CURTAINS NOT FIREPROOF

SKYLIGHTS HELD FAST.

Jerome Also Says Better Theatre Inspections Are Needed.

Talking yesterday about the difficulty of making even the best of the city theatres safe for an audience in case of a fire starting on the stage, District Attorney Jerome declared that daily inspections and better inspections by members of the Fire Department were needed.

"My information on the subject," he said, "is that the inspections before the performances begin are farcical. The law requires that there shall be over every stage sliding skylights, so arranged as to open automatically in case of fire, being held in place by tarred ropes attached to weights. The theory is that when the skylights are open and the asbestos curtain is down the flames and smoke go straight up, as in a chimney, and cannot get to the audience. In the case of the Iroquois Theatre fire in Chicago, the skylights were nailed down. I understand that on a good many nights this winter, while fashionable audiences filled the auditoriums in this city the skylights were held as fast by sleet and ice as if they had been nailed down.

"It should be the duty of the firemen detailed at the theatres to see that all the skylights are tested before every performance, and if the skylights do not start to slide as soon as the ropes are loosened the management should be obliged to go up and thaw them out before the audience is admitted.

"I have information that there is practically no fireproof scenery in any city theatre, and there are acres of scenery on every stage—that is, the scenery would cover acres if it were spread out flat—and such an amount of combustible material would mean a large fire if a fire started. Then, I am told that, while the space under a stage may be clear one night at an inspection, it may be filled with dangerous rubbish the next night, and only daily, systematic inspection will keep the space clear.

"In my talks with Professor Freeman on the subject I have come to believe that none of the so-called asbestos curtains in the theatres are fireproof. Asbestos is of such peculiar texture that if you put enough of it into a curtain to make it fireproof the curtain will not hang together, and if you put in enough cotton to make the curtain strong the curtain will burn through in a few minutes. I think Mr. Freeman's plan to have steel curtains for the theatres, so hung as to run down of their own weight in case of fire, is the best plan.

"There is one provision of the law which, I understand, is being violated in some of the best theatres in the city. That is the provision that there shall be no more than six seats between any seat in a row and the nearest aisle. That allows thirteen seats in a row, but I am informed that there are many rows in city theatres containing sixteen seats."

Mr. Jerome received an open letter from Oscar Hammerstein, containing an attack which, the writer said, was an invitation to a libel suit. Portions of the letter are the following:

So you visited the Fields Theatre, of which you know I am the owner, to detect violations of the law. You came in the company of Sheriff Hanson, of Texas, a stout, heavy man, as you describe him, and as your witness, I presume. Willie, you are a bad lawyer. Never take a fat man nor a fat woman to a theatre. They are always dissatisfied, as seats and aisles are designed for persons of natural dimensions only. You should have taken your friend, the Texas Sheriff, to a jail, to illustrate the depravity of our authorities in not providing bowling alleys and billiard rooms to unfortunate prisoners.

So you took your friend, the Sheriff, to my theatre, and you and he got a good look at the staircases leading to and from the galleries. There you made a horrible discovery. These stairs had no less than nine turns and nine landings, and you immediately concluded that these stairs were dangerous to life and limb. Travers, you are dangerous to life and limb, and I appeal to you, as District Attorney, not to allow yourself to be at large. Why, you are not even lucid enough to know that such stairs, especially in a theatre, are the safest imaginable in the world! Don't you know that the longer and straighter a staircase is, the more danger there is of an accident?

And you also found that some of the electric brackets in the wall were so low as to graze the head of a passerby, and especially your tall, stout Texan friend. This you consider another menace to life and limb. An electric bracket in a theatre has a gas connection; you turn this on in case of an accident to the electric facilities. It has to be placed sufficiently low to be in reach of a small person, a wise and efficient precaution, which even such as you will have to admit.

YOUNG GIRL A FORGER.

Passed Bad Checks to Aid Suffering Babies, She Says.

With a charge of forgery preferred against her Margaret Connolly, a girl sixteen years old, was placed under arrest last night in a 5th-ave. millinery establishment, and later taken to the West 30th-st. station, where she told a story of having obtained several hundred dollars in money from the Astor Place National Bank on forged notes, with which she aided the poor families living near her home. She was sent to the rooms of the Gerry Society, 4th-ave. and 23d-st.

