OAKLEY'S REPORT OUT.

Commissioner and Mayor "Stand Pat" on Gas Contracts.

Commissioner Oakley of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, in a letter to the Mayor, replies to the letter written by Lawrence Veiller, of the City Club, about ten days ago. The letter asked for an explanation of the Commissioner's action in making contracts with the lighting companies. Mayor McClellan turned over the inquiry to Mr. Oakley with a request that he answer it. The reply will be forwarded to the City Club. Its publication has been authorized by the Mayor. It constitutes the Tammany administration's answer to the serious charges brought against Commissioner Oakley, Controller Grout and the Mayor, the gist of which is that they are making no honest effort to compel the lighting companies to give the city cheaper lighting.

The tenor of the letter indicates that the McClellan administration is going into the campaign without apology for making the contracts. In other words, Mayor McClellan "stands pat" on the lighting contracts proposition, and practically asks the public to regard the contracts as advantageous to the city.

The letter to Mayor McClellan is in part as follows:

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your communication under date of the 15th inst., transmitting therewith a letter addressed to you by the City Club, concerning certain contracts for gas and electric lighting for the city, and requesting from me a full report of all the circumstances attending the transaction so that you might possess all the information I had at the time I entered upon the contract. In complying with your request at this, the earliest moment possible, I take occasion to notice the statement in the letter sent you by the City Club that "the public had no knowledge that such contracts had been entered into until weeks after your Commissioner had attached his signature," and to state with all the emphasis at my command that, in so far as such a statement attributes to me any action of a secret nature with reference to such contract, it is utterly unfounded and absolutely false. I pursued the precise course with reference to those particular contracts that the law requires should be observed by me with reference to all contracts, in that, when I was prepared to sign the contracts referred to, they were sent to the Controller's office for his approval of the sureties, and it will thus be seen that any secrecy regarding the intended signature of contracts is absolutely impossible, requiring, as it does, the concurrent action of two departments. But in this particular case I not only disclosed my intention to the Department of Finance, in sending there the contracts, as already stated, but to every representative of the newspaper press, and they certainly were not less than five in number, who called upon me for public information concerning the transactions of the department. I unhesitatingly and freely announced that I had ended the lighting "deadlock" and proposed to sign the contracts at the figures agreed upon on the very day of signing and before my signature was attached.

And permit me to complain of the manifest injustice and the misleading character of the statements in the letter sent you by the City Club as to the cost per lamp paid the electric light companies in this city, as compared with the price paid in some sixty-eight other American cities using 2,000 candle power lamps. The figures from which the average of $88.60 per lamp a year is made up do not take into account the difference in conditions of generation and distribution, as between New-York City and the cities to which such figures apply.

My information was that the chart relied upon by the City Club for its figures was, as is the case with all statistics framed with a settled purpose to accentuate a grievance, entirely unreliable and misleading, and I beg to call your attention to the comment made upon it by T. C. Martin, the Editor of "The Electric World and Engineer," of this city, an acknowledged able expert of the highest integrity.

It seems to me that a fairer way of arriving at a just and scientific comparison would be to compare New-York City with some first class European centres of population, where the basic units of computation are nearer alike. With this in mind, draw a parallel between Berlin and New-York City. In Berlin the electric light company charges $105 for the mere current supplied to each lamp. The lamps are erected and maintained by the city. In London the price varies from $90 to $150, and this variation in price arises from the fact, apparently, that the numerous boroughs or parish councils have recognized that even in so limited and urban an area as London the actual cost of generating and distributing light may justly vary as widely as these figures indicate. In all probability the scrutiny of public service contracts is more critical and just in London than anywhere else. The third great city with which to draw comparison is Paris, and there the cost per lamp is the equivalent of $240 a year. At that price the contract, unlike that given in New-York, which is only for a twelvemonth, extends over a period of ten years. The making of long contracts is the wise practice also of London and Berlin.

In regard to the American figures, made up for the various cities, which are so often cited, most of them have no essential relation to each other, since they are not in any two cases based on analogous conditions. To compare the cost of water and steam production, for instance, without stating that fact is obviously to obscure the issue. Even water power costs very greatly; or to compare two steam plants, one operated practically at the pit mouth of a mine and another a thousand miles away, seems thoroughly deceptive and altogether misleading.

