YACHTING.

ATLANTIC YACHT CLUB'S CRUISE.

RULES ISSUED TO GOVERN THE RACES TO BE SAILED IN JULY, AND PRIZES OFFERED.

Regulations and directions were issued yesterday to govern the squadron runs and ocean races of the Atlantic Yacht Club. As many yachts which will engage in these contests are not on the regular race lists, and are consequently not measured under the new club rule, the old system of measurement will be used for the races. The classification of the yachts will be as follows: Class 1 (Racing Class)—Schooners. Class 2 (Cruising Class)—Schooners. Class 3 (Racing Class)—Sloops and yawls over 43 feet in length. Class 4 (Cruising Class)—Sloops and yawls over 43 feet in length. Class 5 (Racing Class)—Sloops and yawls 43 feet and under. Class 6 (Cruising Class)—Sloops and yawls 43 feet and under. Class 7 (Cruising Class)—Mainsail yachts.

The prizes for each squadron run will be: Class 1, $30; Class 2, $25; Class 3, $25; Class 4, $20; Class 5, $25; Class 6, $20, and Class 7, $20. Second prizes will be awarded in each class which has four entries. At least two yachts must start in a class to secure award of a prize of full value. If a yacht is alone in any class, it will be advanced to the class above, with time allowance at actual racing length.

A special cup, valued at $100, will be awarded to the schooner which participates in all the runs whose total corrected time is the lowest, and a special cup, valued at $75, to the sloop which has the best record under similar conditions. These special cups are presented by J. Herbert Ballantine, and for them the time of the outside course for the final run will not be calculated.

The prizes for the outside ocean course are attractive. Commodore Frederick T. Adams offers two special cups, as follows: First prize for schooner, Classes 1 and 2, cup, value $250; first prize for sloops, Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6, cup value $150.

Fleet Captain Thomas L. Watson offers these special cups: First prize for schooner in cruising trim, Class 2, cup, value $125; first prize for sloop in cruising trim, Classes 4 and 6, cup, value $100. If a yacht in cruising trim should win the Adams cup these prizes will be awarded to the first in cruising trim not the winner of an Adams cup.

Bartow S. Weeks, chairman of the House Committee, offers special cups. Second prize for schooner in cruising trim, Class 2, cup, value $100; second prize for sloop in cruising trim, Classes 4 and 6, cup, value $75.

All vessels will be sent off on one-gun starts. All sloops, cutters, yawls and mainsail yachts will be sent off in the first division, and all schooners will go in the second division. No yacht will be timed that does not display her racing number, and there will be no restrictions as to helmsmen or crews. The yachts in cruising classes will carry their usual complement of boats, anchors, chains, hatches and cabin fittings, and they will not carry club-topsails.

For the 138-mile ocean race the course will be as follows:

July 10—Shelter Island to Sea Gate; outside course; preparatory, 12 (noon). From a starting line between the channel buoy off Rams Head and the committee boat anchored to the eastward of same; thence around Montauk Point, leaving spar buoy on northerly end of Gardiner's Island and bell buoy north of Montauk on the starboard hand; thence to the Sandy Hook Lightship; thence to Sea Gate, leaving beacon on the Romer Shoal and the Swash Channel bell buoy on the starboard hand; thence to the point of finish, which will be the committee boat anchored north of Norton's Point, leaving said committee boat on the starboard hand. If by any unforeseen circumstances the committee boat fails to reach the point indicated, the yachts will record their own time on a line due west from Norton's Point Light; distance, 138 miles.

The fleet will rendezvous at Larchmont on July 3 and be present at the Larchmont races on July 4. Unless the run on July 6 is from Black Rock to New-London, instead of to Morris Cove, the daily runs will be as follows:

July 5, Larchmont to Black Rock; preparatory, 9 a. m. From a starting line between black buoy on Hen and Chickens and the committee boat anchored east of same, crossing the line from the northward; thence to horizontal stripe buoy, about one and a quarter miles north from Eaton's Neck, leaving same on the port hand; thence to the finishing line, between Penfield Reef Beacon and the committee boat anchored southeast of same; distance, 27½ miles.

