WANTS TRIAL NOW.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS FIRE COMMISSIONER SCANNELL AND MARKS ARE ONLY TRYING FOR DELAY.

District Attorney Philbin appeared before Justice McAdam in the Supreme Court yesterday to oppose a motion made by Goldsmith, Myers & Bonner, attorneys for Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell, and William L. Marks, for the removal of the indictments found against them by the grand jury from the Court of General Sessions to the Supreme Court.

Emanuel Myers, in asking for the transfer of the cases, cited several authorities and quoted the greater New-York charter with regard to the duties of public officials to show that the cases should be tried in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court. He said the indictments alleged no specific instances of neglect of duty or conspiracy on the part of the Commissioner.

"The questions innvolved in this case," said Mr. Myers, "should be settled by the highest tribunal to which this court has power to send them. They not only involve the acts of this officer of the city, but also all the other officials."

District Attorney Philbin said the object of the motion was simply to obtain further delay. All the courtesies of the District Attorney's office had been exhausted by the counsel for the defendants, and now the attempt to further postpone their cases was being made.

"Commissioner Scannell," said Mr. Philbin, "should have no reason to desire other than a speedy determination of his guilt or innocence. It is my opinion that the other defendant, Marks, who is a stranger in this city, has adopted these methods of delay for reasons profitable to himself."

The District Attorney said that the allegations that no specific charges were made against the defendants were incorrect, and instanced a number of dates mentioned in the indictments on which articles were purchased for the Fire Department at far above market prices. He said he did not believe the Corporation Counsel had ever advised Commissioner Scannell that he was justified in paying more than the market price for any article, and added that in framing the indictment due consideration was paid to the quality of the goods supplied, as one article might be cheap at $1 where the market price for an inferior article was 90 cents.

Mr. Philbin cited several authorities to show why the indictments should not be transferred, and denied that any other official than Scannell was on trial.

"I don't think this application ought to be granted," he ended, "on the ground that because the defendant is a public official he should be tried in the Supreme Court, for the reason that there is no defendant less entitled to consideration from the court than an official charged with violating his official oath, and it has been the experience of the District Attorney that every expedient known to the law is available for the protection of the criminal, while every obstacle is thrown in the way of the prosecution, as in this case, in the shape of delay."

THE BROOKLYN LIBRARIES.

DR. BILLINGS WILL LAY AGREEMENT CONCERNING THEM BEFORE ANDREW CARNEGIE AT SKIBO CASTLE.

A conference important to Brooklynites was held in the Controller's office yesterday between representatives of the Brooklyn Public Library, the Controller and the Corporation Counsel relative to the final adustment of plans to be submitted to Mr. Carnegie for the branch libraries in Brooklyn.

John W. Devoy, treasurer of the Brooklyn Public Library; R. Ross Appleton and Henry Sanger Snow, forming the special executive committee of the board appointed to draw up the agreement, with ex-Mayor David A. Boody, president of the library board, represented the Brooklyn Public Library. William J. Carr, Assistant Corporation Counsel, of Brooklyn, represented the Law Department, while Controller Coler acted for his department.

The conference was held for the purpose of completing the draft of the Brooklyn agreement. Mr. Boody said that he anticipated a full agreement and the completion of the instrument which is to be taken to Scotland by Dr. John S. Billings for the approval and signature of Mr. Carnegie.

Dr. Billings will sail for England on next Wednesday for the express purpose of seeing Mr. Carnegie at Skibo Castle.

Mr. Boody said that assurances had been received from Mr. Carnegie that whatever agreement was satisfactory to the city would meet with his approval.

TO IMPROVE SAN FRANCISCO DEFENCES.

San Francisco, July 24.—The government has determined to make great improvements in the fortifications around the harbor of San Francisco. To that end the present commander at the Presidio, Colonel Rawles, has had a new title given him which gives him jurisdiction over all fortifications protecting this city. He is now commander of the district of San Francisco. Among his assistants will be Captain E. A. Millar, who is to be known as district adjutant. On the hills on both sides of the Golden Gate are to be mounted more of the heaviest and most approved ordnance. In speaking of the contemplated work Colonel Rawles said:

We will place on all eligible eminences the latest improved ordnance. The number, together with those already mounted, will approximate one hundred, I should judge. Many rapid fire guns are to be placed, and the submarine mining of the bay and its approaches will hereafter be under the supervision of the artillery, instead of, as formerly, under the engineer corps. Much work is ahead of us, but our growing trade with the Orient and outside world has made it imperative that San Francisco should be protected with the latest improved defences.

MISS IDA DUPUY BURIED.

THE MAN WHO SHOT HIMSELF AT THE SAME TIME WILL RECOVER.