I take no exception to the statement in the letter sent you by the City Club, that my action was taken with a full knowledge and intelligent appreciation of the situation as it really existed, and no effort of mine has been wanting to improve that situation for the benefit of taxpayers, so far as it was possible to do, acting with a conscientious regard to what I believe to be my duty to the public and the obligations of my office. I succeeded in prevailing upon the electric lighting companies to reduce their charges for lamps served by the underground system from $146 to $140, and for lamps served by the overhead system from $146 to $130. I am satisfied that my action in this regard will bear the closest scrutiny before any court to which it may be submitted or any tribunal where it may be properly investigated. That this reduction was not easily obtained will be best understood through the conditions imposed by the companies when acceding to it, and these conditions required that the bills of the companies for 1903 and up to and including March 15, 1904, should be forwarded from my office to the Department of Finance for payment.

Without any contract binding upon the companies, it has always been my belief that they were in a position to furnish as much or as little light as might suit their purpose in case they considered the absence of a contract at all embarrassing in collecting from the city the full price paid, together with the interest on the bills unpaid. I have been and still am advised that all bills which have been duly presented for payment do, under the legal decisions, draw interest. Mr. Ambiton has been to make the greater city, and that too without any unreasonable expenditure of public money, the best lighted municipality in the world. So far as the Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx are concerned, I believe that I have accomplished this purpose. Whatever of fault finding and obnoxious criticism I may be obliged to endure, I am satisfied will be temporary in its character, and the prejudiced purpose with which it has been levelled at others through me will be disclosed. The entire matter just now will be subjected to strict judicial investigation through actions already begun in the courts. It is with absolute confidence that I await their determination, confident that it will result in my absolute vindication from every suggestion that in this or in any other respect I have been neglectful of the best interests of the people, and the obligations of my official oath.

TO MEET IN CATHEDRAL TO-MORROW.

Bishop Potter Will Speak in Crypt of St. John the Divine.

A meeting of the diocesan committee for cathedral work will be held to-morrow at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Bishop Potter, who especially desired that the anniversary of the founding of the cathedral should be observed by a meeting there, will deliver an address, and the day will be further marked by the formal taking effect of the constitution and canons. An election of officers will be held.

The cathedral mite boxes which have been placed in the various churches through the year will be opened to-morrow and their contents will go into the collection for this service. This money will be devoted to the building of one of the main porches of the cathedral. A luncheon will be served in the pro-synod house, adjoining the crypt of the cathedral, where the service will be held at 1 p. m.

HONDURAN MINISTER GOING TO SPAIN.

Will Lay Claims in Nicaraguan Dispute Before Alfonso, It Is Thought.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

New-Orleans, Dec. 26.—Don Alberto Membreno, Minister of Public Works for Honduras, arrived in the city this morning, en route to Spain on a mission for his government. He brought with him a letter of introduction for Major E. A. Burke, who is now the manager of the North Honduras Railroad Company. It is said the object of Membreno's visit to Spain is to lay before the King, the claims of Honduras, in the boundary dispute with Nicaragua, over the rich concessions granted to Captain James Dietrich, of Pittsburg, on the Wauks River. The King of Spain was chosen arbiter.

HOME NEWS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The collections for Hospital Sunday at St. Thomas's Church, its officers have found, amounted to about $5,000. This is far ahead of any similar collections.

The general convention of the Delta Psi college fraternity will meet to-day at the St. Anthony Club. Cornell will apply, through a newly organized club, for a charter for a chapter of the fraternity at Cornell.

Royal Baking Powder Absolutely Pure

THE really great resolve for the housewife the coming year is to adopt into her cuisine more genuine home made food. Shop-made, ready-made cake, tea biscuit, crullers, bread and substitutes therefor are dry, unsatisfying, extravagant and frequently unhealthful. In many bake shops alum powders are used to cheapen the product.

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GIRL JUMPS TO DEATH.

HER ROOM IS LOCKED.

No Clothing on Her When She Leaps from Window.

