

NEW SHIPBUILDING SUIT

Charles W. Mayer Would Recover \$1,005,000—Like Wood Case.

The suit which Mrs. Ida E. Wood brought last year in the Nassau County courts against the Commonwealth, Mercantile and other trust companies to recover \$195,000 which she said she had paid for United States Shipbuilding stock which she declared was worthless, has been followed by another suit of a similar character brought by Charles W. Mayer against the same defendants to recover \$1,005,000.

Mr. Mayer's suit, however, is broader than that of Mrs. Wood, in that not only the two trust companies sued by her are made defendants, but also the heads of several trust companies and corporations as individuals, including James H. Hyde, James W. Alexander, John W. Young, Gaze E. Tarbell, John J. McCook, Charles B. Alexander, Daniel Le Roy Dresser, Stuyvesant Fish, George C. Boldt, Ballard McCall, Perry Belmont, Charles F. Brooker, James McMahon, Erasmus C. Knight, George J. Gould, Herbert L. Satterlee, Elbridge G. Snow, the North American Company, and others.

Mr. Mayer alleges that in 1902 he held stocks and bonds of the shipbuilding company, amounting to \$1,310,000, and deposited this, together with \$27,500, with the Commonwealth Trust Company. He declares that he was deprived of these stocks and bonds, and that he made a demand for them on January 1, 1903, when they were worth \$977,500. Clifford W. Hartbridge, of No. 149 Broadway, is Mr. Mayer's counsel. Justice Kelly yesterday granted the demand of McMahon, one of the defendants, for a bill of particulars, returnable in ten days. Mrs. Wood's suit hung fire for several months, but was said to have been settled out of court.

One of the most notable suits against the Mercantile Trust Company was that of ex-Governor Odell to recover \$170,000, with interest from January 7, 1903. This suit was settled out of court for \$75,000.

James H. Hyde charged that Odell had threatened to ruin the Mercantile Trust Company unless a settlement were made, and demanded \$75,000 to cover his losses, and that he had used a bill at Albany as a "club" to assure the carrying out of his threat. Odell, who had admitted that that sum had been offered him and he accepted it as an equitable settlement of his losses.

The suit was brought on August 17, 1904, and dragged on until April, 1905, when it was suddenly dropped. In his suit Mr. Odell stated that he had subscribed for 188 bonds of the company and paid on the "installment" plan, \$102,000. He got as a bonus 500 shares of preferred and 500 of the common stock.

CASTRO THE WARLIKE.

Order Reported Issued to Fire on French Vessels.

Willemstad, Curaçao, Feb. 3.—Passengers on the Red D Line steamer Philadelphia, which arrived here to-day from La Guayra, say that President Castro is making every possible preparation for war. They add that orders have been issued to fire on the first French vessel sighted cruising in Venezuelan waters. Castro, it is asserted, regards the whole French movement as a bluff, and says he will retaliate by prohibiting the importation of French goods into Venezuela.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE.

Samuel Haggerty, a well known real estate man of Harlem, living at No. 142 West 125th-st., was found dead in his office at No. 2,206 Southern Boulevard, last night, and for a time there were rumors of murder. Examination, however, showed that he had died suddenly of heart trouble. He was sixty-eight years old, and was known to a section of Harlem and The Bronx. A big crowd gathered about his office when the news spread. The body was removed to his home.

ARRESTED AS A WEDDING JOKE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Attoboro, Mass., Feb. 3.—In the hands of his friends "proved anything but a pleasant experience last night for Bernard C. Carr, who spent all night under supposed arrest, as the result of a practical joke, in which the whole town took part. Carr and Miss Francesca Schmidt were married in Providence, and on their return Carr was "arrested" for marrying without taking out a license here. Friends explained the "joke" this morning.

SAVED \$12,000 ON \$2,000 A YEAR.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Boston, Feb. 3.—A contest has been started here over the will of John Howe Colby, City Hall clerk, who left an estate appraised at \$12,500, accumulated from the savings of \$2,000 a year salary. Frugality and shrewd investing were the chief sources of this fortune, all of which was left to charity. Most of the amount was found in cash, \$48,999 of which was in his room.

DR. FOWLER HOLDING HIS OWN.

Albany, Feb. 3.—Dr. George E. Fowler, the well known Brooklyn surgeon, was reported to-day as holding his own at the Albany Hospital, where he was operated on twice this week for appendicitis. Dr. A. T. Bristol, of New-York, and Drs. A. Van dersee and L. H. Newman, the attending physicians, at 11 o'clock this morning stated that Dr. Fowler's pulse and temperature were favorable, and that, considering the great gravity of the case, his symptoms were somewhat hopeful.

TO SHORE UP CAPITOL'S WEAK PARTS.

