WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WHITE PLAINS.

A meeting was held on Monday evening at the Village Hall and an organization formed, to be known as the Soldiers' Reception and Relief Association. Samuel C. Miller was elected president, William B. Sutherland secretary and Dr. G. G. Platt treasurer. It was decided to raise $5,000 to be devoted to furnishing relief and comfort to the sick soldiers of Company C, 71st Regiment, now at Camp Wikoff, and to pay the expenses of the funerals of any that may die in the service. At the meeting great interest was manifested, and $500 was promptly subscribed.

The body of Samuel J. Walton, the young soldier of Company C, 71st Regiment, who died on Saturday at Camp Wikoff, was brought here yesterday morning. The body was escorted from the camp at Montauk Point by Corporal John F. Jenkins, of Sing Sing, and Privates Robert J. Roby and Frank L. Martin, of this village, all members of Company C, 71st Regiment, and was taken to the home of his father, William A. Walton, followed by a large gathering of sympathizing townspeople. The funeral will take place at Grace Episcopal Church this afternoon.

Justice J. S. Lambert, in the Supreme Court, has issued an order confirming the report of F. M. Thompson, referee, regarding the application for the voluntary dissolution of the Dietz Drug Company, of the town of Scarsdale, incorporated in 1884, and discharging the receiver, William J. McCormick, of his receivership and bond. The referee found that the receiver was chargeable with a total sum of $8,720 90, and credited with expenditures of $8,527 16, leaving a balance of $193 74, which is awarded to the receiver in lieu of his regular commissions.

TARRYTOWN.

Brandt H. Engelke, the son of Major Barnett H. Engelke, arrived home yesterday from Camp Wikoff, Montauk Point, on a week's furlough. Engelke was one of the Tarrytown boys who enlisted in Company C, 71st Regiment.

The funeral of Harry Allen Grant was held at his home in Wilson Park on Monday, the Rev. Dr. John Knox Allen, pastor of the First Reformed Church, officiating. His body was sent to Enfield, Conn., for burial.

DOBBS FERRY AND HASTINGS.

The managers of the Dobbs Ferry Hospital have appointed a special committee to solicit funds for the maintenance of the institution for the year.

The annual outing of the Hastings Protective Association will be held this afternoon at Forest View Grove-on-the-Hudson. The steamer Daisy has been chartered for the affair.

Arrangements have been made to hold a fair next Monday in aid of St. Matthew's Church, in Hastings.

NORTH TARRYTOWN.

William Rockefeller is spending August at his recently purchased farm in the Adirondacks. Several hundred men are at work clearing the woodlands and laying out highways. The work is under Mr. Rockefeller's personal supervision.

The Board of Education of School District No. 1, town of Mount Pleasant, has decided to call a special meeting of the voters for September 15 to settle the question of appropriating $20,000 for school improvements. Last year the school facilities were inadequate, and the trustees have had plans prepared for an addition to the present schoolhouse.

MOUNT VERNON.

The Royal Arcanum of this city at a special meeting on Monday evening adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Francis E. Alden, sergeant of Company L, 71st Regiment, who died recently from fever in Santiago.

The wedding of Miss Anna Kolpin, daughter of John Kolpin, of No. 339 Franklin-ave., to Harry Magna, of New-York City, is announced to take place in this city this evening.

YONKERS.

Mayor Sutherland and all the Aldermen were present at the meeting of the Common Council on Monday night. It was the first meeting since the middle of July, and considerable business had accumulated. The Mayor sent in a message urging the extension of the recreation pier at the end of Main-st. It has been much used this summer, and the Mayor feels that it would be advisable to have it made larger. The subject was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The question of extending the public pier to the bulkhead line was discussed. Alderman Southwick offered a resolution that the Commissioner of Public Works submit an estimate of the cost, also the estimated cost of extending a spur sixty feet wide to the bulkhead line. If these improvements are made, it will be necessary to extend the outlet of the Main-st. sewer as well. Commissioner Cooper reported that he had prepared plans and specifications for building a bridge over the Nepperhan River in Nepperhan-st. and for regulating and paving with asphalt South Broadway, from Randolph-st. to the south line of the city. These were all referred to the Committee on Public Works. The Police Commissioners were directed to remove their property from the old police stables by September 15. It is intended to remodel the stables and turn them over to the Fire Commissioners. A chemical engine and the chief's quarters will probably be placed there. The contract for regulating and grading Sunnyside Drive and Fairfield Road was awarded to William J. Flanigan.