July 6, Black Rock to Morris Cove; preparatory, 9 a. m. From a starting line between Penfield Reef Beacon and the committee boat anchored east of same, crossing such line from the northwestward; thence to black buoy No. 9, located seven miles east of Old Field Point, leaving said buoy on the port hand; thence to the finishing line, between the Southwest Ledge Lighthouse (New-Haven) and the committee boat anchored to the westward of the same; distance, 28 miles.

July 7, Morris Cove to New-London; preparatory, 9 a. m. From a starting line between the Southwest Ledge Lighthouse and the committee boat anchored to the westward of the same, crossing such line from the northward; thence to Bartlett's Reef Lightship, leaving same on the port hand; thence to the finishing line between Sarah's Ledge Bell Buoy and the committee boat anchored to the eastward of the same; distance, 29 miles.

July 8, New-London to Shelter Island; preparatory, 8:30 a. m. From a starting line between Sarah's Ledge Buoy and the committee boat anchored to the eastward of the same, crossing such line from the northward; thence to Bartlett's Reef Lightship, leaving same on starboard hand; thence to and around Cornfield Lightship, leaving same on the port hand; thence to and through Plum Gut; thence to the finishing line between the channel buoy off Rams Head, Shelter Island, and the committee boat anchored to the northward of the same; distance, 26½ miles.

AMERICAN YACHT CLUB'S TWO RACES.

The American Yacht Club, of Milton Point, Rye, will give two races this year, the annual regatta for all classes to be sailed on Wednesday, July 5, and the fall races, for all classes, to be sailed on Saturday, September 16.

Stuyvesant Wainwright, chairman of the Regatta Committee, announces that the courses for these races will be: From off Milton Point to the white spar buoy off Parsonage Point; distance, 1⅜ nautical miles; course, east-northeast; thence to and around white spar buoy off Red Springs Point, Hempstead Harbor; distance, 3⅞ nautical miles; course, south; thence around stakeboat off Larchmont, flying American Yacht Club flag; distance, 3⅞ nautical miles; course, northwest; thence to and across the finishing line, off Milton Point; distance, 1⅜ nautical miles; course, east-northeast. Total distance of course, 10¾ nautical miles.

All classes up to and including the 30-foot class sail once around this course, and all larger classes twice around this course. Charts of course may be had on application at the clubhouse.

Members of all regularly organized yacht clubs are invited to enter their yachts; the right to reject an entry being reserved by the Regatta Committee. The race will be governed by the rules of the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound.

A prize will be awarded the winner in each class in which two or more boats start, and a second prize in each class in which five or more boats start. The owner of any yacht which starts and fails to go over the course must satisfy the Regatta Committee that the start was made in good faith.

The races will be started at 12 o'clock, noon. Entries should be mailed to the Chairman Regatta Committee, Box 59, Rye, N. Y., in time to be received the morning of July 3. Entries up to 10 o'clock on the morning of the race will be entertained.

THE KESTREL LAUNCHED.

Patchogue, Long Island, June 25 (Special).—The racing cruiser yacht Kestrel, built by George S. C. Wickes & Co. for H. K. Bishop, of Norwalk, Conn., was successfully launched on Saturday from the shipyards of her constructors. As the craft left the ways the customary bottle of champagne was shattered against her bow by H. S. Lyons, a friend of the owner.

LAUNCH OF THE SLOOP MARION.

Greenport, Long Island, June 25 (Special).—The last of the five knockabout sloop yachts built at the yards of the Greenport Yacht Basin and Construction Company was successfully sent overboard on Saturday. The craft is the sloop Marion, and was designed and built for M. F. Smith, who owns a handsome summer cottage at Shelter Island Heights and lives at Oakland, Cal.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The most important lawn tennis meeting of the season in this city, the Metropolitan championship, will open this afternoon at 3 o'clock on the grounds of the West Side Tennis Club, Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth sts. and Central Park West. This season marks the third annual tournament for the championship and the challenge cup offered by the West Side Club. In '97 Stephen C. Millett won the title after a close match in the semi-final round against E. P. Fischer. Last year Fischer beat Millett easily. The contest has always been a duel between these two players, and this year Millett appears to be the favorite because of his recent showing in the New-Jersey State championship, when he came near beating Richard Stevens.

