A SUSPENSION ASKED.

Request of Northern Securities Company Opposed by Government.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS SOUGHT.

St. Paul, April 17.—Circuit Court Judge Sanborn this afternoon set Monday morning, April 20, as the time for hearing arguments on a request by attorneys for the Northern Securities Company that the decree recently handed down be suspended in so far as it prevented the payment by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway companies of dividends to the Northern Securities Company, since these dividends were ultimately to reach the same people, anyway.

Judge George B. Young appeared for President Hill, M. D. Grover for the Great Northern Railway, and Mr. Bunn, general counsel of the Northern Pacific Railroad, for that company. Under instructions from Attorney General Knox, District Attorney Caupt appeared to oppose any motion for a modification of the decree. The attorneys for the railroads explained that the regular dividend day had nearly arrived, but that under the decree it was impossible for the railway companies to close their books and pay any dividend, a matter affecting something like nineteen hundred individuals, many of them dependent on these dividends for the necessities of life. No modification of the decree was asked, all such matters being left for the formal appeal which was sure to come in the course of time.

Judge Sanborn preferred that the whole matter be left until all four Circuit Court judges could hear it, which would be on May 4, but, owing to the urgency of the matter on which a suspension was desired, finally agreed to hear and decide as to the requested suspension next Monday morning. District Attorney Caupt said he would present the case to Attorney General Knox in the mean time, and learn his wishes. The attorneys for the Northern Securities Company and the two railways said they only wished permission to pay the regular dividends, which is impossible, according to their understanding of the decree of the court. Before the case can be finally passed upon by the Supreme Court over $14,000,000 would be paid in dividends in case this part of the decree could be suspended, but otherwise the sum would be tied up and the people to whom it was properly due could not receive it.

MR. KNOX'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Any Modification or Suspension of Decree Opposed.

Washington, April 17.—Referring to the application at St. Paul to-day in behalf of the Northern Securities Company, the Department of Justice has made public the following telegraphic instructions of the Attorney General sent to the United States District Attorney at St. Paul on April 14:

It is likely defendants in Northern Securities case will forthwith, and possibly without notice, appeal to Circuit Court or judge thereof, for modification of decree pending appeal, or for order making appeal operate as supersedeas. You are directed to watch this matter closely, and earnestly oppose any such application on ground that this is not ordinary case of equity jurisdiction between private parties, but special and enlarged statutory remedy in equity to enjoin violation of a penal law. The decree finds defendants guilty of violating the declared public policy of the nation. For that reason the government opposed any suspension or modification of the judgment of the court. The modification proposed would in effect be an indulgence to continue to violate a law of the United States. As the suspension of the operation of law is not the exercise of a judicial function, it is inconceivable that Equity Rule No. 93 contemplates vesting such power in a court. That rule contemplates suspension or modification upon terms that will secure such rights of an opposite party as could be protected by a bond to indemnify. This is not such a case. The principal relief granted by this decree is the injunction; to suspend it would produce the same effect as a certificate of division in the Circuit Court, and deprive the decree of its force and meaning.

NORTHERN SECURITIES MEETING.

No Date Set for Appeal of Merger Case.

President Hill yesterday presided at the first meeting of the directors of the Northern Securities Company since the decision against the merger. Those present included George F. Baker, E. H. Harriman, James Stillman, George W. Perkins and John S. Kennedy. The meeting lasted one hour. At its close it was officially said that no business of public interest had been transacted and that no date had been set for an appeal of the company's case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

It was rumored that the directors had taken some action with regard to the payment of dividends, but this report was denied. A director intimated, however, that if Judge Sanborn, at St. Paul, on Monday, refused to suspend the injunction so far as it prevented the payment by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies of dividends to the Northern Securities Company, that arrangements would be made in some way to pay the regular dividends. The St. Paul decision prevents the Great Northern and Northern Pacific companies from paying dividends to the Northern Securities Company, but does not interfere with the declaration of dividends by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. This director pointed out, as has been before explained, that in his opinion the appeal from the decision, when made, would stay proceedings under the decision and would permit the subsidiary companies and the Northern Securities Company to carry on their usual dividend disbursements. There seems, he argued, no equitable reason why the holders of Northern Securities stock should not be entitled to dividends paid on the securities of the companies it owns.

Ordinarily the regular quarterly dividend of the Northern Securities Company would be declared next week, to be paid early in May.

The market for Northern Securities stock continues to improve. About 6,000 shares were traded in yesterday, the price making a substantial advance over the previous closing figures. The stock opened at 97, ¼ up, and, on moderate purchases, advanced to 98, closing at 97¾.

ECONOMITES SELL OUT FOR $2,500,000.