Miss Cecil Hall, twenty-one years old, a seamstress according to information given to the police, jumped from the third floor window of the house No. 202 West Forty-sixth-st., at 12:30 o'clock this morning and was killed. The young woman wore no clothing when she jumped. Her body turned over twice in the air, and she struck the stone-paved area in front of the house on her back.

Joseph Smith, a cabman, saw the woman's leap and called to Roundsman Brady of the West Forty-seventh-st. station, who had just passed the house. The two carried the woman up the steps and into the house after Brady had covered her with his overcoat.

Almost before the woman was laid on a sofa in the parlor she was dead, but as a precaution Brady sent to Bellevue Hospital for an ambulance. Dr. Lucas said she evidently had died as she was being carried into the house.

The police found the room occupied by Miss Hall on the third floor locked. Thinking some one might be in the room who was concerned in the girl's death, Roundsman Brady and Patrolman Rodiham forced the door open, but found nobody in the room. The bed had been occupied, and apparel, evidently belonging to Miss Hall, had been thrown about in disorder.

Other young women in the house were hysterical and would not talk to reporters. A woman, said to be a Mrs. Webb, who conducts the house, positively refused to tell anything about Miss Hall, other than that she was a seamstress and had lived there. Coroner Scholer telephoned to the police not to allow any one to leave the house until he had investigated the case.

The cabman who saw the woman jump from the window later told the police that she had shouted to him as if in distress and fear of something in the room. He says she called: "Cabby, cabby, cabby!" Thinking that the house was on fire he started to run toward it, and a few seconds later she leaped.

The only statement that could be elicited from Mrs. Webb last night was that Miss Hall came to the house with a man who engaged a room last night. Later she asked that this statement be not used.

Coroner Scholer on reaching the house told the police to take charge. So far as he was concerned, he gave permission to remove the body to an undertaker's place.

Detectives assigned to the case could get no response to the bell and broke in the door. Soon afterward Mrs. Webb sent two telegrams, the contents and destination of which are unknown.

MYSTERY IN SHOOTING.

Two Young Hungarians Are Wounded, One Dangerously.

Joseph Kolenak, eighteen years old, an Hungarian ironworker's apprentice, living at No. 519 East Twelfth-st., was shot in the head dangerously yesterday afternoon in the house where he lived. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Locked up in the Fifth-st. police station on a charge of felonious assault is Andrew Koson, eighteen years old, an Hungarian pedler, of No. 427 East Fifteenth-st.

The police do not know the true story of what happened. They know that one of the tenants of the East Twelfth-st. house, ran into Carl Meyers's drug store, at No. 225 First-ave., between 3 and 4 p. m., and asked Meyer to call an ambulance, saying a man had been shot. Meyer called the ambulance through Police Headquarters. Half an hour later the man Koson appeared with the top of his left thumb shot off, and asked the druggist to dress it.

"Can't, I'm not a doctor," said Meyer. Then he said he would call an ambulance. He did, through Police Headquarters again. The sergeant at headquarters thought there might be some connection between the two calls from an ambulance from one drug store. He told Meyer to hold Koson. Three detectives from the Fifth-st. station were sent around to the drug store, and they arrested Koson after the ambulance surgeon had fixed up his thumb.

Koson said he and Kolenak and a third Hungarian had been in Kolenak's room. The third man had a revolver in his coat. Koson says he took it out and was "monkeying" with it when it began to shoot itself off. One bullet took the top of his thumb off and the second hit his friend Kolenak in the right side of the face. The police had their doubts about Koson's story.

MRS. F. J. MACKAY IMPROVING.

London, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Frank J. Mackay, formerly of Chicago, now residing in England, who sustained a slight concussion of the brain on December 19, as a result of an accident while fox hunting, continues to make good progress toward recovery.

COTTON BURNS IN HOLD.

Smoke Comes from Below Closed Hatches of Colorado.

A fire that resulted in damage of about $20,000 broke out on the Mallory Line steamer Colorado at 5 o'clock yesterday morning as she lay at Pier 19, East River.