Albany, Feb. 3.—State Architect Heins, who is in charge of the investigation to ascertain the exact condition of the Assembly building, which was ordered closed to the public a week ago, stated to-day that the work of shoring up the affected parts of the structure would begin as soon as he received authorization from the trustees of public buildings.

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BIG DROP IN BOSTON.

Mercury Falls 45 Degrees in Twelve Hours—Other Frost Records.

Boston, Feb. 3.—During the night the mercury moved downward until it registered a drop between 38 and 45 degrees in twelve hours. In Boston the early figure was 1 below by the Weather Bureau thermometer, while private instruments recorded 4 and 5 below.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 3.—The temperature went to 12 below zero here to-day.

Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Forteen below zero was the temperature recorded here to-day.

Pittsburg, Feb. 3.—Zero weather again prevails here to-day. The government thermometer recorded 3 degrees above, while points in the vicinity were from 1 to 3 degrees below zero. The Monongahela River is reported to be freezing at the headwaters.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 3.—The official thermometer stood at 3 degrees below zero at 8 o'clock this morning. Unofficial thermometers in the suburbs registered as low as 14 below.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 3.—The temperature record was 8 above zero at Providence at 9 a. m. to-day.

Portland, Me., Feb. 3.—The Weather Bureau reported a temperature of 4 below zero to-day at 8 a. m.

Eastport, Me., Feb. 3.—The thermometer fell to 10 below zero during the night.

Fort Fairfield, Me., Feb. 3.—The thermometer at Fort Fairfield stood at 12 below zero to-day. At Houlton it was 32, at Rockland 12, at Brunswick 10, Augusta 9 and Bar Harbor 15.

St. Albans, Vt., Feb. 3.—Early to-day local thermometers registered 17 degrees below zero. The lowest point recorded in this section of Vermont was 18 below, at Newport.

SKATED ON THIN ICE.

Thrilling and Chilling Experience of Heroes in The Bronx.

The artificial lake in Crotona Park, The Bronx, was the scene yesterday of the first local skating accident. Arthur Dubb, a schoolboy who lives in The Bronx, was the victim.

With a dash of speed he sailed out over a thin spot and with a loud crack in he went. His cries for help brought five eager candidates for the Carnegie hero medal and Patrolman Anders, of the Tremont station, who holds the heavyweight record of The Bronx.

Siliding cautiously out on the treacherous ice the sextet formed a human chain, and young Dubb was soon on terra firma shaking with cold.

There was a second report, and without warning the sextet was foundering around in the icy waters. It was easy work for the five to get back on strong ice, but Anders was greatly handicapped by his avoirdupois. Every time he made a frantic clutch at the ragged edge and was almost on solid ice it broke under him and down he sank up to his neck in the chilly depths.

After he had played the part of an ice breaker for fifty feet he lumbered to shore, shook himself like a water spaniel and hurried to the station and warm refreshments.

The five heroes hastened to a nearby saloon, where they put down several "Tom and Jerrys." Dubb rode home in an ambulance from Fordham Hospital.

HELD ON MANY CHARGES.

Clerk of Circuit Court Alleged To Be Embezzler, Thief and Forger.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Twenty-five indictments were returned to-day against John A. Linn, clerk of the Circuit Court, and for eight years clerk of the Superior Court. The charges against Linn are embezzlement, larceny and forgery. A short time after the return of the indictments Linn, in company with his attorney, called at the office of State's Attorney Healy and gave bonds for \$25,000.

In addition to the charges of financial irregularity, Linn is accused in one indictment of conspiring to keep from the grand jury a witness whose evidence was important in his case. He is also charged with the retention of the records of his office and refusal to turn them over to his successor.

Of the indictments relating to financial transactions, one charges that Linn, while clerk of the Superior Court of Cook County, put "dummies" upon the payroll of jurors and in this way defrauded the county out of \$50,000. The specific statement is made in another indictment that various sums of money aggregating \$5,000 disappeared from the cash drawers of the clerk's office. The other indictments cover charges of larceny in connection with staffed payrolls. Indictments are mentioned in the indictments where Linn is said to have induced city warrants to pay for entering the city in cases, and then pocketed the money.

FIFTEEN HURT IN WRECK.

Two May Die—Seven Cars Roll Down Bank.

Duran, N. M., Feb. 3.—Fifteen persons were injured, two of them probably fatally, in the wreck of an eastbound Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific passenger train to-day. Two private cars carrying members of the Chicago Commercial Association did not leave the track.

The locomotive tender caused the wreck by leaving the track. Seven cars rolled down an embankment. These cars were baggage, express and mail cars, a day coach, a tourist and two standard sleeping cars.

SAYS HE WAS SHANGHAIED.

Machinist Accuses Standard Oil Tankship's Men—Denied First Month's Salary.

