

MAY SUCCEED MR. ROOT.

OLIVER FOR CABINET.

Secretary of War Likely to Retire—  
New Assistant for His Place.

Washington, July 14.—It seems to be a general understanding among officials of the War Department who ought to know that the name of General Robert Shaw Oliver, who has just been appointed Assistant Secretary of War, will be favorably considered for Secretary of War, when Secretary Root retires from the cabinet, on the completion of certain important matters which Secretary Root has in hand. He intends to return to New-York to resume the practice of law. Just when this will happen is still indefinite.

Secretary Root will sail for England the last of August to take his place as chairman of the American commission in the Alaska boundary case. It is expected that he will continue as Secretary of War during the time he is abroad. In case the affairs which have been under his special charge and in which he is much interested are still unsettled when he returns to this country it is expected that he will continue as Secretary of War.

There are other considerations which may prolong his stay as a member of the cabinet until after the next session of Congress adjourns. The fact that he is familiar with everything pertaining to the Philippines, with the administration in Cuba, and with the management of all military affairs since the Spanish war, all of which subjects may be considered by the next Congress, may cause him to continue until then in his present place.

A WARNING TO YOUNG OFFICERS.

Secretary Root Tells Them to Economize—  
One Dismissed.

Washington, July 14.—The President has approved the action of the court martial in the case of Second Lieutenant John F. McCarthy, 3rd Infantry, recently stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He was convicted of duplicating his pay accounts and sentenced to be dismissed from the army. In announcing the President's action, Secretary Root added a memorandum, in which he said:

Young officers are reminded that the avoidance of debt, a rigorous economy in expenditure and a scrupulous regard for pecuniary obligations are absolutely essential to good standing in the military service, and departures from the standard of probity in that regard will not be lightly regarded by the War Department.

LIUTENANT M'CUKE INSANE.

Washington, July 14.—Adjutant General Corbin has approved the recommendation of General Bates in the case of Lieutenant William K. McCue, 1st Infantry, and the officer is now on his way to St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane in this city. The papers in the case have been received at the War Department, and show that surgeons who examined McCue pronounce him insane. Among the papers is one tendering his resignation as an officer while in the Philippines, and another written about the same time saying that he was insane. This letter describes his life in the interior of Samar, and says that existence there makes men insane. McCue is the officer who was married in

PROMINENT FIGURES IN EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION AT DETROIT.



The Rev. Dr. A. B. LEONARD, Missionary Secretary, New-York. Bishop POWELL, Buffalo. Bishop CRANSTON. Governor BLISS, Michigan. Bishop GOODSELL. W. C. MATBURY, Mayor of Detroit. Bishop ISAAC W. JOYCE, President Epworth League, Minneapolis.



The Rev. THOMAS B. NEELY, La. D., New-York. The Rev. W. F. OLDFHAM, Missionary Secretary, Chicago. The Rev. Dr. J. W. BASHFORD, President, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. The Rev. Dr. T. M. BOYLL, Presiding Elder, Pittsburg, New-York. The Rev. Dr. WILLIAM I. HAVEN, Secretary American Bible Society, New-York. The Rev. Dr. JOSEPH F. BERRY, Editor of "Epworth Herald," General Secretary Epworth League. The Rev. Dr. C. B. SPENCER, Editor of "Central Christian Advocate," Kansas City, Mo.



The Rev. Dr. DAVID G. DOWNEY, Brooklyn. The Rev. Dr. JOHN HANDLEY, Long Branch. The Rev. STEPHEN J. HERBEN, La. D., Assistant Editor "Christian Advocate," New-York. The Rev. Dr. THOMAS PILBEN, Pacific Grove, Cal. The Rev. Dr. A. C. CREWS, General Secretary Epworth League, Canada. The Rev. Dr. A. CARMAN, General Superintendent Methodist Church, Canada. The Rev. Dr. JAMES M. BUCKLEY, Editor "Christian Advocate," New-York.