The Colorado arrived here from Brunswick, Ga., last Saturday and has a cargo of rosin, cotton and lumber still in her hold. The fire was discovered by the deck watchman, who saw smoke pouring out of the portholes. The crew, asleep between decks, were promptly aroused by the watchman, and all escaped. After the last man of the crew came ashore the watchman called Patrolman Faust, of the Old Slip station, who was at the end of the pier at the time. Faust sent in an alarm that soon brought the fireboats New-Yorker, Seth Low, four engines, two trucks, two battalion chiefs and Deputy Chief Kruger. After a three hour fight the boats and firemen got the fire under control.

The cause of the fire is not known. It is thought that it must have started from a spark before the steamer left Brunswick. This belief is strengthened by the fact that the hatchways had not been opened since the vessel left Brunswick. Over three hundred bales of cotton were stored where the fire started. The firemen had to cut holes in the promenade deck and put the hose through to get at the burning cotton. They suffered much from the overpowering smoke, and worked in relays.

Superintendent Raymond of the Mallory Line said that the fire was confined to that part of the deck where this cotton was stored, and did not believe the vessel was badly damaged. The Colorado was recently refitted, and this fact, he said, prevented the flames from spreading.

About one hundred half burned bales of cotton were taken from the hold. Each bale weighs 500 pounds, and, valued at $50 each, makes the loss on cotton alone $5,000. The police and firemen were unable to estimate any loss, but it is thought to be about $20,000.

The Colorado is a 2,700-ton steamer, about three hundred feet in length, and has plied between New-York and Southern ports for many years.

M'KINLEY'S OLD COMMANDER DEAD.

Major General William Henry Powell Will Be Buried in Ithaca.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Major General William Henry Powell, seventy-nine years old, a lifelong friend of President McKinley, and a veteran Union soldier under whom the latter served as major, died at his home in Belleville, Ill., this morning at 4 o'clock, after a lingering illness. Since March, 1898, General Powell had had the office of Internal Revenue Collector for the 13th Illinois District, a place given to him by McKinley.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at his home, and the body will be taken to Graceland Cemetery, Ithaca, for burial.

FRICK COMPANY GETS COAL LANDS.

Tract of 1,000 Acres Said To Be Last Held by Private Individuals.

Greensburg, Penn., Dec. 26.—The purchase by the H. C. Frick Coke Company of 1,000 acres of Connellsville coking coal land has just been confirmed. The Frick company is a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation, and the property bought is said to be the last piece of coal land held by private individuals in the Connellsville region. The property lies in North and South Union Township, near Uniontown, Penn., and the price paid is said to be $1,000,000. The deal includes sixty-three acres in the Klondike region and 100 ovens known as the Crossland plant.

OBITUARY.

JOHN MACKENZIE BACON.

London, Dec. 26.—The Rev. John Mackenzie Bacon, lecturer, scientist and aeronaut, died yesterday at Coldash, Newbury, from pleurisy. He was born in 1846.

John Mackenzie Bacon, M. A., F. R. S., who was a well known English scientist, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1870, when twenty-four years old. He was curate of the Houston Church, Cambridge, from 1870 to 1877, but devoted much time to scientific pursuits. He made a specialty of investigations in acoustics, meteorology and ballooning, and started and presided over many local institutions. He took part in three eclipse expeditions of the British Astronomical Association, the one to Vadso, Lapland, in 1886; the one to Buxar, India, in 1898, and the one to Wadesboro, N. C., in 1900, being in charge of the last two. In 1899 he accomplished the record voyage in English ballooning—ten hours from start to finish. He published his ballooning experiences and other scientific exploits in "By Land and Sky," 1901, and "The Dominion of the Air," 1902. He contributed to many scientific and other publications, and lectured frequently. He was married to Miss Gertrude Myers, whose father was a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge.

BYRON M. CHILD.

Albany, Dec. 26.—Byron Madison Child, Superintendent of State and Alien Poor, died here to-day at the age of fifty-one years. He came to Albany from Jefferson County while a boy, and served the State in several departments. He was appointed to his last office in 1897.

CHURCH GETS PAINTINGS

Three Valued at $190,000 Given to Bohemian Catholic Congregation.