The Outing Committee of the Boys' Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association will conduct an excursion to-morrow to Tompkinsville to view the warships. The boat will leave the public pier at 9 o'clock in the morning.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

The Board of Trade, at a special meeting on Monday evening, decided by a two-thirds vote to approve the issue of $150,000 in bonds for the purpose of building better streets. The plan favored is the appointment of a committee of three of the village trustees and three members of the Board of Trade, with Village President Henry S. Clarke as chairman. The committee will have charge of the expenditure of the funds.

SING SING.

Corporal John F. Jenkins, Company C, 71st Regiment, arrived home from Camp Wikoff yesterday morning. He is in charge of the detachment of the regiment which will attend the funeral of Private Samuel J. Walton, in White Plains to-day. Corporal Jenkins was the recipient of the warm congratulations of his fellow-townsmen, but as he is weak from recent illness, he declined any public demonstration in his honor. He fears that he will not be able to attend the funeral to-day.

Yesterday was Woman's Christian Temperance Union day at the Prohibitionists' camp-meeting, and there was a fair attendance. Addresses were made by Mrs. E. U. Burgess and other women prominent in temperance work. W. P. F. Ferguson will speak this morning, Mrs. C. Edholm in the afternoon, and Mr. Ferguson again in the evening.

The Senate, Assembly and county conventions to nominate candidates of the Prohibition party for this fall's election will be held at noon to-morrow.

REPORTS WRECKAGE NEAR FIRE ISLAND.

CAPTAIN HANSFORD DID NOT PICK UP ANY OF IT FOR IDENTIFICATION, HOWEVER.

Captain Hansford, of the British steamer Algoa, which arrived here yesterday from Hamburg, reported that yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, when the Algoa was ten miles east of Fire Island, she passed through a large quantity of wreckage. The captain said that in the lot were twenty or thirty steamer trunks, a number of smaller tin trunks, a few steamer chairs, mattresses, cabin fittings and other things which he could not distinguish. The entire lot looked as if it had been in the water only a short time, but no names or other marks of identification could be seen as the steamer ploughed along. The intelligent captain said that he made no effort to secure any of the wreckage for purposes of identification. When about five miles nearer New-York the Algoa passed other wreckage that looked like fittings of cattle pens.

No steamship travelling toward this port is overdue.

TO CELEBRATE TOLSTOI'S BIRTHDAY.

The following letter has been sent to a number of representative literary men in New-York and elsewhere. The responses show a widespread interest in the proposed commemoration of Tolsoi's birthday. The committee extends a cordial invitation to all who are interested to attend the dinner:

The undesigned, acting as an informal committee, have arranged for the celebration in this city, on the evening of September 8, of Count Leo Tolstoi's seventieth birthday and the fiftieth year of his literary activity by a dinner to be given at 6:30 p. m. at the St. Denis Hotel, Broadway and Eleventh-st. Following the dinner brief addresses on Tolstoi's writings and teachings will be made. We trust that you will be present at this dinner, which is intended as an appreciation by his American admirers of the genius of the great Russian novelist and historian. If you are unable to attend we shall be pleased to have an expression of your approval of the purpose for which the dinner is given. Tickets for the dinner (price, $2) can be secured from Ernest H. Crosby, No. 19 Liberty-st., New-York City. In order that definite arrangements can be made for seating, etc., we would respectfully ask that tickets be procured at an early date.

The letter is signed by Lyman Abbott, William Dean Howells, Henry M. Alden, Ernest H. Crosby, Hamilton Mabie, Richard Watson Gilder, Bolton Hall, Albert Shaw, R. R. Bowker, John Swinton, Ripley Hitchcock, Bliss Carman, George Cary Eggleston, William Hayes Ward, Joseph B. Gilder, E. R. L. Gould, F. J. Wheeler, Abram Cahan, Amos K. Fiske, Whilden Graham, W. D. McCracken and J. Brisben Walker.

ARBUCKLE SUGAR ON THE MARKET.

The new Arbuckle sugar refinery has begun operations, and the first lot of refined sugar, about three hundred and fifty barrels, was sold in the market, bringing about one-quarter of a cent less in price than the Trust's product, on account of a defect in quality. The first sugar from a new plant is always off grade, however. It is now hoped by the firm that by September 1 all the little drawbacks incident to starting up will have been done away with, and that the refinery will be turning out the refined product nearly up to its full capacity. The Arbuckles have not yet issued their schedule of prices.

ANTI-OATH BILL BEATEN AGAIN.

TAMMANY BELIEVES IN "FREE SPEECH"—MUH'S RESOLUTION VOTED DOWN BY THE ALDERMEN.

"What's the use of free speech if you could be hauled up and fined for usin' a few cuss words on the street?" asked a Tammany Alderman yesterday.