BEST TIRED OF WAITING.

Starts Himself to Look for the Woods.

Discouraged by the lack of success attending the efforts of the local authorities to find the Woods couple, Sumner Best, son of the late Colonel William J. Best, last night started for Phillipsburg, N. J., to make an effort to locate the missing pair. He is still convinced that the Woods are in that neighborhood, and, with their trunks as an objective clue, hopes to follow them and cause their arrest. The announcement made exclusively in The Tribune yesterday of the arrival of County Physician Mackenzie's letter in San Rafael, Cal., drew the following comment from Alfred M. Best: "I look for developments at once; we shall have definite information from San Rafael and

NEW CHARGES OF "GRAFT"

POSTAL DEVELOPMENTS.

John M. Masten Accused—Important Disclosures Expected Soon.

Washington, July 14.—The postoffice inspectors are investigating charges made against John M. Masten, now assistant superintendent of the Railway Mail Service, and formerly chief clerk of the First Assistant Postmaster General's office. A man named Terry, now in the government service, has made an affidavit before the inspectors alleging that Masten, while chief clerk to the First Assistant Postmaster General, proposed that Terry pay him \$50 down and \$2 or \$3 a month to secure reinstatement in a former position in Masten's bureau. Terry charges that he was originally a \$60 employe in the Dead Letter Office, that he was moved under an order of Masten and put into the city postoffice, that he protested, and finally, that Masten suggested his getting an outside party, a close friend of Masten and a former employe of the postal service, to help him. The affidavit alleges that Masten gave Terry assurance that if he paid the amount mentioned he could get back; that he went to Masten's house about the matter, but did not pay the money. Terry charges further that subsequently he made an affidavit of these charges and handed it to Masten to present to First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson, and that the affidavit did not reach Mr. Johnson. According to the charges, Masten subsequently was asked by Terry for the affidavit and refused to return it, and Terry thereupon reported the information before the Civil Service Commission, which took up the matter with the President.

PRESERVATION OF EGGS.

Washington, July 14.—Strong and healthy chickens hatched from eggs which had been preserved for a whole year is the proof of the efficacy of a new method of keeping eggs fresh for any length of time, which is reported to the State Department by United States Consul General Richard Guenther at Frankfurt, Germany. This remarkable result is obtained simply immersing the eggs in a 10 per cent solution of silicate of soda, commonly called "liquid glass." This process produces the formation of a coating which renders the eggs perfectly air tight, and so treated the eggs retain their fresh taste for many months, if not indefinitely. The preserving solution is best prepared by dissolving one pound of liquid glass in four quarts of cold water. The eggs are then immersed for a short time in this solution, which should be kept in a glass container. One of these preserved eggs is to be boiled the shell must be first perforated in order to prevent cracking.

VIOLATING THE REVENUE LAWS.

Washington, July 14.—A circular of instructions to internal revenue officers and all others concerned has been issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, calling attention to irregularities and violations of law that now exist in the handling and sale of manufactured tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes by jobbers and dealers. A practice generally prevails of exposing these taxable articles for sale separated from the packages bearing the stamps denoting the payment of the internal revenue tax. This, it is said, is a serious violation of the law and regulations which it is the purpose of the commissioner to remedy. Jobbers and dealers must get their stock on hand in order before November 1 next, after which date all manufactured tobacco snuff, cigars and cigarettes found on the market exposed for sale not protected by stamps will be seized and the holders proceeded against in accordance with the law.

SHERIFF SAVES NEGRO.

