

WOODS UNDER ARREST.

SWORDS LETS OUT FACTS.

Globe Company's "Safety" Vault Made of Lath and Plaster.

William H. Woods, David Rothschild's successor as president of the Federal Bank, was arrested yesterday on a civil charge of fraud and deceit, and there was an authoritative report that at least two further arrests, one of a prominent banker, may soon be looked for.

A Tribune informant, who is in a position to know the facts, asserted last night that Rothschild had such prominent and influential backers behind him that the disclosure of their names and relationship to the imprisoned man will electrify the general public should the truth

Is that the Globe Security Company was involved with the Federal Bank? A—I did not know. Q—But you know that the Globe Security Company had been charged with unscrupulous practices? A—I did not know. Q—And did you do anything about it? A—I did not. I simply rested on the statement of Mr. Muirhead, one of the agents who received compensation for the sale of bonds.

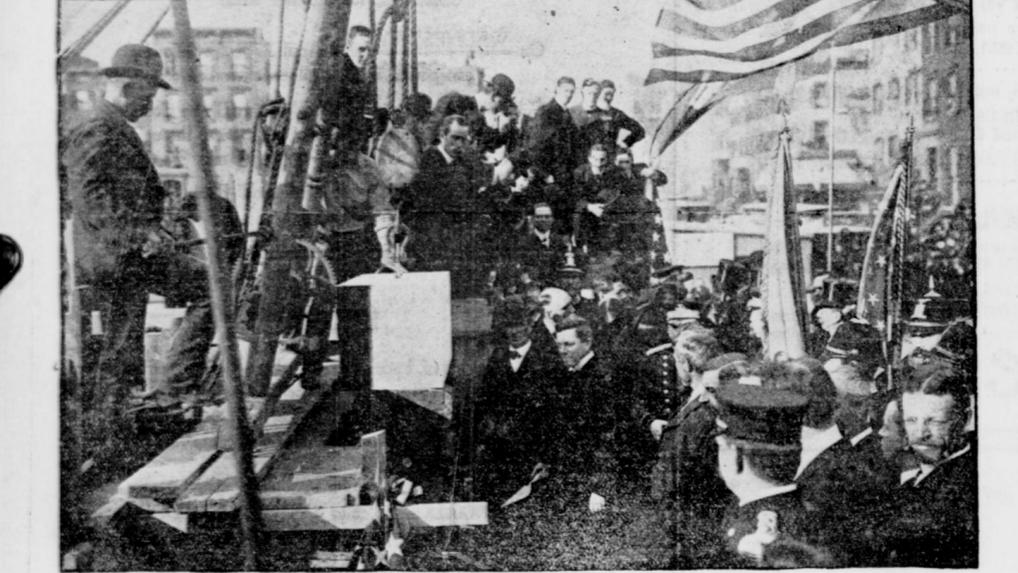
MAYOR HANDLES TROWEL.

LAYS A CORNERSTONE.

Sixty-ninth Regiment Sees Beginning of New Armory.

Mayor McClellan yesterday laid the cornerstone of the new 69th Regiment armory, in Lexington-ave. between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth sts. Where tenement and apartment houses were the new armory will rise, one of the finest structures of its character in the country.

The 69th, in new uniforms, assembled early at the old armory, and headed by the regi-



MAYOR McCLELLAN LAYING THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW 69TH REGIMENT ARMORY, COR. TWENTY-FIFTH-ST. AND LEXINGTON-AVE.

facts become known. The arrest of Woods yesterday was on an order of Judge McCarthy, of the City Court, on application of Steuer & Hoffman, counsel for Harris B. Alexander, of No. 580 Broadway, who has brought suit against Woods to recover \$1,726.27 that the plaintiff deposited in the Federal Bank a day or two before it was closed.

Charles L. Hoffman, of counsel, declared that until recently plaintiff had kept a small deposit in the Federal Bank and his principal deposit in the Central National Bank. On March 9, having heard rumors about the Federal Bank's unsafe condition, he saw Woods, whom he had known as vice-president of the Central National Bank.

Bail for Woods was fixed at \$2,000 yesterday. It was said on good authority that when Rothschild was made administrator of the Weisell estate, which has figured in the Federal Bank collapse, Richard W. Jones, Jr., president of the Oriental Bank, recommended him to the surrogate, and that the papers filed at the time so showed.