The girl is an orphan, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. Annie Galligan, at No. 933 8th-ave. For the last year she has been employed by the Misses Isabel and Theresa McCann, who, under the firm name of Bell & Theresa, conduct a millinery store at No. 342 5th-ave.

The firm dealt with the Astor Place National Bank, where the girl became well known, and all of her checks were honored, because she presented only those signed with the firm's name. When the bankbooks for the Misses McCann were balanced this week they showed a shortage of about $700. The girl wrote the firm's name in what an expert declared was the handwriting on many of the checks which the bank returned to the McCann sisters with suggestions that they did not closely resemble the signatures on most of the checks.

BOER WAR VETERANS STOPPED.

Purposes of Emigrants from New-Orleans to Guatemala To Be Investigated.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

New-Orleans, Feb. 16.—The second party of Boer war veterans did not leave here for Guatemala to-day as was expected. After the federal grand jury had listened to evidence for two days as to the alleged revolutionary intentions of the party it was decided that the second party should remain here until the entire case could be laid before the State Department. A personal letter from President Cabrera, declaring that the men were immigrants, was read in court.

IMMIGRATION FRAUDS IN BOSTON?

Aliens Use Fraudulent Naturalization Papers, It Is Charged.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Boston, Feb. 16.—Feneral officials say they have received information pointing to big immigration frauds at this port, by which large numbers of undesirable aliens have passed the inspectors, through fraudulent naturalization papers.

"Third degree" examination of some of the suspected men revealed that they had bogus naturalization papers and birth certificates, and from information wormed out of them it is believed that the system may be traced to other ports.

HOME NEWS.

NEW-YORK CITY.

The committee in charge of the dinner to be given to Senator Depew, at the Hotel Savoy, on February 23, announces this list of speakers: Senator Depew, Lieutenant Governor Bruce, Seth Low, Attorney General Mayer, William Halpin, Bainbridge Colby and State Senator Elsberg, who will preside.

The annual dinner of the Brown Alumni, of this city, will be held to-morrow night at the University Club. Norman S. Dike will preside. Among the speakers will be President W. H. P. Faunce of the university, Borough President M. W. Littleton of Brooklyn, F. L. C. Keating, Commissioner of Licenses; Evert J. Wendell, who will speak for Harvard, and William H. McElroy.

The Hamilton Republican Club will give a dance at its clubrooms, No. 24 West 26th-st., next Tuesday evening.

Richard Barry will give a lecture at the Automobile Club of America next Tuesday evening on "Port Arthur; a Monster Heroism." He will illustrate his talk with pictures taken by him on the spot.

The body of Dr. Otto Kohlhase, an assistant surgeon of the United States steamer Boston, who died at Panama from yellow fever, arrived here yesterday on the steamer Seguranca from Colon.

EXPLOSION HURTS 12.

Brooklyn Sulphur Works Wrecked—Six Men May Die.

An explosion in the Brooklyn Sulphur Works, at Kent-ave. and Ross-st., Williamsburg, yesterday, shook the entire neighborhood and blew out the rear wall of the big sulphur works. Twelve men were burned, six probably mortally, and a number of firemen overcome by the fumes of the burning sulphur. The plant is on the north side of the Wallabout Creek, and when the explosion occurred masses of bricks and masonry were hurled on canal boats that were tied up on the creek, burning some of those aboard. The fire was fought with much difficulty, as the water mains were frozen and the creek was covered with ice, preventing a fireboat from getting near enough to render any assistance. The persons most seriously injured by the explosion were removed to the Eastern District and the Williamsburg hospitals. They were:

CAHILL, Thomas, of No. 55 Walworth-st.
M'CABE, Edward, of No. 336 Park-ave.
M'CLEARY, Michael, of No. 168 Wallabout-st.
M'COLLOUGH, William, of No. 436 Park-ave.
MILLEHAN, Michael, of No. 8 Sanford-st.
SWEENEY, Patrick, of No. 578 Myrtle-ave.