The gift of paintings valued at $220,000 to the Bohemian Catholic Church, Seventy-second-st. and Second-ave., two months ago a Presbyterian church, was announced there last night at the blessing of a set of chimes. The paintings are "St. John Nepomucine," valued at $50,000, by Alfonse, Mucha; "Easter Morn," by Zimmerman, valued at $40,000 and "Mary Magdalena," valued at $100,000, also by Albert Marx.

Father Prout, pastor of the church, said last night that the painting by Alfonse Mucha, "St. John Nepomucine," the patron saint of Bohemia, is a banner which the noted painter gives to the church. While here at the dedicatory exercises of the church, two months ago, Mr. Mucha expressed the wish of doing something for its benefit, and suggested that he paint a picture. The painting has never been exhibited.

The picture, "Easter Morn; or, The Three Marys Going to Jerusalem," is the gift of the estate of T. E. Stewart, and is to be disposed of for the benefit of the building fund of the church.

The paintings of Albert Marx, "Mary Magdalena," is said to have won first prize at the Vienna Exposition in 1875. This picture is still in Prague, in the family of Field Marshal Freiherr Otto von Scholey, and has been given to the church, with a clause for its return to the family if there is any possibility of its being placed in a place other than the church.

The chimes presented by the Bohemian family of Maschek von Masburg were blessed yesterday at the 10 a. m. service. Monsignor Lavelle, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, representing Archbishop Farley, officiated, assisted by the rector, Father John I. Prout; Father David O'Connor, Father Banik, of St. Joseph's Seminary, and Father Mateju, of the Church of Our Lady of of Perpetual Help. The ceremony resembled that of a christening, each bell being represented by a sponsor, and collectively by a general sponsor. The sponsors, who were John D. Crimmins, George Ehret, Mrs. Joseph O'Donohue, Bertha Mager, Mrs. G. W. Glover, Mamie Huber, Catherine Jerbik, Mrs. Robert McGinnis, Mrs. Petronella Trout and Joseph Daly, each gave $100 for the care of the bells, while the general sponsor, Field Marshal Otto Freiherr von Scholey, of Austria, gave $1,000 as the godfather's gift to the bells.

FOUR SHOT AT DANCE.

Christmas Frolic, Begun in Church, Ends Fatally.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 26.—As a result of a man's dancing with another man's girl without asking his permission, four men are dead and two are seriously injured at Grangers, Logan County. The victims are John and Marvin Hart, aged twenty-three and twenty-six, respectively; Martin Johnson and Lauther Bascom. William Riley and Henry Turbeville are injured, the latter probably fatally.

The tragedy occurred at a Christmas dance which began Sunday night about 9 o'clock, after a Christmas entertainment in the church. Martin Johnson, without observing the usual custom, asked Lucy Atkins, whom Turbeville had taken, to dance with him, but said nothing to her escort. As the music ceased Turbeville called Martin Johnson's friends. A general shooting followed, in which more than twenty shots were fired. The pistol battle was brought to an end by Johnson's friends, who were in the minority, fleeing.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT YIELD.

Adelaide, South Australia, Dec. 24.—The estimated wheat yield in South Australia this year is 14,675,000 bushels, an increase of 1,380,000 bushels over last year.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 7:23 | Sunset 4:40 | Moon rises 11:36 am | Moon's age 21

HIGH WATER.

A.M.—Sandy Hook 11:00 | Gov. Island 11:18 | Hell Gate 1:11
P.M.—Sandy Hook 11:37 | Gov. Island 11:57 | Hell Gate 1:10

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
*Pannonia	Gibraltar, December 14	Cunard
Louisiana	Shields, December 2	——
Wells City	New-Orleans, December 18	Morgan
Elswick Lodge	Gibraltar, December 8	Bristol City
Star of New-Zeal'd	Newport, December 9	——
Citta di Torino	Naples, December 13	Italian
Queen Alexandra	Gibraltar, December 13	——
Maracaibo	Curacao, December 19	Red D
Main	Bremen, December 17	N G Lloyd
Numidian	Glasgow, December 16	Allan State
El Alba	Galveston, December 21	Morgan
Concho	Galveston, December 21	Mallory
Comus	New-Orleans, December 22	Morgan

