A DREDGER'S COMPLAINT.

THOMAS POTTER'S DEALINGS WITH THE ENGINEER CORPS.

HE ALLEGES HARASSING METHODS—COLONEL BARLOW'S REPLY THAT ONLY PROPER CAUTION WAS SHOWN.

The following letter was sent to The Tribune recently by Thomas Potter, a Jersey City contractor:

To the Editor of The Tribune:

Sir: The assumption that the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., are infallible in judgment and immaculate in virtue received a rude shock in the developments of the case of the late Captain O. M. Carter, and more recently in the just strictures of your special correspondent upon the present Chief of Engineers. "There are others," and if you will send your representative to me I will give him facts showing conduct on the part of officers of this much vaunted corps which among gentlemen and business men would be regarded as the reverse of honorable or honest.

THOMAS POTTER.

A Tribune reporter was sent to Mr. Potter's office and the latter then made and signed the following statement:

All contracts made with the Engineers' Department, United States Army, are loaded with specifications of such a character that the engineer having charge of the work has it in his power, by an arbitrary interpretation of one or more clauses, to make work unprofitable to any contractor who happens to be persona non grata to that office. The same work at the same price may be made handsomely remunerative to a contractor who happens to be in the good graces of the office.

I made a contract last September with United States Engineer Officer Colonel J. W. Barlow, to do certain work dredging South Amboy channel, New-Jersey. After my bid had been accepted I was subjected to serious delays in the forwarding and handling of preparations of the necessary documents. When the contract had been approved by the Chief of Engineers, Brigadier-General Wilson, I was held back from the commencement of the work for an unreasonable length of time, to my serious damage, and at the time of the year when each day was becoming less suitable and less valuable for work than the preceding day.

The work for which I contracted involved two classes of material, one-fourth of which being of a character requiring a special plant for its performance. My intention, and a reasonable one, a business intention, was to pursue the work for the balance of the season, which ends on the 15th day of December, with such plant as was suitable to three-fourths of the work, having perfected arrangements with responsible parties to place upon the work in the beginning of spring suitable and sufficient plant to complete all the work within time fixed by the contract, which plant is now at work and progressing at such a rate as will complete the job within the time required.

On November 20, when but about three weeks of the working season remained, the engineer, Colonel Barlow, made a formal demand of me that I put at once said special plant on the work. At the same time gave information to the only parties having that class of plant unemployed of the demand made upon me, thereby placing me at the mercy of said parties.

An appeal made by me to the Secretary of War protesting against this treatment, and asking that I might have the opportunity of refuting by competent testimony—if I could—any reply that the engineer, Colonel Barlow, might make to my protest, was referred by the Secretary of War through the Chief of Engineers, Brigadier-General Wilson, to the accused officer. Upon the latter's answer, which in several, in fact all, material particulars was at variance with the truth, his action was sustained, and he was authorized to withhold payment to me of several thousand dollars which had been earned and which had become due.

This action on the part of the Secretary of War, Elihu Root, practically relieved the American Surety Company of the responsibility it had been paid to assume, by substituting money belonging to me for their bond. Whether the fact that the Secretary of War, Elihu Root, is a stockholder and official of the said American Surety Company influenced him to refuse me a hearing, and decide as he did, is an open question.

I am prepared fully to substantiate any and all of the statements made above. The documents are in my possession.

Colonel J. W. Barlow, of the United States Engineer Corps, in explaining the contract which Mr. Potter claims has worked him so much injustice, said to a Tribune reporter yesterday:

"There has been a controversy between this man and the Government officials ever since November 13 last, when he was notified that he was not working fast enough. The trouble has been simply this, that Mr. Potter did not have an adequate plant to work with.

"He contracted with the Government on September 5 to dredge out 320,000 cubic yards of material from the South Amboy channel at the rate of 12 4-10 cents a yard. The work, as specified in the contract, was to begin fifteen days after it was approved by General Wilson, head of the United States Engineer Corps at Washington. It was approved on September 23. Nevertheless, Mr. Potter did not begin work until October 16. And yet he says that delay has been caused him in beginning the work.

"According to this contract the work is to be completed by May 31.

"Within a month after Mr. Potter began, we saw that he would never accomplish the job at the rate he was working. He was only using one scoop shovel in removing the softer material. Accordingly, we notified him on November 13 that it would be necessary for him to increase his plant. This we had a perfect right to do, since there is a provision in the contract which permits such oversight on the part of the Government engineer officials. Of this provision Mr. Potter was aware when he signed the contract. Nevertheless, he has complained of such interference.

"Instead of increasing his plant and working faster Mr. Potter began to talk, and has been talking ever since. He sent a petition to the Secretary of War protesting against our urging him and threatening to contract for other dredgers if he did not use greater expedition. He did this in spite of the section in the contract which he had signed.

