PREACHERS AND THE FIGHT

METHODISTS APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO PROTEST AT THEIR MEETING.

A committee to protest against prizefighting was appointed yesterday at the Methodist Preachers' Meeting, at No. 150 Fifth-ave. The Rev. Dr. W. H. Lawrence, who moved the appointment of the committee, said:

The brutal exhibition the other night was a disgrace to modern civilization, and the city authorities are to be unqualifiedly condemned for permitting it. It is a shame that while a few years ago prizefighters were obliged to roam over the country to find some secluded spot for their disgraceful work, they should now be welcomed in this great city of New-York, and four hundred policemen should be detailed to preserve order, to protect instead of suppress such an iniquity.

The Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, one of the missionary secretaries, said:

Our protest should include a demand for the repeal of the law which now protects prizefighters. Under that law the Governor has no power to interfere. A prizefight is now legally known as an exhibition of strength and skill, and such an exhibition can be carried to the extent of having a man pounded to a jelly.

The motion was passed, and the chair appointed as the committee the Rev. Drs. W. H. Lawrence, J. W. Campbell and John B. Thompson. The committee will report at a future meeting.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Thoburn, missionary bishop to India, who was the regular speaker for the day, in opening was referred to the prizefight.

"I am sorry," he said, "that you New-Yorkers do not enjoy all the privileges we have in my country. Such a prizefight as you refer to would be an impossibility in India, with its three hundred millions of people."

A Voice—Is that because England is there?

"It is because England is there," Bishop Thoburn responded slowly, "although the English will tolerate such things in England. But there are some advantages which India enjoys over any country in Europe."

Later on Bishop Thoburn referred to the same matter again in illustration of one phase of the theme he was discussing. His subject was, "What Is the Pentecost to Us at the Present Time?" In speaking of one of the results of a Pentecostal anointing of the Methodist Church in this city he said:

If that should come about, the Mayor of New-York would be afraid to tolerate prizefighting. At present the city authorities don't care for us, because we are not prepared to do anything. But bad men are cowards. If the Methodist Episcopal Church in New-York is anointed with Pentecostal power one man will chase a thousand and two men ten thousand.

The Rev. J. Madison Hare, of Jersey City, addressed the Baptist Ministers' Conference yesterday at No. 182 Fifth-ave., on "Indifference in the Churches."

MUST HAVE BILL OF PARTICULARS.

T. & A. WALSH WIN A POINT IN THE GOVERNMENT SUIT OVER THE BIG DRY-DOCK IN THE NAVY YARD.

Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, yesterday handed down a decision granting the motion of Taylor & Seymour, counsel for the firm of Thomas & Augustus Walsh, John D. Crimmins and Ralph G. Packard, requiring the Government to file a bill of particulars in the suit brought to recover $[illegible] for losses caused by their failure to comply properly with the terms of the contract for the building of a timber drydock at the Navy Yard. The firm of T. & A. Walsh took the contract to finish the drydock, which had been left incomplete by John Gillies, the original contractor, on May 5, 1896. Crimmins and Packard were the firm's sureties.

It was claimed for the Government that its agents were induced to accept the dock from the contractors by "false and fraudulent practices, devices, representations and concealments."

In his opinion Judge Lacombe says that the Government intended to charge "that by concealing" the fact that certain parts of the work were not done, and by falsely and fraudulently representing that the work was done according to contract, defendants induced acceptance and payment. But the complainant does not distinctly so charge, and defendants are entitled to be advised whether these are the accusations they are to meet, or whether there is evidence of additional representations of some different character (such, for instance, as that they represented that the engineer had made some change in the plans, when in fact he had not) is to be offered."

This decision is in the case of Drydock No. 2, in the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, over which there has been so much trouble. Secretary Herbert, after a long series of vexatious delays, cancelled the contract held by John Gillies for the construction of the big dock, and the completion of the work was, in another contract, turned over to the firm of T. & A. Walsh. Thomas Walsh died before the work was completed, and Augustus Walsh, the surviving partner, turned the work over to the Government. The monitor Puritan was floated in and repaired in safety, and the dock was put to several tests. When the battleship Massachusetts was taken out of water, however, signs of weakness were discovered, dangerous leaks began to flow, and the battleship was hurriedly floated. An examination revealed the necessity for practically rebuilding the entrance to the dock, and under the direction of Naval Constructor Francis T. Bowles cofferdams were constructed, and serious faults were found in the original construction of the sill, entrance flooring and approaches to the dock.

After the dock was thoroughly repaired and again placed in commission the present suit was brought against the contractors.

TO CARE FOR MISS DONNELL'S PROPERTY.

Justice Bookstaver, in the Supreme Court yesterday, signed an order confirming the report of the inquisition held before a Commission and a Sheriff's jury to inquire into the mental condition of Miss Florence T. Donnell, who became violently insane at the Plaza Hotel in July last. The Sheriff's jury returned a verdict that Miss Donnell was insane, and when Justice Bookstaver was asked to confirm the report of the Commission he was also asked to appoint a committee of her person and estate. He appointed Charles S. Bryan as the committee of Miss Donnell's person and the United States Trust Company committee of her estate. Miss Donnell owns a large amount of real and personal property in this State and elsewhere.

MEETING OF THE ARMORY BOARD.

The Armory Board held a meeting in the Mayor's office yesterday. Bids were received for improvements to the rifle range and other portions of the [illegible] Regiment Armory, in Brooklyn, but the Board postponed the opening of them until Friday. The plans for a new armory for the [illegible] Regiment, at Twenty-[illegible]-st. and Lexington-ave., were received and referred to the Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission.