Pittsburg, April 17.—All the holdings of the Economites in the Sewickley Valley are said to have passed into the hands of a syndicate formed here, the consideration being $2,500,000. The senior trustee, John S. Duss, of the Harmony Society, as the organization is called, is said to have been the moving spirit in the sale, which carries with it the title to 2,600 acres of land, including the town of Economy.

Only a half-dozen members of the society are living, and it is assumed that the sale of the land means the practical winding up of the Economites, after an existence of more than one hundred years. One of the principal articles of faith was celibacy.

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FEVER SHIP HELD UP.

Father and Daughter Die on Voyage from Rio Janeiro.

Two deaths, which are reported to have been from yellow fever, having occurred in the steamer Syracusa in the course of her voyage from Rio Janeiro to this port, the steamer was detained for observation and disinfection when she arrived at Quarantine yesterday.

When the Syracusa left Rio Janeiro she had four passengers—John Boihm, his wife and child, and Mr. Boihm's sister. The child died on March 28 and was buried at sea, and Boihm, who was taken sick at the same time, died on March 29. His body was sent ashore at Bahia for burial. Captain Willhaft said both deaths were from yellow fever.

NOT YET IDENTIFIED.

Victim of Mafia Still Unknown—Police Near Murderers.

The body of the murdered man found in the barrel at Eleventh-st. and Avenue D on last Tuesday, was still unidentified yesterday, and though the police and detectives were busily engaged in running down clews, apparently they had not succeeded in laying the crime to the door of the murderers.

The thirteen prisoners were taken before Magistrate Barlow, in the Jefferson Market Court, rearraigned and committed to the court prison until to-morrow morning.

Just before 10 o'clock a hurry call was sent to St. Vincent's Hospital for an ambulance, as it was believed that one of the prisoners, Dominico Pecoraro, was dying. He was groaning and rolled around on the floor of his cell as if in agony. After Dr. Donovan had examined the Italian he said the illness was feigned, and refused to take the prisoner to the hospital. As soon as he heard what the doctor said, his struggles stopped.

Inspector McClusky said that half of the prisoners would be discharged to-morrow.

"We are getting down to the facts in the case and by that time will probably know just who committed the murder," he said.

Ignazio Lupo, of No. 433 West Fortieth-st., one of the prisoners, through his counsel, applied to Justice Blanchard, of the Supreme Court, for a writ of habeas corpus. The warden of the Jefferson Market Prison refused to accept the writ, and the writ was amended and made returnable this morning.

GETS JUDGMENT AGAINST EPIPHANY.

Mrs. Nies, Wife of Former Rector, Obtains One for $933 67—Some Surprise.

A judgment for $933 67, being the principal and interest of a note for $750 given by the church on December 1, 1896, with costs, has been obtained against the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, in Brooklyn, by Mrs. Jane Dows Nies, a daughter of Alexander E. Orr and the wife of the Rev. James Buchanan Nies.

From 1893 to 1898 Mr. Nies was rector of the church, and in May of the latter year he received a leave of absence on account of ill health, and went to Palestine with his wife. Before he left the church it had been in financial trouble, and in 1896 Mrs. Nies made a loan to it of $750. Mr. Nies sent in his resignation seven months after leaving Brooklyn. It was accepted, and since then he has been engaged in archæological research. He is now seeking to establish an American college in Palestine, and has an endowment nearly large enough for that purpose.

A member of the church said yesterday that he was surprised to hear that judgment had been obtained against the church. It was generally supposed the claim would never be taken up, as Mrs. Nies was understood to be wealthy. Her husband received nominally a salary of $2,500, but he paid practically all of it back to the church. While he was rector the mortgage was decreased $1,000 and the floating debt was paid off. In his absence the members began to talk of getting a new rector in his place, the member said, and Mr. Nies must have heard of it and sent in his resignation on that account. Mrs. Nies yesterday declined to discuss the matter.

NEW TRIAL FOR WARDEN FALLON.

Action is to Recover Damages Sustained by Reason of Removal.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision reversing the judgment of the trial court in the case of John J. Fallon against Robert J. Wright. The plaintiff was removed from his position as warden of the city prison on January 21, 1896, by the defendant, who was then Commissioner of Corrections. He was subsequently reinstated by the courts, and he then brought an action to recover damages that he sustained by reason of his removal as allowed by Section 1, Chapter 312, Laws of 1884, as amended by Chapter 716 of the Laws of 1894. In the trial Mr. Fallon was permitten to testify that he had paid his counsel sums amounting to upward of $1,300 in the reinstatement proceeding, and that the value of the services rendered really exceeded that amount.

Justice Ingraham says that when the law awards costs, that is presumed to be sufficient as indemnity for expenses incurred. That indemnity the plaintiff has received and no further liability is imposed. The justice says there was no occasion for the recovery of more than nominal damages. The judgment is therefore reversed, and a new trial is ordered.