The funeral of Ida Dupuy, who was found dying from a pistol shot wound on her father's sloop yacht, last Sunday night, was held yesterday at her father's home, at New-Springville, Staten Island. The burial was in New-Springville Cemetery.

Herman Treetz who was found with the girl, and who was also suffering from bullet wounds, is doing well in the S. R. Smith Infirmary, and his recovery is assured. Treetz still maintains the story that he and the girl had determined to die together, and that the girl shot herself first, and he then turned the revlover on himself.

NOT TO GUARANTEE PACIFIC STEEL BONDS

Ashbel P. Fitch, president of the Trust Company of America, yesterday contradicted a report sent from Port Townsend, Wash., that the company would guarantee the bonds of the Pacific Steel Company, of Irondale.

"The report is erroneous," Mr. Fitch said. "The Trust Company of America will not guarantee these bonds, and the statement that we have proposed to do so is without any foundation whatever."

BURNED SHIP ATTACHED.

Acting on the libel that was placed on the ship Commodore T. H. Allen by the Pilot Association of New-York, United States Marshal Haubert has attached the vessel, which lies off Forty-second-st., Brooklyn.

The Allen is the ship that caught fire in some way when outward bound for China with a cargo of oil and paraffine wax and was beached inside of Sandy Hook. The association claims salvage on the hull and all the cargo that has not been destroyed.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR REPORTED.

AMERICAN SHIPBUILDING COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS AT JERSEY CITY.

The American Shipbuilding Company, which has an extensive plant at Cleveland, Ohio, held its annual meeting yesterday noon in the Commercial Trust Building, in Exchange Place, Jersey City. The directors were re-elected, and A. B. Wolvin was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain Fitzgerald. The directors met after the meeting of the stockholders and re-elected their officers.

The annual report was read to the stockholders, but it was not given out for publication. General Counsel J. H. Hoyt said that a copy of the report would be mailed to each stockholder. The company had had a prosperous year, he said. It had built forty ships, and is now building twenty-one ships, of which two are large passenger steamers. The company has more contracts now than it had a year ago.

The directors elected are W. L. Brown, Robert Wallace, James C. Wallace, L. M. Bowers, J. A. Gean, A. B. Wolvin, H. H. Porter, jr., Alexander McVittie, R. L. Ireland, H. M. Hanna, L. C. Hanna, W. C. McMillan, Luther Allen, Andrew Joys and W. C. Carpenter.

The directors re-elected these officers: President, W. L. Brown; vice-president, R. L. Ireland; secretary and treasurer, R. C. Wetmore; general manager, James C. Wallace, and general counsel, James H. Hoyt. The Messrs. Hanna, who are members of the board of directors, are brothers of United States Senator Marcus A. Hanna. The company has an authorized capital stock of $30,000,000, and has issued $7,800,000 of preferred stock and $7,600,000 of common stock. No dividend was declared at yesterday's meeting.

OLD DOMINION MAY BE RAISED.

ATTEMPT TO FLOAT JOY LINE STEAMER PARTLY SUCCESSFUL.

An attempt was made yesterday at high tide by the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Company to drag the Joy Line steamship Old Dominion off the rocks at Bluefish Bar, where she grounded three weeks ago in the fog. The vessel had previously been lightened about fifty tons by the removal of her big walking beams and other machinery, except the engines and boilers. The large hole in the hull about amidships was covered with a bulkhead, built by divers, after which two big pontoons were floated on each side of the vessel, while the lighter Atlas took a fifteen-ton pressure on her bow.

When these arrangements had been completed and the tide was flood, hawsers were made fast near the bow, and three ocean going tugs, led by the Red Star Line Tormentor, of Boston, picked up the ropes and pulled on the stranded steamer with full steam. A fleet of excursion and pleasure boats and hundreds of people at Rye and Oakland beaches watched the tugs at work. They labored with the Old Dominion nearly an hour, until the tide got low, without being able to get her off, but, according to the captain, they succeeded in moving her a few feet, and demonstrating that it is possible to save the ship.

The three tugs will return to-day, when another attempt will be made to float the Old Dominion at high tide. Her captain hopes the vessel will be afloat by to-night. It is said that it costs the insurance company, which is trying to save the Old Dominion, $900 a day for the wrecking crews. They have been at work on her three weeks. The vessel, when new, cost about $250,000.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, July 24.—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

The army retiring board at San Francisco is dissolved.

A new army retiring board is appointed at San Francisco for the examination of officers ordered before it. Detail for board: Major-General SAMUEL B. M. YOUNG, Colonel JAMES M. MARSHALL, assistant quartermaster-general; Colonel JOHN B. BABCOCK, assistant adjutant-general; Lieutenant-Colonel JOHN D. HALL, deputy surgeon-general; Major ROBERT J. GIBSON, surgeon; Captain DAVID J. RUMBOUGH, artillery corps, recorder.