"Secretary Root consulted with General Wilson and the Judge-Advocate, and thereupon dismissed the complaint.

"Mr. Potter received no payment for his work in October and November at that time because he persisted in removing only the soft mud without disturbing the hard clay. The rate for dredging soft mud is about nine cents a cubic yard. Accordingly, we could not pay him 12 4-10 cents a yard, which is the average price for both soft and hard material.

"By this time winter had set in, and we did not disturb Mr. Potter by putting other dredges to work, as we had a right to do. Nevertheless, we explained to him that he must increase his plant in the spring, and gave him a month to do it in. Accordingly, he began work on April 1, instead of March 1. As he did not have sufficient machinery himself, he contracted with R. G. Packard & Co. to do the work for him. This concern immediately put a scoop and a clam shell shovel at work, and only the other day began operating a third shovel. Since the sub-contractor has had the work it has advanced rapidly. He has done more in one month than Mr. Potter did in the two months he was working alone.

"There still remain 160,000 cubic yards to be removed, and at the present rate of six thousand yards a day, Mr. Potter will just about complete his work before May 31.

"I do not see why he complains. Only last Monday he received $17,000 or more, which pays him up in full for the months of October, November and April. He is nothing out of pocket except the sum of $400 for material which he himself acknowledges was improperly dumped."

The South Amboy channel which Mr. Potter is dredging is to have a depth of twenty-one feet. It is a favorite waterway in winter time between Southern ports and New-York City, because of being sheltered from ocean gales. For this reason it is sometimes called the "inside route to New-York."

DISABLED STEAMER BEING TOWED.

London, June 17.—The French steamer Burgundia, Captain Buhe, which sailed from New-Orleans April 26 for Marseilles, and which, as before reported, arrived at Fayal, Azores, on May 30, in tow, with machinery disabled, is being towed to Gibraltar.

FUR MERCHANT'S BODY TO BE SENT WEST.

The identification of G. R. Rummelin, who committed suicide on the Staten Island ferryboat Southfield on Friday morning, was conclusively made yesterday by Henry Grubenbecher, of No. 429 West Twenty-fourth-st.

This telegram was received yesterday from P. Rummelin, of Portland, Ore., one of the dead man's sons:

Please inform A. Frazer to send body of G. R. Rummelin by Union Pacific Railroad. Frank Rummelin will meet train at Omaha. Telegraph me immediately number of train and time body will be shipped.

Alfred Frazer, who is referred to in the telegram, is the agent in New-York for Lampson, the London fur broker, with offices at No. 60 Wall-st.

WOMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Mrs. Daniel Rogan, forty-five years old, of Croton, was struck and killed by a train on the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad at Peekskill last night. Her skull was crushed in.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate

A Great Tonic.

Invigorates and strengthens the system, relieves nervousness and headache, and creates a good appetite.

Genuine bears name HORSFORD'S on wrapper.

CLARK'S VICTORY OVER DALY.

MONTANA DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES NEARLY ALL IN FORMER'S FAVOR.

Helena, Mont., June 17.—Democratic primaries have been held in every county. Senator Clark's friends carried nineteen counties, and divided delegations in one. The Daly forces carried four counties. Not a single State officer who signed the protest against Senator Clark being admitted to a seat in the United States Senate is sent to his county convention or State Convention. Clark will head the delegation to Kansas City.

BOYCOTT TO BE USED IN ST. LOUIS.

WHOLE POWER OF FEDERATION OF LABOR TO BE USED AGAINST STREET RAILROAD COMPANY.

St. Louis, June 17.—The controversy between the Transit company and its striking employes has developed into a struggle between capital and labor along the lines of a boycott. President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor has declared he will do all in his power to bring the influence of the whole body of organized labor in America to bear upon the local situation in an effort to win the strike for the union. Mr. Gompers urges the strikers to be law abiding, but advises them to make the operation of the cars as expensive as possible by refusing to patronize them. The boycott to be declared, strike leaders say, will apply not only to the St. Louis Transit Company, but to every business man, every association and, in fact, any corporation or individual favoring it in any way.

President Mahon of the International Association of Amalgamated Street Railway Employes, when asked what his association would do in the premises, said:

This is now a fight to a finish. President Gompers told me that he proposed to turn the entire power of the American Federation of Labor, with its membership of two million, against the Transit company and fight the issue out if it takes five years to do it. The American Federation of Labor regards the attitude of the St. Louis Transit Company as a direct stab at the vital principles of unionism.

I intend to start out at the beginning of next week stumping the State of Illinois, making a direct appeal to all the labor unions of that State for funds to maintain the general boycott, after which I will visit all of the Southern States, where I am well known, and where I expect to raise a large portion of the funds.

WOMAN'S BEHEST STARTS FIGHT.