SAYS SHE WAS TRICKED BY HUSBAND.

Mrs. Leicester Holme Seeks to Have Trust Fund in His Favor Annulled.

Mrs. Lizzie Hastings Holme has brought a suit in the Supreme Court against Leicester Holme, her husband, and William H. Phillips, as trustee of a fund created by her for her husband's benefit, to annul the deed of trust, by which she deposited in Phillips's charge six hundred shares of stock of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, valued at $50 each; $35,000 of New-York City additional water stock and a bond and mortgage of $50,000 made by Mayor Low on premises at No. 30 East Sixty-fourth-st.

Mrs. Holme, through Howe & Hummel, her attorneys, yesterday obtained from Justice Blanchard leave to serve Holme with the summons and complaint by publication, it being alleged he is a resident of Paris, France, and seldom comes here.

The plaintiff says she resides at the Hotel Wellington, and was married to the defendant on July 12, 1893. About May 24, 1894, she was desirous of leaving New-York, and wished him to travel with her through Europe and other places. He was at the time an Excise commissioner, with a salary of $5,000 a year, his appointment being for four years, and in order to induce him to go to Europe with her she agreed to create the trust, which she now asks to be annulled and declared void.

NO MORE GENERAL EASTERN AGENT.

The office of the general Eastern agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company was abolished yesterday, and J. C. Horton, Eastern passenger agent, will take charge of all matters pertaining to the passenger department in New-York and adjacent territory. Mr. Horton has been connected with the company for several years.

IT WOULD BE A BIG BANK.

Rumors of Bank of Commerce and Western National Merger.

There were many reports current yesterday that the National Bank of Commerce and the Western National Bank of the United States had consolidated, but these rumors were declared to be unfounded. It was admitted that the advisability of consolidating these banks had several times been discussed by interests concerned, but that a merger had already been effected could not be confirmed yesterday.

Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, one of the reputed negotiators of the consolidation, yesterday repeated that the report was misleading; that there had been no change in the situation in the last few months, and that no agreement had been made to merge the two institutions. Other officials of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which dominate the Western National Bank, were positive in their denials of the reports. President Snyder of the Western National also denied the rumor. Again, it was said that no merger would be made while Joseph C. Hendrix, president of the Bank of Commerce, was still on the ocean.

On the other hand, influential men could be found who believed thoroughly that a merger of the two banks was pending and would soon be officially announced. They looked on the denials of the interests involved as purely technical. They pointed to the sharp 25 point rise in Bank of Commerce stock on the Exchange and on the curb yesterday as indicative of an approaching consolidation. They were correctly informed, they said, that the capital of the consolidated bank would be fully $50,000,000; that the name of the National Bank of Commerce would be retained, because its charter was so valuable; and that Valentine P. Snyder, president of the Western National, would be made president of the new bank.

It is said that the Mutual and Equitable interests have been drawing closer together for some time and some Wall-st. thinkers have predicted the time when these two great insurance companies would unite.

Should the Western National and the Bank of Commerce consolidate, a deal of great magnitude would be effected. Their combined capital is now $20,000,000, their surplus $10,000,000, and their total resources $186,295,369. The combined banks would have total deposits of over $140,000,000. This would place the new institution in the class of the National City Bank, which has a capital and surplus of $41,000,000.

MANUFACTURER HAS FORGOTTEN IT.

Injured in Trolley Accident, He Has No Recollection of the Circumstances.

Joseph Millard, fifty-five years old, a candy manufacturer of Maiden Lane, Manhattan, was injured in a trolley accident on April 5, while returning home from Richmond Hill, where he had been to visit his married daughter. He is confined to his home, No. 233 South Third-st., Brooklyn, by his injuries, but has no recollection of the accident.

Mr. Millard was brought home by two policemen, who said he had fallen off a car and had been slightly injured. He had been taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where his injury was attended to. Dr. Silas C. Blaisdell, surgeon in chief of the Eastern District Hospital, found that Mr. Millard had sustained an injury to the back of his head. Mr. Millard, however, did not have any idea that he had been in an accident, and did not know how he had reached the hospital, but was able to remember leaving the institution. He recalled leaving his daughter's home and boarding a Jamaica-ave. car and riding a short distance, but from that time his mind was a blank until he started to leave the hospital. It was apparent that he had fallen from the car, and had struck the pavement on the back of his head, slightly injuring his brain.

WILLIAMS ALUMNI CELEBRATE.

Laugh at Jokes, Sing Songs, Smoke and Elect Officers.

At their annual meeting and smoker at Delmonico's last night the members of Williams College alumni had a good time. Francis S. Hutchins, '00, brought forth much laughter, while E. Dimon Bird, '97, shook the chandeliers with his voice when he acted as chief announcer. When Professor Shackford sang Henry W. Banks, jr., president of the college athletic association; R. Marsh and the ball team came in with vigor at the chorus.