Brigadier General Butt wanted to know what was being done for the new armory for the 1st Battery, of which Louis Wendel is the captain. He was informed that the owners of the property had disputed the award of $[illegible] made by the Commissioners of Estimate, and the matter was still pending. The Corporation Counsel was asked to inform the Board by Friday if it was not possible to begin work on the armory.

Complaint was made on behalf of the 2d Naval Battalion, of Brooklyn, that the men were unable to drill in their present armory because the building was not heated. The complaint was referred to Commissioner Kearny.

WAITER HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

William Fagan, the waiter, accused of having taken a gold watch valued at $[illegible], the property of Charles H. Willcox, from No. 20 West Twenty-fourth-st. last Saturday, was honorably discharged yesterday morning by Magistrate Flammer in the Jefferson Market Police Court. Mr. Willcox said that he really had no evidence against Fagan.

DENIED BY C. P. HUNTINGTON.

C. P. Huntington, in referring to the report that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company had absorbed the new Japanese Toyo Kisen Kaisha Steamship Line, says: "I know nothing of any such absorption, and I think I would know it if it were true." Other officials of the Pacific Mail Company say that there is no truth in the report, although both lines are working in harmony and maintaining rates.

THE ROBERT BONNER WILL CONTEST.

In response to an application of Robert E. Bonner, the proponent of the will of Robert Bonner, Surrogate Fitzgerald has appointed the Colonial Trust Company temporary administrator of Robert Bonner's estate. The date for the trial of the contest of Robert Bonner's will was [illegible] in the Surrogate's Court yesterday for November 16. John E. Parsons has been retained to defend the will.

Careless Folk eat Mince Pie
and other rich food and suffer

Careful Folk do also,
but they take
JOHNSON'S DIGESTIVE
TABLETS
And have no after agony
and annoyance

RUNAWAY HORSE IN A CROWD

DASHES UP BROADWAY SIDEWALK, TERRIFYING THRONGS OF PEOPLE.

TWO PERSONS INJURED BY THE ANIMAL, WHICH DISAPPEARS AS SUDDENLY AS HE APPEARED.

A runaway horse, that had evidently broken loose from his vehicle, and with nothing on him except a bridle and a strap hanging from the bits, ran madly through the principal streets of the shopping district between 6 and 7 o'clock last evening, causing great excitement, and injuring two persons. The injured are:

MORRISSEY, James, Putnam House; knocked down on sidewalk in Broadway near Twenty-fifth-st.; received severe bruises.

SCHIEFFELIN, Stella, Park Avenue Hotel; knocked down at Fifth-ave. and Twenty-fourth-st.; received cut over the left eye and on left cheek.

The horse belonged to Cyrus Quick, of No. 52 East One-hundredth-st. Where he came from is not known. He was first seen running west in Twenty-third-st. At Broadway he became frightened by a crowd shouting, and wheeled into Broadway, running north. The frightened animal ran to Twenty-fourth-st., where a policeman ran into the street and tried to stop him. The horse dodged the officer, and ran up on the sidewalk where, just beyond Twenty-fourth-st., and close to the Hoffman House, he suddenly slipped and fell. It instantly leaped to its feet and lunged forward into a crowd of people who had gathered in a doorway to escape.

Among those in the crowd was Miss Stella Schieffelin, who started to run across the walk and into the street. She slipped and fell, the horse jumping over her. One of the animal's hind feet struck the young woman in the face and left a deep cut over the left eye and on the cheek.

She was made unconscious by the blow. An ambulance from the New-York Hospital was called, and Dr. Solly revived Miss Schieffelin and dressed her wounds. She refused to go to the hospital, and was taken to her hotel in a cab.

In the mean time the horse ran on up Broadway, and just above Twenty-fifth-st. ran over James Morrissey. He was knocked down, but beyond severe bruises was not badly hurt. He was able to walk to the Putnam House after having been attended by Dr. Solly.

A short distance further on Policeman Albert Steinhauer, of the Tenth Precinct, attached to the Broadway Squad, attempted to catch the horse. He jumped to catch the strap hanging to the bridle, but missed it and was thrown to the pavement. The horse then turned into West Twenty-sixth-st., where all trace of him was lost.

During the animal's career up Broadway there was great excitement. Women screamed and ran into doorways of stores. The street was crowded with the usual homeward bound throng who crowd the streets in that part of the city every evening.

Miss Schieffelin is the daughter of Edward Schieffelin, who resides at the Park Avenue Hotel. The family has lived at that hotel for five years.

IMPROVEMENT IN CUBA.

A NEW LIGHTHOUSE SANCTIONED—A TOWN FLOODED.

Havana, Nov. 6.—Governor General Brooke has sanctioned the project for the construction of a new lighthouse at Cienfuegos. He has also ordered a survey of the harbor of Cardenas, in order to ascertain whether it is possible to make a channel for [illegible] to the inner harbor.

At Guama the river has overflowed, owing to the recent heavy rains, and the town is flooded. Many families were obliged to resort to boats, some were driven to their housetops, and others are missing.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

TO ABOLISH "TIPS" ON TRAINS.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—"The Record" to-morrow will say that George H. Daniels, general passenger agent of the New-York Central Railroad, is at the head of a movement to abolish the practice of "tipping" on dining and sleeping cars. The movement already has found hearty approval and backing among officials of several of the trunk lines.

MR. GOULD'S PLAN ABANDONED.