BULLETS FLY FAST FROM COLORED MEN'S AND POLICEMAN'S REVOLVERS.

Benjamin Kelsey, a colored man, seventeen years old, of No. 223 West Sixty-third-st., called last night on Miss Tootsie Enderkin in Ninety-seventh-st., whom he hopes some day to marry. She told him that Robert Jackson, of No. 3,340 Third-ave., a rival suitor, had just left the house after insulting her. She told Kelsey he must go forth and get Jackson's blood or she would discard him.

"I'll get him, and get him quick," replied the ardent colored youth. He found Jackson and several others on the stoop of No. 210 East Ninety-seventh-st. Kelsey demand that Jackson apologize.

"'Polgize? Gwan, you young fool nigger!" he shouted, jumping from his seat and rushing at Kelsey. He hit the latter with the butt end of his revolver and the vengeance seeker dropped like a dead man. He recovered after a few moments, and with drawn razor started for Jackson.

The latter waited until Kelsey got within good range and then began to shoot. Bullets were too many for Kelsey, and he fled toward Third-ave. A friend of Jackson's on the stoop pulled his revolver and began to fire at the fleeing Kelsey.

Policeman McAvoy, coming up, yelled to both men to stop firing. They ignored him and he began to shoot at them. It was a regular little San Juan Hill while it lasted. Jackson and Kelsey were arrested.

ALLEGED TO HAVE IMPRISONED A GIRL.

A "PROFESSOR OF PHRENOLOGY" ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF ABDUCTION.

Charles Clark, a "professor of phrenology," is locked up at the New-Rochelle police station on the charge of abduction preferred against him by the parents of Rosa Fickens, eighteen years old. It is alleged that Miss Fickens went to Clark's home on the invitation of his little daughter to spend the evening, and that he locked her in a room and kept her there several days while her parents were searching for her all over the city. Clark's wife was away from home.

Clark denies that the girl was kept away from home against her will.

STONEMASONS' STRIKE SETTLED.

IT BEGAN IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY ON MAY 1—EIGHT HOUR DAY GRANTED.

The strike of the stonemasons and bricklayers of Westchester County, which began on May 1, has been settled, and the men, numbering about two thousand, will return to work to-day. The employers and President Cline, representing the International Union of America, have agreed on a scale of wages to be the standard for the next two years. Eight hours is to constitute a day's work.

It is believed that building, which has been at a standstill in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New-Rochelle and other places, will now be revived.

ICE TRUST CARD ON A "FLOATER."

The body of a man was found in the East River off Barretto Point at Tiffany-ave. yesterday. The body was discovered by William Hartin, of No. 3,017 Third-ave. On it was found a card of the American Ice Company, Ninety-sixth-st. and the North River, and containing in ink and almost illegible because of the action of the water what seemed to be the name of E. Krulich, cigars, No. 226 East One-hundred-and-tenth-st.

DROWNED GIRL'S BODY RECOVERED.

The body of Elizabeth B. Crandall, of No. 71 West One-hundred-and-fourth-st., who was drowned with Anna Hussey, her girl friend, while on the excursion of the Sunday school of the West End Presbyterian Church, at Oscawana Island, was recovered yesterday morning. It was found within fifteen feet of the rock from which the girls slipped.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE AND DIED.

Carl Berger, fifty years old, of No. 13 Paterson-st., Harrison, got up some time during Saturday night and went to a closet to get some rochelle salts kept in a bottle there. By mistake he took oxalic acid and died this morning. He leaves a family.

ROBERT LISTER APPEARS TO BE MISSING.

Robert Lister, a wealthy manufacturer in Newark, whose wife has begun proceedings for divorce, cannot be found to serve papers upon, and it is reported that he has gone to Europe. The marital troubles of the Listers have been before the Newark public for two years. On a previous occasion the wife sought a limited divorce, but the parties were brought together, and Lister gave his wife $10,000 as a peace offering. They have since been living at the Continental Hotel in Newark.

NEW CHURCH AT SOUTH ORANGE.

South Orange, June 17 (Special).—The South Orange Methodist Episcopal Church has adopted plans for the erection of a new church building on the corner of South Orange-ave. and Prospect-st. The church will be built of stone, and so arranged that the main auditorium will open into the chapel by sliding doors. The main church will seat 450 people and the chapel 300, giving a total of 750. There is to be a women's parlor, a separate primary Sunday school room and a dining room and kitchen with all modern appliances. The Building Committee consists of F. J. Lovatt, L. F. Burke, George L. Taggart, A. C. Babson, Charles W. Gaudineer, B. R. Bacon, W. H. Evans, C. W. Smith and the pastor, the Rev. H. F. Randolph, ex officio.

LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Princeton, June 17.—The annual commencement exercises of the Lawrenceville School, which began yesterday, were continued to-day. The Rev. Dr. Simon J. McPherson, the headmaster, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class. To-night the Rev. William E. Elsing, of New-York, delivered the annual sermon before the Christian Association. To-morrow morning the class championship track games will be held, and the prize declamation contest will come off in the evening. The commencement will conclude on Tuesday, with the class day exercises in the morning and the founder's day address in the afternoon by Colonel John J. McCook, LL. D., of New-York.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

FATAL LEAP FROM A CAR.

A WOMAN JUMPS AFTER HER HUSBAND, WHO FALLS OFF STEP.

Mrs. Lena Randhare, thirty-five years old, of No. 99½ East Eighth-st., Manhattan, who jumped from a trolley car of the Grand-st. and Newtown line early yesterday morning, after her husband had accidentally fallen from the step of the car, died four hours later in St. Catharine's Hospital from her injuries. The car was proceeding rapidly along the Fresh Pond Road, near Maspeth, Long Island, going to Williamsburg. When the car was finally stopped Randhare and his wife were found lying unconscious in the street about two blocks apart. They were brought to Williamsburg on the car, which was met at Grand-st. and Bushwick-ave. by an ambulance and both were taken to the hospital. The woman was found to have sustained a compound fracture of the base of the skull, while Randhare's right leg was broken and he had received internal injuries. His condition is still critical.

Randhare with his wife had attended the annual picnic of the employes of Post & McCord's Iron Works, which was held in Monteverdes Park, Maspeth. It was shortly after midnight when they left the park with a party of friends to return to their home. The party boarded car No. 888, which was filled with the picnickers. Mrs. Randhare managed to find a seat and her husband took a place beside her, standing on the step of the car. While the car was moving rapidly Randhare was thrown from the car at a curve. A cry of horror went up from the passengers and, according to some of the passengers, the motorman continued to go at a high speed despite the signal which was given to him to stop. In her frenzy to learn whether her husband had been killed Mrs. Randhare jumped to the street.

After the car had proceeded another block some of the passengers pulled the trolley pole from the wire and the car stopped. There was indignation among the passengers, and the motorman in vindication of himself declared that he knew nothing of the accident.

MEMORIAL TO JOHN T. HOWARD.

A BRONZE TABLET IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH UNVEILED.

A handsome bronze tablet in memory of John Tasker Howard, the founder of Plymouth Church, was unveiled after the morning service in Plymouth yesterday in the vestibule of the church. Thomas G. Shearman and George H. Day, two of the oldest and most prominent members of the church, made addresses. Mr. Day unveiled the tablet. The widow of Mr. Howard and several grandchildren were present at the ceremony. The Rev. Dr. Hillis pronounced the benediction.

Mr. Shearman in his speech referred to the fact that Mr. Howard was the founder of the church.

"This church was his idea," said Mr. Shearman. "It never would have existed had it not been for him. It was he who was the means of bringing Henry Ward Beecher to this church. In 1846 he bought this property. Mr. Beecher was asked to speak here, and the people became so much in love with him that a call was issued. Mr. Howard was the first officer of the church and the society. After the church had started successfully Mr. Howard withdrew from active participation in its affairs."

The tablet is placed next to Mr. Beecher's in the vestibule. A quotation from Mr. Beecher forms part of the inscription on the tablet, which reads as follows:

JOHN TASKER HOWARD,
Founder of Plymouth Church.
"The earliest, the latest, the most loyal and faithful friend of Henry Ward Beecher."
December 28, 1808. March 22, 1888.

"THE JOY OF SELF-SACRIFICE."

SERMON BY THE REV. DR. NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis preached in Plymouth Church yesterday morning on "The Joy of Self-Sacrifice as Interpreting the Obligation Thereto."

In the evening there was a meeting on education. Brief addresses were made by Dr. Hillis, Dr. Truman J. Backus, president of Packer Institute; Professor Lawrence W. Hull, Professor A. L. Williston and others.

In the morning Dr. Hillis said in part:

For thoughtful men the constitution of the world without and also of the mind within point toward joy and happiness as the end of creation. In the world without are beautiful things for the eye, delightful things for the ear and sweet things for the palate; and the grains and fruits never fail nor do the fountains dry up. Moreover, man's appetites and desires within correspond to these good things without. Man's every desire, his very passions, his ambitions for knowledge and property and good name, his affections, all point toward happiness and satisfaction. Indeed, even he who transgresses the laws of nature and of God will experience happiness for a time, until, through the transgression, the string upon which he is playing is impaired. Men who are good livers in the interest of their own appetites keep within the borders of gluttony. Daily they experience keen hunger, and having wealth to gratify their appetites their dinners are events, and the pleasures of hands many and rich are pleasures not to be despised.

Nor are the reformers and philanthropists without their great rewards. When a man feels that he has lessened ignorance and bondage and helped expel fear and superstition from the world there come to him hours when he is conscious of a great, deep peace.