Captain EDWARD O'C. ORD, 224 Infantry, is directed to report to the army retiring board at San Francisco for examination.

Major JAMES S. PETTIT, 1st Infantry, is detailed for service in the inspector-general's department.

The following transfers in the 29th Infantry are made: Captain HOWARD R. PERRY, from Company C to Company H; Captain HENRY C. CLEMENT, jr., from Company H to Company C; Captain IRA MACNUTT, First Lieutenants JOHN W. JOYES and JAY F. HOFFER, Ordnance Department, will report to the examining board at the Army Building, New-York City, for examination for promotion.

Captain SAMUEL V. HAM, 5th Infantry, is detailed for service in the Quartermaster's Department.

First Lieutenant JOHN A. MERTAGH, assistant surgeon, will report at the General Hospital at San Francisco.

First Lieutenant COMPTON WILSON, asistant surgeon, is honorably discharged as captain, assistant surgeon volunteers only.

First Lieutenant MILTON E. LANDO, assistant surgeon, will report for temporary duty at San Francisco.

The following transfers are made: Lieutenant-Colonel FRANK D. BALDWIN, from the 4th Infantry to the 1st Infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel BUTLER D. PRICE, from the 1st Infantry to the 4th Infantry.

Captain S. J. BAYARD SCHINDEL, 6th Infantry, is detailed for duty at the Military Academy.

First Lieutenant ASA T. ABBOTT is relieved from duty at Shattuck School, Minnesota.

Captain LOUIS B. LAWTON, 26th Infantry, is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at Shattuck School, Minnesota.

NAVY.

Lieutenant-Commander S. COOK, detached Mare Island yard, to the Independence as executive.

Lieutenant-Commander J. F. PARKER, detached the Independence, to Mare Island yard.

Lieutenant-Commander Y. NOEL, detached the Iowa, to home and wait orders.

Lieutenant-Commander A. F. FECHTELER, detached Mare Island yard, to the Iowa as navigator.

Lieutenant A. P. NIBLACK, to duty as member Olongapo Station Board, New-York yard.

Lieutenant D. E. DISMUKES, detached the Monongahela, home and wait orders.

Lieutenant A. W. HINDS, detached torpedo station, to home.

Assistant Paymaster P. G. KENNARD, detached Key West Station, home and wait orders.

Passed Assistant Paymaster W. V. H. ROSE, to Key West Station as pay officer, purchasing pay officer and general storekeeper.

Naval Cadet E. B. LARIMER, detached the Vixen, to the Michigan.

CUSTOMS QUESTION IN SAMOA.

Tutuila, Samoa, July 17, via San Francisco July 24.—A controversy has occurred over the customs as to whether Tutuila is a part of the territory of the United States in that respect or not. It has been required that importers receiving goods from the colonies and neighboring islands of German Samoa should produce consular certificates as to the importers of goods from those places. This meant a further tax and increase in the prices of the goods. The prevailing opinion is that importers are not required to produce the invoices as printed in the revised statute; that Tutuila is not a part of the United States for that purpose, and, instead of protection, free trade is preferable in those islands, where there are no manufactories to protect. The Tutuila government has made no decided move in the matter, but awaits advice from the government at Washington.

REPORT ON ITALIAN LYNCHING.

Washington, July 24.—Acting Secretary Hill today dispatched to Count Carignani, the Italian chargé here, a copy of the report of Governor Longino of Mississippi upon the recent killing of Italians at Erwin. A study of the Governor's report makes it appear that after all the question of the nationality of the murdered Italians will not be the principal issue in the inquiry. The Governor apparently fears strongly to the belief that there was no real lynching, but that the affair was simple assassination, and that the men were not killed because they were Italians, but as a result of a tribal quarrel. Should this view be sustained by the inquiry now in progress the case at once will lose its international aspect.

COMSTOCK LOOKS AT PICTURES.

THEY COME OUT OF SLOT MACHINES IN PARK ROW, AND THE ALLEGED PROPRIETORS ARE ARRESTED.

Anthony Comstock, alongside a policeman in a patrol wagon loaded with policemen from the Old Slip station and court officers with warrants, drove up to the Twentieth Century Fair, the miniature Coney Island show at Park Row and Ann sts., yesterday and arrested two men, seized eight slot machines and took pictures from a lot more. He said the pictures in many instances were vile and indecent. The prisoners were Arthur Brown and Zachariah Cooper, the alleged proprietors. They were taken to court.

A big crowd gathered in front of the place as soon as the police were seen in the wagon. Mr. Comstock looked at the pictures and took the ones he said were indecent. Magistrate Pool held the prisoners in $500 bail for Special Sessions.