The above six men were shockingly burned about the head, hands and face by the scalding sulphur. The others, who were less seriously injured, were:

LLOYD, William, a fireman of Hook and Ladder Company No. 54.
SMITH, Lawrence, of No. 743 Bedford-ave.
WHALEN, Michael, of No. 89 Sanford-st.

Lloyd was overcome by the sulphur fumes while on a ladder, and fell ten feet. The fire was the worst of its kind that the firemen have fought in many years, owing to the nauseating sulphur fumes. The building is a three story brick one, and the explosion occurred on the ground floor, and was probably caused by the friction of a grinding machine, used in connection with the pulverizing of the sulphur, coming in contact with a nail or some hard substance, causing a spark. There were forty men working in the building at the time. The damage was to the extent of $10,000. Only a few weeks ago a fire happened in the same place, and several workmen were injured. It was caused also by an explosion.

WIRE TAPPERS IN 5TH-AVE

Police Enter Especially Well Equipped "Nest"—Plan a Novel One.

What the police describe as the best equipped "nest" of a gang of wire-tapping swindlers yet found, and in which they believe many victims of the Felix type were robbed of large sums, was entered by Detective Sergeants Fogarty and Munday in a house in 5th-ave., near 22d-st., yesterday. The plant was in the rear room of the top floor. In it were found nine new telegraph instruments, as many telephone instruments, racing sheets and other paraphernalia. The wires disappeared under the floor moulding, and went no further. The instruments were operated by dry batteries.

The discovery was made because a pretty young woman recently called at an office of the Western Union Telegraph Company and asked to see "Superintendent Miller," who was "such a nice man." She added, "I want to bet this money on a horse which Superintendent Miller says he is sure will win at 50 to 1. I've got $500 here, and if I can win I shall have $25,000." She was told what would have become of her $500 if she had met the man.

The police were informed at once. Fogarty and Munday were instructed to watch the place. They watched it for ten days. Yesterday they decided to enter the room themselves.

On several typewritten sheets with the printed letterhead of "The Western Union Racing Department, No. 195 Broadway," were found copies of the "official cipher."

Inspector O'Brien declares he knows the men who were operating the plant, and he says that they are not the same who swindled Felix. He has reason to believe that a rich man from Washington, N. J., was robbed in the place. The exposure of the Felix swindle, he thinks, made the 5th-ave. gang cautious, and they disappeared.

The police say the plan was to take the victim from a real Western Union office to the main Western Union office and introduce him or her to a man who would pose as "the manager." This "manager" would plead press of business, and make an engagement for later in the day in some nearby restaurant. The rest was easy. The swindler depended on the boldness of the plan to make it go.

RELIGIOUS CONVENTION.

Leading Educators Speak at Closing Sessions at Boston.

Boston, Feb. 16.—With a final general meeting of the delegates, held to discuss the best way to quicken in the individual a sense of universal brotherhood, the annual convention of the Religious Education Association was brought to a close to-night. The speakers were President Charles Cuthbert Hall and Dr. William J. Tucker, president of Dartmouth College. Dr. Hall discussed "The Mission of Christianity to the World," while Dr. Tucker's subject was "The Sacredness of Citizenship." At the close of the addresses President Hall introduced his successor, Bishop William T. McDowell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Chicago, after which the convention adjourned.

Following a business session this morning, President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University presented the chief paper of the convention, on "The Annual Survey of Progress."

At Chipman Hall President William Douglas MacKenzie of the Hartford Theological Seminary presented the annual survey of the work of the theological seminaries. Professor M. W. Jacobus, of the Hartford Theological Seminary, before the same department, favored the appointment of a committee to report on the curricula of theological seminaries, with a view to establishing greater uniformity. President Hyde of Bowdoin College delivered the principal address at the afternoon session of the department of universities and colleges.

Before the department of religious art and music, Professor Waldo S. Pratt, of the Hartford Theological Seminary, dealt with the topic, "Artistic Studies in Theological Seminaries."

The annual survey of the progress of religious education in young men's and young women's Christian associations was presented by Walter M. Wood, of the Chicago Young Men's Christian Association, before the department of Christian Association.

