

THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

AFFAIRS OF THE BOROUGH ON LONG ISLAND—HAPPENINGS IN SUFFOLK AND NASSAU.

SIEGE BATTERY K READY

PREPARED AT ANY TIME TO GO TO CHINA, IF NEEDED.

Ready at any time to go to China or anywhere else, for that matter, that Uncle Sam may order, Siege Battery K of the 5th Artillery is daily increasing its efficiency on the Fort Hamilton reservation, under the command of Captain W. H. Coffin. Every day except



SIEGE BATTERY K, WITH 5-INCH RIFLES.

Sunday, from 8:30 a. m. to 2 p. m., with an hour's intermission for dinner, the men are drilling and taking the road exercise.

The battery was organized in Tampa in 1898 for a siege of Havana. That did not come off, of course, "because," as Captain Coffin sagely remarked yesterday, "Santiago got ahead of us." The Captain sends out daily the mounted part of the outfit, the gun carriages and train wagons, in order to keep horses and mules in good condition and have them pull together. Each piece is pulled by eight horses. The men are carefully drilled in the manual of the piece, aiming and sighting drills, laying platforms, throwing up earthworks, and the uses of ammunition and fuses. All camp duties are diligently performed, and the daily routine is varied only by the weather. Horses go out in all sorts of weather, but not in gun carriages, if there is a heavy snow.

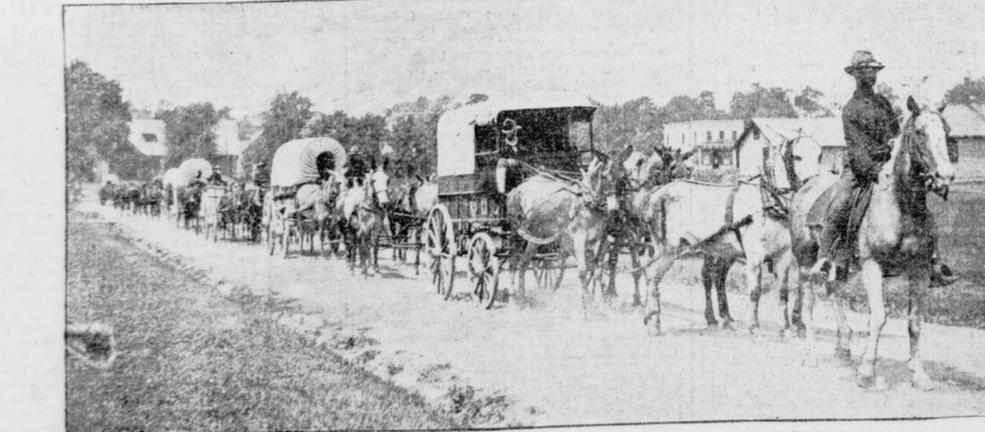
The drills of the battery take place on the Fort Hamilton reservation, but the whole battery and train wagons carrying ammunition, tentage and rations usually cover a dozen miles in a day's exercise. One road taken may be to Twenty-second-ave., to the Boulevard and Fort Hamilton-ave., and generally Captain Coffin tries to get hard and hilly roads to pull on for exercising the horses. If they are not kept working the animals are like a lot of green recruits. It takes fully six months to train them to do their work properly. When they were bought in Tampa they couldn't pull a wheelbarrow, it is said. They are heavy draught horses, not intended for rapid movements, as a siege battery is a battery of position. It could not follow an enemy, work for which light artillery, with light horses and pieces, is specially adapted. A light artillery has a 3.2-inch gun, while Siege Battery K has a 5-inch gun and a carriage weighing 8,000 pounds. The gun fires a forty-five pound projectile with four pounds of smokeless powder, and has a splendid range at four and a half miles.

"If we could have been of any use in the Chinese trouble," said Captain Coffin yesterday to a Tribune reporter, "it would have been at the siege of Peking, where our work would have been to batter down the walls. We could not reach China now under two months, and I have not received any intimation that we shall go there. We are in constant readiness, however, for any orders."

