## RESCUES AT A BIG BLAZE.

TWO GIRLS AND A MAN CARRIED OUT THROUGH SMOKE—BARRELS OF SPIRITS EXPLODE.

An enormous crowd saw a big blaze in Harlem last night. About $75,000 damage, it was estimated, was done to the brick factory building Nos. 240, 242 and 244 East One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st., and the brownstone dwelling houses near by. Winifred Grogan, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Patrolman John Grogan, of the East One-hundred-and-fourth-st. station, was carried from the top floor of her home, No. 256, unconscious from smoke, and her three-year-old sister was rescued from a sick bed on the second floor. They were found by policemen who were going through the houses while the flames were raging. John F. Rodormor, who was in bed suffering from a surgical operation, was carried out by three policemen through the smoke. He was sent to the Harlem Hospital. All the families from No. 244 to No. 254 were ordered out, also those in houses back of the factory, so wildly did the flames shoot about.

When going to the fire John Barringer, forty-six years old, a member of Engine Company No. 42, in Fulton-ave., between One-hundred-and-sixty-seventh and One-hundred-and-sixty-eighth sts., was thrown from the tender at One-hundred-and-sixty-seventh-st. and Fulton-ave. He sustained a sprained wrist and internal injuries.

Edward Rafer, a grocer, was using part of the factory building as a storage warehouse. He had twenty barrels of spirits on the ground floor. One of the barrels exploded, and then all the rest went up. This caused the fire to spread.

Time was lost by the firemen in going to a duplicate alarm box. Patrolman Pineau turned in an alarm at Third-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st., which also registers at Second-ave. and One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. Several engines and a truck went to the latter place. The fire had gained great headway when the firemen reached it. A second alarm from the same box caused similar confusion. Four alarms were sent in, and a big force of firemen and apparatus was out.

### EXPLOSION AT "THE HERALD."

THREE MEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT BURNED—ONE LIKELY TO DIE.

An explosion occurred in the developing room of the photographic department of "The Herald" at 11:40 o'clock last night. The following employes of the department were injured:

HENNESSEY, Charles F., twenty-eight years old, engraver, of No. 722 Gates-ave., Brooklyn; burned on every part of his body; probably will die.

SCHEELE, Frederic, engraver, of No. 262 Bergen-st., Brooklyn; burned on the shoulders and hands.

SORENSTEN, Herman, twenty-eight years old, engraver, of No. 208 East Forty-sixth-st.; burned about shoulders face, head and hands.

The injured men were found writhing in pain on the floor of the room. Medical aid was summoned by telephone, and Police Headquarters was asked to send ambulances. Captain Thomas, of the West Thirtieth-st. station, heading the reserves of his precinct, was soon hurrying to the scene. Ambulances from Bellevue and New-York hospitals were soon on the ground. The streets in the neighborhood of the building were soon filled with men, women and children, but the police easily kept them orderly.

At 12:20 o'clock the three injured men were taken from the building through the Sixth-ave. entrance and removed to the New-York Hospital. The physicians found it necessary to bandage Hennessey's entire body. The skin fell from his face, eyes and hands. He was at first put into a Bellevue ambulance, but objected to that. When he insisted on being taken to the New-York Hospital the crowd cheered lustily.

Captain Thomas in giving the story of the explosion said the three engravers were working over a pot containing chemicals. To obtain a uniform temperature the pot was kept swinging, and was heated by gas from underneath. It was supposed a sudden gust of wind had blown the flames from the gas jet into some turpentine in the pot. A partition which separated the chemical room from a small office was blown down. A small boy had just left the room. The damage caused by the explosion was estimated at $100. At the time of the accident the reporters and editors in the building rushed for places of safety.

### GOV. ROOSEVELT AT A SCHOOL.

HE TELLS STORIES TO ITALIAN CHILDREN AND VISITS THE UNION LEAGUE.

Governor Roosevelt made an impromptu speech and told several stories yesterday to the children of the West Side Italian Mission School, at No. 24 Sullivan-st. The Governor takes much interest in the school, as his father was one of its principal supporters. He had intended that his visit should be secret, but it required the services of six policemen to keep in check the crowd which assembled before he left the building.

The Governor began his visit with the first class. All the boys and girls had American flags in their hands and wore button pictures of their visitor pinned on their clothing. As he entered they rose and sang "When Teddy Comes Marching Home," and afterward "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." After listening to Governor Roosevelt's stories and remarks with delight, the children sang "Santa Lucia," an Italian song. The Governor visited the other classes, and afterward went to the Union League Club.

The mission is conducted by the Children's Aid Society, and is attended by about two hundred children, whose ages range from four to ten years.

