SWIMMER DROWNED.

CHARLES CAVILL, THE AUSTRALIAN, LOSES HIS LIFE TRYING TO BREAK A RECORD.

Stockton, Cal., May 23.—Charles Cavill, the Australian champion swimmer, who recently swam around the Seal Rocks at the Cliff House and across the Golden Gate, was drowned last night while swimming in Jackson's baths here. He was trying to beat his record of 5 minutes and 5 seconds under water.

When seven minutes had elapsed an assistant went down for him and brought him up. His friends rolled and worked over him for more than an hour. Doctors came and worked over him, using every appliance known, but could not bring him to life. He was showing in seven feet of water, and was in fine condition.

DISTILLER FAILS FOR A BIG SUM.

Cincinnati, May 23.—A dispatch to "The Commercial Tribune" from Lexington, Ky., says: "William Tarr, a noted distiller, made an assignment yesterday to R. P. and J. S. Stoll; assets, $600,000; liabilities unknown. The William Tarr Company also made an assignment to the same persons; assets, $100,000; liabilities, about $60,000, $50,000 of which is in first mortgage bonds to run twenty years."

NEW SERVICE ON THE PACIFIC.

San Francisco, May 23.—Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a new line of steamers to ply between this city and South American ports. It is proposed to bring here from the East for service a fleet of large ocean liners. J. S. Kimball & Co., shippers and commission merchants of this city, have the project in hand and are said to represent certain stockholders of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railway Company. They say that their venture is not in opposition to the Pacific Mail, but is primarily designed to level up trade between California and Mexico, Central and South America.

FROZE OUT THE STOCKHOLDERS.

SUGAR TRUST SECURES ALL THE SHARES IN A SUGAR-BEET FACTORY.

San Francisco, May 23 (Special).—All the facts have now come out in regard to the absorption of stock in the Watsonville beet-sugar factory by Claus Spreckels and the Sugar Trust. Outside holders, who were all friends of Spreckels, had 750 shares out of 10,000. They paid $100 a share and had received in dividends $117 for each share. Naturally they were not anxious to sell such lucrative stock, which probably paid better dividends than anything in this country except Standard Oil, but about the time of John E. Searles's visit here they were asked by Spreckels to sell to him their holdings at $300 a share. E. J. Molera held 200 shares and Louis Sloss, sr., Leon Sloss, Samuel Sussman, J. L. Koster and the Tubbs estate each held 100. Dr. Buckley had 50 shares.

Several of these men demurred to Spreckels's request, despite the fancy price offered, but the old sugar millionaire replied with the significant threat that their business would suffer if they refused to oblige him. They took the hint, and sold. The object of this calling in of outside stock was to prevent the danger of any small stockholder asking to inspect the books. Now that the Sugar Trust is a large owner of the stock the price of beets at Watsonville, as well as at Chino, will be fixed by it, and there will be no appeal by farmers, nor can they secure any facts about profits of the factories.

The freezing-out of these sugar factory stockholders has caused much discussion here, as it is held to mean an aggressive policy by the trust.

A YOUNG HERO DROWNED.

AFTER RESCUING HIS COMPANION, MICHAEL LEIBIG, FOUR YEARS OLD, LOSES HIS OWN LIFE.

Somerville, N. J., May 23 (Special).—Michael Liebig and Michael Oliphant, four and five years old respectively, strayed from their homes, in Raritan, late yesterday afternoon and found their way to a dangerous place on the bank of the big water course which feeds the mills on the Raritan River. The conduit has an outlet into the Raritan River through an underground pipe, nine feet in diameter, and thence through a sluiceway with a bed of rocks. The water rushes from the conduit to the river with terrific force and creates a whirlpool of large dimensions near the outlet in the conduit. The two boys climbed down the bank near the whirlpool and were amusing themselves by throwing chips in the water, when Oliphant lost his balance and plunged head first into the whirlpool. Leibig held out a long stick, which he had in his hand at the time and shouted: "Now Mikey, hold on and I'll pull you in sure."