"Every year we go on a practice march, and this year we were going on August 10. That was suspended by the War Department, as it was possible that the battery might be wanted in China. When the situation clears up there we shall probably go to Montauk Point, where we can get a good range, and where we went last year. The War Department will know shortly whether or not more troops will be needed in China, and if not I shall get my orders for the practice march."

BOROUGH ITEMS.

Justice Lambert, in the Supreme Court, yesterday denied the motion for the removal of Edward H. M. Roehr as guardian ad litem of Charles Deck-



WAGON TRAIN OF SIEGE BATTERY K, 5TH ARTILLERY.

elmann, in the action brought against Deckelmann by the North American Brewery Company to recover a note for \$2,500. Deckelmann was formerly proprietor of the Palm Garden Park, at Glendale, Queens. On March 15 he was adjudged insane and committed to Dr. Coomb's sanatorium. The commitment was that the appointment of Mr. Roehr was not according to agreement, that he was a stranger to Deckelmann, and that Dr. Charles Hetteshelmer had been agreed upon as guardian ad litem.

Referee Sanders Shanks yesterday, in deciding against the Society of Select Cordians, a fraternal beneficial society, in favor of Charles Larson for \$24.25 and Inzer C. Benson for \$1,500, two members whose investment securities had matured, said that the society was insolvent, that it had not filed a report in five years, and that not one of the officers had ever given a bond.

Frank McKee, a theatrical manager, whose watch, valued at \$50, was stolen from the depot drawers of a Sea Gate bathing pavilion last week, recovered the watch yesterday. It was returned to him by Detective Daniel Farrell. Farrell arrested John Burns, in whose possession he found the watch, for alleged complicity in the theft. Burns was held until Tuesday for the return of William Schwilmer, who confessed to the theft, said that he had given the watch and \$20 of the stolen money to Burns.

JOSEPH RABNER DEAD.

CONSUMPTIVE WHO KILLED BROTHER-IN-LAW AND SHOT SELF AND FATHER PASSES AWAY.

Joseph Rabner, the young man who shot and killed his brother-in-law, Isaac Stein, and wounded his father and himself on the evening of August 8 at Rockaway, died in St. John's Hospital, Long Island City, yesterday morning. The young man had been suffering from consumption for a long time, but his death resulted directly from the bullet wound inflicted by himself.



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Rabner had quarrelled with his father because he thought he did not receive sufficient money to live on. He went to the hotel at Rockaway, where his family was staying, and after a short interview with his father, drew a revolver and fired. Isaac Stein interfered to save the elder Rabner, and was himself shot and killed. Jacob Rabner, the father, has practically recovered from the effects of his wounds.

MAV FACE CHARGE OF HOMICIDE.

YOUNG TOBACCO FIEND SAID TO HAVE THROWN BRICK AT A TRUCKMAN.

Adam Laver, a seventeen-year-old boy, who was held without bail yesterday in the Manhattan-ave. court, may have to face a charge of homicide. He is charged with throwing a brick that fractured the skull of Michael Yost, a truckman, who lives at No. 82 Knickerbocker-ave. Yost's condition is said to be critical.

CONCERTS IN THE PARKS.

Concerts will be given this afternoon in Prospect and City parks. In the former Shannon's 2d Regiment Band will give a "request" programme as follows:

- Our country's honor, "The Star Spangled Banner." Wagner Grand Fantasia from "Mignon." Thomas Including the famous Polonaise, with clarinet obligato, by Miss L. Medear. "Rhapsodie Hongroise" No. 2. Last Solo for tenor, "Cujus Animam" from "Stabat Mater." Edward Kent. "Ride of the Valkyries" and Magic Fire Scene, from "Die Walkure" and Magic Fire Scene, from Wagner. "Sonata Pathetique" in G minor, Opus 13. Suite No. 1. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 1. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 2. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 3. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 4. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 5. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 6. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 7. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 8. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 9. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 10. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 11. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 12. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 13. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 14. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 15. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 16. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 17. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 18. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 19. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 20. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 21. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 22. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 23. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 24. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 25. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 26. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 27. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 28. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 29. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 30. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 31. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 32. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 33. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 34. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 35. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 36. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 37. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 38. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 39. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 40. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 41. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 42. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 43. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 44. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 45. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 46. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 47. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 48. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 49. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 50. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 51. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 52. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 53. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 54. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 55. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 56. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 57. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 58. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 59. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 60. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 61. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 62. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 63. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 64. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 65. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 66. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 67. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 68. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 69. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 70. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 71. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 72. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 73. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 74. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 75. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 76. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 77. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 78. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 79. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 80. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 81. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 82. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 83. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 84. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 85. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 86. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 87. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 88. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 89. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 90. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 91. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 92. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 93. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 94. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 95. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 96. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 97. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 98. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 99. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 100.