The officers elected for 1903 were: President, Frederick B. Jennings, '72; vice-presidents, John Tatlock, '82, and Bainbridge Colby, '90; secretary, Francis S. Hutchins, '00, and treasurer, James C. Rogerson, '92; president of the athletic association, Henry W. Banks, jr.

PRO-CATHEDRAL CHANGES HANDS.

Bishop Potter Said To Be Unable to Carry Burden—City Mission Society Takes It.

Bishop Potter will soon give up responsibility for the Pro-Cathedral, in Stanton-st., and the work there will cease to be a part of the Cathedral Foundation of St. John the Divine. By action of St. George's vestry legal title to the property has been ordered transferred to the Pro-Cathedral Episcopal City Mission Society, and Bishop Potter will transfer the institutional work to the same society. The name Pro-Cathedral will be abolished.

Bishop Potter is said to feel that he can no longer carry the burden of its support, which he has personally done since 1895. He once lived in Stanton-st. for a month, and has talked much about the connection between the Pro-Cathedral and the real Cathedral, on the ground of which latter the children of the East Side were sometime to be permitted to play.

The Pro-Cathedral, it is said, was the first free-pew Episcopal church in New-York, the first to inaugurate institutional work now represented by St. Georges, St. Bartholomew's and others, and the first to establish a settlement. The City Mission Society began work in the field in 1833, and out of it grew the Church of the Epiphany.

Two years ago the Pro-Cathedral came into public prominence through the contention of its vicar, Mr. Paddock, for improved conditions on the East Side. The present vicar is the Rev. Philip M. Kerridge, whose wife was Miss Grace Briggs, a daughter of the Rev. Charles A. Briggs.

FOR THE ONE CENT COFFEE STANDS.

The annual musical and dramatic entertainment for the benefit of the St. Andrew's One Cent Coffee Stands in Manhattan and Brooklyn will take place this evening at Carnegie Music Hall. This charity, with office and kitchen at Nos. 45 and 47 Grove-st., was organized sixteen years ago by Mrs. J. M. Lamadrid, who is still at its head. Besides the regular daily work at the coffee and meal stands, a free dinner is given on Thanksgiving Day to about two thousand poor. This year a New Year's entertainment was held, and clothing, toys and food were distributed to the children of the poor.

ARRIVAL OF BUYERS.

Robinson, Norton & Co; Charles Weinstock, cloaks, No. 72 Leonard-st.

The Fair, Cincinnati, Ohio; H. F. Smith, cloaks, No. 43 Leonard-st.

Shepard, Norwell Company, Boston; Mr. Woods, rugs, No. 43 Leonard-st.

Hunley, Smith Drygoods Company, St. Joseph, Mo.; T. R. Wall, notions, dress goods and embroideries, No. 43 Leonard-st.

Beall, Livingston Company, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Livingston, drygoods, No. 60 Lispenard-st.

W. A. McNaughton & Co., Muncie, Ind.; Mr. McNaughton, drygoods, No. 60 Lispenard-st.

E. P. Hunt & Co., Great Barrington, Mass.; Mr. Hunt, drygoods, No. 60 Lispenard-st.

E. D. Starbuck & Co., Saratoga Springs; Mr. Starbuck, drygoods, No. 60 Lispenard-st.

George W. Anderson & Sons, Portsmouth, Ohio; Mr. Anderson, drygoods, No. 60 Lispenard-st.

S. A. Goldsmith Company, New-London, Conn.; drygoods, No. 60 Lispenard-st.

N. G. Gilbert & Sons, Norwich, Conn.; N. G. Gilbert, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

M. C. Drake & Co., Kingston, N. Y.; Mr. Drake, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

S. Hecht, Jr. & Sons, Baltimore; Benjamin Schleisner, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

J. H. Lowenstein, Elberon, N. J.; furniture, Furniture Exchange.

J. D. Horn & Co., Jacksonville, Fla.; J. D. Horn, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

D. Wolff & Co., Newark, N. J.; W. Kirch, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

A. M. Bonhard, Cleveland, Ohio; I. Weber, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

E. W. & S. C. Kipp, Jr., Ossining, N. Y.; S. C. Kipp, jr., furniture, Furniture Exchange.

Long Island Furniture Company, Long Island; E. J. Consiskey, Furniture Exchange.

A. W. P. Alenson, Las Vegas, N. M.; Charles Sefeld, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

P. Deisroth Estate, Hazleton, Penn.; W. A. Deisroth, furniture, Furniture Exchange.

F. J. Essig, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Essig, jewelry, Astor House.

A. L. Sercomb Company, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. Sercomb, jewelry, Navarre.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The Marty Company, conducting a restaurant and cafe at Nos. 117 and 119 West Thirty-second-st., yesterday assigned for the benefit of creditors to George Robinson. The company was incorporated in 1902. Franklin Mortimer is president of the company.