### MR. GAGE TO VISIT ELLIS ISLAND.

THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WILL INSPECT THE NEW IMMIGRATION STATION TO-DAY.

Secretary Gage, Assistant Secretary Taylor and Commissioner-General Powderly will visit the new immigration station on Ellis Island to-day, at 11 o'clock, and remain on the island until 3 o'clock. Their visit is for the purpose of inspecting the building. Commissioner Fitchie will entertain them at luncheon.

### BIG KAISER OFF FIRE ISLAND.

The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was sighted east of Fire Island at 7:40 o'clock last night. She will reach her pier early this morning.

### PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED.

The Board of Public Improvements yesterday adopted the following resolutions:

Authorizing the regulating and grading of Quarry Road, from Third-ave. to Arthur-ave., in The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, at an estimated cost of $22,000.

Authorizing the construction of sewer appurtenances in Tiffany-st., from Longwood-ave. to Spofford-ave., and various other streets in The Bronx, under the direction of Commissioner of Sewers, at an estimated cost of $7,140.

Authorizing the regulating and grading of Crescent-ave. in The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, at an estimated cost of $22,000.

Authorizing the regulating and grading of East One-hundred-and-seventy-second-st., from Third-ave. to Fulton-ave., in The Bronx, under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways, at an estimated cost of $10,500.

Authorizing the regulating and grading of Grotty-st., Kingsbridge Road, between Belmont-ave. and Southern Boulevard, in Bronx Borough, at an estimated cost of $9,500.

Authorizing the regulating and grading of East One-hundred-and-sixty-fourth-st., from Summit to Anderson ave., in Bronx Borough, at an estimated cost of $107,200.

The Board adjourned until next Wednesday.

### SHOTS SHATTER NEWSPAPER'S WINDOW.

Detectives Balison and Allen, of the Oak-st. police station, were sent to investigate a mysterious alleged shooting that resulted in the perforation of a window in "The Daily News" office, at No. 32 Park Row, yesterday at noon, but fortunately caused no fatality. The officers found no traces of bullets in the woodwork after their search, and they say the employes in the room on the fifth floor heard only the crash of glass, but no pistol reports when the alleged firing took place.

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## SMASH AUTO TO SAVE LIFE.

TWO MEN GUIDE RUNAWAY MACHINE INTO A TREE—EXPLOSION IN ANOTHER VEHICLE.

Yonkers has had two automobile accidents within two days. George Mayer and Wilbert Olgan, both of Melrose, were speeding down North Broadway yesterday at 4 p. m. Past Shonnard Place they went in a large black steam vehicle at the rate of about twenty-five miles an hour. Mayer, who was governing the machine, and who is its owner, did not attempt to slacken speed until he reached Glenwood-ave. Much to his alarm, he discovered that some of the mechanism had become disarranged and refused to work.

He tugged and hauled at the lever without result. Despite the danger that the young men were in, onlookers declare that they remained perfectly cool. The vehicle reached the summit of the steep incline at Gold-st., which leads to the head of Lamartine-ave. Knowing the danger of death that faced them, the man at the helm deliberately turned his automobile toward the gutter. In an instant it crashed into a large tree.

Both men were thrown from their seats and pretty severely shaken up. The vehicle was badly smashed, and for a time there was much confusion. An expressman was engaged to drag the damaged machine to this city. The entire front was caved in, and it appeared that not a straight piece of metal was left in the machine. The young men became cheerful over their lucky escape. The owner said that he would not take $1,000 for the vehicle, badly damaged as it was.

An explosion occurred Tuesday in the automobile shed of John E. Andrus, a wealthy man living in North Broadway, Yonkers. Mr. Andrus owns a machine which is operated by gasolene. In the afternoon young Mr. Andrus and some friends were at work on the machine in the shed. For some reason that cannot be fully explained there was a loud explosion in one of the gasolene tanks of the carriage. The young men dashed from the shed in time to save their lives. The building caught fire. The flames were extinguished with buckets of water. The machine was badly damaged as a result of the accident.

## FOR JUDGE BEEKMAN'S SEAT.

JOHN PROCTOR CLARKE CONFERS WITH GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT—SEVERAL CANDIDATES.

Before returning to Albany yesterday afternoon Governor Roosevelt had a long conference with John Proctor Clarke at the Union League Club. Afterward it was noised about that the place on the Supreme Court bench made vacant by the death of Justice Beekman had been offered to Mr. Clarke. When Mr. Clarke was seen later he refused to discuss the subject. One of his friends said:

"Mr. Clarke is tired of being suggested for every vacancy that turns up in the State government. He is a warm admirer of Governor Roosevelt, and the Governor likes him immensely, but Mr. Clarke is not a continual 'bone hunter.'"