DEVERY AS A GOOD SAMARITAN.

Deputy Commissioner Devery sat at his desk at Police Headquarters yesterday behind a pile of bills and quarters and half dollars which he had collected for a needy woman who sat in the office. She had a letter to Commissioner Murphy from a member of the Hickory Club, of which he is a member. He had gone to Rockaway. Her husband has been for twenty-six weeks suffering from consumption in a hospital. They have four children, and she has been dispossessed. Devery got $45 for her.

ARRESTED FOR RUNNING A HANDBOOK.

A man who described himself as George Harris, thirty-one years old, was arrested yesterday in the basement of the Syndicate Building, on the southwest corner of Liberty and Nassau sts., for running an alleged handbook. He was taken to Police Headquarters. This morning Harris will be arraigned in the Centre-st. court.

THREE PLATOON PLAN NEARLY READY.

Commissioner Murphy yesterday reiterated his statement that he did not believe gambling was going on in Queens Borough.

Commissioner Murphy expected that the three-platoon system would be completed within two or three days. It was nearly finished, and the final mapping out of posts was being gone over.

"As fast as the plan is completed it will be put into practice," he said. "It will be within a few days, I think, that everything will be ready, and then it will be carried into effect."

He said there was nothing in the report that he intended to abolish all details, including the bicycle squad.

NOMINATIONS IN WESTCHESTER.

REPUBLICANS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS INDORSING THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF M'KINLEY AND ODELL.

The Republican County Convention was held at St. John's Hall yesterday. It was controlled by ex-Congressman William L. Ward, against the opposition led by ex-Senator J. Irving Burns. It had been predicted that Burns would bolt and that his sixty-eight delegates out of the 218 in the convention would hold a separate convention, but Burns, after a conference with his delegates, decided to go into the convention.

Secretary John J. Brown of the County Committee called the convention to order at noon. Mark D. Stiles, of Mount Vernon, a Ward man, was elected chairman. In his address Chairman Stiles admonished the delegates to stand by the organization, saying the organization was above the man every time. The secretaries elected were Philip Kuss, of Yonkers; James L. Taylor, of Greenburg, and Edward Kerr, of Yorktown.

After the temporary organization had been made permanent, County Clerk Crumb offered a resolution expressing the sympathy of the convention with Leslie Sutherland, Mayor of Yonkers, in the recent loss of his mother. The resolution was adopted.

Charles P. Cowles, of Rye, nominated County Judge Smith Lent for re-election, and the nomination was made by acclamation. John C. Ten Eyck, of Yonkers, named Mayor Leslie Sutherland for county clerk. D. Wiley Travis, of Peekskill, one of Burns's followers, named County Clerk Leverett F. Crumb to succeed himself. Sutherland was nominated by a vote of 143, to 68 for Crumb. Senator Isaac N. Mills named J. Addison Young, of New-Rochelle, for district attorney, and he was nominated without opposition.

General H. C. Boyce, chairman of the committee on resolutions, then read the report of the committee, commending the administrations of President McKinley and Governor Odell. For the office of county register, William G. Barrett, of Katonah, was nominated without opposition. Edward B. Long, of White Plains, defeated Charles M. Lane, of Mount Pleasant, for the nomination for superintendent of the poor. Lane holds the office at present and is a Burns man. Long recently went over to the Ward faction. Dr. Perley H. Mason, of Peekskill, was renominated for coroner.

PAN-AMERICAN THRONGS.

K. OF C., Y. M. C. A. AND UTAH DAY AT THE EXPOSITION.

Buffalo, July 24.—To-day was a triad of special days at the Pan-American Exposition. It was Knights of Columbus Day, Young Men's Christian Association Day and Utah Day. Knights from all parts of the country were present in sufficient force to be generally noticeable among the exposition throngs. Director-General Buchanan welcomed the knights.

Utah made a great showing on this, its State day. Although no formal exercises were scheduled, the citizens from that State were present in large numbers. All day long informal receptions were held at the Utah exhibits in the various buildings.

Hundreds of members of the Young Men's Christian Association visited the grounds during the day, and all attended the National Young Men's Christian Association track events in the Stadium this afternoon.

BUFFALO HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Buffalo, July 24 (Special).—Persons from New-York and its vicinity registered at hotels to-day include:

IROQUOIS—John J. Roche, Dr. John J. Hart, Mrs. John J. Hart, Miss H. Hall, R. H. Kress, L. M. Kronheimer, A. M. Waitt, D. F. Lillis, C. M. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Deguon, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Willis, Miss E. L. Davis, Mrs. James Horton, W. Weidenkeller, S. S. Rauth, Walter Volte, George C. Coon, Mrs. G. C. Coon, Warren G. Horton, Horton Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Johnson, S. D. Horton, C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Moffat, Dr. John H. Girdeu and Mrs. Girdeu, H. S. Collette, Miss M. E. Huntington, John J. Ryan, G. P. Ray, Mrs. J. O. Clarke, Mrs. Anna Gordon, W. Smellie, Duncan Edwards, Frank E. Gage, Mrs. Louise Fitzgerald, Louis Fitzgerald, jr., Miss Fitzgerald, E. Doll, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Conant, William A. Anthony, B. L. Stowe, William L. Oliver and D. B. Kingsbury.