All of the seventeen departments held sessions this afternoon. Before the department of Sunday schools, a report of a special committee on the question of "The Cultivation of Worship in and Through the Sunday School," was given by Professor Waldo S. Pratt, of Hartford Theological Seminary. Miss Lucy Wheelock, principal of the Training School for Kindergarten Teachers at Boston, opened the discussion of the report.

Before the department of the press Silas McBee, the Editor of "The Churchman," New-York, read a paper on "How Can the Press Educate the Public Respecting the Progress and Meaning of the Missionary Movement?"

NEVADA BANK MERGER TERMS.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—The Nevada National Bank has announced the terms of the merger of that institution with the Wells-Fargo & Co.'s bank, the amalgamated bank to be known as the Wells-Fargo Nevada National Bank of San Francisco. The capital of the consolidated bank will be $6,000,000, and the surplus $3,500,000. Isaac W. Hellman, president of the Nevada National Bank, will be president of the new institution, and W. L. Lipman, of Wells-Fargo & Co.'s bank, will be the cashier.

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OBITUARY.

GENERAL HENRY S. RUSSELL.

Boston, Feb. 16.—General Henry S. Russell, head of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the city of Boston, died to-day from a complication of diseases. Mr. Russell was born in 1838, and was graduated from Harvard in 1860. He took part in the War of the Rebellion, first as lieutenant of the 2d Massachusetts Cavalry, and later as colonel of the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry. For meritorious service before Petersburg he was brevetted brigadier general.

Mr. Russell was chairman of the first police commission of Boston. He had been Fire Commissioner for ten years. He owned a stock farm at Milton from which came the stallions Fearnaught and Smuggler. A family survives him.

MRS. THOMAS J. LOCK.

Mrs. Thomas J. Lock, who died in her home, at No. 1,937 Anthony-ave., on Wednesday morning, was Laura Osborn previous to her marriage. She had many friends in the Mount Hope district of The Bronx, where she lived many years, and in the Baptist Church of Tremont, and she will be mourned by many inmates of the Home for Incurables, at Fordham, whom she frequently cheered by her visits and to whom she often carried flowers from the greenhouse and garden of her Mount Hope home. She is survived by her husband, her son, James, and three daughters—Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Laura Buttikoffer and Miss Emily Lock. Her funeral will take place this evening at the house, in Anthony-ave.

DR. H. A. SCHAUFFLER.

Cleveland, Feb. 16.—The Rev. Dr. H. A. Schauffler died here yesterday. He was born in Constantinople in 1837, was graduated from Williams College, in in 1859, and from there went to Andover Theological Seminary and to the Law School at Cambridge. He went back to Constantinople, where he was for a time a professor in Robert College. From that institution he entered the service of the American board as missionary, and worked part of his time among Mahometans. Later on he was transferred to the Mission for Bohemians, and his headquarters were in Prague and later at Brunn. Returning to this country on account of the health of his wife, he took up the work among the Slavs under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society, having Cleveland as his headuarters.

AMERICAN WIRELESS RECORD.

Hatteras Operator Thinks Message to Key West Covered Unusual Distance.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Norfolk, Feb. 16.—The wireless operator at Cape Hatteras reports that on Wednesday he successfully "worked" with the wireless station at Key West, 800 miles away, and that he also talked with the station at Cape Cod, about the same distance from Hatteras. A powerful current was used. The messages, it is said, covered a greater distance than any yet sent by wireless in the United States.

PROBING RATES IN PITTSBURG.

Railroad Officials Deny That There Are Any Excessive Charges Made.

Pittsburg, Feb. 16.—Judge Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, on behalf of the Interstate Commerce Commission, began an inquiry here to-day into the alleged practice of charging excessive rates on industrial or terminal railroads in the Pittsburg district on tonnage received or shipped for transportation over various trunk lines.

The inquiry opens an important question involving the reasonableness of terminal or rebate charges on the various spurs and terminal roads owned by large manufacturers of the Pittsburg district, and is especially important to Pittsburgers, as the tonnage of this district is the greatest in the world and the practice of maintaining spurs and industrial terminals to reduce the freight rates is widespread.