Mr. Clarke at the present time is a special Deputy Attorney-General for the State in prosecuting the Brooklyn Rapid Transit conspiracy cases, which now are on appeal. Among the others spoken of for the vacancy are ex-Judge James W. Hawes, James M. Varnum and Theron G. Strong.

Another "receptive candidate" is ex-Judge Myer S. Isaacs, who was a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court on the Republican and the Citizens Union tickets in 1895, together with Mr. Beaman.

Mr. Isaacs was appointed a Judge of the Marine Court in 1880 by Governor Cornell, and was the Republican candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court in 1891.

Whoever is appointed to succeed Justice Beekman will serve until January 1, 1902. At the election in November next, however, successors to Justices Smyth and Beekman will be elected for the full judicial term of fourteen years. For the first time in many years the candidates on the anti-Tammany ticket, whoever they may be, will stand an excellent chance of election, and the men appointed to serve during the interval are likely to be nominated next fall. All talk about Colonel William J. Youngs, the Governor's secretary, for Justice Beekman's place, is considered idle, because Colonel Youngs lives outside the First Judicial District.

### DISPUTE ON CUSTOM HOUSE BIDS.

OFFICIALS CONTEND THAT HOPPER'S IS NOT REALLY AS LOW AS CHARLES T. WILLS'S.

Collector George R. Bidwell went to Washington Tuesday to see Mr. Taylor, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and try to persuade him to accept Charles T. Wills's bid for putting in the foundation of the new Custom House in Bowling Green. Isaac A. Hopper, the Tammany leader of the XXXIst Assembly District, put in a bid which was $36,000 lower than Mr. Wills's bid, but Mr. Bidwell wants the contract awarded to Wills, who is also a Republican.

Mr. Bidwell argues that as Hopper's bid calls for two months more time in doing the work thna Wills's bid, that there should be added to the amount of his bid $22,000, which is approximately two months' rent for the building that the customs department is now occupying in this city, and $5,000, which is two months' rent for the offices now occupied by Station A of the Postoffice, the Naval Officer of the port, some of the Internal Revenue officers and the officers of the Lighthouse Board, all of which are to be moved into the new Custom House.

The Treasury Department admits Mr. Bidwell's contention as to the rent, but still Hopper's bid is more than $9,000 less than Wills's.

To provide for this further discrepancy Mr. Bidwell contends that as the Government has paid $2,250,000 for the ground and that by accepting Hopper's bid it will be deprived of the use of its property for two months, there should be added to Mr. Hopper's bill, in addition to the rentals, the interest on $2,250,000 for two months at 6 per cent a year. It was to argue this point especially that Mr. Bidwell went to Washington.

He saw Mr. Taylor, and in the afternoon Mr. Taylor came to New-York to consult with Cass Gilbert, the architect.

Mr. Taylor was seen at the Hotel Imperial last night. He said: "I have talked with Mr. Gilbert and he is of the opinion that the contract should go to the lowest bidder. The Government is looking on this as purely a business proposition. We must consider the rentals involved, but as for the interest on the cost of the ground, that is another matter. I do not concur with Mr. Bidwell's suggestion. The Government has the money, and whether it is used or not makes no difference in an interest account, as we cannot figure in the interest. I should think, roughly estimating, taking into consideration the rentals paid that would be saved, that still Mr. Hopper is the lowest bidder.

The contract will undoubtedly be awarded by the end of the week. I have seen it stated that this contract will carry with it the practical certainty of the securing of the subsequent contracts. This is not true. The contractor who secures this contract will have a shade of advantage, but it will be so slight that it will hardly weigh at all in a contract of the size of the next one, which will be approximately for $1,500,000.

When Cass Gilbert, the architect, was seen yesterday afternoon with reference to the bids, he refused to discuss them, and said that all information must come from the Treasury Department. The lowest three bids and the time needed for doing the work were as follows: P. J. Carlin & Co., $366,937, in fifteen months; Isaac A. Hopper & Son, $369,680, in eight months; Charles T. Wills, $406,029, in six months. The whole matter rests with Secretary Gage and the view he takes of the different bids. L. L. Leach, of Chicago, put in the lowest bid of all, but there were such glaring inconsistencies in it that it has been eliminated from consideration. When price alone is considered the bid of Isaac A. Hopper & Son is the lowest by $36,419. But the annual rent being paid by the Government for its present Custom House is $130,690. Two months' rental, the difference in time between the respective bids of Messrs. Hopper and Wills, together with two months' interest at 4 per cent on $2,250,000, which sum represents the Government's investment, raises the bid of Isaac A. Hopper & Son to $406,376, or $347 more than the bid of Charles T. Wills.

