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RAMAPO HAS OPTIONS. CONTROLS WATERSHEDS.

Expected to Make Its Own Terms Under Tammany.

The city's engineers, in prospecting for an additional water supply for the city, have run plump against the Ramapo Water Company. While the Ramapo company is not in the same threatening position that it occupied three years ago, before the legislature gave the city eminent domain in acquiring watersheds, still, it has numerous options on watershed territory just where the engineers from Commissioner Monroe's department have for the last year been boring rock and surveying for huge reservoirs, from which the city is to draw its additional supply from the Wappinger Valley and Esopus creeks, the one on the east side of the Hudson, and the other in Ulster County, on the west side.

WHAT DEALING WITH RAMAPO MEANS.

A Tribune reporter yesterday saw some of the lawyers who hitherto have represented the Ramapo interests. One of them said: The Ramapo interests control the Esopus and Wappinger creeks watersheds. A long time ago eminent engineers in the employ of the Ramapo company said that it would be merely a question of time before the city would get more water. It took care at that time to get options on these naturally advantageous sources. The Mayor's commission on additional water supply has recommended three additional sources, namely, the Fishkill, Jansen Kill and Wappinger, which practically comprise the city's water supply. The Mayor's commission on additional water supply has recommended three additional sources, namely, the Fishkill, Jansen Kill and Wappinger, which practically comprise the city's water supply.

REPORT ON SOURCES OF SUPPLY.

We find that it is possible to obtain an adequate supply of excellent water from streams lying wholly within the State of New-York. It is feasible to secure an additional supply, larger than the present Brooklyn supply, capable of graduating from the following sources: (a) From certain of the eastern tributaries of the Hudson—namely, the upper Fishkill, the upper Wappinger and the upper Jansen Kill; (b) from a portion of those called Mountains; (c) by pumping and filtering water taken from the Hudson River six miles or more above Poughkeepsie; or (d) by diverting from storage in time of drought to the Hudson River the flow of Esopus Creek, on the westerly side of the Catskills, from the Hudson River six miles or more above Poughkeepsie for the purpose of preventing the upflow of salt.

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WOMAN DIES IN STORE.

Mrs. Lawrence Dilworth, of Pittsburgh, Succumbs While Shopping.

HUSBAND ALMOST PROSTRATED.

Mrs. Virginia C. Dilworth, wife of Lawrence Dilworth, a wealthy wholesale grocer of Pittsburgh, died suddenly yesterday in the store of Koopman & Co., dealers in antiques at No. 324 Fifth-ave. She had been shopping and was on her way to the Waldorf-Astoria, where she had been staying with her husband and young son. Taken ill, she entered the Koopman store and requested a clerk to get her a chair. Before he could comply with her request she sank to the floor. Patrolman Brawley, of the Tenderloin police station, summoned an ambulance from the New-York Hospital, and the surgeon who responded pronounced the woman dead. The body was taken to the Tenderloin station, and a search of the clothing revealed a card bearing the name of Miss Heath, No. 9 East Forty-first-st. Miss Heath was called and identified the body as that of Mrs. Dilworth. There was considerable excitement in the store when the shoppers learned of the death.

PIERCE FIGHT ON ROOF.

Policeman and Burglar in Danger of Falling Off.

On the East of the five story flat house at No. 50 East Eighty-eighth-st., yesterday afternoon, Patrolman Nathaniel Lederman, of the East Eighty-eighth-st. station, and a man accused of burglary had a fierce fight. In spite of the blows rained on him from the policeman's club the man fought desperately for freedom, the struggle bringing the contestants dangerously near the edge of the roof several times, to the horror of Mrs. Kate Rogers, a witness and the woman who had summoned the policeman. Weakened finally by the somewhat unequal combat, the man pleaded for mercy, and was taken to the East Eighty-eighth-st. station and locked up.

MUCH SICKNESS AT ANNAPOLIS.

Many Cases of Tonillitis, and Also an Outbreak of Mumps.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 5.—The exposure to which the midshipmen were subjected at the Army-Navy game at Philadelphia last Saturday is supposed to account for the large number of cases of tonsillitis reported this week. At present there are about 200 on the sick list. A number who have been treated have been discharged as cured, and some fresh additions to the sick list every day. Some of the midshipmen are in the hospital, and some confined to their rooms, while others are so slightly affected as to continue the regular academy routine. None of the cases are at all threatening. There is also an epidemic of mumps at the Academy, and about twenty midshipmen are ill with that disease.