The other strong players entered who are regarded as possible champions are: J. A. Allen, of Yale; John C. Davidson, Southern champion, and J. P. Paret, the Lenox Club expert.

The list of contests includes: Championship scratch singles, handicap singles and championship scratch doubles. Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each contest and to the runners-up in the singles and doubles; also consolation prize in championship singles.

The championship singles and handicap singles will begin this afternoon, and the championship doubles to-morrow.

The list of entries is unusually large, twenty-four players being entered for the championship singles and thirty in the handicap event.

The principal players entered are: Samuel H. Gillespie, Morristown Field Club; Milton Ruggles, Orange Lawn Tennis Club; J. A. Allen, Yale champion; J. C. Davidson, Southern champion; C. M. Relyea, New-York Athletic Club expert; F. L. O. Wadsworth, of Washington, and J. P. Paret.

BASEBALL.

GAMES YESTERDAY.

Cincinnati, 6; Baltimore, 1.
Cincinnati, 4; Baltimore, 3.
Brooklyn, 7; Chicago, 3.
New-York, 5; St. Louis, 3.
Cleveland, 3; St. Louis, 1.
Louisville, 7; Washington, 5.
Louisville, 8; Washington, 1.

HOW THE CLUBS STAND.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.c.
Brooklyn	45	14	.763	Cincinnati	28	29	.491
Boston	37	19	.661	New-York	28	31	.475
Philadelphia	35	21	.625	Pittsburg	23	31	.426
Chicago	35	24	.593	Louisville	20	38	.345
St. Louis	34	26	.567	Washington	18	42	.300
Baltimore	32	25	.561	Cleveland	10	45	.182

THE RECORDS.

Clubs.	Brooklyn	Boston	Philadelphia	Chicago	St. Louis	Baltimore	Cincinnati	New-York	Pittsburg	Louisville	Washington	Cleveland	Games won.
Brooklyn	—	4	5	1	2	4	7	2	4	6	7	7	45
Boston	4	—	2	2	2	5	6	3	1	4	5	3	37
Philadelphia	2	5	—	3	3	2	3	6	3	4	5	3	35
Chicago	2	2	4	—	4	3	6	1	2	0	7	1	35
St. Louis	1	1	2	2	—	1	3	2	6	5	5	6	34
Baltimore	2	3	2	3	3	—	1	7	5	2	3	1	32
Cincinnati	1	0	1	4	3	3	—	5	6	1	0	4	28
New-York	0	1	1	0	2	3	2	—	3	5	5	6	28
Pittsburg	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	—	3	5	5	20
Louisville	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	—	3	2	18
Washington	1	1	1	6	3	0	0	2	2	0	—	2	18
Cleveland	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	1	—	10
Games lost	14	19	21	24	26	25	29	31	31	38	42	45	—

ST. LOUIS LOSES BOTH GAMES.

BEATEN BY THE NEW-YORKS 5 TO 3 AND BY CLEVELAND 3 TO 1.

St. Louis, June 25.—St. Louis played a double header with New-York and Cleveland to-day, and lost both games. The contests, however, were exciting all through, and neither game was won until the last man was out. Schreckengost, who was recently traded to the Cleveland Club by St. Louis, made three hits and won the game for his club. Attendance, 10,000. Score:

ST. LOUIS.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e	NEW-YORK.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e
Burkett, lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	V'Halt'n, cf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Childs, 2b	2	0	0	2	6	0	Tiernan, rf	5	0	1	1	1	0
Heidrick, rf	4	0	2	1	0	0	Doyle, 1b	5	0	1	9	0	0
McKean, 1b	4	0	0	16	0	0	Davis, ss	5	0	1	4	8	0
Wallace, ss	4	1	2	4	5	0	Gleason, 2b	4	1	2	5	3	2
Cross, 3b	5	0	1	2	2	0	O'Brien, lf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Cringer, c	4	0	2	2	2	0	Wilson, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Blake, cf	5	1	1	2	0	0	Warner, c	4	1	1	6	1	0
Powell, p	4	1	2	0	0	0	Seymour, p	4	2	2	0	2	0
Totals	37	3	11	30	15	0	Totals	39	5	11	30	17	2

St. Louis	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—3
New-York	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	0—5

Earned runs—St. Louis, 1; New-York, 5. Two-base hits—Tiernan, Cringer, Van Haltren, Wallace. Home runs—Blake, Seymour. Double plays—Gleason, Davis and Doyle; Gleason and Doyle. First base on balls—Off Seymour, 7; off Powell, 1. Wild pitch—Seymour. Passed ball—Warner. Struck out—By Powell, 1; by Seymour, 3. Time of game—2:15. Umpires—Emslie and McDonald.