The first case heard was that of the West Side Belt Railroad, alleged to be charging exorbitant rates on coal developed along its lines, and the Pittsburg Coal Company, with a rebate.

W. D. Holliday, traffic manager of the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal and West Side Belt railroads; William A. Terry, general freight agent of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, and H. M. Matthews, division freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, all testified to the effect that there was no discrimination in charges of any kind, and that the charges were not excessive. Judge Clements then announced that the coal company investigation would be postponed indefinitely and until more information desired by the commission could be secured.

BALANCE SHEET OF AMERICAN SUGAR.

Albany, Feb. 16.—The American Sugar and Refining Company has filed with the Secretary of State its balance sheet as of December 31, which compares as follows:

Assets—			
Real estate, etc	$35,051,343	Dec.	$128,714
Cash and debts receivable	38,320,033	Inc.	3,637,010
Sugar, raw and refined	24,036,523	Inc.	12,597,862
Investments in other companies	54,212,196	Inc.	2,226,069
Totals	$152,520,095	Inc.	$18,332,227
Liabilities—			
Capital stock	$90,000,000		
Debts	48,734,386	Inc.	$16,812,354
Reserve	13,785,709	Inc.	1,519,873
Totals	$152,520,095	Inc.	$18,332,227

JUDGMENTS.

The following judgments were among those filed yesterday, the first name being that of the debtor:

Brownell, Wilmot A—E G Brownell	$1,221
Brassil, Daniel S—T F Loughlin, jr, and another	5,389
Brennan, Joseph—American Agricultural Chemical Company	504
Culver, Julius F, and another—G R Meade, jr, costs	1,682
Culver, Julius F—E R Finch	773
Cotes, Byron S—New-York County National Bank	1,056
Goldoff Meyer, and Samuel Bryant—J J Justice and another	* 929
Same—S Waxman and another	1,475
Hyman, Samuel M—P W Eng's Sons	357
Arverne Pier Company—Hurtig & Seamon	1,083
Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States—A Wassell	609
Lyon Chemical Company—R Norton	1,533
Bank of Wymore—Sprague National Bank of New-York	6,738
Kaufman, Jacob and Louis—Mutual Fish Company	529
Mayer, Edgar J—E S Mayer	853
Michaels, Nate H—E Jannicky	1,510
Schwartz, Mayme—C A McCoon	534
Schumann, Edward—G Schumann	870
Seiter, George—Bernheimer & Schwartz Pilsener Brewing Company	1,080

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

The following petitions in bankruptcy were among those filed yesterday:

Joseph S. James, clothing cutter, Mount Vernon, voluntary petition; liabilities, $9,660; assets, $4,241. The principal creditor is the firm of J. B. Ellison & Sons, Philadelphia, $6,137. The assets consist of accounts, $4,241.

David Rosenbach, No. 91 East 2d-st., voluntary petition; liabilities, $4,029; assets, $150. The principal creditors are George Ringler & Co., 92d-st. and 3d-ave., $2,000; the Fidelity and Casualty Company, No. 103 Cedar-st., forfeiture of liquor tax bond, $1,000.

Schedules were filed by the attorneys of the petitioning creditors of the Golden State Vineyards, involuntary bankrupts, who failed to file the schedules required by law. The schedules show debts of $16,900. No assets are given. The principal creditors are the Italian Vineyard Company, No. 202 Centre-st., $3,344; W. J. Morse, No. 125 Hudson-st., $2,948, and F. A. Stratton, address unknown, $2,881.

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BOX BOARD REORGANIZATION.

President Recommends $4,000,000 Bond Issue and Abandonment of Mills.

A reorganization of the United Box Board and Paper Company, the issue of $4,000,000 of bonds and the sale or abandonment of a number of mills which are unprofitable to operate are recommended by President O. C. Barber of that company in his annual report, made at the annual meeting of the stockholders in Jersey City yesterday.

President Barber reported that the volume of business transacted in 1904, expressed in tons, showed a decrease of 33 per cent from 1903, and that this was due in a great measure to shutdowns and dead mill expenses. The company was sorely in need of working capital, he reported. He proposed the issuance of first mortgage 6 per cent gold bonds, payable in twenty years, and convertible prior to January 1, 1909, into 8 per cent cumulative preferred or debenture stock. The proceeds, he suggests, should be used to take up existing mortgage indebtedness of the company—$1,125,000; to take up underlying liens—$1,180,850; to acquire the stock of the American Strawboard Company, and to get $250,000 additional working capital—about $1,600,000.