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CIRCLE B'way and 60th. Mat. Daily, 25c. HOWARD THURSTON, 8—Kaufmann Troupe, Carleton Macy & Edna May Hall, Joan Haden & Co., Press Eldridge, Norah Bayes and others.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Pretoria.....Hamburg, December 15...Hamb-Amer
Alianca.....Colon, December 21.....Red D
Nacoochee.....Savannah, December 25.....Clyde
Sluterdyke.....Rotterdam, December 14.....Holl-Am
Vincenzo Florio.....Naples, December 12.....Italian
Arapahoe.....Jacksonville, December 25.....Clyde

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Calabria.....Naples, December 14.....NAnchor
Louisiana.....New-Orleans, December 24....Morgan
Prins Willem V.....Hayti, December 23.....Dutch W I

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Prins Adelbert.....Naples, December 21.....N G Lloyd
Barcelona.....Hamburg, December 16.....Hamb-Am
British Princess.....Antwerp, December 17.....Phoenix
El Monte.....New-Orleans, December 25....Morgan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

*Cedric.....Queenstown, December 24..White Star
Philadelphia.....Southampton, December 24..American
Bordeaux.....Havre, December 17.....French
Citta di Napoli.....Gibraltar, December 17.....Italian

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*La Champagne....Havre, December 24.....French
Mesaba.....London, December 22.....Atlan-Trans
*Monterey.....Progreso, December 24.....Warfi
*Maracas.....Trinidad, December 24.....Trinidad

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
Victorian	Liverpool	White Star	——	9:00 a m
Frankfurt	Bremen	N G Lloyd	——	10:00 a m
Comanche	Jacksonville, Clyde		——	3:00 p m
Hamilton	Norfolk, Old Dominion		——	3:00 p m

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Llandaff City	Bristol	Bristol	——	9:00 a m
Baltic	Liverpool	White Star	6:30 a m	10:00 a m
Seguranca	Colon, Panama		10:00 a m	1:00 p m
Yumuri	Cienfuegos	Ward	12:00 m	3:00 p m
Huron	Jacksonville, Clyde		——	3:00 p m
Jefferson	Norfolk, Old Dominion		——	3:00 p m

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29.

La Savoie	Havre	French	6:30 a m	10:00 a m
Havana	Havana	Ward	8:00 a m	11:00 a m
Alene	Hayti, Hamburg-Amer		4:30 a m	——
El Norte	Galveston	Morgan	——	3:00 p m
Amamoora	Rangoon, Henderson		——	——
Princess Anne	Norfolk, Old Dominion		——	3:00 p m

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

St Louis	Liverpool	American	6:00 a m	9:30 a m
Campania	Liverpool	Cunard	6:30 a m	10:00 a m
Vaderland	Antwerp	Red Star	8:30 a m	10:30 a m
Ethiopia	Glasgow	Anchor	9:30 a m	11:30 a m
Citta di Torino	Naples	La Veloce	9:30 a m	11:30 a m
Trinidad	Bermuda	Quebec	8:00 a m	10:00 a m
Maracaibo	Curacao	Red D	8:30 a m	12:00 m
Ponce	Porto Rico	N Y & P O	9:00 a m	11:30 a m
Alleghany	Colombia	Hamb-Am	9:30 a m	12:00 m
Mexico	Havana	Ward	10:00 a m	1:00 p m
Grenada	Ciudad Bolivar	Trinidad	10:00 a m	12:00 m

SHIPPING NEWS.

Port of New-York, Monday, Dec. 26, 1904.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Weehawken (Br), Harding, Manchester December 6 and Liverpool 8, to Philip Ruprecht, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 5:30 p m.

Steamer Tuscarora (Br), Hollingshead, London December 11, to Philip Ruprecht, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 10:30 a m.

Steamer Oscar II (Dan), Hempel, Copenhagen December 14, Christiania and Christiansand 16, to Funch, Edye & Co, with 11 cabin and 306 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 3:30 p m.

Steamer Excelsior (Ger), Courtin, Rotterdam December 10 and Shields 12, to Philip Ruprecht, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 6:30 p m 25th.

Steamer Vaderland, Ehloff, Antwerp and Dover December 17, to the Red Star Line, with 76 cabin and 897 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 12:30 p m.