GLOBE HAD "DUMMY" VAULT. An investigation yesterday of the Globe Security Company's much advertised "safety vault," which figures extensively on its circulars and prospectuses, revealed that it was to all intents a "dummy," the protection at the rear being a thin sheet of zinc, masked by joists and whitewash, and the vault an ordinary lath and plaster chamber, containing half a dozen safes.

The marble pillars framing the vault entrance from the cashier's office proved to be decorated plaster. In the hearing before Commissioner Alexander yesterday David Rothschild declared that he had been connected with the Globe Security Company only by holding stock in it. He replied "I don't remember" when asked about the organization of the company and the men connected with it.

Miss Catharine Heaney, cashier of the company, declared that the last time she saw the cash book was about April 15. After visiting the company's offices, where she failed to open the "safety vault" and declined to identify the desk keys, she admitted having destroyed the memorandum of the vault's combination.

Henry L. Swords said he talked with some of the officers about becoming a trustee and was made one in January, 1903. He denied having consulted with a Mr. Jones and admitted that his compensation was arranged for before he qualified, saying that he was paid monthly after he had certified to the bonds. He denied that he had sold any bonds, but conceded that at the time the bonds were sold and signed by him the securities were in his possession.

Q—Did you ever certify to bonds in advance? A—Yes. In case I was going out of town I might sign some bonds in advance. Q—For what amount? A—\$5,000, \$10,000, or \$15,000. Q—Some of the bonds were not signed by the treasurer? A—They were not. I signed them with the president and Mr. Russell, the co-trustee. Q—Have you any paper which will show when you certified these bonds? A—I think I have. Q—Where are they? A—They were. Q—What was the character of the securities? A—Legacies, life insurance policies, bank accounts and chattel mortgages. Q—How did you pass on them? A—We were not asked to pass on them. Q—Were you made a director to fill a vacancy? A—Yes. Q—When did you take them from the Federal Bank? A—Because of the agitation in the news.

Q—And why did you remove them from the Globe Security Company? A—For better protection, and by direction of the Board of Directors. Q—Who took them to New Jersey? A—Mr. Russell, the co-trustee. Q—Were you made a director to fill a vacancy? A—I suppose so. Q—Did you know before that meeting on April

of Miss Carrie Adams, in whose company Louis Rothschild has been seen frequently of late. She did not respond. It is understood that proceedings for contempt will be brought against her for not honoring the subpoena. Similar action is threatened against Miss Heaney, because she admitted tearing up the combination memorandum after being summoned as a witness.

Joseph Martin, William J. Martin, George C. Perkins and Lewis Haase were sworn as witnesses and directed to be present on Tuesday at 10 a. m., when the hearing before Commissioner Alexander will be resumed. Assistant District Attorney Kresel attended the hearing, but took no part in the examination of the witnesses.

BOUNDS FROM CAR TO CAR.

Three Persons Hurt in "Auto" Battledore and Shuttlecock Game.

The wheels of an automobile cab containing two men passengers and driven by John McSweeney, of No. 296 Second-ave., slipped in front of No. 53 Broadway on the wet pavement, yesterday, and the vehicle went almost head on into a north-bound car. The impact threw McSweeney from his seat to the pavement and knocked the storage battery out of the car, which was riding on the platform of the first car, was cut.

COLUMBIA AT ST. LOUIS.

Will Have Special Exhibit of Radium at the Fair.

Probably the first important exhibition of radium to be held in this country will be included in the exhibition of Columbia University, now being installed at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. Radium will be shown in its several manifestations, and there will be a large collection of other radio-active substances, such as pitchblende, uraninite, willamite, polonium, thorium and uranium.

ACCUSES BIG PARTIES.

J. H. Cohen Urges the Formation of a Non-Official Congress.

With the declaration that the great political parties were not watching the interests of the people, but left that work to the non-political organizations, Julius Henry Cohen, of the Citizens Union, brought on a lively debate when he urged yesterday a special meeting of delegates from the forty-eight organizations which have banded together to fight railroad legislation chiefly or wholly in favor of the railroads, to broaden the scope of the "congress" to take in all legislation affecting the city's interests.

STRIKE CLOSES BIG GLUCOSE PLANT.

Peoria, Ill., April 23.—Not a wheel is turning at the big plant of the Glucose Refining Company, the eight hundred employees having gone on strike. The men say the company promised an increase of wages on April 1, but has not yet put the new scale in force.

mental band, marched to Lafayette Place and Great Jones-st., where it was met by a delegation of fifteen members from each one of the fifteen councils in Manhattan and The Bronx, headed by the band of the Catholic Protector. Thence they swung into Fifth-ave., marching up to Thirty-eighth-st., and counter-marched by Madison-ave. to Twenty-sixth-st., where they marched on the site of the armory.