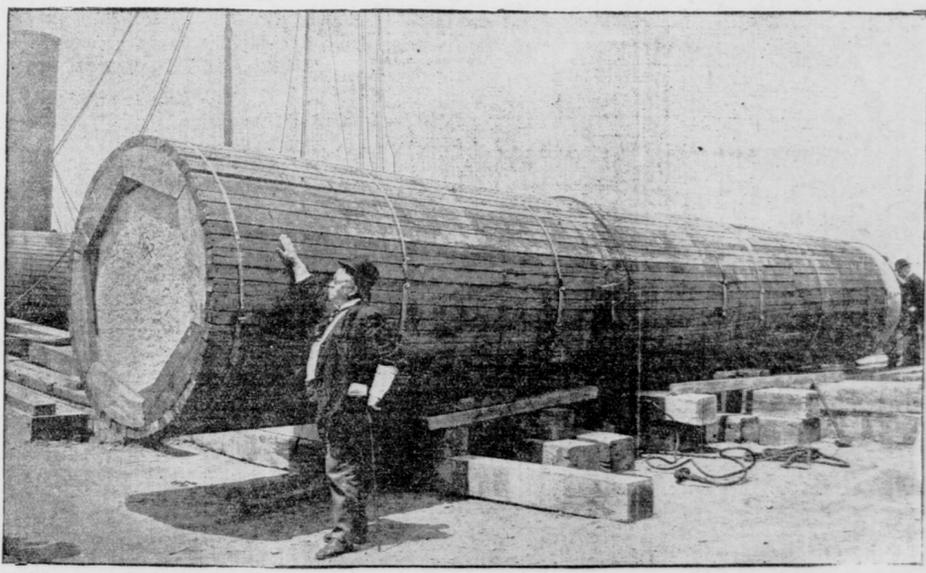
New-York Farmers Ready to Lynch the Man for Assaulting Child.

Albany, July 14.—The deputy sheriff at Coxsackie prevented this afternoon the lynching of James Little, a negro, nineteen years old, from Summerhurst, N. J. Early this morning, near New-Baltimore, he assaulted Emma Cole, eleven years old, the daughter of Joseph Cole, a farmer, living a mile back of New-Baltimore. She is seriously injured. The child, her five-year-old sister, and Maud Lobdell, age twelve, were picking berries by the roadside in the long woods between New-Baltimore and Coxsackie, a mile from home, when Little accosted them, asking for something to eat. The Lobdell girl went to her home, but her mother was not there. Returning to her companions, she found the negro dragging

GIANT STONE COLUMNS LANDED.

Another Stage of Their Journey to New Cathedral Completed.

The two big columns for the cathedral of St. John the Divine, which arrived at the pier at West One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st. last week, were safely landed yesterday. The first was rolled off the big barge Benjamin Franklin at 10 o'clock, when the tide had risen just enough to bring the deck of the barge on a level with the skids which had been laid from the boat to terra firma. By the time the first great stone was on solid ground the deck of the Franklin had risen above the wharf, and the huge skids lay at an angle rendering the unloading of the second impossible. The workmen then settled down to a long wait for the tide to fall to the requisite level, which it did about 4 o'clock, when the second column was rolled ashore. The unloading was accomplished, as far as force was required, by the strong derrick of the Franklin. A heavy steel cable was passed several times around the three-inch sheathing of pine that en-



FIRST GREAT COLUMN FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE TAKEN ASHORE. Photographed as it lay on the dock yesterday at the foot of West One-hundred-and-Thirty-fifth-st.

EMMA COLE INTO THE WOODS.

Emma Cole into the woods. She ran to her aid, and the negro pulled out a handful of her hair. She then ran away with the little Cole girl, screaming for help. Little threatened the child with death if she moved, and then he disappeared. The child's father and neighbors met her on the way home, and at once organized a party to search the woods. A description of the negro was sent to neighboring towns, and an hour later Little was captured on the railroad track near Coxsackie by Roy Cutler. Little confessed, and was locked up. News of the capture reached New-Baltimore, and one hundred and fifty angry farmers started for Coxsackie, augmented by mauls on strike and river men, all frankly vowing their intention to lynch the negro. To-day was the strikers' "benefit day" in Coxsackie, and the town was crowded. Deputy Sheriff Sumner Van Loon, realizing that the coming of darkness would mean the breaking of the flimsy local lockup and the violent death of the prisoner, smuggled the negro out and took him down the river on the boat Catskill, where there is a well built jail. Little says he had been living in Albany, and yesterday started to walk to his home in New-Jersey.