NIAGARA—Miss L. L. Kane, Miss S. K. Kane, Joseph Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Mann, Mabel H. Mann, Miss Cora Stuart, Bertha Ruffner, Wilson Olney, Ernest T. Rossiter, Mrs. John M. Toucey, John M. Toucey, Miss J. M. Wickes, Mrs. S. D. French, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hughes, S. G. McFarland, A. Macy Shallcross, Geraldine R. Frick, Raymond G. Frick, W. D. Roberts, G. S. Fiske, John McGeehan, Mrs. S. D. Cox, Mrs. Katherine Lechler, Elwin S. Stuart, G. R. Bagg and Ethel M. Bagg.

ARLINGTON—Mrs. A. S. Lyman, Stafford Gay, J. L. Evans, G. C. Peck, Mary Flynn, Katherine Kelly, I. D. Kingsbury, William Freeman, T. S. Montgomery and Mr. and Mrs. A. Brandt.

BROEZEL—F. M. Whyte, C. P. Abbott, William B. McBurney, Henry Heyman, K. L. Ryman, E. E. Davis, J. W. Simonds, C. O. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parnall, Wilbur G. Davis, J. J. Dervain, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Daily, E. S. Bronson, R. M. Paulsen, Joseph W. Kennedy, C. E. Hoffman, W. A. Nye, W. B. Taylor, Walter H. Clayton, H. J. Schneider, Miss Maude Lambert, John Eyre, S. B. Walsh, C. E. Frey, George L. Thomson, J. M. Landfield, F. O. Rich, F. L. Eames and George R. Stratton.

COLUMBIA—N. C. Jessup, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Turner, W. F. Leary, A. B. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Farrell, jr., Mrs. L. F. Gautert, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Howell, E. J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Coggins, Harry P. Taylor, Edith A. Bogge, Miss Mary S. Taylor, Edith Hays and Miss A. W. Collier.

MANSION—E. J. Prest, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey, William Heil, W. M. Pulford, Charles R. Gurr, William Walther, John J. McKenna, E. R. Murphy, G. L. Baker, T. H. Benton, Frank Hand, L. Scanlan, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. H. Errington, Vito G. Cantasano, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Demise, F. Good, A. A. Grant, E. Marcotte and Mrs. M. Haverston.

STAFFORD—William Kelley, H. Schirmer, F. C. Mowry, Mrs. T. G. Peck, J. M. Deane, George C. Deane, B. M. Houston, J. L. Mara, Paul Rother and J. B. Schriever.

GENESEE—F. H. Houston, Joseph L. Houston, H. C. Nott, J. H. Venon, George Horton, Louis L. Reineke, August Wall, Mrs. A. W. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lewis, Mrs. Mary Leigh, Frank Leigh and J. Olfers.

TIFFT—C. E. Kile, James B. Gilbert, Henry N. Bartlett, W. M. Kingsley, W. E. Spader, S. S. Rauth, J. T. Anderson, George L. A. Martin, James M. Brown, Dr. C. F. McGuire, L. C. Hablg, W. J. Hablg, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Armstrong.

SCORPION GOES OUT OF COMMISSION.

Boston, July 24.—The converted yacht Scorpion went out of commission to-day at the Charlestown Navy Yard. The Scorpion will be stripped of all her fittings and extensive repairs will be made. The crew was transferred to the gunboat Machias, and Commander Sargent took charge of this new command. The Machias has been at the yeard nearly a year, and about $70,000 has been spent in remodelling her. There is a rumor that she will be added to Admiral Farquhar's squadron for the summer evolutions, and that in the fall she will be sent to the West Indies and the northern coast of South America.

BURGLAR SHOOTS APPRAISER

JANITOR BLOWS BUGLE CALL WHILE CENTRAL PARK WEST APARTMENT HOUSE IS IN AN UPROAR.

Fishel Cohen, an appraiser in the United States General Appraisers' Department, living in the apartment house at No. 224 Central Park West, was shot at 4 a. m. yesterday by a burglar who had entered his room through the window and was going through his trousers. As Cohen awoke the burglar cried out, "I'll kill you if you don't shut up!" Without waiting an instant he shot Cohen in the left shoulder and escaped through another room and across the Central Park wall. A motorman and a passenger of an electric car emptied revolvers at him. Mr. Cohen lost a $150 gold watch and chain.