An official of the Manhattan Railway Company yesterday confirmed the report that it had been decided to abandon the plans advocated by President Gould to construct stations above the level of the tracks, so as to facilitate the running of express trains on the middle track. The abandonment of this plan is believed to be due to the protests of the property owners, whose buildings would inevitably be greatly affected by the change. The annual meeting of the Manhattan Company will be held to-morrow.

THIRTY-SIX ROADS WILL BE FLOODED.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Supreme Court Justice Barnard, at Poughkeepsie, has issued an order granting the application made by the city of New-York for a confirmation of its new highway system in the northern part of Westchester County, where the Croton watershed of the county is. Henry T. Dykman, the lawyer, who has been looking after the city's interests, says that there are in all thirty-six roads which will be more or less flooded by the new Cornell Dam, in all covering about fifteen miles. The city apparently may construct new highways almost anywhere it sees fit in upper Westchester County at the expense of the towns.

LAWYER KILLED BY A FALL.

Saratoga, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Egbert Price, forty-five years old, a lawyer, accidentally fell over a banister in the Town Hall to-night, and was instantly killed.

MERRIMAC'S SHAFT IN A MUSEUM.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 6.—A meeting of the Regents of the Confederate Museum was held here to-day and the shaft of the ironclad Merrimac was presented to the museum. The presentation addresses were made by Colonel Aston Ramsey, of Baltimore, and Virginius Newton, of this city. Colonel Richard Maury introduced the speakers, and Mrs. Archer Anderson accepted the shaft on behalf of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, the Confederate Museum. Franklin Buchanan Camp, of Baltimore, contributed a brass tablet for the shaft, in memory of Admiral Buchanan. To-morrow the Grand Division of Virginia, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet here. On Wednesday the sixth annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet and will unveil the tablets in St. Paul's Church to Miss Winnie Davis and her brothers. On Thursday the Daughters will unveil Zolnay's monument to Miss Winnie Davis in Hollywood Cemetery, and a statue of Jefferson Davis and a monument to Jefferson Davis, jr., also in Hollywood Cemetery, will be unveiled at the same time.

CRANE'S ELECTION ASSURED.

Boston, Nov. 6.—The closing of the campaign in Massachusetts is unattended by anything like excitement. The Republicans have finished what little work they had planned to do, and have relapsed into a state of inactivity, as the election of their candidate for Governor, W. Murray Crane, and the remainder of the State ticket is certain. Robert Treat Paine, jr., the Democratic nominee for Governor, and the other Democratic campaigners held their final rallies to-night. The Democratic State Committee claims that the anti-imperialist element in the Republican party will either refrain from voting or cast their ballots for Mr. Paine, and that the Republican plurality to-morrow will be at least thirty thousand less than that of last year.

The Republican State Committee will not concede a reduction of more than ten thousand. If the weather is stormy it is admitted that the Democrats will be the gainers.

TO MAKE AUTOMOBILES IN MILWAUKEE.

Milwaukee, Nov. 6.—A local paper says this city is soon to be the centre of the automobile industry of the United States. A man from Iowa has invented a machine weighing not more than seventy-five pounds which can be attached to any vehicle now drawn by a horse, and is capable of propelling a speed of fifty miles an hour. It is said a stock company backed by $[illegible] is soon to be formed in this city to manufacture the machine, and that a man well known throughout the United States will be at the head of the concern.

"CARMEN" AT THE AMERICAN.

One of the largest audiences of the season packed itself into the American Theatre last night to see and hear the Castle Square Opera Company perform "Carmen." It was a presentation in the style of the company, whereon it is becoming futile to comment. The only record necessary is that another opera was given and that it pleased the audience. The readers of these columns have often been favored with exact explanations of just what this company can and of what it cannot do. The laws that have hitherto been laid down were not materially departed from last night, and it is safe to say that "Carmen" will have a prosperous week.

A CROWD FOLLOWS DEWEY.

DEMONSTRATION IN THE ADMIRAL'S HONOR WHILE HE WALKS WITH MRS. HAZEN IN FIFTH-AVE.

As was to be expected, Admiral Dewey could not for long walk the streets of New-York without becoming the recipient of admiring and to him embarrassing attentions from the people. The Admiral and Mrs. Mildred Hazen, whom he is to marry, started from the Cambridge yesterday morning about 9:30 o'clock, and after a brief visit to the dressmaking establishment in West Forty-first-st., where Mrs. Hazen's trousseau is being prepared, they walked together down Fifth-ave. to Twenty-sixth-st. They paused to view the triumphal arch which was erected in the Admiral's honor, and it was while he was explaining some of the allegorical features of the arch to Mrs. Hazen that he was recognized.

It was a youth who was selling photographs of the arch that was the first to identify the Admiral. The clamor he made over the discovery quickly drew a crowd together. Although appearing to pay no attention to the multitude that almost surrounded them, Admiral Dewey and Mrs. Hazen began to walk at a rapid pace down Fifth-ave. The crowd was constantly increasing in size, and finally, in order to escape the mob, the Admiral and his fiancée, at Eighteenth-st., turned toward Broadway and entered a store on the corner.

The crowd waited in Broadway for the couple to reappear, but Admiral Dewey escaped a further demonstration by resort to strategy. Making his way through the store, he passed through a side door, accompanied by Mrs. Hazen. They retraced their way back to Fifth-ave., and hailing a passing cab were driven back to the Cambridge.