THE CALLAO CHASING PIRATES.

San Francisco, July 14.—Information has been received from the Orient that the United States gunboat Callao is in hot pursuit of a band of pirates which captured a Chinese member of the Callao's crew. The pirates threatened to kill their prisoner unless a ransom of \$5,000 was paid. The Callao had several skirmishes with the robber bands, and found six parties. The Chinese Government has sent a gunboat to the vicinity of Canton, with soldiers, and an attempt will be made to exterminate the outlaws.

EPWORTH LEAGUE TO MEET

Preparations for Sixth Convention at Detroit.

The sixth international Epworth League convention will be held at Detroit, beginning to-morrow and lasting until Sunday. In all parts of the United States and in Canada the members of the Epworth League are anticipating the pleasure and profit of the Detroit convention. Great preparations are in progress, and earnest efforts are being put forth to make it the most successful convention of the league. The statistician has been secured, and gives these comparisons of attendance at the league conventions: At the first, there were 5,000 delegates, at the second 10,000, at the third 15,000, at the fourth 18,000, at the fifth more than 21,000, and now they cherish the expectation that from 25,000 to 30,000 will gather at the City by the Straits.

The programme is said to surpass all others; it is not so crowded to the one two years ago, at San Francisco, but the speakers are able and most of them well known. The difficulty of selection is perceptible when there are so many and capable representatives from the several denominations—the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Methodist Church of Canada. Bishop A. C. Crews, Goodsell, Cranston, Hamilton, Thornburn, Galloway, Hoss and Williams will deliver addresses. The motto for the convention is "Forward," and the watchwords are "Waiting," "Tarry Ye," "Waiting," "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me," "Working," and "Created in Christ Jesus Unto Good Works."

Many church officials, such as secretaries, editors and book agents, are prominent as speakers. Among the orators are Dr. James M. Buckley, Dr. Stephen J. Herben and Dr. Thomas B. Neely, of New-York; Dr. James H. Potts, of Detroit, and Dr. C. B. Spencer, of Kansas City, Mo. Well known secretaries to be there are Dr. H. M. Da Bose, of Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. A. C. Crews, of Toronto; S. Earl Taylor and Mrs. A. B. Leonard and W. F. McDowell, of New-York, and Dr. W. F. Oldham, of Chicago. Prominent pastors who will represent various phases of Epworth League work are Drs. A. Carman, John McDougal and J. S. Ross, of Canada; Dr. D. G. Downey, J. O. Wilson and W. H. Brooks, of New-York; Dr. Henry Spellmeyer and William H. Morgan, of Newark, N. J., and John Handley, of Long Branch, N. J. Among the presiding elders to be present, who have done much toward the success of the Epworth League, are Drs. T. N. Boyle, of Pittsburg, and E. M. Mills, of Elmira, N. Y. Book agents who will add interest to the occasion are Drs. H. C. Jennings, of Cincinnati, and G. F. Mains, of New-York. Laymen also will speak and preside are Governor J. H. Mickey of Nebraska, W. W. Cooper, of Kenosha, Wis.; J. A. Patten, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; A. Roselle Cathcart, of Thomas S. Marshall, of Salem, Ill.; A. J. Wallace, of Los Angeles; B. Diefenderfer, of Cincinnati, N. Y.; Dr. R. D. Doherty, of New-York; C. F. Magee, of Boston; F. W. Tunnell, of Philadelphia; W. O. Gantz, of New-York; Thomas H. Murray, of Clearfield, Penn., and D. D. Woodmansee, of Cincinnati. John G. Woolley, of Chicago, will speak on "The Church and the Liquor Problem," and John Mitchell, chairman of the United Mine Workers' Union, on "The Church and the Industrial Masses." Some college presidents who will be prominent are Dr. John F. Goucher, of the Woman's College, Baltimore; Dr. Samuel Dickie, of Albion College, Michigan, and Dr. J. W. Marshall, of Pennsylvania, N. J. Men who were leaders in young people's societies before the Epworth League was founded will add to the convention interest, among them Dr. William I. Haven, one of the secretaries of the American Bible Society, and Dr. Thomas B. Neely, editor of the Sunday school literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church and founder of the Church League.