Contractors who have investigated the situation said yesterday that it all rested with Secretary Gage. If he should consider it proper to take into account the extra two months' rental, which the Government would have to pay under the Hopper proposal, and if he thinks interest on the Government's investment should be added to the bid which asks for two months' extra time, then, the contractors say, Mr. Wills will get the contract, but otherwise not. It is possible that the fact that Mr. Wills has done a good deal of high class work which has excited the admiration of local builders may have some weight with the Secretary. He built the University Club and some of the Columbia University buildings.

## THROUGH ELEVATED TRAINS.

THEY START WITH A RUN FROM PARK ROW TO BATH BEACH.

Through elevated trains, between Park Row, Manhattan, and Bath Beach, started to run yesterday. It is expected that, by the end of the week, through trains will be run over the Fifth-ave., the Lexington-ave. and the Fulton-st. elevated lines.

One of the obstacles to running through trains lies in the difficulty of separating persons who wish merely to cross the Bridge from those who wish to go beyond it.

With the first through train, smoking cars were abolished. This will enlarge the carrying capacity of trains, as many women, and, indeed, men, refused to ride in smoking cars, even though no one was smoking.

The motormen of the through trains will be inclosed in vestibules in order that they may be shielded from bad weather.

Beyond Thirty-sixth-st. the West End trains ran under a headway of only half an hour. This caused loud complaint, and several residents of the Thirtieth Ward talked of taking the subject before the Railroad Commission.

### PROCEEDINGS AGAINST A MARSHAL.

WOMAN'S MIND BECOMES UNBALANCED BECAUSE OF A DISPOSSESSION.

Charles W. Pratt, a city marshal, appeared in the Manhattan-ave. court, Brooklyn, yesterday, to answer to a complaint preferred against him by Nicholas Dietz, a butcher, who lives at No. 123 Debevoise-st. Dietz alleged that last Friday Pratt, with two other men, came to his home to dispossess him. The men took Mrs. Dietz, who was in a delicate condition, out of bed and removed the bed from the house. Later, they brought the bed back. Dietz asserted that his wife had been so disturbed by the men that her mind had become unbalanced, and that she had since attempted suicide. Dietz said that at the time the men came he was only $4.50 in arrears in his rent.

Magistrate Lemon said that Marshal Pratt had done his duty, and that the landlord was to blame. He advised Mr. Dietz to bring a civil action against Sigmond Meyer, the landlord, and to report Marshal Pratt to the Mayor.

### BEDFORD-AVE. IMPROVEMENT BLOCKED.

CORPORATION COUNSEL DECIDES THE LAW WILL HAVE TO BE AMENDED BECAUSE OF A DEFECT.

The proposed Bedford-ave. improvement came before the Board of Public Improvements yesterday. Bedford-ave. property owners had a bill passed over the Mayor's veto, authorizing the expense of the improvement to be paid, two-thirds by the city and one-third by a district assessment.

A letter was received from the Corporation Counsel, in which he says, in part:

I have received a communication requesting me to take the necessary proceedings in acquiring title to the lands required for the opening of Bedford-ave., from a point on the Eastern Parkway to Flatbush-ave. The act fails to provide any legal machinery for laying and apportioning the assessment within the district assessment. The commissioners to be appointed under Section 4 of the act are simply commissioners of appraisal with no power to make assessments. It would not be advisable for the city of New-York to proceed any further without some amendments of Chapter 704 of the laws of 1900.

A resolution was adopted after a lively discussion between President Grout, of Brooklyn, and Commissioner Keating, rescinding the resolution to begin proceedings for acquiring title to the land.

### CAPPS MAY SUCCEED BOWLES.

THE FORMER WAS WITH DEWEY AT MANILA—HE OUTRANKS LIEUTENANT HOBSON.

The successor of Naval Constructor Bowles as commandant of the Department of Construction and Repair at the Brooklyn Navy Yard is expected to be Naval Constructor N. C. Capps, who is a member of the Board of Inspection in Washington and has been offered the place. Constructor Capps was at the Brooklyn Navy Yard recently. It is said to be a question whether or not he will accept the place.

There has been a popular impression that Lieutenant Hobson would succeed Naval Constructor Bowles, but, while Constructor Capps has the rank of commander, Hobson is only a lieutenant. As the Brooklyn Navy Yard is one of the most important in the country, and as the place of head of one of its departments is considered to be the next step to the head of a bureau, the fact that Constructor Capps outranks Lieutenant Hobson may have considerable weight.