One pleasing little incident marked Admiral Dewey's earlier walk along Fifth-ave. It happened just before he and Mrs. Hazen reached Forty-first-st. A little fellow dressed in a sailor's suit was toddling along with his nurse, carrying in his hand an admiral's flag. "Hello!" said Dewey, as he caught sight of the boy. "I can't pass that flag." Taking the boy by the hand he asked: "What is your name, my little man?" The nurse replied for the boy, and as the Admiral continued his walk he said, patting the youngster on the head: "Well, I can't pass a patriotic little American like you without shaking hands."

Admiral Dewey took luncheon with Mrs. Hazen and her mother at the Cambridge, and at 2:30 o'clock they started for a drive through Central Park. As he was stepping into the carriage Admiral Dewey was asked how long he would remain in this city and what his plans were. "I have no plans," he replied, "except that I will return to the hotel this evening."

Admiral Dewey returned to the Cambridge about 7 o'clock, and subsequently dined at the hotel with Mrs. Hazen and Mrs. McLean. It could not be ascertained how long the Admiral will prolong his visit to this city. It was said earlier in the day that Mrs. Hazen intended returning to Washington to-day, but a Tribune reporter was informed at the hotel last night that it was not likely she would leave New-York before the end of the week.

ANTI-RUSSIAN FEELING IN JAPAN.

PROBABLE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LATTER COUNTRY AND CHINA AND COREA.

San Francisco, Nov. 6.—The Associated Press correspondent at Yokohama sends the following by the steamer Doric, under date of October 21:

Judging from the tone of the native press in comment upon the Masampho affair, it would not be at all difficult just now to arouse against Russia the latent war spirit which has been gathering force and depth ever since the retrocession of the Liau-Tung Peninsula.

At every stage of the rapid progress of her naval armament programme the consciousness of her growing strength is affecting the nation, while at the same time the conviction that with the completion of the Siberian railway the hour for successful protest will have passed makes Japan morbidly sensitive at the news of any fresh encroachments of the Russians in Northeastern Asia and especially in Corea.

Very little doubt now exists that some sort of an understanding has been arrived at between Japan, China and Corea. The extraordinarily curt reply of the latter Government to Russia's demand for the Masampho site, a demand which was almost an ultimatum, simply referred the applicant to the Japanese for whatever arrangements were desired.

DEATH OF "CROW" MURRAY.

A WIDELY KNOWN FRIEND OF POLITICIANS A VICTIM OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Robert Murray, better known as "Crow" Murray, one of the well known characters of Brooklyn, died at his home, No. 287 Bridge-st., on Sunday, from Bright's disease. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 2 p. m., and the burial will be in Evergreens Cemetery. Murray was born about sixty years ago in Scotland. His parents moved to the Fifth Ward when he was a mere boy. He made many friends among the politicians who flourished at that time, and when he started a place in Bridge-st., near Tillary-st., it became a rendezvous for politicians. He was a member of Hose Company No. 7, which was a famous fire company of thirty years ago.

After the dissolution of the volunteer force of the city he became deputy tax collector and held the office for many years. After he retired from this office he opened a saloon at Adams and Fulton sts., where a host of his friends in the sporting fraternity patronized him. A score of years ago he achieved some prominence by pressing a suit through the courts against Martin Fullerton, a well known church member, who had engaged in a game of dice with Murray and had lost to him over $[illegible], which he refused to pay. When Murray was asked about this suit he always said that it was part of his gospel that when a man lost money in a game of chance he ought to make it good.

His widow and four children survive him. He was a member of Noah L. Farnham Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Manhattan.

One of the incidents of Murray's varied career was his trial in the Court of Special Sessions for shooting a policeman named John Beattie. It was the talk of the town at the time that Murray, who was proud of his marksmanship, bet that he could hit the shield on Beattie's breast. Murray had just come out of his saloon and the policeman was standing in front of the Courthouse on the other side of Fulton-st. The bullet struck the shield and, glancing, embedded itself in Beattie's arm. In court Murray declared that he was shooting at a stray cat, and he was acquitted.

KAISER HONORS SPAIN'S KING.

Madrid, Nov. 6.—Prince Albert of Prussia conferred the order of the Black Eagle upon King Alfonso yesterday. The King, replying in French, warmly thanked Emperor William. This was the first time the young monarch made a public speech. An official banquet was given at the Palace this evening in honor of Prince Albert and his suite. The King, the Queen Regent and the other members of the Royal Family, together with the members of the Cabinet and of the Diplomatic Corps, with many high Court officials, were present.

LARGE CAVE FOUND IN ILLINOIS.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—A dispatch to "The Chronicle" from Red Bud, Ill., says that a party is being organized here to explore the recently discovered cave in what is known as the Sink Hole District. The cave was discovered accidentally by hunters in pursuit of wild game. Its entrance is reached by passing down a rocky ravine, but to get to the bottom of the cave a rope ladder must be used, as the distance is about twenty feet. The cave so far has only been explored to the extent of about five miles, and it is found to contain a succession of avenues, chambers, lakes, domes and other marvels.

There is a running stream of water passing through the cave, which is alive with blind fish. Several were caught and placed on exhibition, but only lived a few days. The skeletons of several wild animals were found near the entrance to the cave, presumably those of bears or wolves, a class of animals now extinct in this part of the State.

BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS ROOM.

Buffalo, Nov. 6.—William A. Smith, twenty-six years old, a son of John H. Smith, manager of the R. G. Dun Company, was burned to death about 2 o'clock this morning in his room at the home of his parents.

The fire is supposed to have started from a lighted cigar he either had thrown away or had held in his hand while lying on his bed.