Tammany's love for the free speech of the grog-shop was shown again in the Board of Aldermen yesterday when the resolution of Alderman Muh for an ordinance to punish the use of profane and indecent language in public places was laid upon the table and thus effectively killed. Last week the Aldermen killed in the same way the ordinance against swearing which President Guggenheimer recently caused to be passed by the Council. The Aldermen could not understand why the Council passed that ordinance. They were inclined to believe that somebody was trying to play a practical joke on the Tamamny organization, but Mr. Guggenheimer really had been much in earnest. Alderman Muh, whose sense of humor is not keen, astonished his colleagues, when Mr. Guggenheimer's ordinance had been killed last week, by announcing his resolution for an ordinance more sweeping in character than that of the President of the Council. Mr. Guggenheimer's ordinance was meant to prevent profanity in the streets and public conveyances. Mr. Muh's resolution included fines for swearing on excursion boats in the Harbor.

Nobody allowed to swear on a Tammany excursion! What was Alderman Muh dreaming of? The other Tammany Aldermen began to calculate how many millions of dollars in fines could be collected for swearing on the annual excursions of the Divvers, the Sullivans and the Pequods. They looked in a pitying way at Alderman Muh yesterday when his resolution came before the Board. Audible groans among the Tammany members accompanied the reading of the resolution. Alderman McCall, the Tammany leader in the Board, made a speech, declaring that the resolution was not needed, as the police were empowered under present laws to stop offensive profanity in the streets. He moved to lay the resolution on the table. Aldermen Goodman, Republican, and Olde, Citizens' Union, wanted to make speeches in favor of the resolution, but Alderman McCall would not withdraw his motion to lay on the table, and the motion was carried by the vote of 27 to 19, nearly all the Tammany men voting in the affirmative.

TAX RATE FIXED AT 2.01.

COUNCILMEN AND ALDERMEN AGREE ON PERCENTAGE FOR MANHATTAN AND THE BRONX.

The Council and Board of Aldermen met in joint session at noon yesterday to fix the rate for Manhattan and The Bronx for 1898, but there was not a quorum of the Municipal Assembly present at that hour, and an adjournment was taken to 1 p. m. Messengers were sent in search of missing Councilmen and Aldermen, as it was feared that a desire to get to the racetrack in good time to see the Futurity might prevent the attendance of a quorum later. Soon after 1 p. m. there were enough Councilmen and Aldermen in the Aldermanic Chamber to make a quorum.

The report of the joint Finance Committee was read, and at 1:22 p. m. the resolution fixing the tax rate at 2.01 was passed hurriedly, without discussion. The joint meeting then adjourned. Many of the Councilmen and Aldermen were in a hurry to get away to see the Futurity, and only brief meetings of the Board of Aldermen and Council were held. The Aldermen adjourned to October 4.

FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS TO HELP.

THE ORDER APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR SUPPLYING DELICACIES TO WOUNDED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

A special meeting of the Founders and Patriots of America was held yesterday to consider what action should be taken by the order for the relief of the soldiers and sailors now sick in the camps and hospitals. Theodore Fitch was elected chairman.

Colonel Ralph Prime read a letter from Major Francis Lowell Hills as to the condition of soldiers and sailors at Fortress Monroe. It said in part that, though the war was over, the need for private aid still existed. Major Hills, who was present, then said he had visited Fortress Monroe and had learned from officials there that while the Government had furnished such luxuries as wine, whiskey and brandy, they had not been of the best quality, and that such articles would be very acceptable.

Mr. Morris, on behalf of a committee previously appointed, reported that he had communicated with all the hospitals where sick soldiers and sailors had been placed, and had received replies from all. These replies indicated that while ordinary hospital supplies were on hand in abundance, such articles as whisk brooms, bath sponges, mineral waters and liquor of good quality were in demand.

Colonel Prime moved that the sum of $250 be taken from the society's treasury and be appropriated for the relief of these men. A committee of three was appointed to expend this money in as wise a manner as possible.

HURT IN A TROLLEY-CAR COLLISION.

SIX PERSONS BADLY INJURED IN A CRASH NEAR ELMSFORD STATION.

Two trolley-cars on the Tarrytown, White Plains and Mamaroneck Railway ran into each other near Elmsford about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The force of the collision was so great that the motormen and five passengers were badly injured and the glass in the windows and ventilators was shattered. The cars in the crash were open car No. 9, in charge of Motorman Bare, which was going toward White Plains, and closed car No. 4, in charge of Motorman McVitte, which was going toward Tarrytown.