Naval Constructor Capps was with Dewey at Manila, and after the war superintended the work of raising the Spanish gunboats. He was succeeded on the Asiatic station by Lieutenant Hobson. Naval Constructor Bowles will leave the Navy Yard for Washington about February 1.

### RETURNS A CHECK TO A CANDIDATE.

NASSAU COMMITTEE RESENTS CHARGE THAT IT DID NOT DO ITS FULL DUTY TOWARD WISSEL.

The Nassau County General Committee of the Democratic party, resenting the charge that it did not do its full duty toward a candidate, has returned to him the original check he sent prior to election. Charles C. Wissel, whom Richard Croker appointed leader of the Democracy in Queens Borough, was the nominee for State Senator in the Queens-Nassau District last fall. He sent a check for $500 to the Nassau County Committee. The check was not cashed.

At the convention the Nassau delegates refused to put themselves on record as making the nomination of Wissel unanimous. Wissel was cut so much in Nassau that he was defeated.

### SAY DOODY MAY BECOME VIOLENT.

THREE PHYSICIANS TESTIFY THAT HE IS AN INCURABLE PARETIC.

Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, of Manhattan, and Dr. Arthur C. Brush and Dr. Laurence J. Morton, of Brooklyn, testified in the trial of Daniel Doody for perjury before Judge Hurd in the Kings County Court yesterday that Doody was an incurable paretic and likely to become violent.

An effort will be made to end the trial this week.

### HE WILL HOLD TWO OFFICES.

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT BRISTOW NOT TO RESIGN AS MAGISTRATE.

Henry Bristow, who has just been elected to Congress, has announced that he will not resign his office of City Magistrate when he becomes a member of Congress on March 4. His term of office as Magistrate does until expire until May 1, and the contention is made that it would be in violation of the provisions of the charter to hold any other office while serving as a city official. Mr. Bristow, however, does not agree with this opinion. His determination will be unwelcome to a number of Democrats who had expected to be appointed to his place.

The Legislature is expected to provide for the election of City Magistrates. With a Democratic successor to Mr. Bristow the Board would stand eight Democrats to five Republicans.

### CANADIANS SEIZE AMERICAN TUG.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19.—The Ontario Fisheries Department officials have seized the tug Crawford, operating in Lake Erie, near Port Burwell, in Canadian waters, and without a license. The Crawford is believed to belong to the Empire Fish Company of Buffalo. She had on board several hundred pounds of herring.

### MAKING HALIFAX IMPREGNABLE.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—Several modern long range guns are now on the way here from England. They will replace less modern armament in some of the forts about the harbor. The new guns will carry eight miles, and, it is said, in addition to modern guns already in place, will make the fortress impregnable.

### MR. LYNE ASKED TO FORM A CABINET.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 19.—The Earl of Hopetoun, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, has requested William John Lyne, the Premier of New South Wales, to form the first Federal Ministry. Mr. Lyne is considering the proposition.

### DENIED THAT THE GIRLS WERE POISONED

A member of the firm of Frederick Loeser & Co., Brooklyn, denied yesterday that a number of girls in the store had been poisoned on Tuesday night. According to the report, thirty-nine girls had been taken ill after eating canned peas, and had to be taken to their homes. The facts are, it was said, that the girls are working overtime because of the holidays. They are in some cases suffering from headaches because of overexertion.

## BRAVE MAN SAVES TWO LIVES

ICE BROKE AND GIRLS WENT DOWN IN TWENTY FEET OF WATER.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 19 (Special).—Cecilia Grimshaw, nineteen years old, of No. 140 Governor-st., and Annie Handwerk, nineteen years old, of No. 5 Auburn-st., had a narrow escape from drowning in the river above the falls this evening. They were skating, broke through the ice, and disappeared in twenty feet of water. There were about two hundred skaters on the river at the time, but none of them knew what to do. One man tried to reach the girls from the shore. The ice would not sustain him, and when he was waist deep in water he retreated. A more daring man went out until he was up to his neck, breaking the ice as he went.

It was then that Theodore Bower, jr., who has a boathouse near the place where the girls were, got a ladder and a rope. He approached the girls from the river side, creeping along on the ladder, while the crowd held one end of the rope. He caught Miss Grimshaw, but her weight carried him and the ladder through the ice, and he was soon struggling beside the two girls. He is an expert swimmer and cool headed. He replaced the ladder on the ice and, exerting all his strength, succeeded in placing Miss Grimshaw's arms in the rungs, so that she could not slip. He left her clinging to the ladder, and turned to help Miss Handwerk, who was going down for the third time. The girl had been kept up by her skirts, and Bower now held her head out of the water until a rope was thrown to him, and he was dragged ashore with the unconscious girl in his arms.