YOUNG COLLEGIAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Portland, Me., Nov. 6.—Freeman Milliken Short, son of Leonard O. Short, of the law firm of Locke, Short & Harmon, of this city, committed suicide at his home here to-day by cutting his throat. He was twenty-one years old and a junior in Bowdoin College. He had been deranged for some time.

MAJOR SAMUEL ROBINSON DEAD.

Washington, Nov. 6.—A dispatch to the War Department announces the death to-day of Major Samuel Robinson, surgeon, United States Army, at Hot Springs, Ark.

HELD UP IN THE TENDERLOIN.

MAN ROBBED BY FOUR HIGHWAYMEN IN A MOST DARING FASHION.

Right in the heart of the Tenderloin, where the electric lights are brightest, with a policeman on every block, a man was held up last night by four thieves and robbed of $50. They also took his watch, but one of the four dropped it as he made his escape.

The victim of the outrage was Harold Baldwin, a clerk, of No. 221 East Thirty-first-st. According to his story a policeman who ought easily to have captured one or more of the thieves displayed a great degree of stupidity. Baldwin says he was in Third-ave., near Twenty-third-st., when he met a well dressed stranger, who asked him for a match. They talked to each other and had a drink together. The stranger suggested a trip over to the Tenderloin to see the sights, and Baldwin acquiesced.

They were passing The Garrick, a dive in Sixth-ave., near Thirtieth-st., run by "Tom" McManus, when Baldwin noticed three other men standing in front of it. His companion nodded familiarly to them, and before he could realize what was up two of them had him pinioned, a third was going through his pockets, while his newly made acquaintance held a revolver at his forehead with the threat that he would blow his head off if he moved.

Baldwin struggled with all his power, and the gang shoved him bodily through the door of McManus's place and up against the bar. The place was filled with men and women drinking, and several bartenders. None of them, it is alleged, attempted to help Baldwin. The thieves got his gold watch and chain and his roll of bills, and started out. As they passed through the door, one of them dropped the watch. Baldwin seized it.

None of the thieves tried to run, he says, but walked down Sixth-ave. leisurely.

The robbery had caused considerable commotion in the saloon, and as Baldwin ran out several of the men and women followed him. He saw two of the thieves walk by the policeman who stood swinging his club on the corner, and when he yelled at the policeman to seize them the bluecoat never moved.

"Get to —— out of here or I'll run you in; you're drawing a crowd," the policeman, Baldwin alleges, replied, when he tried to tell him what had taken place. "If you want to make any complaint about how I run this post, go to the station," and, with a menacing gesture, he shoved Baldwin into the gutter.

Baldwin made his way to the West Thirtieth-st. station without loss of time, and two detectives were sent out "to work on the case."

McManus, the proprietor of the saloon in question, is better known as "Eat 'Em Up Jack."

REBEL STEAMERS CAPTURED.

HEAVY LOSSES OF THE COLOMBIAN INSURGENTS—THE DRAGA RAMMED AND SUNK.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 6.—Trustworthy Colombian advices just received here describe the pursuit and engagement with the insurgent convoy steamers by the Colombian cruiser Hercules, under General Rodriguez, accompanied by the steamer Colombia, having troops on board. The insurgent steamer, the Draga, was rammed and sunk, and four smaller ones were captured after a sanguinary fight. Then the Cisneros, with the surviving insurgents, escaped into Rio Blanco. The insurgents lost 250 men, and the loss of the steamers is regarded as a severe blow to the insurgent cause.

The Draga and the four boats captured by the Government troops belong to the fleet of sternwheel steamers running on the Magdalena River. They were seized by the rebels at the outbreak of the revolution. The Cisneros, on which the surviving insurgents made their escape, belongs to the Compania Colombiana, and is one of the largest sternwheel steamers on the river. This appears to be the only boat of the insurgent fleet that has escaped capture or destruction.

The Rio Blanco, into which the rebels made their escape, is one of the affluents of the Magdalena.

In all of the principal encounters since the beginning of the uprising the insurgents have been badly defeated, and it is hardly believed they will be able to hold out much longer.

THE TELEGRAPH LINES REPAIRED.

The French Telegraphic Cables Company to-day issued the following:

The Colombian Government's notice in regard to the posting of messages from Cartagena for points beyond has been suspended. The line to Bogota is working at times for short intervals. Private cable dispatches are given precedence after Government work.

CAPTAIN REYNOLDS SILENT.

BROOKLYN DETECTIVES PUZZLED BY THE HARDY MYSTERY.

The finder of the mysterious naphtha launch which was seen at the Government pier, at Fort Hamilton, at 2:30 o'clock on the morning after the disappearance of young Frederick Hardy, the Southern art student who is believed to have been murdered, has been eliminated from the problem the solution of which is taxing the shrewdest minds in the Brooklyn Detective Bureau. It was explained yesterday in the Adams-st. police court, when John T. Martin, a member of the Brooklyn Naval Reserves, living at No. 22 Fifty-[illegible], testified that on the night in question he and a party of friends had gone to Fort Hamilton in a launch belonging to the naval militia, and that he and one other had boarded the launch again about 2:30 in the morning to return to the headquarters of the militia.

The detectives had been looking for him, and late on Sunday night he gave himself up and was taken into custody. There was no charge against him, and in court Captain Reynolds, of the Detective Bureau, explained that Martin's story had been investigated, and he believed that there was no connection between the naphtha launch and the escapade and the Hardy mystery.