Christ experienced joy in His sacrifice and gladness in His redemptive work. In those closing hours of His career He clearly foresaw the certain end toward which events were moving. And when He saw that the enthusiasm of the common people ebbed away, when He discerned the plots and counterplots that were being organized against His life, and knew that the only result could be His death at the hands of either the riotous mob or of the astute leaders thereof, He looked forward to the end not simply with calmness and equanimity, but even with joy and victory. And we are told that He accepted the result, not with resignation and contentment, but that His peace rose into the realm of happiness, and at last of outbreaking joy. For He fully recognized what vast increments of good were to come to the people through His self-sacrificing death, and joy buoyed His spirits up and swept Him on to victory.

SOME CHURCHES CLOSED FOR SUMMER.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNION SERVICES BY MANY OTHERS.

Some of Brooklyn's churches are already closed for the summer. Yesterday was the last service for the season in many, and after next Sunday a large number of churches will unite in union services for the summer while the pastors are away on vacation.

Yesterday the congregation of the Reformed Church on the Heights worshipped with the Second Presbyterian Church, and next Sunday the congregations of Plymouth Church and the Church of the Pilgrims will join in the union services to be held in the Second Presbyterian Church in July and August.

On July 1 the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church will join the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church for the summer services that are to be held in the building of the latter church. The Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Memorial Presbyterian, Grace Methodist Episcopal and First Reformed churches will on the same day begin a series of union services, to be held in the Sixth Avenue Church. The Washington Avenue Baptist and the Classon Avenue Presbyterian churches will hold union services, one month in each church, during July and August.

CORNERSTONE LAID IN ASTORIA.

The cornerstone of the building of St. Stephen's Baptist Church, colored, was laid in Astoria yesterday. The principal address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. MacArthur. The Grand Lodge of Colored Masons, in full regalia, was in attendance, and the cornerstone was put in place with a silver trowel by Grand Master E. V. Eato. The new church is in Cornelia-st.

Dr. MacArthur spoke in high terms of the colored race, and at the close of his speech received a handsome bouquet from Gertrude Davis, a six-year-old colored girl. In thanking her Dr. MacArthur kissed her, and was loudly cheered.

Ex-City Treasurer Lucien Knapp and ex-Judge Manley also spoke. Among those present was Mrs. Hunt, the colored woman of Ravenswood, who says she has lived 108 years. A collection of $1,000 was taken up.

TO RECEIVE BISHOP J. W. HAMILTON.

Arrangements are being made by the De Kalb Avenue Methodist Church for a public reception for the Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton, recently elected a bishop. Bishop Hamilton, who is now in Boston, will be the guest of his brother, Dr. Hamilton, in Brooklyn, on June 22. Bishop Hamilton will give an illustrated lecture in the De Kalb Avenue Church on "China and the Chinese."

BELONGING TO THE NOBILITY.

From The Philadelphia North American.

"I wasn't aware, dear, that you had married a title."

"Oh, yes," responded the bride. "I married the prince of good fellows."

COURTROOM FINISHED AT LAST.

CONTRACT CALLS FOR $9,000; SHERIFF BAKER DOES THE WORK FOR $500.

County Judge Harrison S. Moore, of Queens County, will this morning occupy the courtroom on the first floor of the courthouse in Long Island City which cost a large amount of money in furnishing, but which has stood idle for two years because alterations were not carried out.

The bench, witness chair and the jurors' box cost $9,000, and the rest of the furnishings and fittings cost in proportion. But the jurors' box was so high that the lawyers to talk to the jury had either to stand on the opposite side of the room or else inside the inclosure reserved for the jurors. There were other ridiculous mistakes in construction.

Judges Garretson and Moore conferred with the Board of Supervisors relative to having the alterations made. Figures were obtained, and the estimated cost of carrying out the judges' suggestions was another $9,000. Deputy Commissioner of Buildings Joel Fowler caused plans to be made. The contract was awarded to Quinn Brothers. The Board of Supervisors, which insists that it has not been legislated out of office, obtained an injunction restraining the contracting firm from touching the building.

Judge Moore had to have the courtroom this morning, and on Tuesday directed Sheriff Baker to hire men and have the work done. The Sheriff obeyed, and last night he was showing the room altered under his supervision and under the plans of the judges, and boasting what a fine job he had done. He also had with him an itemized account, which, he said, included everything, even to the nails, putty and paint, and it footed up a little more than $500.

COLER'S PASTOR ON ICE TRUST.

SAYS WE ARE MEETING THE UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICIAN WITH ONE OF CLEANER SORT.