General Martin T. McMahon, ex-colonel of the 69th, as presiding officer, began the ceremonies. Father William J. B. Daly, the chaplain of the regiment, offered prayer. Justice Fitzgerald, of the Supreme Court, who delivered the address of the day, said in part:

The first mention we find of the 69th Regiment in the military records of the State is an order issued by the adjutant general, dated November 1, 1851, which provided for the consolidation into a regiment of a number of independent companies which had been separately organized prior to that time, chiefly by men of Irish birth and parentage. Its first commander was Colonel Roe, who was succeeded in 1855 by Colonel James S. Ryan, and he was succeeded in 1859 by the dashing and gallant Major Corcoran.

A poem written by J. L. C. Clarke, Editor of "The New-York Sunday Herald," was read by his son, William J. Clarke. Then General McMahon handed to Mayor McClellan the silver trowel with which he was to lay the cornerstone.

"The record of your regiment," said the Mayor, "hallowed as it is by the undying memories of Mary's Heights and the Peninsula campaign, has well deserved and more the recognition which it has at last received. This new armory will be, I know, an inspiration to you. In saying this there is no doubt in my mind that the 69th will ring in true and strong if the call comes, just as did the old boys in the dire days of 1861."

Escorted by members of the regiment and other military officers present, the city officials proceeded to the corner of the plot at Twenty-fifth-st. and Lexington-ave., where the cornerstone of Indiana limestone hung over the spot where it was to rest. Mayor McClellan then placed in the last bit of binding cement and the stone was lowered to its place. After Mayor McClellan had pronounced the stone placed true and square, Archbishop Farley pronounced the benediction. A luncheon followed at the Ashland House.

CHEER FOR GROUT FOR GOVERNOR.

Breen's Suggestion Well Received at Sixty-ninth Regiment Dinner.

Nearly three hundred guests and members of the 69th Regiment were present at the annual dinner of the corps, held at the Marlborough last night. The day was the forty-third anniversary of the departure of the regiment for the Civil War. The speakers were Edward M. Grout, who answered to the toast "The Empire State"; Charles V. Fornes, "The Reformer Reformed"; the Rev. J. J. Dougherty, "Our Army and Navy Chaplains"; Colonel Duffy, "The Gallant Sixty-ninth"; and Magistrate Matthew P. Breen, who acted as toast-master, and introduced the speakers. Controller Grout said that he thought he was a pretty good Irishman, in view of the fact that he had a son who was born on St. Patrick's Day. He then spoke at some length, praising the 69th Regiment, and closed by venturing the prophecy that New-York would furnish the next President of the United States.

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WILL PAY SPEYER LOAN.

Consolidated Lake Superior Plants to Start Soon.

A conference of attorneys of the Mofley Reorganization Committee of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, and representatives of the Canadian Improvement Company, which is to succeed that corporation, was held in this city yesterday to decide on the next step to be taken in the reorganization, now that the bill guaranteeing \$2,000,000 of notes of the Algoma Central Railway Company, one of the subsidiary concerns of the Consolidated Company, has been passed by the Ontario Legislature.

ECHO OF SEYMOUR-JOHNSON FAILURE.

F. W. Johnson Files Petition in Bankruptcy—Liabilities, \$435,007; Assets, \$75.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States District Court by Frederick W. Johnson, who lives at No. 2411 Seventh-ave. The liabilities were put at \$435,007 and the assets at \$75. The petitioner was a member of Seymour, Johnson & Co., brokers, of No. 71 Broadway. He states that on December 27, 1903, H. A. Seymour filed a petition against himself and David Webster, but that he was at that time a resident of Wyoming, and not personally served, nor did he appear in the case.

Seymour, Johnson & Co. were adjudged bankrupt on March 21, 1904, the firm having made a general assignment on May 28, 1903. On November 19, 1903, the assignee, Alfred Hayes, paid all creditors whose claims had been allowed 20 per cent of their respective claims, under an order of the Supreme Court. By an order entered in the Supreme Court on February 16, 1904, the claim of John B. Lord, as trustee in bankruptcy of William F. Miller, of the Franklin Syndicate, amounting to \$143,180, was allowed against Seymour, Johnson & Co. and on February 18, 1904, the assignee made a payment of 20 per cent on these claims, amounting to \$28,636.