The Sheriff has received an attachment for $825 against the International Telephone Company of America, a Delaware corporation, for rent of offices in the Mills Building.

Judgment for $9,467 was entered yesterday against Jacob Cram in favor of William Seward Webb, on two notes, made by Cram in 1902.

C. P. Kildal was appointed temporary receiver of the business of Milner & Harburger, against whom an involuntary petition was filed on Thursday. His bond was fixed at $500.

DOCTORS FAVOR MUZZLE.

Women Champion Their Pets at Hearing on Dog Ordinance.

There was a large attendance in the aldermen's chamber yesterday afternoon at the hearing before the committee on laws and legislation on the ordinance introduced by Alderman Myers, requiring that all dogs when on the streets shall be muzzled. If caught without a muzzle the ordinance provides that a dog shall be conducted to the pound and be redeemed on payment of a fine of $3 after three days incarceration, the proceeds from such to be devoted to the police pension fund. There were many women present.

The remarks of the first speaker, Mrs. M. Jennings, were greatly applauded. She said the poor people who owned and loved their dogs could not afford to pay for the license or the muzzling of a dog. She said the leader for the dog was all right but the muzzling of them was all wrong.

"Try it on yourself," said the speaker, "and see if you will like it. I once had to muzzle mine, and when he was attacked he could not defend himself. It will ruin the nature of a dog to muzzle it. The mad dog scare is due to the dogs being annoyed by boys. I don't think the city is a place for dogs, but for that matter its no place for children."

"But we have some good children in the city," said Alderman Mathews.

"Oh, yes, and we have some good dogs, too," said Mrs. Jennings.

Peter Cedar, of No. 113 West Thirty-seventh-st., connected with a kennel club, said that if the ordinance was passed it should be experimented with for only three months to see how it would work.

Dr. Reynolds W. Wilcox said that for twenty-five years he had tried to find a case of hydrophobia, but in vain, and had attended autopsies on people said to have died from hydrophobia only to find that they had died from other causes. He characterized hydrophobia as a piece of superstition, and said that he had never been able to find such a disease. He said he opposed the ordinance to muzzle dogs, and said there was absolutely no necessity for such an ordinance.

Dr. C. H. Lambert, president of the New-York Medical Society, favored the ordinance, and said that he was surprised that a man of the intelligence of Dr. Wilcox would say there was no such disease as rabies.

"I beg your pardon," said Dr. Wilcox. "I said hydrophobia."

"Well, it is the same thing," replied Dr. Lambert; "there is no difference."

In closing Dr. Lambert said that the only way to control or wipe out the possibility of rabies is by muzzling all dogs. Dr. George Rambaud, of the Pasteur Institute, favored the ordinance, as did Dr. H. D. Gill, city veterinarian, both holding that the only way to stop rabies was to stop the cause, that of the dog bite, and that the only way to stop the dog bite was to muzzle the dog.

At a meeting of the Board of Health during the afternoon, a resolution favoring the ordinance to muzzle dogs was passed.

THIRTY KILLED AT MORRISTOWN.

All in a Day—A Mad Dog Scare Responsible.

Morristown, N. J., April 17.—Mayor Charles A. Reid, in accordance with last night's decision of the Council, ordered that all dogs be muzzled or tied up, and that any found running in the streets without muzzles be killed by the police. If owners want to take their dogs for an airing the animals must be held in leash.

The dog scare was started by a little dog that went mad, it is supposed, on Wednesday. It ran through the streets snapping at other dogs, and, according to rumor, it bit several before it was killed. Yesterday about thirty animals were either shot by their owners or destroyed at the "dog shelter" of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Owners of valuable dogs are watching them closely for symptoms of rabies.

METHODISTS LEAD ALL OTHERS.

Bishop McCabe Says Increase in Membership Beats Other Denominations.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Saratoga, N. Y., April 17.—There was a larger attendance to-day, the third day of the seventy-first annual meeting of the Troy Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will continue its deliberations here till Monday afternoon. Gloversville was selected as the place for holding the conference in 1904.

Bishop McCabe opened the day with a brief address, which was followed by a service of consecration. The committees for 1904 were reported by the board of presiding elders and elected. The Rev. Dr. James H. Brown, of Troy, was appointed executive secretary of the conference claimants' fund, and was empowered to raise $50,000 during the year. A resolution of the Rev. Dr. George E. Stockwell, of Rensselaer, to restore the limit of pastorate service was tabled. The Rev. Herbert A. Wood, of Vergennes, submitted the report of the committee on nominations, and the officers for the conference were elected.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Berry, of Chicago, Editor of "The Epworth Herald," made an address on the revival of Methodism in the United States. The conference trustees elected include the Revs. E. H. Brown, M. H. Smith, P. Goettel, F. R. Sherwood, W. H. Groat and G. E. Stockwell; and D. Klock, jr., H. S. Kennedy and E. H. Strang, laymen.