As soon as he had laid Miss Handwerk down Bower returned for Miss Grimshaw, and, after a hard struggle, he succeeded in pulling her up onto the ladder, after which she was drawn to the shore. The girls were in the water for about ten minutes. Both were unconscious when taken out. They were carried to the house of Charles Lovell, No. 98 Birch-st., where they were resuscitated by Dr. Alexander. They were hysterical, but will recover. The heroism of Bower won the admiration of all who saw it.

### SUBDUED IN A HALLWAY.

AFTER IT WAS ALL OVER SERVANT GIRL AND DETECTIVE EXPLAINED.

Paterson, Dec. 19 (Special).—Philip Kramer, a contractor, living at No. 954 Madison-ave., heard a stealthy step in the hallway of his home late last night. He concluded that a burglar was there, and ran into the hall, where he almost fell over a man. The intruder fought hard, but did not speak.

Maggie Klein, a servant girl, appeared, and made a frantic effort to explain matters, but Kramer was too busily engaged to listen. The girl ran across the street to the house of Detective William Lord, whom she got to come to her assistance. She explained that Elmer Kay, a velvet worker, living at No. 177 North Main-st., had called upon her and remained until the doors were closed for the night. Key had done this before, but had always got out by the front door after the family had retired. Last night Kramer happened to sit up later than usual, and, hearing Kay gliding along the hall, he thought that a burglar was in the house. When the detective reached the house he found that Kramer had subdued his servant's friend. Explanations followed. Kramer said it was lucky that he did not take a shot at Kay, as he at first intended to do.

### MOTHER BURIED AT SEA.

STRICKEN ON AN OCEAN STEAMER, SHE DIED WITHIN AN HOUR.

David De Witt, his wife and their four children sailed on the Holland-America Line steamship Rotterdam from Rotterdam on December 6, but only the father and children arrived in Hoboken yesterday. Mr. De Witt sold out his business in Holland a short time ago and sailed on the Rotterdam to join his brothers and mother, who live in Paterson.

Four days after the vessel sailed Mrs. De Witt, who had been a sufferer from heart trouble, was stricken. The ship's physician did all he could to relieve her, but she died within an hour. She was buried at sea on the following day.

### ABSORBS FOUR LIBRARIES.

FOUR OTHER BRANCHES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS ALSO TO BE ESTABLISHED.

At a meeting of the directors of the Brooklyn Public Library Association on Tuesday evening, at No. 26 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn, it was announced that four established libraries now under private control—the Union for Christian Work, the Bay Ridge Library, the Fort Hamilton Library and the New-Utrecht Library—would become branches of the Brooklyn Free Public Library at the beginning of the year, and that four new branches would be established—at Nassau and Broad sts., Montrose-ave. and Humboldt-st., Smith and Carroll sts., and in the neighborhood of Saratoga Park.

### CONTESTS HER BROTHER'S WILL.

Testimony was taken by Surrogate Abbott of Brooklyn yesterday on the application of Mary L. Miller, of Rensselaer County, N. Y., for the revocation of the probate of the will of her brother, Horatio D Mould, who died last May at No. 280 Decatur-st., Brooklyn. Mould left all his estate, valued at $156,000, to his widow. His sister alleges that he was insane. Mould's brother, Frederick Mould, was one of the witnesses for Mrs. Miller.

### MORE SMALLPOX IN JERSEY CITY.

Two more cases of smallpox were discovered in Jersey City yesterday. The victims were Albert Mansfield, twenty-six years old, of No. 596 Pavonia-ave., and Cuno Werner, twelve years old, of No. 535 Newark-ave. Both were sent to Snake Hill. The Werner child was a pupil at Public School No. 6, at St. Paul and Central aves., and his brother and sister also attend there. In order to allay alarm the health and school officials decided to close the school until after the holidays. The building has been fumigated and the teachers and pupils have been vaccinated.

### BLOOMFIELD BOY DIES IN PHILIPPINES.

Bloomfield, Dec. 19 (Special).—Word was received here last night of the death in the Philippines of Sergeant George A. Dusenbury, who was shot in battle near Cavité on November 24.

### HIS REASON FOR KILLING A WORKMAN.

David Schrenck, the pianomaker, who shot and killed his fellow workman, George Schaeffer, waived examination yesterday, and was held to await the action of the Queens Grand Jury. Schrenck is said to have told the District Attorney that he was driven to commite the crime by the stories told about his wife by the murdered man.

### FOR A MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT JAMAICA.

The Taxpayers' League of Richmond Hill and the Jamaica Citizens' Association are taking joint action to bring about the establishment of a magistrate's court in Jamaica.