Captain Reynolds said last night that there was nothing new in the case. He received the reports of the men who had been working on the case all day, but had no public comment to make on them. The detectives again went out to continue their work.

TO TOW CANAL BOATS.

WORK BEGUN ON AN AUTOMOBILE DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE.

New-Haven, Conn., Nov. 6 (Special).—The Columbia Automobile Company of Hartford has just begun work on an automobile which is designed to take the place of the present motive power on the Erie Canal, and which is to be used to tow the canal boats. The automobile will be the largest and strongest ever made, and will cost about $[illegible]. If the experiment is a success other automobiles will follow. The idea is credited to a New-York syndicate, who have offered to supply the automobiles to the canal company. The machines will be worked by gasolene, and will have a tremendous horse power, sufficient to tow several canal boats. The Columbia Automobile Company now controls all of the old Pope Manufacturing Company automobile business.

HOPES FOR A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

EX-GOVERNOR HOYT SAYS FRIENDS OF THE PROJECT WILL NOT CEASE THEIR EFFORTS.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Ex-Governor John W. Hoyt, chairman of the National committee to promote the establishment of the University of the United States, said to-night that the resolutions adopted by the University Committee of the National Educational Association last week would not cause the friends of the project to cease their efforts in its behalf. He said that the resolutions adopted are misleading in that they declare against Government control and maintenance, as if these were features of the measure before Congress, and also, in his opinion, are indefensible on educational grounds.

"The action of the committee of fifteen," added Mr. Hoyt, "will not affect the general plans of the National University Committee. The latter, composed as it is of hundreds of college and university presidents, to say nothing of a great number of other scholars, scientists and statesmen, and reinforced more and more by well organized and resolute allies in all the States, will continue its efforts until the University of the United States in some acceptable form is established."

BROOKLYN NEWS.

BOTH SIDES CONFIDENT.

REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC LEADERS FIGURING ON THE VOTE.

ASSEMBLY DELEGATION LIKELY TO BE NEARER AN EQUAL DIVISION THAN AT THE LAST ELECTION.

The Republican campaign managers wound up their work last night highly satisfied with the outlook, and they will be greatly disappointed if the election to-day does not result in a small plurality for the county ticket. Lieutenant Governor Woodruff said last night that the result would be close. The Assembly district leaders brought in flattering reports at the final conference at the Jeralemon-st. headquarters at noon. Mr. Woodruff knows that if he can bring down the Democratic plurality of [illegible] last year to little or nothing this fall, it will be a surprisingly good showing, and he is absolutely confident of doing it. The election of James R. Howe, Republican candidate for Register, is almost conceded by the Democrats, and is confidently claimed by the Republicans. Judge Neu said yesterday afternoon that he would be elected Sheriff by eight thousand plurality.

Senator McCarren, who is in charge at Democratic headquarters, yesterday received reports from his district leaders, and afterward said he looked for a big Democratic victory. He said that from the reports received the Democratic plurality should be in the neighborhood of [illegible]. This is too high an estimate, according to more conservative Democrats, who say that their plurality will be under [illegible] and over 5,000.

In case of the Democratic plurality being cut down to [illegible] the Republicans will be able to claim a victory on the fight for Assembly, as they will then gain nearly half a dozen seats. The delegation sent to the lower house in Albany last year numbered only five Republicans. This year the delegation from Brooklyn is likely to be as follows:

1. John R. Morgan (Rep.)	12. Frank J. Price (Rep.)
2. John McKeown (Dem.)	13. Thomas B. Hobbs (Rep.)
3. [illegible] (Dem.)	14. [illegible] Hawkins (Dem.)
4. Charles H. [illegible] (Rep.)	15. Edward H. Schaefer (R.)
5. Andrew [illegible] (Rep.)	16. [illegible] Brennan (Rep.)
6. J. Harper Walker (Rep.)	17. Harris Wilson (Rep.)
7. John B. [illegible] (Dem.)	18. Jacob Remsen (Rep.)
8. Thos. J. Farrell (Dem.)	19. Conrad Hasenflug (Dem.)
9. John J. [illegible] (Dem.)	20. Wm. F. Delaney (Dem.)
10. Edw. [illegible] (Dem.)	21. Herman H. Torborg (D.)
11. Joseph A. Guider (Dem.)	

WAR VETERANS DIVIDED.

INDORSEMENT OF CLARKE DENOUNCED BY FRIENDS OF JUDGE STEELE.

The expected happened yesterday, when a large number of representative Civil War veterans, over their signatures in a statement to the voters of Kings County, repudiated the recent action of the Brooklyn War Veterans and Their Sons' Association, which indorsed John F. Clarke for District Attorney, instead of the Republican candidate, Judge Hiram R. Steele, who served with great gallantry during the Civil War. The president of the War Veterans and Their Sons' Association is Walter Thorne. With reference to the motive animating the association, the friends of District Attorney Steele say:

When Comrade Steele assumed his duties as District Attorney, the then president of the War Veterans and Their Sons' Association recommended for appointment as an Assistant District Attorney the present president of the association.

Comrade Steele, not knowing this man, made inquiry as to his qualifications, and upon information received appointed some one else. Hence the effort to get even, to square things, as it were. Some of the other veterans upon the ticket feel, under the circumstances enumerated above, the whole action to be a pitiful exhibition of spite, and that the indorsement of themselves by name at so late a day was to make the sting of the lash of disappointment more biting to Comrade Steele than it was to advance their interests. This desire to square things has led the authors of the action either to forget or waive, ignore the vital facts that the county had been held practically, if not all, together in the District Attorney's gift bear a [illegible] relation to the office, and hence are beyond the scope of the constitution and veteran preference laws in appointments.