It is proposed that the present stock issued be reduced by 50 per cent, which would leave the preferred stock at $7,385,729 50, and common stock at $6,948,216 50. The membership of the board of directors was reduced from eighteen to twelve.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 6:51 | Sunset 5:30 | Moon sets 5:02 | Moon's age 14

HIGH WATER.

A.M.—Sandy Hook 5:27 | Gov. Island 5:45 | Hell Gate 7:38
P.M.—Sandy Hook 6:00 | Gov. Island 6:14 | Hell Gate 8:07

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
*Amsterdam	Rotterdam, February 4	Holland-Am
*Caprera	Barbados, February 8	Booth
*Havana	Vera Cruz, February 9	Ward
Martello	Hull, February 1	Wilson
Cassell	Bremen, February 3	N G Lloyd
Graf Waldersee	Hamburg, February 4	Hamb-Am
City of Macon	Savannah, February 13	Savannah
Algonquin	Jacksonville, February 13	Clyde
Vincenzo Florio	Naples, February 1	Italian
El Cid	New-Orleans, February 11	Morgan
El Siglo	Galveston, February 18	Morgan
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.		
*Campania	Liverpool, February 11	Cunard
*St Louis	Southampton, February 11	American
*Santiago	Havana, February 13	Ward
Roma	Naples, February 7	Fabre
Arapahoe	Jacksonville, February 15	Clyde
Perugia	Naples, February 4	Italian
Nueces	Galveston, February 11	Mallory
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19.		
*La Gascogne	Havre, February 11	French
Manitou	London, February 9	Atlantic Trans
Bordeaux	Havre, February 5	French
Wells City	Swansea, February 4	Bristol
St Bede	Gibraltar, February 4	Am & Aus
Breiz Izel	Algiers, February 5	
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.		
*Bluecher	Hamburg, February 11	Hamb-Am
*Ryndam	Rotterdam, February 11	Holland-Am
Prince Adalbert	Naples, February 8	Hamb-Am
Republic	Naples, February 8	White Star
Bovic	Liverpool, February 10	White Star
Federica	Gibraltar, February 6	
El Norte	Galveston, February 14	Morgan
Byron	Pernambuco, February 7	Lamp & H
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21.		
*United States	Copenhagen, February 9	Scand-Am
*Maracaibo	Curacao, February 13	Red D
*Manzanares	La Guayra, February 11	Trinidad
Laurentian	Glasgow, February 10	Allan-State
Fontabelle	St Thomas, February 15	Quebec

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mails close.	Vessel sails.
Elaine	Argentine	—	12:00 m	3:00 p m
Rio Grande	Brunswick, Mallory	—	—	3:00 p m
Comanche	Charleston, Clyde	—	—	3:00 p m
Princess Anne	Norfolk, Old Dominion	—	—	3:00 p m
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.				
New-York	Southampton, American	—	6:00 a m	9:30 a m
Finland	Antwerp, Red Star	—	8:30 a m	10:30 a m
Princess Irene	Genoa, N G Lloyd	—	8:30 a m	11:00 a m
Umbria	Liverpool, Cunard	—	10:30 a m	2:00 p m
Philadelphia	Curacao, Red D	—	8:30 a m	12:00 m
Sarnia	Jamaica, Hamb-Am	—	9:30 a m	12:00 m
Morro Castle	Havana, Ward	—	10:00 a m	1:00 p m
Curityba	Matanzas, Munson	—	12:30 p m	3:00 p m
Pretoria	Hamburg, Hamb-Am	—	—	5:00 a m
Minnetonka	London, Atlantic Trans	—	—	4:30 p m
Corona	Barbados, Quebec	—	—	12:00 m
San Marcos	Brunswick, Mallory	—	—	3:00 p m
El Rio	Galveston, Morgan	—	—	3:00 p m
El Dia	New-Orleans, Morgan	—	—	3:00 p m
Algonquin	Charleston, Clyde	—	—	3:00 p m
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20.				
Jefferson	Norfolk, Old Dominion	—	—	3:00 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

Port of New-York, Thursday, Feb. 16, 1905.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Georgic (Br), Clarke, Liverpool February 3, to the White Star Line, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 1:34 p m.