The petitioner also states that the remaining assets of Seymour, Johnson & Co. are in the possession of the assignee, Alfred Hayes, consisting of cash on deposit in the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company amounting to \$32,221. He says that additional claims were allowed against the petitioner's estate amounting to \$36,000, on which no dividend has been paid, and that \$7,200 is necessary to pay such claims, the total of which he claims to have been allowed against the estate in favor of the creditors of Seymour, Johnson & Co. amounting to \$435,007.

An additional dividend will, the petitioner states, probably be paid by the assignee of about 12 per cent. No claim was made on any of the claims in bankruptcy proceedings begun on December 27, 1903, in which Seymour, Johnson & Co. were adjudged bankrupt, and according to the petitioner there is no other property of the firm applicable to the payment thereof. Johnson declares that he has no property with which to pay his indebtedness, either as an individual or as a partner in the firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co. His list of creditors specified in his petition is identical with those previously filed as creditors in the case of Seymour, Johnson & Co., amounting to \$435,007.

The firm of Seymour, Johnson & Co., a Stock Exchange house, was organized by H. A. Seymour, Frederick W. Johnson, with Dr. David Webster, the well known oculist, as special partner, who \$200,000 invested in the firm. The firm made an assignment on May 28, 1903, a few days after the failure of Price, McCormick & Co. in published interviews, the chairman of the board of the firm to mismanagement, bad judgment and speculation by Seymour, and the latter, when a statement was received by the assignee, Seymour, Johnson & Co., that that firm had had intimate relations with the men who engineered the Franklin Syndicate, of which William F. Miller was ostensibly the head.

In July, 1902, the brokerage concern of H. A. Seymour, and Lexington-ave., where the cornerstone of Indiana limestone hung over the spot where it was to rest, Mayor McClellan then placed in the last bit of binding cement and the stone was lowered to its place. After Mayor McClellan had pronounced the stone placed true and square, Archbishop Farley pronounced the benediction. A luncheon followed at the Ashland House.

BANKERS INDORSE O'NEILL BILL.

No Contest at Election of Group VIII at Annual Meeting.

The prediction that there would be a contest at the election of officers at the annual meeting of Group VIII, New-York State Bankers' Association, yesterday, was not fulfilled, and the following ticket, nominated by the executive committee, was elected: Chairman, President, Gates W. McGarrath, of the Mechanic National Bank; secretary, very Dr. J. C. Thompson, cashier of the Seaboard National Bank; additional members of the executive committee, President W. H. Porter of the Chemical National Bank, President Herbert J. Griggs of the Bank of the New-York National Bank, Assistant Cashier, President Charles G. Thorne of the National Park Bank, Vice-President G. E. Whitson of the National City Bank, and John J. O'Brien, cashier of the Lincoln National Bank.

R. Ross Appleton, of the Fourteenth Street Bank, introduced a resolution that the banks represented in Group VIII indorse the O'Neill bill, which amends the banking law relating to the reports of the companies, and agree to urge the passage of the measure at the next session of the legislature. The resolution was carried by a vote of 100 to 10. It was made to get a law passed to compel the trust companies to carry a reserve that the law would be a failure, and the disintegration of the trust companies to carry a reserve had been shown by the withdrawals from the Clearing House on account of the rule passed a year ago by that institution.

The O'Neill bill, he said, put the trust companies on the same footing with the banks in regard to reports, compelling them to submit quarterly reports, and to be subject to the calls without notice at any other time than two weeks are subject to, in place of the present law, which provides for a report twice a year upon a long notice. "Such a provision," said Mr. Appleton, "would force the trust companies to keep their books up to date in a fair condition, because they would have to show up their reserves at any time, and would not have six months to smooth things over and dress their windows."

An amendment to his resolution calling for a reference to a committee, was voted down, and the resolution was passed, with only three or four dissenting votes. A letter from a committee of the Hudson River Centennial Association, consisting of J. P. Moran, James Stillman, J. Edward Simmons, Thomas A. Fowler, Talbot Van Santvoord and George A. White, was read, inviting the bankers to inspect an architect's plan and plans of the memorial bridge which it is proposed to build and dedicate on September 12, 1909, as a memorial to the discovery of Hudson River in 1609. The bridge will be of arched masonry and will carry the Lafayette Boulevard across Spuyten Duyvil Creek from the heights at the north end of Manhattan, near Inwood, to the heights of the Bronx, near Spuyten Duyvil, thus making a further extension of the Riverside Drive continuation.