A letter written by Chester Almsworth, a marine machinist, who says he was shanghaied and taken aboard the Standard Oil tankship La Campine, was given out from the revenue cutter Manhattan yesterday.

Almsworth said that he was formerly employed with the New-York and Cuban Mail Steamship Company, and that, on Christmas Eve, he went to Brooklyn, where he expected to meet a friend. While he was in a saloon, he says, he met several men who asked him to drink with them, which he did. They made the rounds, and when he woke up he found himself in the firemen's quarters of the La Campine.

After several attempts to get ashore, Almsworth says he was put to work firing, but was not strong enough to stand the heat, and then the captain gave him a job in the engineer's room. He says he was forced to sign off his first month's salary, as the captain explained it had been paid to the men who brought him aboard.

BANKRUPT SWINDLERS CONVICTED.

Simon L. Simpson and Richard Coelen were convicted yesterday of conspiracy in concealing assets from their bankruptcy trustees, and sentenced by Judge Holt, in the United States District Court, to two years' imprisonment in Sing Sing, with an added fine of \$1,000 each. Isidor G. Mann, whom the jury recommended to the mercy of the court, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the Kings County Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,000. Counsel for the defence received ten days' time in which to prepare papers for an appeal.

KILLED UNDER OVERTURNED ENGINE.

Pompton, N. J., Feb. 3.—A freight engine and tender on the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie Railroad were overturned at Hewitt this afternoon, and the engineer was caught under the wreck and killed. The fireman and a brakeman escaped with slight injuries. The accident happened on a long curve at Hewitt, one and a half miles north of Middletown.

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FIRE LOSS \$1,000,000.

Million Bushels of Wheat and 200 Horses Burned in St. Louis.

East St. Louis, Feb. 3.—The Union Elevator, containing a million bushels of wheat, was destroyed by fire to-night, entailing a loss of more than \$1,000,000. The fire spread to the stables of the St. Louis Transfer Company and two hundred horses and two hundred wagons were burned, as well as the stables. The fire started in a brick engine house, thirty feet from the elevator.

Before the arrival of the fire department the flames had spread to the elevator. Assistance was sent from St. Louis and the efforts of the firemen were principally directed toward preventing the fire spreading to adjoining elevators and warehouses.

Seven dwelling houses were destroyed, being covered with burning oil by the explosion of four tank cars. The occupants of the houses escaped unhurt. The oil tanks which exploded were standing nearly four hundred yards north of the elevator. They belonged to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, and contained one thousand gallons of oil each.

Just north of the oil tanks twenty freight cars were deluged by the burning oil and destroyed with their contents. Switch engines and crews worked for several hours towing strings of empty and loaded cars out of danger, and several fire engines were detained to prevent the spread of the flames to hundreds of boxcars on sidings near the fire.

MORE SQUADS PERISH. Commissioner Bingham Threatens Three Platoon System Also.

Police Commissioner Bingham got down to Mulberry Street early yesterday morning and abolished some "squads" and "cut down" others. It was a bad morning for "squads," and closed with a threat which was near a positive statement that the three platoon system, established by Commissioner McAdoo, would be abolished.

The "vagrant squad" sometimes known as the "mendicant guard," was abolished and its members ordered on patrol duty.

The "traffic squad" received a gentle blow in the transfer of Roundsmen John Dehan and Alfred Reid to the Newtown station, Long Island. This was taken as an intimation that the Commissioner proposes to "cut down the traffic squad."

"Are you giving serious consideration to a change in the present platoon system?" the Commissioner was asked.

"I am," was the response. It is generally believed that the Commissioner and his experts have found that the three platoon system is an encouragement to idleness, and fosters neglect of duty on the part of the police. It was established in fulfillment of a pre-election pledge made by Mayor McClellan during his first campaign for the Mayoralty.

Commissioner Bingham admitted willingly yesterday that he had the subject under "serious consideration" and this is considered in police circles as equivalent to a positive statement that it will be abolished.

Complaints are coming in from time to time about the negligent police, and the numerous robberies and wlaying of citizens all tend to prove the weakness of the three platoon system as far as the duties of the police to the taxpayers are concerned. There has been a persistent rumor about Mulberry Street that should be abolished, and the prophets already see the handwriting on the wall.

BIG RELIGIOUS CAMPAIGN PLANNED. Presbyterians, Under Lead of Evangelistic Committee, to Hold National Meetings.

One of the most comprehensive movements ever attempted in the religious world by any denomination has been planned by the Evangelistic Committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, of which John H. Converse, of Philadelphia, is the chairman, and which is made up of representative ministers of the denomination in all parts of the country. The Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, secretary of the committee, aided by the Rev. Parley E. Zarnmann, assistant secretary and treasurer of the committee, have formulated a plan by which a religious campaign will be carried on for at least two weeks, beginning February 25, in all the churches of the Presbyterian faith in the United States.