Steamer Majestic (Br), Hayes, Liverpool February 8 and Queenstown 9, to the White Star Line, with 141 cabin and 256 steerage passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 3:38 a m.

Steamer Furnessia (Br), Black, Glasgow February 4 and Moville 5, to Henderson Bros, with 108 cabin and 460 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 5:15 a m.

Steamer Barbarossa (Ger), Mentz, Bremen February 4, to Oelrich & Co, with 112 cabin and 1,352 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 7:30 a m.

Steamer Prinzess Irene (Ger), Dannemann, Genoa February 2, Naples 3 and Gibraltar 6, to Oelrichs & Co, with 172 cabin and 1,342 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 6:30 a m.

Steamer Georgia (Aust), Parovich, Trieste January 23 and Naples 28, to Phelps Brothers & Co, with 15 cabin and 876 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 8 p m, 15th.

Steamer Maracaibo (Br), Hunter, Trinidad February 8 and Grenada 9, to the Trinidad Shipping and Trading Co, with 6 cabin passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 7:30 a m.

Steamer Valdivia (Ger), Lubeke, Curacoa January 31, Porto Cabello February 2, La Guayra 3 and Porto Padre 10, to the Hamburg-American Line, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 5 a m.

Steamer Seguranca, Oakes, Colon February 9, to the Panama Railroad Steamship Co, with 60 passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 11:30 a m.

Steamer Scottish Hero (Br), Muir, Cardenas February 5 and Matanzas 9, to W. D. Munson, with sugar. Arrived at the Bar at midnight, 15th.

Steamer City of Macon, Askins, Savannah February 13, to the Ocean Ss Co, with passengers and mdse. Passed Quarantine at 7:15 a m.

Steamer Princess Anne, Tapley, Newport News and Norfolk, to the Old Dominion Ss Co, with passengers and mdse. Passed Quarantine at 2 p m.

Steamer Herman Winter, Crowell, Boston, to H F Dimock, with passengers and mdse. Passed Quarantine at 1:37 p m.

Sandy Hook, N J, Feb 16, 9:30 p m—Wind southwest, moderate breeze; clear.

SAILED.

Steamers El Dorado, for Galveston; Seaboard, Boston; Alf (Nor), Norfolk; Colorado (Br), Hull; La Touraine (Fr), Havre; Vigilancia, Havana and Mexican ports; Somerford (Br), Philadelphia; Jamestown, Norfolk and Newport News; Hippolyte Dumois (Nor), Banes; City of Memphis, Savannah; Ask (Dan), Inagua, Port-au-Prince, etc; Basil (Br), Para and Manaos; Zambesi (Br), Bremen.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Liverpool, Feb 16—Arrived, steamer Teutonic (Br), McKinstry, New-York.

London, Feb 16—Sailed, steamer Menominee (Br), Cannons, New-York.

Sunderland, Feb 16—Sailed, steamer Daghestan (Br), Dobson, New-York.

Queenstown, Feb 16, 1:40 p m—Sailed, steamer Baltic (Br), Smith (from Liverpool), New-York.

Brow Head, Feb 16—Passed, steamer Thespis (Br), Ferguson, New-York for Manchester.

Cuxhaven, Feb 14—Arrived, steamer Geestemunde (Ger), Kettemeyer, New-York.

Rotterdam, Feb 15—Arrived, steamer Mannheim (Ger), Schauk, New-York.

Havre, Feb 6, 2 p m—Arrived, steamer La Lorraine (Fr), Alix, New-York.

Bordeaux, Feb 14—Sailed, steamer Fricka (Ger), Ruhle, New-York.

Naples, Feb 12—Sailed, steamer Citta di Torino (Ital), Gallera, New-York.

Porto Empedocle, Feb 11—Sailed, steamer Hermine (Aust), Bussanich (from Trieste) New-York.