Street meetings will be conducted in different parts of the city, and evangelistic services in factories and warehouses, by D. W. Potter, of Chicago; Dr. Boswell, of Philadelphia, and Dr. W. H. Morgan, of Newark, N. J. A. T. Bliss, Governor of Michigan, and William H. Hays, Mayor of Detroit, will give addresses of welcome. On Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock welcome feasts will be held in the Methodist churches of the city. In the afternoon a men's meeting will be conducted in the tent "Gables," and in the Epworth Auditorium a women's meeting will be held. Mrs. Jennie M. Bingham, of Herkimer, N. Y., presiding. At the 10 o'clock there will be a children's meeting in the Central Methodist Church. The convention will close on Sunday night. The principal topics discussed that day will be "Our King," "His Conquering Kingdom," and "My Place in the Army." Provision has been made for the conduct of singing, and among the leaders are Harry Harding, of Detroit; J. M. Black, of Williamsport, Penn.; H. R. McDonald, of Toronto, and Mr. Hill, of Greencastle, Ind. The North



COLONEL WILLIAM J. BEST. Whose death under the care of "Dr." J. D. Woods is now under investigation.

ACCIDENT NEAR LOON LAKE.

Engine and a Coach Leave the Track and Passengers Are Frightened. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) Saratoga Lake, N. Y., July 14.—The train from Putnam over the Chateaugay Division of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, due here at 12:45 o'clock, was partly thrown off the track by a defective switch at a point midway between Loon Lake and Bloomingdale, about noon to-day. The switch, which was not fastened as usual, flew open, and the engine tender and first coach left the track. The accident was on a curve, while the train was moving slowly. Edward Revore, of Lyon Mountain, the fireman, jumped through the window of the cab, and was badly hurt. No one else was injured. The passengers in the coach which left the rails were badly frightened.

MURDER AND ROBBERY SUSPECTED.

Tenawanda, N. Y., July 14.—John Cherry, a farmer, whose body was taken from the Niagara River below the falls, may have been murdered. He was sixty-three years old. He left his home a week ago, saying he was going to Buffalo. His family, he was the last seen of him by any member of his family. He had a large sum of money in his pocket when he left home.

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possibly warrants charging murder, now. The letter of Mrs. Woods to my mother, published in a local paper this morning, was really written on April 12, and printed in San Francisco papers, from which, I presume, it was copied here. It was included in affidavits made in the case out there. The letter was much longer and differed essentially from the copy as printed yesterday. My brother is sanguine of success in his search, and clings firmly to the belief that the couple will be discovered round Easton." County Physician Mackenzie declared yesterday that his letter to District Attorney Boyd, at San Rafael, intimated that the absence of certain organs was suspicious, but insisted that he made no positive statement. Whether traces of poison exist in the organs found in the grave at Caldwell can only be determined by expert chemical analysis, and this will not be made until it is ordered either by the authorities at San Rafael or the Best brothers. There is some reason to conjecture, however, that what remains of the organs will not be adequate to furnish any satisfactory evidence of poison, as the large portion was thrown into the sewer in San Rafael after the body was placed in the undertaker's establishment there. It is, therefore, possible that no solution will ever be found for the mystery attending Colonel Best's death. At the same time, the proceeds against the Woodses for grand larceny may be brought to court, as the Best brothers are determined to press this charge and recover the property in the possession of the Woodses which, they allege, belonged to their father and which the Woodses say Colonel Best gave them.