Bishop McCabe stated that the net increase of membership of the Methodist Church since 1884 was greater than the entire membership of any denomination except the Baptists. The Rev. John S. Wilbanks, of Petersburg, it was announced, has withdrawn from the Methodist Church and ministry and joined the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Hervey D. Spencer, having joined the Apostolic Holiness Union and become pastor of the church at Denton, Md., has had his ordination papers returned to him. The Rev. Dr. Wallace D. Spence, of Benson, was granted a supernumerary relation. The Rev. John S. Hunt, of West Chazy, it was reported, has withdrawn in order to enter the Wesleyan Church, in England. The Rev. Philetus F. Youlen, of North Troy, was made a superannuate.

Those called by the Bishop, who will be ordained on Sunday, include the Revs. Robert L. Thompson, Brandon, Vt.; Leonard A. Bard, Rock City Falls; George C. Douglass, Chestertown; Charles W. S. Becker, North Creek; Charles P. Hogle, Ellenburg, and Earl T. French. The names of over fifty ministers were called separately and their supernumerary and superannuated relations continued.

The anniversary of the Conference Temperance Society, of which the Rev. Dr. Alfred H. Eaton, of Albany, is president, was held this afternoon, when an address was made by M. J. Fanning, of Boston. The Conference Veterans' anniversary took place this evening. Addresses were made by Bishop McCabe, the Rev. Dr. James M. King, of New-York City, and the Rev. Dr. James E. C. Sawyer, of Williamstown, Mass. The Conference Alumni Association of Syracuse University has elected the Rev. Dr. John A. Hamilton, of North Adams, Mass., president, and the Rev. Dr. H. F. Titus, of Crown Point, secretary.

FOR CATHOLIC WORK FOR SEAMEN.

An entertainment for the benefit of St. Peter's Union for Catholic Seamen will be given on Monday evening at the 12th Regiment Armory, Sixty-second-st. and Columbus-ave. Archbishop Farley, president of the union, and Father Dougherty have carefully watched the progress of the reading rooms, at No. 422 West-st., and its value to the men for whose benefit it is intended. The record of last year shows more than twenty-six thousand men accommodated. Improvements are necessary in the present quarters, and under a committee, with L. J. Callanan as chairman, a concert by the 12th Regiment Band, a reception and a euchre party with accommodations for four thousand players have been arranged. The tickets and reserved seats are to be had of Father Dougherty, No. 178 Christopher-st. or Postoffice Box No. 59, and L. J. Callanan, No. 41 Vesey-st.

"IT ALL DEPENDS," SAYS MR. O'BRIEN.

"Who is going to win next fall?" Ex-Sheriff James O'Brien was asked yesterday, at the office of W. M. K. Olcott, his counsel, in the pending divorce proceedings brought by his wife.

"Well, it looks as if Tammany had a good chance," said Mr. O'Brien.

"And what will the James O'Brien Democracy do?"

"It all depends," said Mr. O'Brien, in a foxy way. "Tammany is very friendly to us, but it all depends on what our share will be."

TO MAKE OCTOBER 12 A HOLIDAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Albany, April 17.—The Assembly Committee on Rules decided to report favorably to-night among other bills that of Assemblyman Fitzgerald, making October 12, the date of the discovery of America, by Columbus, a legal holiday, to be known as Columbus Day.

THE EDUCATIONAL USE OF THE THEATRE. Is America behind Europe in this respect? An agitation for an endowed theatre in this country has directed attention to the various endowed theatres in Europe, where thousands of dollars are subscribed yearly by the governments for the support of the opera and the drama. Photographs of leading theatres in Europe and facts concerning the system by which they are managed. In to-morrow's Tribune.

CAN BURN HOLE IN SAFE.

Thermit's Reported Powers—Long Distance Sight Predicted.

William J. Hammer last night told about a comparatively newly discovered substance—thermit—without which no up to date crackman's outfit can be said to be complete. He was addressing a joint meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Electo-Chemical Society, on "Radium and Other Radioactive Substances, with a Consideration of Phosphorescent and Fluorescent Substances," and "The Properties and Applications of Selenium and the Treatment of Disease by the Ultra Violet Light," at the City College.

It consists, Mr. Hammer said, of oxide of iron, such as may be obtained from a blacksmith's anvil or the rolls of a rolling mill, and is mixed with powdered metallic aluminum. If a little borium preparation or magnesium powder be placed on top of this mixture and touched off with a match an extraordinary reaction takes place, producing a temperature of about 3,000 degrees C., the energy represented within one second's time in the case of a kilo (2.2 pounds) representing an expenditure of 1,260 horsepower.