The accident occurred a short distance west of the Elmsford station on the New-York and Putnam Railroad. Both cars were running at a fast rate of speed. The open car was going along a straight stretch when the closed car suddenly rounded a curve about two hundred feet away. The track is a single track, and the motormen realized it was impossible to avoid a collision. Each of them turned off the currents, applied the brakes and reversed, but the distance was too short, and, as the rails were wet, the cars came together with a loud crash. There were about twenty-five passengers in each car. All were thrown from their seats and badly shaken up.

Those badly injured are Mrs. William Acker, of Scarborough, who was cut by flying glass; Louise Sutton, of Nyack, who was hurt about the body; Durland Storms, of Yonkers, who was cut about the face; Samuel Garrett, of Greenburg, cut about the face; James Sullivan, of Tarrytown, cut about the head, and William McVitte, motorman, of White Plains, who was badly hurt about the legs and cut on the left side of the neck. Mrs. Acker was sent to her home, in Scarborough, and the others were sent to White Plains, where they were examined by Dr. Charles E. Birch.

The open car was carrying a number of members of the Greenburg and White Plains Outing Club, who were going to attend their annual outing at the Westchester County Fair Grounds. The members were obliged to make the rest of their journey afoot. The collision delayed traffic on the line for several hours. Many lawyers, county officials and business men were obliged to hire carriages at Tarrytown to take them to White Plains.

STAMP COLLECTORS IN CONVENTION.

SECTION OF PHILATELY TO BE OPENED IN THE BROOKLYN INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Fifty members of the American Philatelic Association met at the rooms of the local branch of the association, at No. 351 Fourth-ave., yesterday morning, in the thirteenth annual convention of the association. There were proxies to the number of 143 represented, and when the late delegates arrive it is expected that there will be a total representation of two hundred at the convention, which has a membership of one thousand, among whom are many wealthy collectors.

The following Board of Directors was chosen, and it has been practically decided to elect officers from the board, as follows: Frank F. Olney, president; and W. C. Van Derlip, vice-president; G. L. Toppan, second vice-president; E. M. Carpenter, third vice-president, all three of Boston; W. N. Howe, secretary, Portland, Me.; C. P. Knauth, international secretary, Pittsburg; H. G. Smith, treasurer, Winona, Minn.; H. B. Phillip, San Francisco, and P. F. Burner, N. Y. Frank H. Burt, of Boston, is the acting secretary of the convention.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. DR. BRADLEY.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. Edward Augustus Bradley, vicar of St. Agnes's Chapel, who died from apoplexy in Riverside Drive on Saturday morning while watching the naval parade, was held yesterday in the chapel, in West Ninety-second-st. Fifty or more of the leading clergymen in the city took part in the service, while in the congregation were many men prominent in professional and financial circles. The floral offerings were extremely beautiful, the flowers covering the chancel rail and hiding the lid of the coffin.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, rector of Trinity Parish, of which St. Agnes's is a part; the Rev. W. M. Geer, vicar of St. Paul's; the Rev. Dr. A. C. Kimber, of St. Augustine's Chapel, and the Rev. Mr. Holcombe, now at St. Agnes's. Among the other clergymen present were the Rev. William Morrison, of Brooklyn; the Rev. Dr. Ulman, of Trinity School; the Rev. Dr. H. C. Swentzel, of St. Luke's, Brooklyn; the Rev. Mr. Pratt, of St. Michael's; the Rev. Henry Chamberlaine, of Mount Kisco, and the Rev. J. Newton Perkins, secretary of the Church Building Fund.

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HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

FIFTH AVENUE—General Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War; the Hon. Charles Russell, of London, and Colonels F. J. Hecker and G. H. Hopkins, United States Army. GILSEY—General Austin Lathrop, ex-Superintendent of Prisons. GRAND UNION—Major C. E. Stanton, Paymaster, United States Army. HOFFMAN—W. P. Gannon, of Syracuse. HOLLAND—Jules Cambon, French Ambassador at Washington. MANHATTAN—Ex-Senator William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin. MARLBOROUGH—Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson, of Mississippi. MURRAY HILL—The Rev. R. H. Paine, of Baltimore. WALDORF—José Andrade, Venezuelan Minister at Washington, and Dr. W. Suzubi, of Tokio, Japan.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

The 2d New-York Volunteers, from Fernandina on their way to camp near Troy, to arrive, afternoon.

Surgeon-General M. O. Terry, of this State, to investigate the physical condition of the troops of the State at Camp Black.

The steamship Carribe to take mails from this port to Ponce, Porto Rico.

The Holland torpedo-boat trial down the Bay, afternoon.

The Civic Club's free excursion for women and children of the Twenty-first Ward to Grand View Grove, Long Island.

The 24th Kansas Volunteers to arrive from Topeka on its way to Santiago.