The little fellow tugged away for dear life and had succeeded in drawing his playmate to the shore when Oliphant suddenly released his hold on the pole. Leibig fell backward and fell down the embankment into the whirlpool from which he had just rescued Oliphant. He was twirled around like a straw, and in the twinkling of an eye he shot through the underground pipe and was precipitated upon the jagged rocks in the sluiceway below. His little body was tossed like a cork on the leaping waters, which bore him rapidly to the river, one hundred yards away. He was still struggling for life when caught up by the swift current of the river.

Antony Pascale, who sat on the river bank, saw the body shoot by on the surface. He was so horrified by the accident that he made no attempt at rescue. Pascale watched the body until it sank below the surface, a quarter of a mile down the river. The body was recovered an hour later in a shallow part of the river, near where Pascale saw it disappear. The child was the son of Michael Leibig, assistant master machinist in the Raritan Woollen Mills.

A BABY BURNED TO DEATH.

PLAYED WITH FIRE IN THE ABSENCE OF ITS MOTHER.

Samuel Meyerson, the eighteen-months-old child of Harris Meyerson, a carpenter living at No. 189 Division-st., was frightfully burned yesterday afternoon in his mother's absence from the flat, and he died soon afterward. The Meyersons are poor but respectable people living on the fourth floor of the tenement at No. 189. Samuel was the youngest of three children. Shortly after noon yesterday Mrs. Meyerson thought one of the children was lost, and she left the flat to go to the street and look for the missing one. "Sammy," as the boy was called, was scarcely able to toddle about the floor, and his mother reasoned that he would be quite safe until she got back. Left alone, the little fellow toddled over to the hearth of the range, which he was barely able to reach, and seeing a burning stick, it caught his fancy, and he took hold of it. His clothes became ignited, and when his mother found him on her return, which she says was not over fifteen minutes later, every stitch of clothing on the child was burned off, his face and sides were burned to a crisp, and he was lying unconscious on the floor with just a spark of life left.

The neighbors heard Mrs. Meyerson's screams as she discovered the fate of her baby, and, as they came running from all directions, they saw the woman with the blackened little form rushing down the stairs to a drug store nearby. The mother was almost frantic with grief, and a half-dozen of the neighbors hurried after her. At the drug store they decided to take the child to Beth Israel Hospital, at No. 206 East Broadway, where Dr. George J. Miller did what he could for the little sufferer, but the infant died soon after reaching the hospital.

THRONGS AT THE EXPOSITION.

TO-DAY IS KENTUCKY DAY AT NASHVILLE—THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

Nashville, Tenn., May 23.—Yesterday closed a most successful week at the exposition. Official figures are not obtainable, but competent judges give the night attendance as the largest yet experienced. Fully twenty thousand people visited the grounds yesterday, and the week's attendance foots up over fifty thousand.

To-morrow is Kentucky Day, the first State day to be formally observed. Governor Bradley, his staff and a large number of attending men and women will arrive to-morrow morning. The Louisville Legion, five hundred strong, will come to-night, and will serve as an escort to the Governor, assisted by local military companies. The arrangements and exercises are in charge of a committee representing the exposition company and a committee representing the Kentucky State Association of this city. From all the Kentucky towns along the railroads large delegations will attend. The exercises will begin at 1 p. m., when the special train bearing the Governor arrives, and the procession will march immediately to the exposition grounds, where luncheon will be served and a general reception held in the Woman's Building. At 5:30 o'clock the Kentucky Building will be dedicated, Governor Bradley making the opening speech. Miss Yandell, of Louisville, will sing and E. J. McDermott will make the address on behalf of the Commissioners. President J. W. Thomas will introduce the speakers and Speaker Thompson, of the Senate, representing Governor Taylor, and other distinguished citizens will also speak. The Louisville Legion will also give a full dress parade.

Tuesday will be the first convocation of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, and the sessions will continue two days. Wednesday will be Catholic Schools Day, and also Greek Letter Day. Art Day will be observed on Thursday, and the awards of the Jury on Pictures will be announced. To-morrow is also Victoria Day, in honor of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and in the Woman's Building there will be an admirable programme carried out.

A HISTORIC CHURCH BURNED.