SECOND GAME.

ST. LOUIS.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e	CLEVELAND.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e
Burkett, lf	4	1	2	3	1	0	Dowd, cf	4	0	1	3	0	0
Childs, 2b	3	0	0	2	2	0	Harley, lf	5	0	0	1	1	0
Heidrick, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	Quinn, 2b	5	0	1	2	4	1
McKean, 1b	4	0	0	6	0	2	Sullivan, 3b	4	0	1	1	5	0
Wallace, ss	3	0	1	4	0	0	McAllister, rf	3	1	2	1	1	0
Cross, 3b	4	0	1	2	3	0	Tucker, 1b	4	2	1	12	1	0
Criger, c	2	0	1	5	0	0	Lockhead, ss	3	0	0	4	4	0
Blake, cf	3	0	0	5	0	0	Schre'gost, c	4	0	3	1	1	0
Cuppy, p	3	0	2	0	3	0	Hughey, p	4	0	0	1	0	0
*O'Connor	1	0	0	0	0	0							
Totals	31	1	8	27	9	2†	Totals	36	3	9	†26	17	1

*Batted for Cuppy in the ninth. †Childs out for interference.

St. Louis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cleveland	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3

Earned runs—Cleveland, 2. Two-base hit—McAllister. Three-base hit—Schreckengost. Wild pitch—Hughey. Hit by pitcher—Wallace. Double play—McAllister, Tucker and Hughey. Bases on balls—Off Cuppy, 2; off Hughey, 3. Sacrifice hits—Lockhead and Criger. Struck out—By Cuppy, 1. Stolen bases—Schreckengost and Heidrick. Time—2:25. Umpires—Emslie and McDonald.

BROOKLYN WINS FROM CHICAGO BY LATTER'S ERRORS.

Chicago, June 25.—Taylor and Demont presented to Brooklyn most of their runs to-day, the former by hitting three batsmen and giving five bases on balls, the latter by two bad errors. Jones did some clever work in centre, and Lange made a wonderful catch, stopping what looked like a clean home run. The score follows:

CHICAGO.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e	BROOKLYN.	ab	r	1b	po	a	e
Ryan, lf	4	0	3	2	0	0	Casey, 3b	6	1	1	0	1	0
Green, rf	5	0	0	2	0	0	Keeler, rf	5	0	0	3	0	0
Demont, ss	5	0	1	3	3	2	Kelley, lf	5	1	2	1	0	0
Lange, cf	4	1	2	2	0	0	Dahlen, ss	3	1	0	3	4	0
Everitt, 1b	2	0	1	11	0	1	Jones, cf	4	0	2	6	0	0
McFarl'd, 2b	4	0	0	2	5	1	McGann, 1b	3	1	0	10	0	1
Connor, 3b	4	1	1	1	2	0	Daly, 2b	4	1	2	2	3	1
Donahue, c	3	1	2	4	1	0	Farrell, c	3	1	0	2	2	0
Taylor, p	2	0	1	0	4	0	Kennedy, p	5	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	33	3	11	27	15	4	Totals	38	7	8*	26	11	2

*Taylor out, hit by batted ball.

Chicago	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Brooklyn	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	7

Earned runs—Chicago, 2; Brooklyn, 2. Left on bases—Chicago, 9; Brooklyn, 11. Two-base hits—Donahue, Daly, Kennedy. Three-base hit—Kelley. Sacrifice hits—Ryan, Everitt, Taylor. Stolen bases—Ryan, Everitt, Connor, Keeler. Struck out—By Taylor, 1; by Kennedy, 2. Passed ball—Farrell. First base on balls—Off Taylor, 5; off Kennedy, 3. Wild pitch—Kennedy. Hit by ball—Dahlen, McGann, 2. Time of game—2:45. Umpires—Gaffney and Manassau.