The United States transport Vigilancia, with mails from this city, to sail for Cuba.

Conference of the chairmen of all the Democratic county committees outside of New-York City, Hoffman House, 8 p. m.

Central Republican Club, No. 101 West One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st., 8 p. m.

One hundred and three patients of the 9th New-York to arrive on the hospital train from Chattanooga, evening.

Hell Gate Republican Club's annual summer-night's festival, Sulzer's Harlem River Park, 8 p. m.

Music at Abingdon Square and Mulberry Bend parks, 8 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Henry Berlinger was appointed chief clerk in the Tax Department yesterday, to succeed John E. Donnelly, deceased. The salary is $3,000.

Collector Bidwell filed notice yesterday of an appeal in the St. Gall embroidery cases, in which thirty or forty importing firms are interested.

Rose, the ten-year-old and only child of Dr. J. G. Diaz, a Cuban, fell from the window of her home, on the third floor of No. 204 West One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st., yesterday afternoon, and died five hours later in the Manhattan Hospital.

James Reed, twenty-seven years old, of No. 219 West Thirty-first-st., lost control of his horse at Fifth-ave. and Forty-second-st. yesterday afternoon, and the frightened animal dashed up the avenue, throwing Reed to the pavement and severely injuring him. He was sent to the Flower Hospital.

The Hell Gate Republican Club of the XXXth Assembly District is to hold a summer-night's festival this evening in Sulzer's Harlem River Park, at Second-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st.

ROTHSCHILD ASSIGNMENT CLEARED UP.

THE REFEREE ACQUITS THE ASSIGNEE OF BAD FAITH IN THE DOUBLE PROCEEDING.

Richard M. Henry, who was appointed referee to take testimony in the much-tangled assignment of the R. Rothschild Son's Company, filed his report in the County Clerk's office yesterday. The assignment, it will be remembered, took place a little over a year ago. The firm was one of the largest of its kind in the country. Its main offices were in Cincinnati, but the firm had great business interests in this city. After the firm had gone under there was a storm of protests from many of the creditors, there having been really a double assignment.

In his report Mr. Henry finds in favor of Benjamin F. Cahn, the assignee named in Cincinnati, in almost every attitude he has taken in the case. He finds that Mr. Cahn, as a matter of fact, had nothing to do with the New-York proceedings, and therefore is not accountable to the local authorities. Whatever property of the firm that Cahn has in his hands, says the referee, is the result of the Ohio assignment. Mr. Henry reviews the case at length, and says that the evidence shows that the double assignment was made on the advice of counsel. There has not been a particle of bad faith shown against the assignee, and the New-York creditors will in no wise be injured by giving the Ohio proceedings precedence over those in this State.

LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

The T. New Roofing and Manufacturing Company, of No. 549 East Twentieth-st., made an assignment yesterday to William H. Stewart. The business is an old one, having been established twenty-eight years ago by Tobias New. He incorporated it in 1886 as the T. New Manufacturing Company, with a capital stock of $200,000, and that company went into the hands of a receiver in March, 1893. The present company was formed to continue the business, creditors of the old company taking stock in the new company for their claims. The capital stock at first was $300,000, but was increased to $450,000. The officers of the company are Tobias New, president, and Lewis W. Harrington, secretary. At least eight fires have occurred in the factory in the last ten years, involving considerable loss to the company, as in recent years the insurance companies have declined the risk. In February last the company had to ask an extension from its creditors on account of two fires in the month of January. On May 31 another small fire occurred, and on June 1 the factory was badly wrecked by an explosion. The company's annual report in January last showed liabilities of $45,000, assets $45,000.

Judgments aggregating $207,068 were entered yesterday against William H. M. Sistare and Harold Clemens, who composed the firm of George K. Sistare's Sons, bankers and brokers, who failed in April, 1896, in favor of August Heckscher for $120,033 and Richard Heckscher for $87,035. The claims were for the value of stocks and bonds belonging to the Messrs. Heckscher, which were deposited with the firm, and which, it was alleged, the firm had converted to its own use or had sold or pledged. Messrs. Sistare and Clemens offered to allow judgment for the amounts in 1893, and their offer was accepted then, but the judgments were not filed until yesterday.