"We are meeting the unscrupulous politician with one of the cleaner sort," said the Rev. Dr. A. S. Kavanagh, pastor of the New-York Avenue Methodist Church, in his sermon last night. This is the church that Controller Coler is a member of. Dr. Kavanagh had announced that he would preach on a theme suggested by the Ice Trust scandal in New-York City. He opened his remarks by saying that the same internal foes and forces which accomplished the ruin of Troy, Babylon and Nineveh now threatened New-York.

Dr. Kavanagh took his text from Jeremiah v, 31: "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?" He said in part:

In the text is an awful picture of national and religious declination. Prophets and priests are corrupt, but, worse than that, the people love to have them so. And that is the worst possible of things. It is a long time since the evils of the text confronted Israel; but as great evils confront us today. These evils are accentuated by events that are transpiring in this city to-day. It is a well known fact that the history of every great city is the history of many cities. The history of Troy and Jerusalem, of Babylon and Nineveh, is the history of many cities. In every case you have the story of a wooden horse. In other words, the ruin and destruction are from the inside.

When Babylon fell her ruin was from the inside. The fall of the late Transvaal, at the last analysis, is from the inside. The dismemberment of China, which is sure to come, is brought on herself.

Are there not lessons in this history for us? First, the forces of intemperance; second, anarchy and mob law; third, the undigested and indigestible part of our foreign population; fourth, the unscrupulous politician, who is in office for what he can get out of it. How are we meeting these foes? We are meeting the unscrupulous politician with one of the cleaner sort. We are meeting these foes with a higher standard of righteousness.

Now let us apply this line of argument to the Church. The Church has never been smitten to her permanent hurt by outside foes. The Church's only danger is from inside foes. Two of these foes are: First, the inconsistent lives of many of her sons and daughters, and, second, the inconsistent lives of some of her ministers. The minister vows to subordinate wealth, office and position to the work of the Church. When he becomes an office hunting, money hunting clergyman, he is ruining the Church from the inside. As well be a fox hunting clergyman of Wesley's time as a money hunting, office hunting clergyman of to-day.

C. A. MOORE BACK FROM EUROPE.

DESCRIBES AN IMPRESSIVE RECEPTION OF THE DIXIE'S MEN BY THE POPE.

"It was wonderful and impressive, and the way those cheering sailormen from the Dixie received the Pope's attention was characteristic of the American volunteers," said Charles A. Moore, president of the Montauk Club and one of the Kings County delegates to Philadelphia, yesterday. Mr. Moore has just returned, after a six months' European tour, with his family. Mrs. Moore, the two daughters and the younger son, Eugene, will spend the sumer in Switzerland. Charles Arthur Moore, of the class of '02 at Yale, returned with his father and will be associated with him in business this summer.

After a seven weeks' stay in Egypt, devoted to seeing the Pyramids, the Nile and the sport of donkey and camel riding, Mr. Moore and his family crossed to Athens. Mr. Moore, in describing his journey after that, said:

We went to the beautiful island of Corfu, near Italy, at the mouth of the Adriatic. Then to Naples, and in that sunny country we spent several weeks. We remained in Rome three weeks, and the most important incident in our travels occurred there. We saw His Holiness the Pope, and I shall never forget the scene. On the same day a hundred jackies and marines from the United States warship Dixie, which lay in the harbor of Naples on her way to Manila, had an audience with the Holy Father. I secured tickets which admitted me to the Sistine Chapel, and soon the sailormen came marching in, two by two, and stood in double file awaiting the coming of the Pope. When His Holiness appeared in his throne chair, carried by four men, the scene was impressive. I can never forget it. When the men of the Dixie saw the Pope wave the Stars and Stripes they gave three ringing cheers, which echoed and re-echoed through the chapel. The Pope was visibly affected at the cheering and he bowed right and left.

One thing that amused me and seemed to please the Pope was the cry of the Dixie's men. It was, "Who are we? Who are we? De-x-i-e—Dixie."

After leaving Rome we travelled about and visited Venice, Monte Carlo, Nice, Marseilles, and finally found ourselves in Paris. There we remained three weeks seeing the sights—the Exposition mostly. It was unfinished then. Its buildings are hardly as imposing as those of our World's Fair, but the exhibits are of great variety and high quality.

MOTORMAN HOLDS CROWD AT BAY.

THREATENED BECAUSE HIS CAR HAD CUT OFF THE LEG OF AN ITALIAN BOY.

The left leg of Frank Colombo, seven years old, whose parents live at No. 9 Withers-st., was cut off yesterday afternoon by a trolley car of the Union-ave. line at Union-ave. and Withers-st. When the accident occurred the boy was crossing the street. The neighborhood is thickly populated with Italians, and an attempt was made to assault the motorman, Thomas Early, of No. 511 Myrtle-ave.

Early kept the excited crowd at bay with a brass motor handle in one hand and a switch iron in the other, threatening to brain the first man who attempted to lay hands on him. Policeman Finn, of the Bedford-ave. station, after sending a call to the Eastern District Hospital for an ambulance, forced his way through the crowd with his club. The motorman was not arrested.

