

THE POLICE DEMORIALIZED.

EVIDENCE TO SHOW THE FORCE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY TAMMANY.

OFFICERS NEGLECT THEIR DUTY WITH IMPUNITY—CITY STREETS UNGUARDED—EFFECT OF A "PULL" IN THE DEPARTMENT.

Since the police force of this city passed completely under the control of Tammany politicians there has been a steady accumulation of evidence to show that the force has been corrupted and demoralized to an extent not exceeded in the days before the Lexow investigation.

The effect of the change of sentiment in the police force may be seen almost any night in the neglect of duty by policemen. Patrolmen go to sleep on post or hide themselves away somewhere, leaving so many of the city streets unguarded that no officer can be found when he is wanted.

It has come to be a proverb that the police force is governed more from Tammany Hall than from Police Headquarters—or, as the police say, "more from Fourteenth-st. than from Mulberry-st."

Under such a system of political favoritism about one-third of the members of the police force have been detailed to easy places, and they are mostly young and vigorous men, while the old veterans of the force, who have long years of experience, are left to do the hardest patrol duty.

When a policeman is asked if he thinks there will be legislation to reform the police force this winter, he laughs and says that he does not know how many leaders have been figuring already to see how much it will cost to staff off such legislation, and fixing the amount which such patrolmen will have to pay in order to raise the required sum.

STILL LEANING TOWARD DR. CONNELL.

LITTLE PROBABILITY AT PRESENT OF ANY OTHER PREFERRED FILLING THE LATE DR. HALL'S PULPIT.

A dispatch from Toronto, Ont., to The Tribune yesterday announced that the Rev. Alexander Connell, of London, England, had been invited to become the pastor of St. Andrew's Church, in that city.

Mr. Connell's refusal of this call would seem to corroborate in some degree the statement published upon several occasions in these columns that Mr. Connell had declined to accept the call to St. Andrew's Church, in the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

It was said in some New-York newspapers yesterday morning that the congregation of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church had voted to call Dr. Connell to the pastorate of the church.

It is probable that the congregation has virtually committed itself to the call of Dr. Connell, and that the majority of the members of the church are in favor of his appointment.

MR. BRICE'S LAST BUSINESS CONFERENCE.

DISCUSSED BALTIMORE AND OHIO AFFAIRS WITH PRESIDENT COWEN—A THIRTEEN TO HIS ABILITY.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The last man to discuss business matters with the late William H. Vanderbilt, was Robert Garrett, a Baltimore and Ohio Railroad president. The last man ex-Senator Brice talked business with was John K. Cowen, the late Mr. Garrett's successor in the office of president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Mr. Cowen said today: "Mr. Brice was unquestionably the best business man I ever met in this States, known to this generation. He was daring and bold, and belonged to that type of men who are really so because they are so. He was not afraid to take the risk of forward movements in important crises. He laid the foundation of his success in the fact that he was not afraid to take the risk of forward movements in important crises."

A POPULAR MISTAKE.

REGARDING REMEDIES FOR DYSPEPSIA AND INDIGESTION.

The national disease of Americans is indigestion or in its chronic form dyspepsia, and for the very reason that it is so common many people are misled by the many different remedies which they consider trifling stomach troubles, when as a matter of fact, indigestion lays the foundation for many of the most serious diseases. No person can be a vigorous, healthy stomach will fall a victim to consumption. Many kidney diseases and heart troubles date their beginning from poor digestion, thin, nervous people are really so because their stomachs are out of gear; weary languid, faded out women owe their condition to imperfect digestion.

When nearly every person you meet is afflicted with indigestion, it is not surprising that nearly every secret patent medicine on the market claims to be a cure for dyspepsia, as well as a score of other troubles, when in fact, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the only genuine dyspepsia cure which is perfectly safe and reliable, and moreover, this remedy is not a patent medicine, but it is a scientific combination of pure pepsin (free from animal matter), vegetable essences, fruit salts and kermesin. It is sold by druggists under name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No extravagant claims are made for them, but for indigestion, dyspepsia, stomach troubles, constipation, and all ailments of the stomach, they are far ahead of any remedy yet discovered. They act on the food eaten, no dieting is necessary, simply eat all the wholesome food you want and these tablets will do the rest. They are sold by druggists and by mail, and testimonials sent free by addressing F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich.

OVER 40 YEARS' TEST.

THE "OLD RELIABLE" E.I. STURTEVANT'S.

TAMMANY AND RAPID TRANSIT. OPPOSED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNDERGROUND ROAD BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS.