A meeting of creditors of the Central Stamping Company, manufacturer of tinware and house-furnishing articles at No. 25 Cliff-st., formerly called the Tinware Trust, was held yesterday at the company's office. About one hundred creditors were present, representing claims for $220,000. Alfred R. Turner, jr., the assignee, was present with his attorney, Albert H. Gleason, and submitted a statement showing liabilities $200,902 and nominal assets $585,209. Of the assets, $345,633 was in machinery, the balance being in merchandise, materials, outstanding accounts and bills receivable. The live assets were estimated at about $240,000. The creditors agreed to allow the assignee to finish the goods in process of manufacture and to continue the business with an advisory committee composed of B. R. Jennings, of Bruce & Cook; Alexander Gilbert, president of the Market and Fulton National Bank, and William H. Wells, of Robert Crooks & Co. The assignee filed a provisional bond of $250,000 yesterday until he can prepare his schedules, which will take more than thirty days.

Victor V. Heimberger has been appointed receiver in supplementary proceedings for Abraham W. Haar, formerly of Glassberg & Haar, liquor dealers at No. 425 Seventh-ave., on the application of Herrmann Weiller.

PACIFIC COAST BORAX WORKS CLOSED.

Alameda, Cal., Aug. 23.—The Pacific Coast Borax Works have been closed down for an indefinite period. The plant, the largest of its kind in the world, was established in 1877 by F. M. Smith, who has since become known as the "Borax King." About two years ago Mr. Smith, who owns all the mineral in Death Valley, interested English capital in the business, with the result that a monopoly of the borax industry was obtained, and a new refining plant was constructed in New-York City. Hereafter the crude material will be shipped there and no refining will be done on this coast.

CONVICTED ON HIS FIFTH TRIAL.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 23.—The fifth trial of A. K. Ward, charged with forging notes to the amount of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, resulted today in a verdict of guilty, and the defendant was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. All the previous attempts to convict Ward had resulted in mistrials. A new trial is asked for.

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THE BOND BID LITIGATION.

JUSTICE COHEN HEARS ARGUMENTS AND RESERVES DECISION.

Arguments were heard by Justice Cohen in the Supreme Court yesterday on the applications for injunctions to restrain Controller Coler from delivering the city's bonds, amounting to nearly $13,000,000, which he recently awarded to the Produce Exchange Trust Company at 104.94. Vermilye & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who bid 105.03 for the entire issue, conditionally, and Zimmerman & Forshay, who bid over 107 for two lots amounting to $1,000,000, made the applications for injunctions. Assistant Corporation Counsel Connoly appeared for the Controller and for the city. Delos McCurdy appeared for the Controller individually. The Produce Exchange Trust Company was represented by ex-Judge Edward Browne, Mr. Hughes and Mr. De Witt. George W. Wickersham appeared for Vermilye & Co.

The argument was opened by Mr. Wickersham, who gave a detailed history of the complicated proceedings from the time that the different bidders sent in their tenders for the bonds. He then stated that there were, in his opinion, only two offers to be considered by the Controller, those of the Produce Exchange Trust Company and of Vermilye & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., as these were the only two bids for the $12,700,000 odd bonds to be awarded.

The whole question to be decided was the effect of the condition in the bid of Vermilye & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Counsel quoted authorities to show that these corporations were justified in making the reservation to which the Controller objected, and that he should have awarded to them the bond issue.

Mr. Wickersham read at length from briefs, quoting decisions from the courts of both this country and England. All of the decisions, he contended, were in favor of the claims made by Vermilye & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

"If we are right in our contentions," said Mr. Wickersham, "then the charter makes certain conditions follow. The Controller in this case advertised for bids for these bonds. The bids were sent in as called for. Now, what are the rights of the persons who made bids for all of the bonds? The charter is very plain upon the point. Ours was a legal bid, and we should have been awarded the bonds.

"Section 182 of the charter, which relates to just such cases as this, says that the Controller must issue the bonds to the highest bidder. After the bids are in, the only power that the Controller may exercise is merely one of arithmetic. He cannot use his discretion as to whom the bonds are to go. The charter fixes that. It says that the award must be made to the highest bidder. We claim that we are the highest bidders, and are therefore entitled to the bonds."

Mr. Hughes followed Mr. Wickersham, and contended that the Controller was justified in rejecting the Vermilye bid on account of the condition contained therein, and in awarding the bonds to the Produce Exchange Trust Company, which had complied with all the conditions laid down as to the sale of the bonds without any reservation. He argued that the city was not to be compelled to sell the bonds subject to the opinion of a private counsel for an interested party.

Ex-Judge Browne said the Controller was within his rights in awarding the bonds. The whole question was as to the validity of the Vermilye bid.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Connoly opposed the motions on behalf of the city and of the Controller. He argued that the ground on which the applications were made was untenable, and that the remedy of Vermilye & Co. was not by injunction, but by an action for loss sustained. He said that it would be a serious matter, and most prejudicial to the interests of the city, if this issue of bonds was to be held up for a considerable time until the suit for the injunction was finally disposed of.