Cohen is living with the family of Mrs. Charles Wigg. He has the front room of the suite. His window is near the steps, and the burglar got across by holding to the awning of the open window.

The man found the watch and chain on the bureau, and then picked up Cohen's trousers, in which there was $40. Some change chinked as he held the trousers up, and Cohen awoke. He saw the man in the middle of the room and immediately cried out in alarm.

The shot, Cohen's yell and the burglar's dash through the drawing room had awakened the Wigg family and others, and the house was in an uproar.

Just as the burglar crossed the avenue an electric car came along. The motorman and conductor and a passenger were the only persons aboard. They heard the screams of Mrs. Wigg and could see the burglar running for the wall. The motorman and passenger had revolvers, and they fired twelve shots at him. Every shot was fired before the man cleared the wall, which he did at a bound, but not a shot took effect, and the burglar disappeared in the bushes. The three men jumped the wall and made a hasty search for the man, but he was not to be found.

James McMahon, the janitor, was one of the first to awaken. He is an ex-member of the 69th Regiment, and was in the Philippines with the American army as a bugler. Thrusting his bugle out of the window, he blew the assembly call. No policeman had appeared.

Two Holmes Burglar Alarm Company men ran to the scene and made a search for the burglar, but vainly. Cohen was found bleeding and unconscious in bed, and Dr. Weston, coroner's physician, who lives at No. 225 Central Park West, and had got up on hearing the noises, dressed Cohen's injury. The wound is not dangerous.

Half an hour after the shooting Policeman Michael Slattery, of the West Sixty-eighth-st. station, came up to investigate.

DESERTED WIFE SENT TO HER PARENTS.

HUSBAND HAD TOLD HER TO MEET HIM IN JERSEY CITY.

Mrs. Leona Smith reached Jersey City last Saturday, expecting that her husband would meet her. While waiting in the Pennsylvania Railroad Station a middle aged man, she said, accosted her, and, on learning her name, said her husband had requested him to inform her that he had gone away and would never see her again. Mrs. Smith consulted the police, but failed to find any trace of her husband, who is a bricklayer of a roving disposition. She says they were married by a priest at Parkersburg, W. Va., on April 30, 1898. She is twenty-three years old and a Protestant, and her husband, who is forty-two years old, is a Catholic.

Mrs. Smith was sent yesterday to the home of her parents in Cameron, W. Va. The transportation was provided by Overseer of the Poor Hewitt.

SPANISH-AMERICAN TOPICS.

Thanks to the rapid building of the Guayaquil-Quito Railroad by the Ecuadorian Company, the republic of Ecuador is being sought by immigrants from European and American countries, anxious to profit by the development of the country's resources. The government has issued a decree establishing a board of immigration, the headquarters of which will be at Quito, the capital, with branch offices in several cities of the republic.

The "Paraguay Monthly Review," which has proved successful since its establishment six months ago as a semi-official organ, under the direction of Señor Carlos R. Santos, former delegate of Paraguay at the Philadelphia Commercial Exposition, and Chief of the Statistics and Information Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, publishes the latest message of President Emilio Aceval on the opening of the Paraguayan Congress at Asuncion. That document congratulates the republic upon being in friendly relations with all her neighbors, although treaties are still pending with Bolivia and Brazil, but with every prospect of a prompt and amicable settlement. With respect to questions most directly interesting the diplomacy and the commerce of the United States President Aceval has introduced the two following paragraphs in his message:

Our country has been represented in the preliminary congress of the second International Conference of the American Republics at Washington; in the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Universal Postal Union at Berne; in the Congress of Public and Private Charities at Paris; in the Hispano-American Social and Economic Congress at Madrid; in the Latin-American Medical Congress at Santiago, and in the Latin-American Scientific Congress at Montevideo. In due time there will also be named a delegate who is to represent our government in the Pan-American Congress, which will meet at the City of Mexico on October 22 of the current year.

In regard to the extension of commercial relations with the United States, which is so strongly popular in Paraguay that a whole township there is named "Villa Hayes," President Aceval says:

The government has received from the Paraguay Development Company, of Philadelphia, through our Consulate-General in that city, a petition for a subvention for a line of steamers which said company proposes to establish between Paraguay and the United States of North America, which matter will in due time be submitted to your consideration. Regarding the importance of this initiative, permit me to call and urge from now on your preferred attention thereto, taking specially into account the sensible necessity of our industry and commerce to search and establish new and larger markets, which, facilitating their expansion, would contribute positively to its progressive development. These results cannot accrue to any country without fomenting and protecting by all available means its means of transportation and communication with the rest of the world.