When, by appointment of Governor Roosevelt, Comrade Steele accepted and assumed the duties and responsibilities of District Attorney, he found in the employ of his office two veterans of the War of the Rebellion, both are still there. He has since appointed two more veterans of the Civil War, and a son of a veteran, a daughter of a veteran and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, making out of a total force of [illegible] in the office seven who can be classed as the special proteges of the Brooklyn War Veterans and Their Sons' Association.

We challenge any department in county or borough to equal this record, and ask all earnest, thinking comrades of the war if, in view of these facts, the animus of Comrade Steele implied in the indorsement of Mr. Clarke was not unjust, unkind, ungenerous, and if in this case the boasted "fraternity means something" has not gone entirely to the dogs?

MAY ARREST COLONEL DADY.

DEMOCRATS PREPARING A SURPRISE ON A CHARGE OF COLONIZING VOTERS.

Among other surprises which the Democratic campaign managers in Brooklyn threatened last night to spring this morning was one involving the arrest of "Colonel" Michael J. Dady, for alleged colonization of voters. Affidavits in support of the charge were sworn to before Magistrate Kramer in the Adams-st. police court late yesterday afternoon.

The Democrats say they have discovered many cases of fraudulent registration, and they propose to make the imperturbable Michael suffer for it. It is said that a man named Alfred L. Westerberg is going to swear that "Colonel" Dady corrupted him with the rather modest sum of $1. Westerberg was not corrupted severely, or deeply enough, it seems, and to "get square" he went to Democratic headquarters and unfolded a tale so startling that he had no trouble in getting all the money he wanted for a night's lodging and something to eat and drink besides. The Democrats will, it is alleged, have a warrant ready for "Colonel" Dady, and just before he steps into the polling place the heavy hand of the law will fall on him.

DEMOCRATS FOR NEU AND HOWE.

COLUMBIAN CLUB UPSETS MACHINE CALCULATIONS IN THE THIRTEENTH WARD.

The Columbian Democratic Club of the Thirteenth Ward has come out for Neu and Howe, Republican candidates for Sheriff and Register. The club has a membership of 387, and among them are some of the best known business Democrats in the Eastern District.

This is another blow that the Democratic campaign managers were not prepared for, and the reelection of Assemblyman Dexter is conceded by the Democrats.

The trouble in the Thirteenth Ward is that Warden Patrick Hayes, of the Kings County Penitentiary, the machine leader of the Assembly district, treats the offices to be filled as strictly family perquisites, and never neglects an opportunity to get a relative in.

DEMOCRATIC TRICK DENOUNCED.

Charles Hartzheim, adjutant of Winchester Post, G. A. R., yesterday denounced the attempt of the Democrats to twist correspondence between his post and District Attorney Gardiner, of New-York, into an attack on Judge Steele, Republican candidate for District Attorney. "I have no desire," says Mr. Hartzheim, "that my name shall be attached to a Democratic campaign document for the purpose of defeating Comrade Steele, especially as I have been informed that District Attorney Steele does employ nine veterans and sons of veterans in his office."

REPUBLICANS CONGRATULATE WOODRUFF.

The Stuyvesant Heights Republican Club yesterday forwarded to Lieutenant Governor Woodruff a congratulatory resolution on account of the manner in which he demonstrated the falsity of the charges made by the Democratic candidate for District Attorney in the memorable debate at the Academy of Music on October 31 on the Records bill.

FIVE ARRESTS IN THE HANLON CASE.

John Gibbons, who keeps a saloon at No. 52 Main-st., and four frequenters of his place were arrested last night as an outcome of the finding of Edward Hanlon in an unconscious condition in the hallway of the saloon.

The prisoners were locked up on a charge of intoxication, pending an investigation by the police of the lower Fulton-st. station.

Hanlon, who is thirty-two years old, and lives at No. 266 [illegible]-st., was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital, where it was found that he was suffering from concussion of the brain.

FLORIDA PASTOR CALLED TO BROOKLYN.

A unanimous call has been extended to the Rev. J. J. Parsons, of Jacksonville, Fla., by the Bedford Avenue Baptist Church. Three weeks ago Mr. Parsons preached before the congregation of the church, and made such a favorable impression that the members of the church felt that he could restore the church to its former settled and prosperous condition. The Pulpit Committee asked Mr. Parsons before his departure for Florida if he would accept the call to the pastorate of the church. He replied that he would, if it were unanimous. As the call was unanimous the congregation is now awaiting word from him as to the date when he will assume charge of the parish.

Mr. Parsons is forty years old. Because of the illness of his wife he went to Florida, but the climate did not benefit her and she died.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

The great surplus in the State Treasury, the largest that the State has ever known, is a powerful argument in itself for a continuance of the present political control of the State Government. This surplus has been piled up, notwithstanding that about $250,000 of the State railroad taxes was paid this year to the municipalities and does not figure in the Treasury income, and notwithstanding also that about $600,000 was paid out on account of war expenses and extra compensation for the volunteers. But another big item that properly belongs to the surplus has been overlooked. It is the amount which the Federal Government owes to the State. The State's claim is a large one, and is in process of examination and settlement. If it had all been paid to the State Treasurer prior to October 31 it would have swelled the surplus considerably. As a sure financial asset of the State the claim could at least have been approximately stated in the Controller's report. It should be remembered that the surplus cannot be offset by unpaid treasury debts, because the law makes it mandatory on the Controller to pay off all bills due on and prior to October 31 of each year at the end of the fiscal year. In the country districts the State Administration is judged more by its financial showing than by any other test, and the present exhibit by the State Treasury must have an impressive effect on the rural voter.