BALTIMORE TWICE BEATEN.

Cincinnati, June 25.—The Reds won both games from the Orioles to-day by superior work. Breitenstein pitched in his old form in the first game, while Hahn's work in the second was superb. With Peitz on first and two men out in the twelfth inning Smith singled, Holmes allowed the ball to get away from him, and the winning run was scored. The scores follow:

FIRST GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	x	6	8	1
Baltimore	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	

Batteries—Breitenstein and Peitz; McGinnity and Robinson.

SECOND GAME.

											R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	7	3
Baltimore	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	2

Batteries—Hahn and Peitz; Nops, Kitson and Robinson.

LOUISVILLE WINS TWO GAMES.

Louisville, Ky., June 25.—The Colonels took a trace to-day and beat the Senators in both games. Cunningham had the visitors at his mercy in the first contest, and the home team batted Weyhing hard. Phillippi lasted only three innings in the second game, and Brashear, the Colonels' new twirler, finished the game in great style. The home team won in the eighth by good all-around play. Hartsell has been sold to the Indianapolis team. The score follows:

FIRST GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Louisville	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	x	8	13	3
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	1

Batteries—Cunningham and Powers; Weyhing and Butler.

SECOND GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Louisville	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	x	7	7	2
Washington	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	8	4

Batteries—Phillippi, Brashear and Powers; McFarland and Butler.

BURKE NOT YET PROTESTED.

NOTHING KNOWN AT HARVARD REGARDING ENGLISH OBJECTIONS TO QUARTER-MILE RUNNER.

Cambridge, Mass., June 25 (Special).—The reports that have been circulated to show that "Tom" Burke, the champion quarter-miler, at present at Harvard, would be protested by the English colleges, lack confirmation on this side of the water. Professor Ira N. Hollis, chairman of the Harvard Athletic Committee, said this evening:

"As far as I know, there is not any truth in the report that Burke is to be protested, and at least it is certain that no letter has been received from abroad to that effect. The English authorities may have trouble in understanding Burke's position. He went to the Olympic games for the Boston Athletic Association, and later ran under the colors of Boston University. He has, however, now been two years at Harvard and pursued regular college work, so that he comes up to our requirements of an amateur athlete. The challenge from England was to the effect that each side should use only men who came up to the amateur standard as understood by that side, and, as far as I know, Burke is a pure amateur. Yale was not able to find any flaw in his amateur title, and I feel certain that there is none."

BUSY WEEK FOR POLO PLAYERS.

SCHEDULE OF ENTRIES FOR ALDEN CUP—FINAL MATCH ON SATURDAY.

Philadelphia, June 25 (Special).—The schedule of entries for the Alden Cup games, as arranged for this week on the grounds of the Philadelphia Country Club, gives promise of some excellent polo, seven teams being listed to appear in six contests. To-morrow there will be two games—Philadelphia Second vs. Lakewood, and Philadelphia First vs. Rockaway—the former starting at 2 p. m. and the latter at 4:30 p. m.

The opening contest is of interest in that the teams competing have already met three times, the Quakers having beaten the Lakewoods by 11 to 9¾ goals in the first game and 13 to 7¾ in the second, and the Lakewoods having been victorious in the third battle by 10¾ to 6¾.

The Rockaway-Philadelphia contest will afford to the players from Cedarhurst the chance they have long wanted to meet a Pennsylvania team, and a rattling good game is therefore expected from Messrs. Hazard, Conover, Cowdin and La Montagne, against Messrs. Smith, Rosengarten, Kennedy and Frank McFadden, who are now a much stronger combination than the one composing the team which was at Devon, and have the advantage of playing on their own field.

On Tuesday the players from the Westchester Country Club will come here to meet the Devonians in the final to decide the ownership of the much-coveted Morrell Challenge Cup.