GIRL RETURNED TO HER PARENTS.

Little Elizabeth Viets, who disappeared on Wednesday evening from her home, at No. 118

Elizabeth-st., returned home yesterday afternoon. Her father, who keeps a hotel at the Elizabeth-st. address, had declared it was his belief that the child had been enticed off by some sailors and officers attached to some canal boat or tramp steamer. No such fate, however, befell the girl. She visited Greenwood Cemetery late in the afternoon, and, unable to find her way home, went into a nearby saloon and said she was lost. She did not know her father's address. She was kept at the hotel until yesterday, when the people saw the stories in the papers and returned the child unharmed.

PERMISSION TO APPEAL TALLY-HO CASE.

Chief Justice Parker, of the Court of Appeals, has granted an application by the Long Island Railroad Company for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeals in the action brought by Mattilda S. Mann against the company. It is one of the tally-ho cases growing out of the disastrous collision on Memorial Day, 1897. A verdict for \$7,500 was obtained by the plaintiff in May, 1899, before Justice Dickey and a jury. The Appellate Court reduced the verdict to \$3,000. It afterward denied a motion of the company for an appeal.

WOMAN ON HEAD FROM A CAR.

Emanuel Bauman, of No. 124 Grand-st., while trying to alight from a Marcy-ave. trolley car at Broadway and South Eighth-st., last evening, slipped and fell to the pavement. He struck the pavement on his head, receiving a concussion of the brain. His condition is said to be critical.

LIGHTNING STRIKES CHURCH AND HOUSE.

New Hyde Park, Long Island, Aug. 18.—Lightning struck the belfry of the Dutch Reformed Church here in the storm yesterday and passed down through the front part of the building and out of a window. The damage is estimated at \$500. The house of William Marshall, in Fifth-ave., was also struck by lightning and set on fire. A part of the roof was torn off. The damage is about \$500.

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A WEAPON OF DEFENCE.

Yellowstone letter in the Chicago Record.

All visitors are required to surrender their guns upon entering the park, and attempts to conceal firearms from the police are severely punished.

The other day an old frontiersman drove in behind a lean pair of mules that hauled a disappiated old prairie schooner. Under its tattered canvas he carried a long rifle, and three children, the eldest being a boy about fourteen years old. He got out of his wagon at the guardhouse to register his arms, and the sergeant in charge in charge put the rifle in the hands of the sergeant in charge, and the boy was taken to the guardhouse for a night.

The sergeant in charge said he was no sportsman, nor were his wife or children. The gun was brought for defensive purposes only, and to allay the fears of his wife, who had been told that the woods were full of bears, and was anxious for the safety of the children.

The sergeant in charge said he would operate the bars, and the old frontiersman, "but I didn't calculate to let the boys operate me."

A frame barn, one and a half stories high, owned by Rachael Luce, at Jackson-ave. and Trains

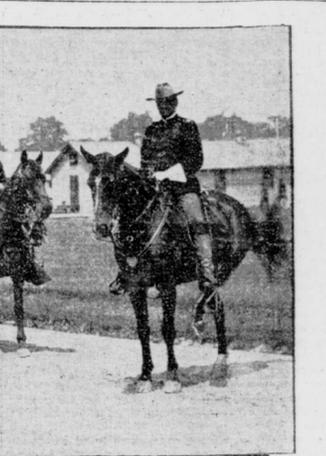
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MET DOWN THE BAY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY HOLY NAME SOCIETIES.