The newspapers of La Paz, Bolivia, state that the government of the republic has asked the Emperor of Germany to permit two officers and eight sergeants of his army to proceed to Bolivia, where they would be intrusted with the instruction of the regular army and of the national guard. It is expected that the Kaiser will not refuse to Bolivia a favor which he has granted to several other South American republics, notably to Chili.

The idea of submitting to arbitration all litigious questions of an international character is so deeply rooted in the mind of all South American governments that a former frontier treaty between Bolivia and Paraguay, having been declared obsolete, the Chamber of the latter country has voted, it is said, in secret session that Argentina should be chosen as arbitrator to settle finally the dispute about those boundaries.

The disputed question of the Massacre River, which at a time endangered the peaceful relations between the republics of Hayti and San Domingo, because the capricious river had become a torrent, changed its bed and consequently the international frontier, is about to be amicably arranged. A commission of four members from each nation has been appointed to investigate the question, and they were to meet in the Mancenilla Bay, at the latest dates by mail, and proceed with an examination of the disputed ground.

The "Buenos Ayres Standard" says that the bond of union established between the republics of Argentina and Brazil by the visit of President Roca to Rio Janeiro and that of President Campos Salles to Buenos Ayres is the subject of a handsome volume which has been published by order of the Municipal Intendant of the latter capital. It forms a complete and most minute record of all the festivities and proceedings during the visits, and of the incidents connected therewith. The object of the book is to perpetuate by an exhaustive description the events which have created a spirit of fraternity between the people of Brazil and Argentina.

CALIFORNIA OIL LITIGATION.

Washington, July 24.—The Interior Department has fixed a hearing for September 19 next on a motion for a review of the decision rendered by the department adverse to the defendant in the cases of the Kern Oil Company and the Gray Eagle Mining Company against C. W. Clark, known as the "California scrip cases." The cases are of considerable importance to the oil interests on the Pacific Coast, and many valuable claims hinge on them.

NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

AN APPEAL TO MAYOR SEYMOUR.

NEWARK PROPERTY OWNERS WANT THE CORPORATION TAX LAW ENFORCED.

An open letter from the Property Owners' Defensive Association in Newark was presented to Mayor Seymour yesterday. The letter had been prepared by unanimous resolution of the association. It related to the question of the taxation of the rights of way of the trolley, electric light, gas and other corporations using the streets, and demanded that the Mayor see that the law as interpreted by the Supreme Court, relating to the taxation of this form of property should be carried out.

Mayor Seymour appointed the present City Counsel and the Tax Board, and it is held that he is responsible for their actions. After the Supreme Court had decided that the easements of street using corporations were taxable as real estate the City Counsel instructed the Tax Board that it would be advisable to omit assessments on rights of way this year, as the Court of Errors and Appeals had yet to review the Supreme Court's decision. The Tax Board acted accordingly, and, while the valuations on individual property were largely increased, there was no increase in the assessments on the corporate property.

In the letter to the Mayor yesterday is embodied a series of resolutions passed by the association denouncing the action by the law department as a breach of faith and characterizing the Tax Commissioners as allies of the street using corporations.

"If," says the communication, "this betrayal of public interests shall be persisted in by the Tax Commissioners, the final hope of this city against this perversion of law and right rests with the Mayor, and this association appeals to him to prevent this sacrifice of the public interests at the hands of his appointees, for whose action he is responsible."

Mayor Seymour is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and it is deemed by his friends not advisable that he should offend the powerful trolley, electric light and gas interests in the State.

THEY KEPT THEIR SECRET WELL.

A BLOOMFIELD MARRIAGE A YEAR OLD CAUSES GREAT SURPRISE.

Bloomfield, July 24 (Special).—The announcement to-day of the marriage of Lester E. Bennett, of Bloomfield, and Miss Jennie E. Westbrook, a daughter of the late Frederick Westbrook, at one time chief of the Montclair Fire Department, caused much surprise in both towns. For some time Miss Westbrook had been living near the Bennett homestead, and the young couple often went out together, but their relatives and friends had no idea that they intended to marry. The young woman is considerably older than her husband.

Mrs. Bennett, the boy's grandmother, was greatly incensed when she heard that her grandson had married Miss Westbrook. Bennett is not yet twenty-one years old, and has lived with his grandmother since the death of his father. He was vice-president of the Young People's Society of Christ Episcopal Church, and sang in the church choir.

The marriage took place on July 28, 1900, but the couple guarded their secret until a few days ago, when young Bennett informed his grandmother. The younger Mrs. Bennett left Bloomfield for Laramie, Wyo. Her husband resigned his positions in Christ Episcopal Church and has gone to join his bride.

THOUGHT THE BULLET WAS A MOSQUITO.