On Wednesday the winners of to-morrow meet Tuesday's victors, and on Thursday comes the longed-for contest between Messrs. Appleton, Norman, Agassiz and Blackwood Fay, of Myopia, and the Devon players.

It is possible there will be no game on Friday, but on Saturday the final tussle is scheduled for the Alden trophy, the winners of Wednesday playing the better of Thursday's teams.

FOR LOWER TELEPHONE RATES.

MANY INDEPENDENT COMPANIES HAVE FRANCHISES IN WESTCHESTER AND ARE SEEKING ADMITTANCE TO THIS CITY.

The movement for cheaper telephone service is growing rapidly in Westchester County and the territory surrounding New-York. Last week Mayor Sutherland of Yonkers signed the franchise adopted by the Aldermen giving permission to an independent company to build a plant in that city. The same company has also recently secured franchises in New-Rochelle, White Plains and Mamaroneck, and its New-Rochelle system has just been completed. The cable and conduit work were done by the Rooblings, and a switchboard which is being placed in its central office will accommodate five hundred subscribers. A switchboard for one thousand subscribers is being made for Yonkers. These companies will connect with an independent company, which is already in operation in Mount Vernon, and when all of the plants are in service subscribers in the cities and towns of Westchester County will have an extensive service without excessive tolls.

Naturally the greatest drawback to the independent movement is in the failure of its companies to connect with New-York City.

"We have nearly forty companies waiting to get into New-York City," said a representative of the independent movement yesterday. "At present it is almost a hopeless task, but we are not discouraged. The opportune time is bound to come, and then we will make a combined attack and carry the day. Fortunately we are in an excellent condition to wait, for we are being backed up admirably by the manufacturers of electrical supplies, wires and cables. In fact, the manufacturers are the organizers of many of the independent companies, and hold a majority of the stock. They are greatly concerned in the independent movement, for upon its success depends a vast market for their goods.

"The Bell corporations are of little benefit to the manufacturers or contractors. They buy nearly all of their materials from the Western Electric Company and other corporations with which they are practically consolidated. By following this plan they are both producers and consumers, and with the heavy charges made for service the profit is so enormous that the stock has to be watered almost continually to keep it down to 20 per cent."

The great argument of the independent companies is cheaper tolls. Their representatives say that they will offer 10-cent tolls from New-York City to any part of Westchester, Long Island or New-Jersey, and as soon as enough subscribers are secured the tolls will be reduced to five cents. After a telephone plant is installed, they say, the operating expenses are extremely small, especially if the wires are put underground. Recent experiences in Switzerland and other European countries show that they can be operated at a good profit at a toll as low as five cents.

DISASTER TO A DELAWARE TOWN.

PROPERTY WORTH $500,000 BURNED IN LAUREL—ONLY FOUR OUT OF SIXTY-FOUR BUSINESS PLACES REMAIN.

Laurel, Del., June 25 (Special).—The horrors of yesterday morning's fire are to-day terribly apparent. Laurel is a place of over three thousand people. The part that was destroyed embraced five blocks, covering a space of fifteen acres. There were 114 buildings destroyed, 125 persons lost their homes, and out of sixty-four business places only four remain. The town is without a bank, a hotel, a saloon, a restaurant or a public place of any kind excepting the churches, none of which were destroyed. The loss of property aggregates fully $500,000. At dawn this morning people began to arrived from all directions and in all kinds of vehicles, some driving from a distance of forty miles to see the ruins.

It is now believed that the town was fired by drunken gamblers. The fire did not originate in Lamar's poolroom, but in a small room over an adjoining store in the same block. The authorities are divided in their opinion as to the cause. Some believe negro berry pickers, who are here by the thousand, started the fire for the purpose of looting the town.

Whether this be true or not, they succeeded in carrying off thousands of dollars' worth of goods. These berry pickers come here in small schooners and line the river wharves. Several of these boats went away early in the morning. Two of them were overhauled at Shapptown, and one contained goods sufficient to stock several stores. Among the lot was a barrel of whiskey stolen from the Cannon Hotel and a lot of wines from the Laurel House.