Steamer Prinzess Irene (Ger), Dannemann, Genoa December 8, Naples 9, Gibraltar 13 and Halifax 24, to Oelrichs & Co, with 222 cabin and 710 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 5:10 a m.

Steamer Roman Prince (Br), Smith, Santos November 30, Rio Janeiro December 3, Bahia 7 and Barbados 17, to J C Seager Co with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 3:15 p m.

Steamer Camoens (Belg), Penrice, Santos December 5, Rio Janeiro 7, Bahia 10 and Barbados 19, to Busk & Jevons, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 8 a m.

Steamer Ponce, Dalton, Ponce and Guanica December 14, Jobos 16, Aguadilla 17, Mayaguez 18 and San Juan 20, to the New-York and Porto Rico Ss Co, with 20 passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 11:25 a m.

Steamer Lassell, Reynolds, New-Orleans December 18, to McCaldin Bros, with mdse. Passed Quarantine at 11:40 a m.

Steamer Comal, Woodward, Mobile December 19 and Brunswick —, to C H Mallory & Co, with passengers and mdse. Passed Quarantine at 10:05 a m.

Steamer Katahdin, Blacklin, Georgetown, S C, December 22, to the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation, with lumber.

Steamer Hamilton, Boaz, Newport News and Norfolk, to the Old Dominion Ss Co, with passengers and mdse. Passed in Sandy Hook at 2:20 p m.

Steamer Avalon (Nor), Rasmussen, Baltimore December 24, to Daniel Bacon, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 3 p m.

Steamer Sailor Prince (Br), Jones, Eastham December 11, to J C Seager, in ballast. Arrived at the Bar at 5:30 p m.

Steamer Pocasset (Br), Owen, Boston, December 24, to Phelps Bros & Co, in ballast.

Sandy Hook, N J, Dec 26, 9:30 p m—Wind northeast, fresh breeze; raining and thick.

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Steamers Washtenaw, for Sabine Pass; Matanga (Br), Havre and Dunkirk; Jefferson, Norfolk and Newport News; Maranhense (Br), Barbados, Para and Manaos.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Scilly, Dec 25—Passed, steamers Rotterdam (Dutch tank), Julfs, New-York to Dover (for orders); 26th, Adra (Br), Beavan, New-York for Dunkirk and Swansea.

Lizard, Dec 26—Passed, steamer British Empire (Br), Riddle, New-York for Antwerp.

Isle of Wight, Dec 26—Passed, steamer Zeeland (Br), Broomhead, New-York for Dover and Antwerp.

Prawle Point, Dec 26—Passed, steamer Darmstadt (Ger), Bolte, New-York for Bremen.

Genoa, Dec 25—Sailed, steamer Republic (Br), McAuley, New-York via Naples.

Palermo, Dec 25—Sailed, steamer Carpathia (Br), Turner (from Trieste and Fiume), New-York.

Suez, Dec 26—Arrived, steamer Albenga (Ger), Petersen, Yokohama, Hiogo, Shanghai, Keelung, Amoy, Singapore and Penang for New-York.

Rio Janeiro, Dec 23—Sailed, steamer Eastern Prince (Br), Filmer (from Santos and Rio Grande do Sul), New-York.

Liverpool, Dec 24—Arrived, steamers Calderon (Belg), Russell, New-York for Manchester (previous report of arrival at London was an error); 26th, Georgic (Br), Clark, New-York.

Scilly, Dec 26—Passed, steamers American (Dutch), Markschlaeger, New-York for Antwerp; (supposed) Cassel (Ger), Petermann, Bremen for New-York and Baltimore.

Dover, Dec 26, 3:20 p m—Arrived, steamer Zeeland (Br), Broomhead, New-York for Antwerp (and proceeded).

London, Dec 26—Sailed, steamers Mesaba (Br), Tubb, New-York; Narragansett (Br), Scott, New-York.

Gibraltar, Dec 26—Passed, steamer Algeria (Br), George, Marseilles, Leghorn and Palermo for New-York.

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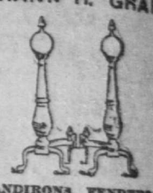

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