BOXERS MASSACRE CHRISTIANS.

Murders Follow Rising in Sze-Chuan Province.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The "Rappel" publishes this morning a dispatch from St. Petersburg announcing the massacre by Boxers of a number of Christians in the Sze-Chuan Province of China. Through Sleeping Car to Augusta, Ga., and Florida, Southern Ry. Lv. New York Daily 3:25 P. M. N. Y. Offices, 27 and 118 B'way.—Adv.

TRIBUNE GIVES GAVEL.

A PRIZE FOR DEBATING.

To Be Competed for by Interscholastic League.

Enthusiastic interest was aroused last evening at a debate of the Greater New-York Interscholastic Debating League, at the Boys' High School, Putnam and Marcy aves., Brooklyn, by the announcement that The Tribune had offered a handsome gavel to the school in the league which won the championship in the final debate, next June. The gavel will be known as The Tribune gavel, and will become the permanent possession of the high school in the league which wins the championship two years in succession. After it has been won in June, it may be used in the debating society during the year following.

REPLY TO MISS BARTON.

Suspended Red Cross Members Decline to Attend Annual Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 5.—At a full meeting of the suspended Red Cross members at the residence of William J. Boardman this afternoon an address in reply to the recent letter of Clara Barton was adopted unanimously and signed by all present, proposing that the controversy be left to Congress to settle on its merits. The address is as follows: [FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]

ATROCITIES IN THE CONGO.

OUTRAGES CONFIRMED.

British Consul Tells of Revolting Slavery and Barbarism.

London, Dec. 5.—Roger Casement, British Consul in the Congo State, has just completed a tour of investigation undertaken under the orders of the British government, and he fully confirms the worst reports of outrages perpetrated on natives of that part of Africa. Mr. Casement's tour was to have lasted six months, but after the scenes he witnessed and the information he obtained in the first two months, the consul decided that further evidence was unnecessary.

ALL ON BOARD LOST.

Unknown Square Rigger Goes to Pieces Near Cape Race.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 5.—An unknown square rigged vessel, believed to be a Norwegian craft, struck on Ferryland Head, near Cape Race, during a furious storm at midnight last night, and every soul aboard perished. One body was washed ashore this morning, but bore nothing which could possibly lead to its identification except a gold ring marked with the initials "J. E." Parts of the wreck also drove ashore bearing the letters "torrens," "lovekahy," "best" and "kukul." These are the only clues so far obtained, and nothing is known of the ship in these waters, though it will probably be possible to identify her when the sea becomes smooth.

NO FOOD FOR TWO WEEKS.

Stowaway on British Freighter Lost Eighty Pounds.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 5.—Robert Leslie, thirty years old, had been imprisoned in the hold of an ocean freighter for fourteen days, without food or water, when he was rescued to-day in a dying condition. He allied aboard the British steamer Rappahannock, Captain Buckingham, while the vessel was loading at Liverpool two weeks ago, and secreted himself among the merchandise. When the ship was at sea he endeavored to find his way out, but was unable to do so. For ten days he tried to attract the attention of the crew by shouting at intervals, but no relief came, and he abandoned hope.

CAN EXTERMINATE ALL.

Possible to Drive Mosquitoes from New-Jersey, Says Entomologist.

Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 5.—Professor John B. Smith, New-Jersey's State entomologist and mosquito expert, in an address at to-day's session of the New-Jersey Sanitary Association's convention, declared that the complete extermination of the mosquito from New-Jersey was possible. He said: I can say definitely that there is now nothing in the way of the complete extermination of this pest. Since the experiments of the Newark meadows were completed it has been positively proved that a system of ditches such as was built there, at a cost of one cent a foot, removes the surface water, and thus destroys the breeding places, for the mosquito must deposit its eggs in water.

HURT IN TRAIN WRECK.

South Amboy, N. J., Dec. 5.—A coal train, consisting of ten loaded cars and a hogback engine, running at a high speed, left the track at Lunston, between this place and Old Bridge, late last night. The cars were twisted into a mass and the locomotive considerably smashed. The engineer, Ernestine, jumped and received painful injuries, and was followed by the fireman, who escaped with a severe shaking up. The roadbed was torn up for a considerable distance, and it was daylight before travel could be resumed on the adjoining track. The accident was caused by an open switch.

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THE COMMITTEES NAMED.

SPEAKER CANNON'S LIST.

Assignments Generally Considered Fair to Both Parties.

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