Francis Lynde Stetson, of counsel for Vermilye & Co., presented an argument in favor of the granting of the injunction on behalf of Mr. Read in his action as a taxpayer. Read, he said, while interested in the issuance and delivery of the bonds to Vermilye & Co., was perfectly within his right as a taxpayer.

Delos McCurdy, Controller Coler's personal counsel, opposed the motions. He declared that the plaintiffs had not made any allegation that they had or would suffer any irreparable injury by the action of the Controller, and that this omission was fatal to their applications for injunctions.

Justice Cohen then took the papers and reserved his decision.

RUMORS OF A COMING GAS WAR.

DISQUIETING HINTS THAT THE METROPOLITAN STREET RAILWAY COMPANY MAY ENTER THE FIELD OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

It was rumored in Wall Street yesterday that a big gas war was imminent. It was pointed out that the New-Amsterdam Gas Company was assuming an aggressive attitude. Hints were given out that the company had been quietly buying in all the stock of the Standard Gas Company it could get hold of. While perhaps a controlling interest had not been obtained, it was said that the holdings were of sufficient importance to exert a considerable influence in the management of the company's affairs.

Another cause for worry on the part of the Consolidated Gas Company's friends was the report that the Metropolitan Street Railway Company might enter the field of electric lighting. This company, it was asserted, had quietly laid a large underground conduit on each side of the trolley tracks in Sixth and Eighth aves. From the knowledge that the latter company operates enormous electric plants, which, with only slight additional outlay, could be drawn on for extensive lighting purposes, this report gained considerable headway, and may have exercised some influence in the sharp reaction in the stock of the Consolidated Gas Company. There was no official confirmation or denial of these reports, and they were accepted by operators in the street for what they were worth. It was said that Messrs. Widener, Elkins and Dolan, of Philadelphia, all directors of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, were in town yesterday.

THE STATENDAM PUT IN COMMISSION.

The Holland-America Line announces that the new twin-screw steamer Statendam, built by Harland & Wolff, at Belfast, arrived at Rotterdam from Belfast last Saturday. On the passage the engines worked very smoothly, and a speed of 16½ knots was attained.

The Statendam is a twin-screw vessel, 530 feet long, of 60 feet beam and 43.6 feet depth, giving her a gross tonnage of nearly 11,000 tons. In addition to the steamer's large cargo capacity, she has superior accommodations for 700 first class, 150 second class and a large number of steerage passengers. She is expected to make the trip from New-York to Boulogne in eight and one-half days and to Rotterdam in nine days. Her first sailing from New-York will be on September 10.

The Statendam is the second of five new twin-screw steamers, which the Holland-America Line is building for a weekly passenger and freight service between New-York and Rotterdam. The Rotterdam was the first of the new steamers, and was put in commission last year. The remaining three vessels will follow next year.

PROPOSED UNION OF FLOUR MILLS.

Minneapolis, Aug. 23.—"The Journal" to-day says: "A proposition has been made for the consolidation of the flour mills of Minneapolis, Duluth and New-York into one company, and it has been formally discussed by the local millers. A few years ago the mills of New-York City were consolidated under a plan suggested by Thomas McIntyre, senior member of the firm of McIntyre & Wardell.

"Mr. McIntyre was here a few days ago and submitted his proposition. He met officials of the Washburn-Crosby Company, the Northwestern Consolidated Company and others in the trade, and the question was discussed at length. No agreement has been reached, but the proposal is still under consideration."

A CORNELL STUDENT DROWNED.

Ithaca, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Harry Hunt Fiero, of Milo Center, N. Y., an electrical engineering student in Cornell University, was drowned this afternoon in the canal of the University Hydraulic Laboratory, at Fall Creek. Heatley Green, of Syracuse, who was swimming with Fiero, was nearly exhausted in attempting to help him. Both men were members of the class of 1901, and had been studying in the University mechanical shops during the summer.

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KILLED CHILDREN AND SELF.

A MOTHER'S CRIME CAUSED BY A DRUNKEN HUSBAND.

TO CURE HIM OF HIS INTEMPERATE HABITS SHE WENT TO HIS EMPLOYERS AND UNWITTINGLY SECURED HIS DISCHARGE—REMORSE OF THE FATHER.

Disgusted with the conduct of her husband, who had lost his employment through excessive drinking, Mrs. Kate Mangan killed her two children, Catherine, four years old, and James, eighteen months, and herself, late on Monday night, at her home, No. 3,052 Third-ave., by means of illuminating gas. The bodies were discovered by the husband and father early yesterday morning.

Sergeant Wade was on duty at the Morrisania police station at 1 a. m., when a man rushed in, exclaiming: "They're all dead! They're all dead!"