Others, including the Chief of Police, believe in the murder theory. A watchman in making his rounds heard two pistol shots; these came from the room where the fire started. He called for help. Two men were seen to run out of the building, and they made their escape in the darkness. About ten minutes later flames shot from the roof. It is thought by a majority of the people here that men gambling in the room became involved in a fight, that one or more men were shot and the murderers, realizing their position, fired the building. The authorities have roped in this particular spot and the debris will be minutely examined. Special detectives will also be put on the case.

LOSS OF $100,000 IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, June 25.—The terra cotta works of William Galloway, at Thirty-second and Walnut sts., were entirely destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at $100,000, on which there is an insurance of about $75,000. The fire is supposed to have originated in one of the kilns. The works will be rebuilt.

FISHING FOR TROLLEY WIRE.

THIEVING ITALIANS TAKE LONG CHANCES IN QUEENS BOROUGH.

Three Italians, armed with a hook on the end of a long pole, committed a peculiarly dangerous act of vandalism in Elmhurst, Queens Borough, yesterday. They fastened the hook over the trolley wires and pulled them down. The highly charged wires falling on the wet earth made a brilliant display of electric fireworks. Strangely the Italians escaped without injury from the falling wire. They lost their hook, however, and the police now have it.

Last evening the wires on the Bowery Bay trolley road to North Beach were pulled down or broken down. From the similarity of the breaks it is thought possible they may have been pulled down as were those in Elmhurst. In each case a delay of about an hour resulted.

HE WAS SERVING DRINKS FOR FUN.

JOSEPH FLEISCHMANN ARRESTED AT A STATEN ISLAND PICNIC.

Joseph Fleischmann, twenty-eight years old, a nephew of the compressed yeast manufacturer, and living at No. 40 St. Mark's Place, this city, was arrested on Staten Island last evening on a charge of violating the Excise law.

The circumstances under which the arrest was made were rather peculiar. About one hundred and fifty men and women, members of an association, were out enjoying the delights of a Sunday evening in the picnic grounds of a hotel conducted by August Appel, in Richmond Road, Staten Island.

Mr. Fleischmann is a friend of Appel, and in the spirit of fun told him he would serve the drinks. Going behind the bar he began mixing cocktails and otherwise fulfilling the duties of a bartender. Just at this time Detective José and a patrolman came in, wearing citizens' clothing. They called for drinks and Fleischmann, suspecting nothing, served them. He was rewarded by being arrested.

The arrest caused much excitement, and, in spite of the protestations of Fleischmann that he was serving as bartender out of sport, he was marched off to the police station in Stapleton, where he was kept for half an hour until a friend bailed him out by depositing $500.

CHEMICAL WORKS BURNED IN CAMDEN.

Camden, N. J., June 25.—Fire damaged the More-Phillips Chemical Works to-day to the extent of $100,000. Three large buildings used in the manufacture of phosphate were destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss fully covered by insurance.

THE DUHMES AND CHASE STILL HERE.

Henry Probasco, counsel for S. F. Chase, of Lafayette, Ind., received word at the Holland House yesterday of the refusal of Governor Pingree of Michigan to issue requisition papers in the case of Moses Fowler Chase, the young man who was alleged to have been abducted by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Duhme. When a reporter called at the Holland House last evening he was told that Mr. Probasco had gone out of the city to stay over night. The Duhmes and their nephew have not yet left the Waldorf-Astoria, but they continue to refuse to make any statement regarding their connection with the case.

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IN THE 29TH WARD.

A PLACE WHERE HOME-SEEKERS FIND MANY ADVANTAGES.

NEAR TO PROSPECT PARK, AND REACHED BY SEVERAL TROLLEY LINES—ATTENTION ATTRACTED BY TRIBUNE ARTICLES ON BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

All the real estate agents in Brooklyn are greatly interested in The Tribune's articles describing the best residential districts in the borough and its beautiful suburban neighborhoods. Unquestionably Brooklyn presents to home-makers the best advantages which may possibly be found in the whole territory of New-York City.

One of the finest residential sections is in the Twenty-ninth Ward, adjacent to Prospect Park, where children play in the daytime, and lovers walk under the shadows of the grand old trees in the evening.