Mr. Hammer said he had seen enormous holes burned in steel safes by employing thermit. He said he had seen, however, in Germany last summer a substance called "anti-thermit," which it was intended to place in the lining of safes to prevent the reaction taking place. A simple plan, however, would be to place a selenium cell in or near the safe, so that the moment the reaction was started a signal would be given to the police by the newly devised application and employment of selenium. Through selenium, Mr. Hammer hoped that, whereas we now hear what is said in Chicago, we shall in future actually be enabled to see our interlocutor.

SEES GREAT CALAMITIES IN STARS.

"Progessor" Meyer Foretells Trouble for Warships, Theatres and the Reliance.

"Professor" Gustave Meyer, of Hoboken, has been gazing at the stars again, though when he was able to get a glimpse of the stars these last few weeks, even in Hoboken, is a mystery. This time he presages great calamities to our warships on April 20, 21 and 23 and on May 1, 7 and 8. Captains must use great caution, he says.

Of more local interest, however, is his warning that the stars predict some calamity in the theatres of New-York on May 1, 8, 9, 10 or 12. He says the Fire Department had better watch out. We can assure the "professor" that his warning will be heeded so far as the Fire Department is concerned. Last night Commissioner Sturgis was out to take a peep at the stars himself—the stars and the little nebulæ in the chorus—and as a result kept his men busy clearing out the persons standing from every house in town. To be sure that wasn't hard work in some of them, but in a few it kept the men busy. Other disasters in the theatres the firemen are not so competent to avert. None of them can avert more performances of "Mr. Blue Beard," for instance.

The "professor" has discovered that the Reliance will lead a very eventful career, and will prove an easy winner if she lives till the race. She will be an easy winner if she lives, because when she was launched Venus was posted in the eighth mansion of heaven. But she will have a hard time of it living, because Mars, fiery and evil as he is, was mean enough to get himself posted in the twelfth mansion. As the professor puts it:

This signifies that secret foes will attempt to destroy the Reliance by fire, therefore it will be highly advisable for the manager of the Reliance to keep a more than vigilant eye upon her, and the secret enemies who will attempt this dastardly work will resemble people of tall, well built body, light brown hair, oval visage, sanguine or ruddy complexion, quite dignified and of a pleasing countenance. In disposition they will be ambitious, fond of recreation and very subtle.

HAY FAMINE—PRICES HIGH.

New-York is suffering from a temporary hay famine, and prices are abnormally high. For several days the receipts have run at least a quarter below local requirements. Canada has latterly proved a good resource, but as her main shipments have to come by the New-York Central, other freight is pressing upon the car service of that route, and the trade cannot count on comfortable receipts until Canada can utilize her canalboats. This will not be until after May 2.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

Washington, April 17.—The following army, navy and marine corps orders have been issued:

ARMY.

The retirement of Brigadier General ALBERT E. WOODSON, at his own request, having attained the age of sixty-two years, is announced.

The following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted are announced: Colonel JOSEPH H. DORST, to 3d Cavalry; Lieutenant Colonel GEORGE F. CHASE, to 12th Cavalry; Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM H. BECK, to 3d Cavalry; Major LLOYD S. M'CORMICK, to 7th Cavalry; Major HENRY L. RIPLEY, to 8th Cavalry; Captain MATTHEW E. HANNA, to 3d Cavalry.

A board of officers is appointed to meet at Fort Assiniboine for examination of officers for promotion. Detail: Majors EDWIN B. BOLTON, 24th Infantry, and PHILIP M. WALES, surgeon; Captains GEORGE H. MORGAN and JOHN B. M'DONALD, 3d Cavalry; First Lieutenants SAMUEL M. DE LOFFRE, assistant surgeon, and REGINALD E. M'NALLY, 3d Cavalry, recorder.

Second Lieutenant SYDNEY H. HOPSON, 24th Infantry, will report to the examining board at Fort Assiniboine.

First Lieutenant THOMAS J. FOWERS, 20th Infantry, is detailed as recorder of the examining board at Fort Sheridan, vice First Lieutenant THOMAS W. GUNN, 20th Infantry.

Second Lieutenant JOHN H. BAKER, 4th Infantry, will report to the examining board at Fort Sheridan.

A board of officers is appointed to meet at Fort Sam Houston for examination of officers for promotion. Detail: Colonel JESSE C. CHANCE, 4th Infantry; Major LUTHER R. HARE, 12th Cavalry; Captains THOMAS S. BRATTON, surgeon, and AUSTIN H. BROWN, 4th Infantry; First Lieutenants WILLIAM H. BANTA, assistant surgeon, and GEORGE M. HOLLEY, 4th Infantry, recorder.