"Who's dead?" asked the sergeant.

The man was so excited that for several minutes he could only repeat his exclamation. When he had calmed down sufficiently, he said that his name was James Mangan, and that his wife had smothered her two children and herself with illuminating gas. The sergeant detained the man, and at once dispatched a policeman to the scene of the tragedy and ordered an ambulance called from the Fordham Hospital.

Mangan lived in four rooms on the top floor of the house. In one of the bedrooms the policeman sent to investigate found Mrs. Mangan lying on a bed dead. She was attired in her nightgown, and across her breast lay the end of a rubber tube, the other end being attached to the gas fixture at the head of the bed. The little girl, Catherine, lay beside her, on her side, dead, her back toward her mother. The baby was lying on its back, dead, too, at right angles to Catherine's feet. The room was filled with the odor of illuminating gas, which still poured from the rubber tube. When the ambulance arrived, the surgeon in charge said that the woman and her children had apparently been dead about two hours.

Mangan told Sergeant Wade this story: He had been employed as a conductor on the Union Railway, but had recently been drinking heavily, and as a result of his intemperance he and his wife had many quarrels, though he had never abused her. Hoping to make him reform, his wife visited the office of the railway company on Monday, and told the superintendent about his habits. She was disappointed in the result. Instead of reasoning with him, as she had hoped the superintendent would, the official discharged him.

There was only 50 cents in the house when this happened, and Mangan became despondent. He drank heavily when the news of his dismissal reached him, and went home drunk early in the evening. He did not remember clearly whether he saw his wife and children. He went to sleep, and awoke about 1 o'clock. Going into his wife's bedroom he discovered her dead body and those of his children, and ran to the police station.

Mangan was detained by the police. His neighbors and friends all said that, except for his weakness for drink, his reputation was good. H. J. Ballis, his brother-in-law, said that Mangan was usually an abstemious man and an exemplary husband.

TWO SOLDIERS KILLED.

THEIR HEADS CRUSHED BY GIRDERS OF A RAILROAD BRIDGE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—Two privates of Battery K, 7th United States Artillery, were instantly killed to-day and two others seriously injured by having their heads crushed against the iron girders of the railroad bridge at the Ridge-ave. crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad in this city. The dead men are Victor Tensey, twenty-one years old, of No. 1,427 North Eighth-st., St. Louis, and William Chichester, twenty-one years old, of No. 226 Front-st., Jersey City. The injured are Harry Pulaski and Peter Burns. The bodies of the dead soldiers are at the morgue in this city, while the injured were taken on to Willets Point, to which place the men were bound.

The command to which the men belonged was in a special train, which had taken them aboard at Tampa. It consisted of a baggage-car, seven passenger coaches and one Pullman car. All along the journey North the soldiers were greeted with cheers. While passing through this city their reception was marked by additional enthusiasm. At the Ridge-ave. station a large crowd waved hats and handkerchiefs as the train came along. The soldiers leaned far out of the car windows and steps and returned the welcome. Tensey stood far out on a lower step and failed to notice the iron girders supporting the bridge. His face was completely crushed. The other men were leaning from the windows.

The train was stopped, and the dead and injured were picked up. The Army officers insisted on taking the dead men with them, and the railroad and police officials would not permit it. A delay of an hour resulted, and it was finally decided to leave the dead men behind and take the injured along.

NO ARREST IN DOVER POISONING CASE.

POLICE AUTHORITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Chief of Police Lees has made no arrest as yet in the Dunning poisoning case, though he is in communication with the Delaware authorities, and may make some move at any moment. Chief Lees intimates that he has some important information bearing upon the case, but will not make public the details.

Mrs. Botkin claims to have received threatening letters in the last few days from anonymous writers. She seems much disturbed over attempts made to connect her with the poisoning of Mrs. Dunning, and says these attempts are unjust and outrageous. It is denied in police circles that a detective from this city is shadowing Mrs. Botkin. That there is activity among police detectives is evident, but no information of their movements can be obtained.

A dispatch from Dover stated that Chief Lees has been advised to arrest two women on suspicion. No affirmation or denial of this could be obtained.

ONE POLICEMAN KILLS ANOTHER.

FELL ON HIS COMPANION AND ACCIDENTALLY FIRED HIS REVOLVER.

Fall River, Mass., Aug. 23.—While in pursuit of a fugitive this evening Policeman Lewis T. C. Gormley was accidentally shot and killed by a brother policeman, Frank E. Pierce.

The two men, with Captain Edson, were chasing Thomas Stratton, for whom they had a warrant charging him with non-support. All three of the officers had their