Although Richard Croker is apparently filled suddenly with a consuming desire to aid in the furtherance of the underground rapid transit system, it is obvious from the statement which he gave to the press on Friday night that he will not support the bill which is now being introduced by the Commission to obtain the necessary amendments to the charter whereby it may proceed to build the road either by leasing lands on New-York County or with private capital. It is in this respect that he differs from the Tammany leader, who is in favor of the only proposition which the Democratic minority in the Legislature has adopted.

Tammany administration will support is the employment of private capital to carry out the enterprise. On the other hand, however, it is understood of the two alternatives which the Board proposes to ask the Legislature to pass, the one most favored by the Commissioners is the plan to construct the road by the issuance of county bonds.

The Commissioners advance many sound reasons for their attitude in this direction. So far as the financial success of the contemplated underground railroad that they are averse to allowing that they consider will undoubtedly become a rich and valuable asset to be handed over to private interests. The Board contends that another advantage in favor of municipal construction is that city bonds can be sold at 3 to 3 1/2 per cent interest, while the cost to private capital is 5 to 6 per cent interest. Again, as Charles Stewart Smith has pointed out, no compensation for the use of the streets or taxes paid from a private corporation would equal the profit accruing to the city by the ownership of the road free of cost in thirty-eight to forty years.

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REPORT ABOUT THE CRAMP'S DOUBTED.

VICKERS' SONS & MAXIM SAID TO HAVE BOUGHT AN INTEREST IN THE PHILADELPHIA PLANT.

A London cable dispatch to 'The Philadelphia Press' yesterday said that the big shipbuilding and gunmaking firm of Vickers' Sons & Maxim, of Barrow-in-Furness, England, had secured an interest in the Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company, of Philadelphia. A similar report was made in the 'Newport News' yesterday.

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RAILROAD INTERESTS.

NO RIVAL BALTIMORE SURFACE ROADS. CONSOLIDATION OF ALL THE LINES IN ONE SYSTEM PROPOSED.

Baltimore, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Consolidation of all the freight and cable street and suburban railways in and around Baltimore was finally effected this afternoon, and the papers stowed at the banking house of Alexander Brown, who conducted the deal for the Eikins-Widener-Dolan syndicate. Over \$28,000,000 is involved in the deal, and 599 miles of road are now merged into one system.

The consolidation of the Baltimore City Passenger, Eastern Shore and the Maryland and Northern and the Baltimore, Middle River and Sparrows Point companies. Neither side to the other, but the consolidation of the Baltimore and Northern and the Baltimore, Middle River and Sparrows Point companies. Neither side to the other, but the consolidation of the Baltimore and Northern and the Baltimore, Middle River and Sparrows Point companies.

MORE TALK ABOUT ALTON.

Nothing new developed in Wall Street yesterday in regard to the Alton's future. It was reported that J. J. Mitchell, of Chicago, representing large interests in the Chicago and Alton road, had had in the course of the day another conference with E. H. Hartman, who is supposed to be negotiating the purchase of that road by the Union Pacific.

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WHEELING AND LAKE ERIE TO BE BOLD.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—Judge Taft yesterday issued an order for the sale of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad, of the International Company. The sale will be for \$2,000,000, subject to mortgages of \$600,000, and will be made within three months.

PRELIMINARY OF LAKE ERIE AND WESTERN.

It was said yesterday that in case George F. Baker, president of the First National and Astor National banks, of this city, should decide not to accept the presidency of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company, as successor to the late ex-Senator Brice, the office would probably be tendered to John W. Aldrich, of New-York City, and the company is willing to undertake the construction of the new road.

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Grip Epidemic.

Mr. Russell Sage has the Grip. Former Superintendent of Police Byrnes is a sufferer from Grip.

Mr. Havorth is again John Storm, in the Christian, after an attack of the Grip.

"T"

In Dr. Humphreys' Cure for Colds that "hang on" and

A chill is as a rule the first symptom. This is followed by pains in the limbs and a cough. Then if the Grip is not checked Pneumonia follows. Those who overwork themselves and live irregular lives are the ones most liable to fall victims.

My advice to those who get their feet wet and are forced to remain out of doors, is to keep continually moving and take "T." A Cold can be avoided in this manner. "T" not alone "breaks up" the Cold but it fortifies the system against taking Colds.

At druggists at cost price, 25c and 50c; large bottles 50c and \$1.00.

DR. HUMPHREYS' BOOK SENT FREE.

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LABOR LEADERS DENOUNCE SOCIALISM.

SUBJECT DISCUSSED IN THE FEDERATION CONVENTION AT KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 17.—The morning session of the American Federation of Labor was devoted to hearing delegates from the Socialist party in advocacy of their theories of government. While the speakers were in the hall, the President of the convention denounced the Socialists to the indignation of the labor movement of our country. Either the trades-union movement is right or it is wrong, but it must either declare for the union movement without frills or follies or make an admission that it is wrong.