Savannah, Ga., May 23.—Christ Church, the oldest church in Georgia, where John Wesley preached before he promulgated the Methodist faith, was burned almost to the ground shortly after midnight. The building contained all the records of Savannah and practically of Georgia prior to 1825, most of which are a total loss. Christ Church Parish was founded soon after the settlement of Savannah. The first edifice was begun in 1743, but was not completed until 1750. The founder of Christ Church was the Rev. Henry Herbert, who came over from England with Oglethorpe. John Wesley was its third rector, and on the site of the present edifice stood the rude chapel in which he ministered as chaplain to the colonists.

A CHILD KILLED IN THE STREET.

While playing in front of the tenement-house where his parents live, No. 86 Norfolk-st., yesterday afternoon, Nathan Cohen, three years old, was run over by a heavily loaded meat truck and almost instantly killed. August Andres, of No. 400 East Forty-fifth-st., a driver for J. Fleischauer & Bros., whose truck ran over the child, picked the little fellow up and carried him to his father. The driver was locked up in the Eldridge-st. police station.

WOMAN POSTMASTER AT WEST POINT.

West Point, N. Y., May 23.—Miss Mary Newlands, having received her commission, will enter upon the duties of postmaster of West Point to-morrow morning. Robert Altshimer, of Highland Falls, ex-postmaster, will be her deputy. Miss Newlands's bondsmen are John Bigelow and Major Charles F. Roe.

THE HAMMOND TYPEWRITER CO. moved to 167 B'way. Have you tried Number 2 Hammond?—Advt.

DEATH AND INJURY BY FIRE

AN EARLY MORNING BLAZE IN A WEST TWENTY-THIRD-ST. HOUSE.

TWO PERSONS KILLED AND THREE INJURED—A PANIC AMONG THE TENANTS, MANY OF WHOM HAD NARROW ESCAPES.

Fire started about 4 o'clock yesterday morning in the four-story and basement brownstone building at No. 149 West Twenty-third-st., which is occupied for both business and dwelling purposes. Two people were killed as the result of the blaze, three were injured, one probably fatally, and several had narrow escapes from death. The dead are:

MOSSWAY, Mrs. CATHARINE, thirty-two years old, died in St. Vincent's Hospital from suffocation and burns.

MOSSWAY, BEATRICE, four years old, daughter of the former, suffocated to death in her room.

The injured are:

BOWLES, Mrs. MARY C., boarding-house keeper at No. 28 Hollis-st., Boston, Mass., dangerously hurt by jumping from a window on the third floor; taken to the New-York Hospital.

MACDONALD, Miss, slightly burned on the face; remained at home.

PHELPS, F. S., slightly burned on face; remained at home.

In the basement of the building, which is practically on a level with the sidewalk, thus making the structure five stories in height, is the restaurant of Mrs. Osborn, an all-night eating-house, of which Robert McCoy is the night manager. The first floor is occupied by the Weser Piano Company, and the second, third and fourth floors are conducted as a furnished-room establishment by Mrs. Minnie Curtis, who was assisted in the care of the house by Mrs. Mossway, her sister, who lost her life at the fire. On the second floor, immediately over the warerooms of the piano company, are the apartments of Mrs. Curtis, her brother, and Bert Lamont, and of George Decker and Samuel Reed, guests. On the third floor lived Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Libbey, Mrs. Bowles, of Boston, and G. W. Lee, who was absent from the house at the time of the fire. The fourth or top floor was occupied by Mrs. Mossway and her daughter, Beatrice; Charles Black, F. S. Phelps, Miss Macdonald, Messrs. Martin and Snell, and Miss May Wright, who is out of the city at present.

THE ALARM GIVEN.

All of the tenants in the house were asleep when they were aroused by cries of fire and by the smell of smoke, which had pervaded their rooms. The first to learn of the danger were Mr. and Mrs. Libbey, who were aroused by smoke and gave the alarm.

Long before the firemen were able to reach the scene the entire building was filled with flames within. The hallway from the first floor to the roof was enveloped in fire, and all hope of escape by means of the front door was cut off from the moment the blaze was discovered. Nearly every one in the place was helpless, save those who were on the top floor and who were aroused soon enough to climb the ladder to the roof, and those who were on the second floor in the rear and were able to make their way from windows to the roof of the extension over the rooms of the piano company.