PHYSICIAN EXTRACTS THE MISSILE FROM MAN'S LEFT CHEEK.

Bloomfield, July 24 (Special).—Charles Krach, of Newark-ave., was standing in his doorway this afternoon when he felt a sharp, stinging sensation in his left cheek. At first he thought a mosquito had bitten him, but in a minute he felt blood trickling down his cheek and his face began to swell. He hurried to Dr. William H. Van Gieson's office, in Franklin-st., and after an examination the doctor told Mr. Krach that he had been shot by a bullet and not bitten by a mosquito.

The doctor with much difficulty extracted a ball from Mr. Krach's left cheek directly under the eye. The bullet was fired from a Flobert rifle, but by whom is not known.

ELECTRIC STORM IN SALEM COUNTY.

Vineland, July 24 (Special).—Word reached this place to-day from the lower part of Salem County that a terrific wind, electric and hail storm wrought great destruction in that neighborhood last night. Corn fields were laid low and badly cut by hail, and three buildings, it is reported, were struck by lightning and burned. A barn owned by a farmer near Brotmanville was destroyed by fire from lightning.

DRAWN UNDER TRAIN AND KILLED.

Phillipsburg, July 24 (Special).—Dupont A. Cooper, thirty-eight years old, while standing on the platform at the Alpha station to-day with his wife and two children, was drawn under a fast express train that rushed by, and he was ground to pieces. Cooper and his family were bent on a pleasure trip.

GEN. WHEELER TO BE AT OCEAN GROVE.

Ocean Grove, July 24 (Special).—The final sessions of the Summer School of Methods, conducted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of New-Jersey, were held to-day in the temple. Mrs. Emma Bourne, of Newark, presided over the conferences. The principal speakers were Dr. Eva M. Lake, of Pleasantville; Miss V. E. Bell, of New-York; Miss Alice O. Smith, of Trenton, and Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, of Newark.

On Friday the meetings will be held under the auspices of the National Temperance Union. Sunday evening Major-General Joseph Wheeler will speak on "The American Soldier and His Needs."

JERSEY CITY TAX BUDGET FIXED.

The Jersey City Board of Finance yesterday adopted the tax budget for the fiscal year, which will begin on December 1. The appropriations amounted to $2,554,491 92. Among the items were: Board of Education, $526,238; Street and Water Board, $295,340; Sinking Fund Commission, $2,700; Finance Board, $944,416 92; increase, $66,157 10. The amount received from the State for taxes and other credits aggregates $743,000, leaving $1,810,689 34, and to this is added one-ninth by law, making the total to be raised by local taxes $2,011,877 04. The tax rate will not be increased.

FELL INTO A FIRE AND FATALLY BURNED.

Plainfield, July 24 (Special).—Phillip Henry, two years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry, of Prospect-st., Westfield, died at the Muhlenburg Hospital this afternoon from the effects of burns received yesterday. The lad was walking with his mother. As they were passing a house where the workmen were burning a heap of refuse, the lad fell into the fire. He was first seen by the workmen, rolling about all ablaze. His body was badly burned, and it is believed that he inhaled some of the flames. He died in great agony.

INVESTIGATION POSTPONED.

Trenton, July 24.—The investigation of the charges against the warden of the State Hospital has been postponed until Monday next, because of the inability of one of the committee to be present to-morrow.

DR. BEYNON MAY PLEAD SELF-DEFENCE.

It is probable that when Dr. John H. Beynon is put on trial for shooting George Campbell at Newark a few days ago he will plead self-defence, and that the plea of insanity, which was at first contemplated, will be abandoned.

THE STATE AND THE MOSQUITO.

From The Newark Daily Advertiser.

A suggestion, facetiously made, that the State government turn over the entire treasury surplus to the State Entomologist for the purpose of destroying the mosquito pest in New-Jersey, is not as farcical as it appears. The State could well afford to pay out every dollar in the treasury and add $5,000,000 or $10,000,000 to the amount in order to get rid of the pest.

The mosquito is not a local or sectional question. The insect abounds everywhere in New-Jersey, and even the seashore is not free from its ravages. It haunts the lowland and the upland, the woodland and plain, and lake and river. It has made for New-Jersey a costly notoriety. The "Jersey mosquito" has passed into a proverb that repels population, makes real estate interests languish and keeps down property values. The pecuniary injury the mosquito does to New-Jersey is not far from $100,000,000. The State would certainly be that much richer in property values if it had no mosquito pest.

A State injury calls for a State remedy. Only the State can deal with a nuisance that is spread over its whole area, and affects the entire population. It is extraordinary that this serious and all pervading nuisance should be endured from time immemorial without the slightest effort by the State government for its abatement.

The State Entomologist is engaged in a study of the varieties of the mosquito, but his close investigations promise nothing