AN ENGAGEMENT CELEBRATION.

The engagement of Miss Dora Byk, the daughter of Max Byk, to Max Singer, of Manhattan, was celebrated at the home of the young woman's parents last night. A bower of oak leaves and roses was constructed in the garden, and in this the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. L. N. Nelson, of Temple Israel. Among those present were Controller Coler, Peter P. Huberty, Justice Adolph Goething and Bridge Commissioner Shea. A supper followed the ceremony.

THREATENS TO SHOOT BROTHER'S SLAYER

The body of Patrick Varley, who was shot and killed by Policeman Cornelius, of the Greenpoint-ave. station, early on Saturday morning, after he had escaped arrest for assaulting his wife and the officer, was removed to his home, No. 85 Greenpoint-ave., on Saturday night, where it has since been surrounded by mourners. When Coroner Delap went to the house yesterday he found the family and friends of the dead man in an excited condition. They declared that Varley had been a good man. Maggie Varley, a sister of the dead man, was particularly demonstrative, and declared to the Coroner that she would shoot the slayer of her brother if she had a revolver. Seeing that the mourners were greatly excited the Coroner went to the Greenpoint-ave. station, where he advised the sergeant to be ready to quell any disturbance which might break out in Varley's home.

IDENTIFIED BY SHREDS OF CLOTHING.

The body of Cæsar Gude, the engineer and machinist in Weidmann's cooperage, who, with several other employes, lost his life in the fire which destroyed the plant on Tuesday, was buried in Evergreens Cemetery yesterday from an undertaking establishment at No. 329 South First-st.

The body of Charles Colwell, of No. 62 North Ninth-st., has been identified through shreds of clothing clinging to it. It will be buried to-day in Calvary Cemetery.

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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI AT PATERSON.

FIVE THOUSAND PRIESTS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETIES IN A PARADE.

Paterson, June 17 (Special).—A celebration such as, it is believed, was never before witnessed in the United States was observed here to-day.

It was the feast of Corpus Christi, and thousands of people journeyed to St. Bonaventure's Roman Catholic Church and participated in the observance arranged by the Franciscans. High mass was sung at 9:30 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock a procession was formed, in which priests and members of societies to the number of five thousand paraded through the principal streets in the western part of the city. A platoon of police led the procession, and another brought up the rear. The Blessed Sacrament was carried under a canopy. All the houses were decorated with flowers and bunting, and on the stoops of several residences altars had been erected. At two points benediction was given. The streets in the vicinity were crowded.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HORSE SHOW.

Long Branch, June 17 (Special).—The seventh annual exhibition of the Monmouth County Horse Show Association will be given at Hollywood Park on July 26, 27 and 28. The prizes this year aggregate $4,000. There are twenty-one special prizes, donated by A. Batonyi, for best driving of pairs; Robert McCreery, best driving of child's pony by children; Mrs. N. L. Munro, best single horse suitable for station work, shown to a four-wheel cart; Edward F. Murphy, best horse to a runabout, over 14.3 and not exceeding 15.2 hands; Jacob Rothschild, best horse in novice class, dealers and professionals barred; West End Hotel, best high stepper; Edward Kemp, best pair of high steppers; Howland Hotel, best high stepper, not exceeding 15 hands; Fiss, Doerr & Carroll, best harness horse shown to a gig; Brewster & Co., best pair of horses to be shown before a demi-mail, spider or Stanhope phaeton; J. T. Hyde, best women's saddle horse, women to ride; J. J. O'Donohue, jr., best single horse; R. F. Carman, best stallion, mare or gelding exceeding 15.2 hands; Thomas A. Maitland, best pair of horses, not exceeding 15.2 hands; James Smith, jr., best single horse, any size; Hollywood Hotel and Cottage Company, best stallion, mare or gelding over 15.3 hands; Myron H. Oppenheim, best stallion, mare or gelding over 14.1 and not exceeding 15 hands; James M. Smith, best roadster and best appointed turnout.

BROTHERHOODS DECORATE GRAVES.

Phillipsburg, June 17.—The annual memorial day exercises of the Federated Railroad Brotherhoods of this vicinity was celebrated to-day. Graves of deceased Brotherhood men were decorated in the Phillipsburg and Easton, Penn., cemeteries, and memorial services were held in Ortygia Hall. Mayor Bowers delivered the address of welcome, and addresses were made by P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; M. M. Dauphin, first vice-president of the Order of Railway Conductors; C. A. Wilson, second vice-grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and others. To-night the railroad men listened to a sermon by the Rev. C. L. Oswald in Bethany United Evangelical Church, Easton.

NEWARK BOY CAUGHT ROBBING A TILL.