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NATIONAL GUARD NEWS.

Major General Roe has decided on several changes in the dates of organizations selected to perform field service at the State camp. The 12th Regiment will be on duty from June 18 to 25, instead of July 2 to 9. With the 12th will be the 8th Regiment and the 1st Battery. The 69th Regiment will be in camp from June 25 to July 2, instead of June 18 to 25, and the 9th Regiment will be in camp with it. The 1st Regiment and the 2d Battery will have the camp closing week, from July 2 to 9.

The 7th Regiment Rifle Club is spending \$2,000 in improving its clubhouse at Creedmore. The regimental baseball club will play a game with the Crescent Athletic Club at Bay Ridge, on April 30.

Officers of the 23d Regiment are already considering the choice of a suitable candidate for colonel to succeed General Alfred C. Barnes, resigned. Among the names mentioned are those of Lieutenant Colonel James Wray Cleveland and Lieutenant Colonel Albert Wingate, of General Roe's staff; Major F. H. E. Elston, U. S. A., and Colonel Edward E. Britton, of General McLeer's staff. It is understood that Lieutenant Colonel Stokes, of the 23d, prefers to remain in his present rank rather than assume the responsibilities of commanding officer. An election will probably be held in May, that the new colonel can be commissioned before the regiment goes to camp, on June 4. Company B will soon have to elect a captain, vice Omdenkorn, resigned. The regiment will parade for duty in the city in the army at 2:30 p. m. to-day. The Rev. Dr. Lindsay Parker will preach the sermon.

One thousand and eighty-four officers and men is the present strength of the 13th Regiment, now the largest in the State. The companies of the regiment are preparing for the competition for the Gould trophy, which begins May 3 in the army, when the dummy guns will be used with rubber projectiles.

The present strength of the 6th Regiment is 775 officers and men, a net loss of twenty-nine in the last six months.

The following officers of the 9th Regiment have received company 100 per cent duty medals: Quartermaster Sergeant Herman C. Ellis, Sergeants Charles P. Shannon, John E. Griffith and Frederick C. Claiborn, Corporals Charles C. Mathews, Hugo Hoffer, John Gillon and Thomas Cleaver, Privates Robert Allen, George Hein, Alfred Lankau, Arthur Williams, Edward Resdorff, Herman L. Spitz, Matthew Stuart, Edward Walker and P. Wetzberg. These honored had to attend not only the drills, but all lectures and meetings in the year.

The annual dinner of the officers of the 6th Regiment will be held next Saturday night at the St. Mark's Hotel, Brooklyn. The officers of the regiment are to place a granite monument over the grave of Lieutenant Colonel H. H. Quick, in Greenwood.

Veterans of the 12th Regiment will hold their annual dinner on Tuesday night.

Colonel Bates of the 71st Regiment has ordered the command to assemble at the temporary armory, No. 52 East Fifty-ninth-st., at 2:30 p. m., on Saturday, to march to the site of the new armory, at Park-ave. and Thirty-fourth-st., to attend the laying of the cornerstone. The invocation will be by the Rev. Edgar Tilton, Jr., chaplain of the regiment. A reading of the articles to be placed in the stone will then take place, after which Mayor McClellan will lay the stone.



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service less than one month, may be excused this season.

Colonel Augustus T. Francis, retired, formerly a major in the 71st Regiment, who served in its ranks in the Civil War, has been breveted brigadier general for meritorious service of more than twenty-five years.

Senator P. H. McCarran will review Company K of the 6th Regiment at its armory on Friday night.

Officers of the 9th Regiment will hold their annual dinner at Rector's on Saturday evening.

TO SELL PIANOS USED BY SINGERS.

It is the custom for the principal singers at the opera to have pianos in their apartments in the season for practice and rehearsal. For many years the Weber piano has been used in this way, as well as on the stage at the Metropolitan Opera House. When the season closes the pianos are returned and placed on special sale. Although they have been subjected to only slight usage, they are sold at important price reductions. This season's sale begins to-morrow, and includes about fifty upright and grand. Admirers of particular makes are able to get pianos which have been actually used for several months by them. The sale will take place at the new warehouse of the Weber Piano Company, No. 28 Fifth-ave., near Thirty-fourth-st.