The appeal of the Morris County Democratic County Committee to good citizens to support the party ticket because of the issue between Republicans and Democrats of trusts and anti-trusts is signed by William B. Cook. It happens that Mr. Cook is the same Cook who achieved wide and undesirable notoriety during his connection with the Jersey City Water Board, which was and probably is still one of the most unsavory trusts in the State. Not more than one such Cook as he should be needed to spoil the Democratic broth in Morris County.

The Republicans of Somerset and Monmouth counties never have had their duty to their party more clearly defined than it is to-day. That they cannot afford to neglect it they are reminded by what there is at stake. The condition of things within their own party in the State and in the Nation—upon which the New-Jersey election this year has a peculiarly important bearing—should inspire them not only to go to the polls themselves, but to see to it that their Republican neighbors do not stay at home. The activity of the Democrats and the fact that the Democratic State Committee has made special efforts in these two counties should call out every Republican voter. Mr. Bergen in Somerset and Mr. Johnson in Monmouth will remain in private life, which will be advantageous to the people of the State and the counties wherein they live.

Any man who in one breath urges the workingmen to vote for the friends of labor and in the next breath urges them to support Johnson Cornish writes himself down as a friend of labor for revenue only.

WILL BE A LONG LEGAL CONTEST.

JERSEY CITY WILL FIGHT IN THE COURTS FOR ITS RIGHTS IN THE SOUTH COVE.

The failure of the Street and Water Board of Jersey City to secure any proposals for the lease of the South Cove property has induced the officials to institute action against the Central Railroad Company to remove its filling between the city's tract and the inlet or watercourse. The suit will be a long and complicated one. The Legislature made the grant to the city in 1871. The land then fronted on the inlet, which was to be a permanent course. Under the act the Riparian Board was to fix the price of riparian privileges, and placed them at $[illegible]. Mayor O'Neill vetoed the resolution ordering the payment of the money, saying the Cove was a mudhole. The Riparian Board, deciding that the city had forfeited its right to the property, sold it to the Central Railroad Company, and then, to adjust any differences with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, which had acquired the West Line Railroad Company's grant, changed the lines of the inlet two hundred feet to the south. The Central Railroad Company filled in to the new southerly line of the inlet, putting in two hundred feet of earth between the city's grant and the waterway. When Supreme Court Justice Collins was elected Mayor he discovered the old grant, and contended that the Riparian Board had no power to interfere with a grant by the Legislature to the city. Colonel John J. Toffey was State Treasurer at the time, and $[illegible], the price fixed by the Riparian Board, was offered and accepted, and the city then entered suit to oust the Central Railroad and was successful. The act under which the grant was made fixed the lines of the inlet and the land was on the watercourse. The filling is still there, and the city hoped to lease the land and that the lessee would improve it and remove the filling, but was unsuccessful, and now will have a long legal contest over the establishment of the lines of the inlet as originally fixed by the map filed when the Legislature made its grant. The property has been improved all along the land lines and many industries are involved.

NOT THE MURDERER.

A SOUTH ORANGE NURSERYMAN ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HIS RESEMBLANCE TO A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

John M. Miller, a nurseryman, living in South Orange, passed an unpleasant night at Police Headquarters in Newark because of his resemblance to the Brookfield (Mass.) murderer, Paul Miller, who on the night of January 1, 1896, entered the house of Francis D. Newton, in Brookfield, for the purpose of robbery, and murdered Newton, his wife and child. A few days ago the police in South Orange learned that Miller, the nurseryman, corresponded to the description of the murderer, and his movements were watched. It was found that he spent much of his time in a house in Newark, and this was looked upon as suspicious. On Sunday night it was decided to arrest Miller, and he was detained at Police Headquarters until yesterday, when Deputy Sheriff Tarbell, of Massachusetts, arrived to identify the prisoner. Tarbell said the resemblance was remarkable, but that the nurseryman was not the murderer. Miller was then discharged. There is a reward of $5,000 for the murderer.

THIRTY GIRLS ON STRIKE.

Elizabeth, Nov. 6 (Special).—Thirty girls employed as coremakers at the Worthington Pump Works, Elizabethport, are on strike because Mary O'Brien, one of their number, was discharged. The girls demanded that she be taken back, and when Mrs. Hudson, the forewoman, refused to reinstate her, all the girls except three quit work. Some of them went so far as to assault the forewoman, whose hair was pulled and clothing torn by the angry strikers. The strikers also threaten to interfere with the girls who refused to go out. The places of the strikers will probably be filled by other girls, as the firm does not consider the matter serious. They say the girls were tired of working.

NEW WAGE SCALE.

A NUMBER OF LACKAWANNA EMPLOYES TO RECEIVE HIGHER WAGES.

It was officially announced at the Lackawanna Railroad offices in Hoboken last night that the following changes have been made in the wages paid to gatemen at different points along the road: Night men, from $[illegible] per night to $30 a month; day men, from $[illegible] a day to $32.50 a month; $[illegible] a month; $[illegible] a day men to $30 a month. The wages of section foremen have been advanced from $[illegible] a month to $45, $45 to $47.50 and $50 to $55, according to the class. Laborers who have heretofore received $[illegible] a day will be paid at the rate of 12 cents an hour.

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