Simon Stickler, a grocer at No. 106 Howard-st., Newark, has missed money and groceries from his store at various times, and he was unable to account for the disappearances until Saturday, at midnight. Then he saw Harry Levanthall, thirteen years old, who lives in apartments in the same building, slyly unfasten the clasp of a rear window of the store. His suspicions aroused, the grocer notified two special officers, and when the store was closed a watch was set. At 1:30 a. m. Levanthall and a companion approached the window. Levanthall opened it and climbed in. The boy was rifling the money drawer when one of the officers caught him. The boy was committed for trial in the police court.

ICEMAN KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.

Somerville, June 17 (Special).—Portions of a human body were found scattered along the tracks of the Central Railroad for a half-mile between this place and Raritan at daylight this morning. For a time it was impossible to identify the body. It was finally learned that Martin Tolman, an iceman in the employ of Gallagher & Richards, at Raritan, was missing, and his family was able to identify some portions of the clothing. He leaves a widow and five children.

RUTGERS COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

New-Brunswick, June 17 (Special).—The exercises of the 134th annual commencement of Rutgers College were begun in New-Brunswick this evening, when the baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the senior class by the Rev. J. Houston Eccleston, rector of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore.

BEATEN BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT.

Elizabeth, June 17 (Special).—In an affray at Cranford last night James Clark, of Brooklyn, was seriously beaten on the head with a club and stabbed in the face. He was brought to the Elizabeth General Hospital. The physicians there say he will recover. Clark's assailant is unknown.

FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION DISBANDED.

IT PAID BENEFITS TO THE FAMILIES OF MEMBERS WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE.

The New-Jersey State Firemen's Association, which has been in existence for years, was disbanded by a vote of the association at a meeting in Newark on Saturday. The membership of the association was composed of the department chiefs and other officers belonging to the fire departments throughout the State, and a beneficent feature was the payment of $250 to the family of a deceased member. Some of the members sought to use it for other purposes.

Last winter a bill was introduced in the Legislature from Hudson County which conferred on chiefs powers that made them practically independent of the Fire Commissioners. For a time the bill received the support of the Newark firemen, but the Newark Fire Commissioners let it be understood that department officials lobbying for the bill would lose favor, and the bill was defeated. This incensed the Hudson County members.

Chief Connelly, of Jersey City, was president of the association, and presided at the meeting on Saturday. There was some acrimonious talk, and finally a motion was made that the association be dissolved. The motion was promptly seconded and carried.

HAD COURAGE, BUT LACKED STRENGTH.

Asbury Park, June 17 (Special).—Miss Ella R. Richards, proprietor of the Carlton, showed her courage last night by trying to hold a burglar who had broken into the cottage of Mrs. Marion E. Uhl, of Washington, D. C. The Uhl cottage adjoins the Carlton House. Last evening, when Miss Richards heard a scream, she hurried out of her hotel and learned that the alarm came from her neighbor's home. A moment later she encountered a man on the stairs leading to the second story. Miss Richards grappled with the man, but he broke from her grasp and escaped through a window. Miss Richards gave the alarm, and Albert Saunders, who happened to be passing, started after the man, crying "Stop, thief!" as he ran. The burglar was caught near the beach. He is John Curry, of Trenton, and is wanted by the police of that city.

CHILD DIES FROM EFFECT OF BURNS.

Elizabeth, June 17 (Special).—William Masterson, four years old, died to-night in the Alexian Hospital, Elizabeth, from the effects of burns. He and two other boys were playing on Saturday near a bonfire, when one of them made a torch of paper, ignited it, and in some way Willie's dress caught fire. The little fellow's screams were heard by his mother and Mrs. William Moore, who ran to his assistance. Their hands were severely burned trying to pull the blazing garments from his body.

DECORATING THE GRAVES OF KNIGHTS.

Plainfield, June 17.—The annual custom of observing the third Sunday in June as decoration day was followed by the Knights of Pythias of Plainfield to-day. The services in connection with the observation were in charge of Crescent Commandery, uniform rank, which was assisted in observing the day by a delegation of members from Rathbone Commandery, of Brooklyn. The graves of all dead members of the Knights of Pythias were visited and decorated with imposing ceremonies.

FLAG FOR BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Bloomfield, June 17 (Special).—A flag will be presented to the new Prospect-st. public school in this place on July 4 by the Junior Order, United American Mechanics. A street parade will precede the presentation, in which members of the Junior Order from all parts of the State are to take part. The members of the Board of Education and Town Council, Westminster Cadet Corps, Sons of Veterans and others have been invited to take part.

COURT DECIDES IN FAVOR OF MRS. KAY.

Paterson, June 17 (Special).—Mrs. Elizabeth Kay has been awarded the possession of a part of the estate of the late George Beesely, the eccentric machinist who was said to be New-