### UNDERTAKER CATCHES DIPHTHERIA.

Patchogue, Long Island, Dec. 19.—Robert S. Sharp, an undertaker, who had charge of the burial of Frank Mickowitch and Mrs. James Helm, his sister, both of whom died from diphtheria, has a mild form of the disease.

### WANT CURFEW LAW FOR AMITYVILLE.

Amityville, Long Island, Dec. 19.—A petition in favor of the adoption of a curfew ordinance for this village is being industriously circulated by members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### MAJOR EDDY SOON TO RETIRE.

Major William H. Eddy, commanding officer of the 2d Battalion, 47th Regiment, will retire on or about January 1. The Major has been connected with the National Guard since November 16, 1875, when he enlisted as a private in Company E, 47th Regiment. In the war with Spain Major Eddy organized the 147th Regiment, and was commissioned colonel on June 27, 1898.

### BRONZE TABLET FOR THE ALABAMA.

The new battleship Alabama will be at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for about a fortnight. The inscription on the bronze tablet which has been presented to the Alabama and will be set up, is as follows: "The State of New-Hampshire to the U. S. S. Alabama. This tablet, companion to that on the U. S. S. Kearsarge, placed here by courtesy of the State of Alabama, perpetuates in endearing peace names once joined in historic combat."

### SMALL BOY STOLE BREAD AND MILK.

HUNGRY, NEGLECTED, HE FINDS A HOME WITH BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Elizabeth, Dec. 19 (Special).—Gustave Olinsky, ten years old, of Rahway, was a prisoner here to-day in the Union County Court, charged with stealing bread and milk from the doorways of houses. The lad's mother is dead and his father does not care for him.

Prosecutor English told Judge Vail that the boy stole the food to satisfy his hunger, as he could get nothing to eat at his home. Mrs. Emily E. Williamson, secretary of the State Board of Children's Guardians, was in court and volunteered to take charge of the youthful prisoner and see that he was properly brought up. The boy pleaded guilty, sentence was suspended and Mrs. Williamson took him in charge.

### TO APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

Elizabeth, Dec. 19 (Special).—The City Central Republican Committee met here last night to take action on the recent gerrymander of the wards in the city put through by the Democratic majority in the City Council. A committee was appointed with power to engage counsel and carry the matter on certiorari proceedings to the Supreme Court.

### EMPLOYE WANTS $25,000 DAMAGES.

A suit for $25,000 damages against the Benjamin Atha & Illingworth Steel Company, of Newark and Harrison, was begun in the courts at Newark yesterday by James Proctor, a former employe, who was badly burned by molten metal while at work in the factory in November, 1899.

### RECEIVER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Cyrus J. Clark, receiver for the Order of Chosen Friends, of Newark, appeared in that city yesterday and took possession of the books and papers of the Supreme Council and made a claim upon the order's deposits in the Essex County Bank and Fidelity Trust Company. The total deposits amount to less than $1,000. Work on the books was begun yesterday.

### CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES.

Orange, Dec. 19 (Special).—A conference of the charities of the Oranges was held yesterday in the Swedenborgian Church, in Essex-ave. The general topic was "Work for the Sick Poor." Several papers were read by those interested in the different charities of the Oranges. The work of the Orange Memorial Hospital, the Training School for Nurses, the Record Ambulance, the Diet Kitchen, the House of the Good Shepherd, the Society for Lending Comforts to the Sick and the East Orange Dispensary was outlined by representatives of their management.

### FAILING TO KILL BABY, KILLS HERSELF.

Christina Wild, twenty-two years old, wife of Morris Wild, of No. 39 Bowers-st., Jersey City, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. Before killing herself she tried to kill her fifteen-month-old baby by forcing some of the acid down the child's throat. She only succeeded in burning its mouth. The child was sent to Christ Hospital, and will recover. Her husband says she tried to commit suicide on Thanksgiving Day by inhaling illuminating gas.

### HUDSON COUNTY NEWS NOTES.

The Rev. Archibald M. Judd, rector of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church, the oldest church of that denomination in Jersey City, has sent his resignation to Bishop Starkey, to take effect at the discretion of the Bishop.

The following officers for the ensuing year have been nominated by the Hudson County University Club: the Rev. Dr. Cornelius Brett, president; J. W. McKelvey and the Rev. Daniel J. Brady, vice-presidents; Joseph A. Dear, secretary; J. Warren Hardenbergh, treasurer; W. P. Atkinson, Dr. T. R. Chambers, governors. The election will be held next month.