They try their deeds shall ye know them, rather than with their honeyed words, by which they seek to lure us. If they were to express themselves in this convention as they express themselves outside, they know they would not be tolerated for two minutes. I propose to call attention to the mask and the real face. The very men who advocate and ask us to commit ourselves to the union movement in the past do so in a way that is calculated to gradually bring about the union movement.

They have denigrated the name of labor. They have attacked conservatism and everything that is not in line with their own theories. They are likely to advance the interests of labor, I would give my adherence at once, but knowing as I do that they are attempting to bring about the union movement, I cannot subscribe to them. Rather than turn our union into a mere tool of the Socialists, I would rather see our interests before the whole country.

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THE VIRDEN RIOT CASES.

DOUBT WHETHER INDICTMENTS OF GOVERNOR TANNER WILL STAND.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to 'The Republic' from Carlinville, Ill., says that State-Attorney Vaughn is busy arranging to prosecute the riot cases in the Virden riot. The cases will come up at the January term of the court. Judge R. B. Shirley presiding. William Mooney, of Joliet, attorney for the United Mine Workers' Union, has been in conference with State-Attorney Vaughn, and it was agreed that the miners charged with simple rioting shall be allowed to plead guilty to the rioting, and in return the indictments of Governor Tanner, for palpalable omission of duty, of Manager Loken, and of the United Mine Workers' Union, shall be dropped. The charges against the rioting shall be dropped, and the same doubt applies to Manager Loken's case.

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FRIENDLY AID SOCIETY.

RECEPTION TO MISS KINGSBURY—NEW HOUSE OPENED.

The Friendly Aid Society held open house yesterday afternoon at the Settlement House, No. 219 East Thirty-fourth-st. The occasion was a reception to Miss Kingsbury, who began her work here on November 1, after having spent a year or more in charge of the Catholic Settlement in Livingston-st. The occasion was also in order on the opening of the adjoining building, No. 216, which was purchased by the Friendly Aid Society last summer, and has just been fitted up for a home for five of the resident workers, the Misses Marsh, Kendall, Cady, Robbins and Nye.

There have been maintained in the Settlement since its organization a flourishing kindergarten and the usually organized in a social settlement. In this house was also started the Civic Club, which is soon to go into a house built for its members by E. Norton Goddard. This, when complete, is expected to be one of the most perfectly appointed of the social clubs in the city. There is also in connection with the Settlement a Civic and Junior Club for the boys, a Good Will Club and Holy Club for the girls, besides a club for the study of city history, cooking practice, calisthenics, etc. In addition to these methods employed for instruction and entertainment for the people of the neighborhood there is a sewing-school, which was established in 1884 by All Souls' Church. This to-day has two hundred members and receives its instruction in the ample rooms provided by the Social Settlement.

The Friendly Aid Society is an incorporate body, holding its property in its own name, and derives its support from annual membership fees and from the members of the church of All Souls and many others connected with it, on lines of absolute non-sectarianism.

Under the direction of Miss Kingsbury and her associates it is expected the coming year will see the Friendly Aid Society engaged in a series of social work, which Miss Kingsbury has had experience as an authority in Settlement methods guarantees will be upon lines most approved by modern social science.

The Settlement, hitherto, with the appliances at hand, has reached about five hundred individuals a week. Next week a fair will be held in the Settlement House on Tuesday and Wednesday morning, in charge of the Good Will Club, assisted by the direction of the Settlement. The proceeds of this will be used in the interests of a summer home, which the people of the Social Settlement desire to build in the mountains of the Adirondacks, for the benefit of the people of the city.

In spite of the rain yesterday, a number of the prominent women of the city were present at the Friendly Aid Settlement on its anniversary.

FIREMEN'S DANGEROUS JUMPS.

THEY PLAY WITH DEATH IN PRACTICE—LEAP INTO THE LIFE NET.

From The San Francisco Examiner.

Jumping from a dizzy height, as if pursued by the fire, through the air and taking chances with fate to escape a horrible death, are no longer hoodwinking spectacles to be witnessed only at the annual meetings of the firemen's clubs. The last resort of the unfortunate surrounded by flames, hanging himself from a window or balcony, is to jump from the top of the building, and lands far below is not so sickening a sight as it used to be.

For many days men make the sensational leap from a height of several stories, and others look on with agonizing interest. The fire department in San Francisco has a fireman's drill—an exciting novelty interrupting the routine of hard, uninteresting work of the firemen. The drill is a jumping contest, in which the firemen are to jump from a height of