Second Lieutenant ODE C. NICHOLS, 4th Infantry, will report to the examining board at Fort Sam Houston.

Second Lieutenant KIRWIN TAYLOR SMITH, 6th Infantry, will report to the examining board at Fort Leavenworth.

A board of officers is appointed to meet at Chickamauga Park for examination of officers for promotion. Detail: Major WILLIAM D. CROSBY, surgeon; Captains EDWIN P. BREWER, JOHN C. WATERMAN and SELAH R. H. TOMPKINS, 7th Cavalry; Contract Surgeon HERBERT I. HARRIS; First Lieutenant JAMES C. RHEA, 7th Cavalry, recorder.

Second Lieutenant GEORGE M. LEE, 4th Cavalry, will report to the examining board at Chickamauga Park.

First Lieutenant JAMES A. WOODRUFF, corps of engineers, to West Point for duty with Military Academy detachment of engineers.

Captain EDWIN LANDON, artillery corps, will accompany chief of artillery to Fort Barrancas for observing test of new system of fire control.

Major FRANK A. EDWARDS, 4th Cavalry, is detailed member of the board at Jefferson Barracks for examination of candidates for admission to Military Academy, vice Major WILLIAM A. SHUNK, 8th Cavalry.

The resignation of Captain GEORGE T. SUMMERLIN, 5th Cavalry, has been accepted.

First Lieutenant THOMAS A. ROBERTS, 10th Cavalry, from Military Academy, will join proper station.

Captain AMERICUS MITCHELL, 5th Infantry, to Military Academy, West Point.

NAVY.

Commander A. MARIX, to navy yard, League Island, as captain of yard.

Lieutenant O. D. DUNCAN, to New-York.

Lieutenant F. N. FREEMAN, detached the Perry; to the Wisconsin.

Pay Director T. S. THOMPSON, detached the Portsmouth; to navy yard, Boston, as purchasing pay officer.

Pay Inspector W. W. BARRY (retired), detached navy yard, Boston; to the Portsmouth as purchasing pay officer.

Pay Inspector H. E. DRURY, detached the Nevada.

Pay Director J. A. RING, detached navy yard, Norfolk; to navy yard, Boston, as general storekeeper.

Paymaster T. S. O'LEARY, to navy yard, Norfolk, as general storekeeper.

Assistant Paymaster E. H. TRICOU, detached the Columbia; to the Nevada.

Pay Director G. E. HENDEE (retired), detached navy yard, Boston; to home.

MARINE CORPS.

Captain C. G. ANDRESEN and Second Lieutenant L. G. MILLER, to marine barracks, Boston.

First Lieutenant H. D. F. LONG, detached marine barracks, Mare Island; to home.

Captain S. D. BUTLER, detached marine battalion on board the Panther; to home.

Captain P. M. BANNON, detached from itinerant recruiting party; to command marine guard on the Wabash.

First Lieutenant J. G. MUIR, detached from itinerant recruiting party; to recruiting sub-station, Pittsburg.

Second Lieutenant F. A. RAMSEY, with battalion on the Panther; detached from the Wabash.

Captain J. F. M'GILL, detached marine barracks, Mare Island; to home.

Second Lieutenant D. W. BLAKE, detached marine barracks, League Island; to the Massachusetts.

Captain M. J. SHAW, orders to proceed to San Juan.

Second Lieutenant T. MONELL, resignation accepted; detached from the Massachusetts, to home.

First Lieutenant W. L. JOLLY, detached from recruiting duty at Altoona; to marine barracks, Annapolis.

Captain C. S. HILL, to marine barracks, Portsmouth.

Captain W. N. M'KELVY, to marine barracks, League Island.

M'CARTER TO RESIGN.

Attorney General Will Be President of New Trolley Combination.

Attorney General Thomas N. McCarter of New-Jersey will be president of the new corporation to be formed by the Fidelity Trust Company, of Newark, to take over the control of the trolley and electric light companies in North Jersey. Mr. McCarter will resign as Attorney General, and also from the Fidelity Trust Company, of which he is second vice-president and general counsel. The main office of the new corporation will be at Broad and Canal sts., in Newark, on a site now unoccupied.

The names of Chief Justice Gummere and Prosecutor Chandler W. Riker, of Newark, were mentioned yesterday in connection with the appointment of a successor to Mr. McCarter. Mr. Riker said: "If the Attorney Generalship of New-Jersey were offered to me I would be just as likely to refuse it as John W. Griggs was to refuse the Attorney Generalship of the United States. I don't think there is a member of the New-Jersey bar who would decline it. I have not spoken of the matter to the Governor, nor he to me."

It is the belief that Governor Murphy would prefer to appoint Chief Justice Gummere if he should care to accept. The salary of the Attorney General is less than that of Chief Justice, but the Attorney General is not proh