Drs. William A. Durrie and Charles E. Frazee yesterday performed an operation on Senator-elect Robert S. Hudspeth at the home of the latter, in Garfield-ave., Jersey City, for strangulated hemorrhoids. The patient showed some improvement during the day. A second operation will have to be performed.

### SUPERINTENDENT DENIES REPORT.

Charles B. Gilbert, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Newark, said yesterday that he had not been offered the position of Superintendent of the Public Schools of Rochester, N. Y. George M. Forbes, a School Commissioner of Rochester, recently visited Newark in search of a man to take the position of Superintendent, and he met Mr. Gilbert, who gave him the names of several educators. Mr. Gilbert said yesterday that nothing occurred during and subsequent to Mr. Forbes's visit to justify the statement that he had been engaged to take charge of the Rochester public schools.

## NEW-JERSEY POLITICAL NOTES.

The statement having been made that Edward W. Woolley, chairman of the Hudson County Republican Committee, had said that he would, if re-elected, resign in favor of Edward Fry, Mr. Woolley said yesterday that the "report was too ridiculous to be noticed."

The fact that Major Carl Lentz, the chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee, met with one reverse in the caucus of Republican Assemblymen at Trenton on Tuesday apparently did not in the least disturb the equilibrium of that redoubtable political warrior. The Major has met with so many reverses of the same kind that it might not be as difficult as some people think for him to in the near future reverse himself—just once. Indeed, he may not have to do so, since he has not so far intrusted anybody with his confidence as to his preference for Governor in 1901. But there are indications of conflicting political emotions in the Major's silence on that subject.

It was made clear in Jersey City yesterday afternoon that the Hudson County Democrats were not alarmed by the reports that three or four of the members of the New-Jersey Legislature intended to bolt the proposed nomination of ex-Congressman Alvah A. Clark for United States Senator. As Hudson County will have about two-thirds majority of all the so-called defeated Democracy that there will be in the next Legislature, and will also be in full control of the Democratic machine—what there is left of it—the fact that the Democracy of that county is easy in its mind, so to speak, in the face of the rumored bolt, needs neither comment nor explanation.

### CITY WILL APPEAL TO COURTS.

DISSATISFIED WITH RECENT DECISION BY STATE BOARD OF TAXATION.

The Law Department of Newark will appeal to the courts from the decision by the State Board of Taxation reducing the assessment by a Newark board on the North Jersey Street Railway Company for taxes this year. The reduction amounts to $834,029 58, or $335,000 less than the company paid taxes on for several years, although it has lately increased its trackage and cars in Newark.

Surprise was expressed by Newark officials yesterday that the State Board should have been so precipitate in its decision. The understanding at the session of the Board in Newark last week was that David Young, for the railway company, should have ten days to file a written brief, and that City Attorney Boggs should have five days to make reply. Last Monday Spencer Weart, counsel for the company, wrote to the secretary of the State Board waiving the privilege of filing a brief. No notice was given to the city authorities, and the Board on Tuesday immediately decided the case.

### HAS WEAKNESS FOR BUILDING FIRES.

Mrs. Abbey Smith, who is staying at the Faith Cure Home, in Jersey City, was declared to be insane yesterday by a commission. She is seventy-two years old, and owns property in Jersey City and Elizabeth. Her daughters, who made the application, testified that she has a weakness for building bonfires, and that while in Texas she set fire to fences and telegraph poles. A guardian will be appointed to take charge of her and her property.

### OLEOMARGARINE WAS NOT STAMPED.

Long Branch, Dec. 19 (Special).—For selling a pound of oleomargarine without its being properly stamped, Washington M. Lewis this afternoon paid a fine of $100, after pleading guilty. Lewis has a license, but failed to stamp his product. Dairy Commissioners Amos B. Scudder, of Camden, and Peter Vandegrift, of Burlington, caused Lewis's arrest, and were present with Shippen Wallace, the State chemist, to proceed with the trial.

### ESSEX CLUB'S RECEPTION.

The Essex Club, of Newark, held a reception for men and women at the clubhouse, in Park Place, last night. The house was recently renovated, and presented a handsome appearance. Refreshments were served in the three south rooms. The clubhouse was crowded during the evening, the guests representing the wealth and fashion of Newark and vicinity.

### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY DEBATE.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 19 (Special).—The question of the annual Washington's Birthday debate was announced this morning. It is, "Resolved, That the constitutional restrictions upon the suffrage recently adopted in North Carolina are, for that State, both wise and necessary." A. J. Barron, '02, of Pittsburg, and T. A. Butkiewicz, '04, of Andover, Mass., will support the affirmative, and R. S. Steen, '01, and J. E. Steen, '03, of Philadelphia, will defend the negative. A prize of $100 will be awarded the winner of the debate.

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