The homes in the Twenty-ninth Ward are mostly of brown stone, red or white brick, or a mixture of granite, marble and brick, with bay windows, angular entrances, spacious grounds filled with trees and garden plots. In this neighborhood there are many churches, schools, public and private, including the celebrated Erasmus Hall High School. There are also a great many clubs devoted to religious, social, political and educational purposes.

Under the topsoil there are great stretches of sand and gravel, washed in by the sea in the old days. This contributes toward perfect drainage and healthful condition.

The houses are attractive in general architecture, and have modern conveniences and accomodations.

The Lefferts estate, which comprises eight blocks between Lincoln Road on the north and Fenimore-st. on the south, and Flatbush and Rogers aves., is one of the finest sections in Flatbush. It is the gateway of this part of the borough, and Bedford-ave. strikes across its centre. Near by is Prospect Park, which is so well known that it is unnecessary to say anything about it. Through this attractive district run Maple and Midwood sts., and Rutland Road. The place is restricted to private dwellings, and it can be reached in a short time from the Bridge and ferries on the western route by the Flatbush-ave. line, and on the east by the cars of the Nassau line. The Brighton Beach cars run direct to the Bridge and ferries.

The Twenty-ninth Ward lies on the southerly slope of the park hills. Its altitude is seventy-five feet above tide level. It is shielded from northerly winds, and sea breezes from the south sweep over it in the summer time.

Rutland Road, near Flatbush-ave., is one of the finest streets in this district. The houses here are built of stone or stone and brick. The interiors generally are finished in hard wood, and the houses are well constructed in every respect. Prices of land and property are low, and many persons whose duties lie in Manhattan have their homes here.

TROOP C HAD AN OUTING.

ITS SUMMER HOME AT PORT WASHINGTON OPENED FOR THE SEASON.

Troop C had an enjoyable outing yesterday, when its new summer home at Port Washington, Long Island, was informally opened. The men took a special train from the Flatbush station of the Long Island Railroad at 1 o'clock, and arrived at the country club in time to enjoy the good dinner which was awaiting them.

The formal opening of the club takes place on July 1, but only a few troopers had seen the place where they were to lounge during the hot summer months, so this preliminary trip was taken.

The men were delighted with the situation of their new country place. It is about three miles from Port Washington, on the south side of Long Island, near Plum Beach, and the boating and bathing facilities are excellent.

The country place consists of forty acres of rolling land, the natural beauty of which has not been marred by improvements. The troop horses had preceded their owners, and were peacefully grazing in the pasture when the men arrived.

The country house itself has a history. It is over fourscore years old, and was built by John Cornwall, the representative of an illustrious family, from the possession of which the property has never passed until now. The troop has leased the farm for a year from the present John Cornwall, having the option of purchase at the end of that period.

The house is situated among the trees, and is covered with vines. There are many rustic arbors adjoining it, and the road from the farm to the village is through a beautiful stretch of wooded country.

The only drawback to the house is its distance from the railroad station, but the troop has provided for transportation by a four-in-hand, which will run between the two points.

The men returned to Brooklyn by special train last evening, and congratulated their committee on having selected such a delightful place for them to spend the summer in.

TWO BOYS BADLY INJURED.

GAS PIPE USED AS A FOURTH OF JULY CANNON EXPLODES WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS.

Charles Wright, ten years old, the son of a scenic artist living at No. 112 Eighty-first-st., and Edward Callen, thirteen years old, son of a retired dry-goods merchant, living at No. 137 Eighty-second-st., Fort Hamilton, are confined to their homes as a result of the premature Fourth of July celebration they held yesterday afternoon. The boys became the possessors a couple of days ago of a quantity of black powder, and like the majority of youths could not wait for the right time to use it. Yesterday afternoon they found a long piece of gas pipe, which they converted into a cannon by screwing a cap on one end and getting a small hole drilled for the fuse. Then they were equipped for business. Several times had the cannon been set off to the satisfaction and delight of the lads, and for a climax they put in an unusually large charge, with the usual result. Before the boys could get to a place of safety the cannon burst. Young Edwards had both his eyes closed, and it took the family physician one hour to remove the grains of powder from his face. He will be able to see in ten days unless complications set in. Young Callen had his right hand terribly burned, and the doctor who attended him said that