Girgenti, Feb 15—Arrived, steamer Pocahontas (Br), Owen, Trieste for New-York.

Tunis, Feb 14—Arrived, steamer Pocahontas (Br), James, New-York, via Palermo for Manila, Brunn, etc.

Auckland, Feb 15—Arrived, steamer Star of Ireland (Br), Kearney, New-York via St Vincent, C V, Melbourne, etc.

Barbados, Feb 13—Sailed, steamer Grangense (Br), Tocque (from New-York), Para.

St Thomas, Feb 16, 3 p m—Sailed, steamer Fontabelle (Br), Mann (from Demerara, etc), New-York.

Sagres, Feb 16—Passed, steamer Ultonia (Br), Pentecost, New-York for Trieste and Fiume.

SAN FRANCISCO STOCKS.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks to-day were as follows:

Alta	.04	Justice	.10
Alpha Con	.13	Kentucky Con	.01
Andes	.29	Lady Washington Con	.02
Belcher	.15	Mexican	2.05
Best & Belcher	1.10	Occidental Con	.90
Bullion	.28	Ophir	.37
Caledonia	.65	Overman	.27
Challenge Con	1.21	Potosi	.09
Chollar	.21	Savage	.16
Confidence	.85	Sea Beleher	.08
Con Cal & Va	2.05	Sierra Nevada	.23
Con Imperial	.01	Syndicate	.20
Crown Point	.14	St Louis	.10
Gould & Curry	.19	Union Con	.29
Hale & Norcross	1.45	Utah Con	.12
Julia	.05	Yellow Jacket	.22

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 16, 4 p. m.—COTTON—Spot, good business done; prices unchanged; American middling, 4.17d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 2,000 were for speculation and export, and included 11,100 American. Receipts, 11,000 bales, including 10,700 American. Futures opened easier and closed quiet; American mdidling, g o c February, 3.99d; February and March, 3.99d; March and April, 4.01d; April and May, 4.03d; May and June, 4.03d; June and July, 4.05d; July and August, 4.05d; August and September, 4.06d; September and October, 4.06d; October and November, 4.06d; November and December, 4.07d.

Amusements.

EMPIRE THEATRE. 40th St. & Broadway. Evgs. 8:10. Mat. To-morrow, 2.
MAUDE ADAMS THE LITTLE MINISTER, followed by 'OP O' ME THUMB.

KNICKERBOCKER. B'y & 38. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Sat., 2.
LAST WEEK—Mr. E. S. WILLARD To-night & Sat. Evs. & Sat. Mat., THE PROFESSOR'S LOVE STORY.
NEXT MONDAY. FORBES ROBERTSON LOVE AND THE MAN.
Seats Now.

HUDSON THEATRE. 44th, near Broadway. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:15.
ROBERT EDESON in STRONGHEART
SPECIAL MATINEES Tues., Feb. 21. Friday, Feb. 24. MARGARET WYCHERLY in plays of W. B. YEATS offering at each Performance—The Land of Heart's Desire; Cathleen ni Houlihan; The Hour Glass.
Seats now on sale.

SAVOY THEATRE. 34th St., near B'way. Evgs. 8:25. Mat. To-morrow, 2:15.
Last 2 Nights. Last 3 Times. FRIQUET
Tues., Feb. 21—GRACE GEORGE in the new play, "Abigail." Seat Sale now on.

HERALD SQ. THEATRE. 35th St. & B'way. Evs. 8:10. Mat. Wed. & Sat., 2:15.
BLANCHE WALSH THE WOMAN IN THE CASE.

CRITERION THEATRE. 44th St. & B'way. Evs. 8:10. Mat. To-morrow, 2:15.
FRANCIS WILSON COHAN BILLY.

GARRICK THEATRE. 35th St., near B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mat. To-morrow, 2:10.
ARNOLD DALY'S CO. YOU NEVER CAN TELL.

LYCEUM Broadway and 45th St. Evgs. 8:30. Mats. Thurs., Sat. & Feb. 22, 2:15.
MRS. LEFFINGWELL'S BOOTS
Next Mon.—Beatrice Herford, Monologues.

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