Bishop Charles E. McDonnell of Brooklyn, who had been absent since April 28 on a pilgrimage to Rome, returned home yesterday morning on the steamer St. Louis. He was welcomed down the Bay by the representatives of fifty-three Holy Name societies of Brooklyn on board the steamer Tolchester.

Bishop McDonnell, with his secretary, Father Barrett, was standing on the starboard side of the vessel when she reached Quarantine. As soon as the passengers on the Tolchester discerned the well known features of the Bishop they raised a hearty cheer, which the Bishop responded to by waving his big soft hat, while Father Barrett waved an American flag.

The revenue cutter ran alongside the St. Louis and Bishop McDonnell was transferred to the Tolchester, where he was first greeted by Vice-Admiral McNamara. After the preliminary greetings



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were over John T. O'Neill, president of St. Agnes' Church Holy Name Society, made a speech, in which he said:

Right Reverend and Dear Bishop: In behalf of the Holy Name Society of the Diocese of Brooklyn I greet you, and welcome you back to the spot that is nearest and dearest to your heart. During your absence we have longed and prayed for your safe return, and rejoice to have you with us once more, full of health and cheer.

It is our dearest wish, our most fervent prayer, that Almighty God may leave you with us for many years to come, and may these years be years of happiness and contentment. May they be years of good works as the years that have fled, and may the bonds of friendship which bind you and your devoted people together be strengthened with advancing time. In their name I pledge you a renewal of our loyalty, our devotion and love. (Applause.)

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At the pier were carriages, which took the party to the episcopal residence at Chiswick and Greene aves. There John J. Dorman, president of the Brooklyn Diocesan Union of the Holy Name Societies, presented the Bishop a set of engraved resolutions. A large reception was held at the house afterward.

In the afternoon the Bishop and his private secretary started for the country, and did not return until toward midnight.

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The assault was seen by several people, who became greatly excited and made a rush for the Chinaman. Lee succeeded in getting into the laundry in safety, and quickly locked and barricaded the doors. A large crowd soon gathered and began to bombard the laundry, and smashed the front windows. Cries of "Kill the Chinaman!" were raised. These added to the excitement of the crowd. Lee stood near the barricaded doors with the hammer in one hand and a flatiron in the other, to defend himself should the angry crowd break the doors in. While the excitement was at its height Policeman Turner, of the Bedford-ave. station, appeared on the scene, and with his raised club managed to drive the crowd back. At the appearance of the officer Lee removed the obstruction behind the laundry doors and opened the door. He was then taken to the station house and locked up. In the mean time a call had been sent to the hospital for an ambulance, and Dr. Helpin responded. He dressed Thuson's wounds.

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The assault was seen by several people, who became greatly excited and made a rush for the Chinaman. Lee succeeded in getting into the laundry in safety, and quickly locked and barricaded the doors. A large crowd soon gathered and began to bombard the laundry, and smashed the front windows. Cries of "Kill the Chinaman!" were raised. These added to the excitement of the crowd. Lee stood near the barricaded doors with the hammer in one hand and a flatiron in the other, to defend himself should the angry crowd break the doors in. While the excitement was at its height Policeman Turner, of the Bedford-ave. station, appeared on the scene, and with his raised club managed to drive the crowd back. At the appearance of the officer Lee removed the obstruction behind the laundry doors and opened the door. He was then taken to the station house and locked up. In the mean time a call had been sent to the hospital for an ambulance, and Dr. Helpin responded. He dressed Thuson's wounds.

WENTZ NOT HOPEFUL FOR SHARKEY.

ALDERMAN WILLIAM WENTZ, WHO, ON ACCOUNT OF PERSONAL FEELINGS RECEIVED, WILL STEEL BY NAVAL OFFICER ROBERT SHARKEY IN THE FIGHT WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED AGAINST THE LATTER'S LEADERSHIP IN THE XVTH