The pastors may do their own preaching or they may call on the heads of their own churches or other denominations or they may get the services of trained evangelists. There has been sent out from the headquarters of the committee a letter of the signature of the chairman of the committee, to every Presbyterian minister in the country, detailing the plan.

It is understood that some time in the meetings a canvass will be made of the community to find out the number of persons living in the city or neighborhood belonging to the denomination but not connected with the local church.

SLEUTH'S CONVERSATION HYPNOTIC.

Detective Vachris, of the Brooklyn office, lured Joseph Campanelli from Danbury, Conn., into the city, and arrested him as soon as they got off the train at the station. The Italian said he knew for several hours yesterday something about the murder of Nicola Pelletieri; at least the two women and the man held in Brooklyn on suspicion say that he was in the basement of the house where the Italian was found stabbed to death.

The detective wanted the trouble of getting extradition papers, and hearing that he was going to a small town between here and Danbury, he went to meet him at the station. The Italian said he knew what was wanted, but would not go to New-York. The detective engaged him in conversation, and proved so entertaining that the Italian forgot to get off when the conductor called.

MOVING CUP FOR WILLIAM SHERER.

William Sherer, for five years president of the Harlem Republic Club, received a silver loving cup from the members of the club at a dinner at the clubhouse, No. 23 West 124th-st., last night. Among the speakers were Senator Page, ex-Senator Slater and Arthur Livingston, who made the presentation speech. Letters of regret were read from Congressman Bennett, Abraham Gruber, and many others.

MURPHY MEN AGAPE.

Removal of Charles J. Collins First Learned from Tribune.

Charles J. Collins, the personal friend of Charles F. Murphy, whose dismissal from the Dock Department has been determined on by Dock Commissioner Bensen to make room for ex-Congressman "Anti-Pass" Baker, said yesterday that he did not know a thing about the contemplated appointment of Mr. Baker till he read it in the Tribune yesterday morning.

"When the changes were made in the department a week or two ago I learned that I was not likely to remain here," said Mr. Collins yesterday, "but I did not know just when the axe would fall, and no one knew anything about my successor. I understand that Mr. Baker was chosen by Mayor McClellan. I think that Commissioner Bensen was satisfied with my record in the department. I obtained a clerkship in this department in the Strong administration by taking a Civil Service examination. When Mr. Murphy was appointed treasurer of the board he recommended my appointment as clerk to the treasurer. This place I filled in the Van Wyck administration, the duties being practically those of cashier. When I was appointed secretary to the department two years ago it was necessary for me to resign my clerkship in the department, protected by the Civil Service. The secretary is in the exempt class. That accounts for the severance of my relations with the Dock Department. I do not know why I was dropped."

The removal of Mr. Collins has provoked intense indignation in Tammany Hall, as there is no way of counting on the selection of Mr. Murphy. The New-York Contracting and Trucking Company has several enormously valuable dumping board permits, and these are valuable to the extent that the Commissioner, although the Murphy-Gaffney people would doubtless be able to prevent the revocation of the permits on the ground that they had been obtained for stated periods.

Ex-Congressman Baker will be on hand Monday.

MGOWAN COMES OUT FOR ECONOMY.

Says Salary Increase Demands Must Stop—Suggests Plan to Mayor.

President McGowan of the Board of Aldermen, after voting on Tuesday last for an increase in the pay of Oliver E. Stanton, secretary to the Civil Service Commission, from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year, yesterday came out strong for economy. All the commissioners, also believing in economy, are getting up demands for increases in salaries. Many requests for raises are already in.

"Something must be done to stop these demands," said Mr. McGowan yesterday. "I am in favor of economy, and we cannot get on in this way. I have presented to the Mayor a plan to regulate the increases in salaries, and he was favorably impressed with it. I believe there should be a minimum and maximum amount for all Civil Service employees, and that there should be an arrangement, similar to that in the School Board, by which the pay of employees could be advanced a stated amount for each year of service."

"At the beginning of the year," Mr. McGowan continued, "the head of a department could increase the pay of his men whenever he considered it necessary. It is a matter of putting these employees in the new class should be left to the discretion of the commissioners, and then neither the Board of Aldermen nor the Board of Estimate will be bothered any further with the matter."

Mayor McClellan is in favor of having the heads of departments present their requests for increases in salaries before the regular budget is made up, the same as the federal appropriation is made.

DIRECT VOTE FOR U. S. SENATORS.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 3.—Following a conference with Governor Cummins, held several days ago, that he would at his earliest opportunity introduce a resolution in the Iowa senate instructing the Governor to invite the Governors of several States to appoint committees from their legislatures to meet in Des Moines next summer to adopt specific and united plans looking to an amendment to the national Constitution requiring the election of United States Senators by direct vote. The conference will be national in scope.

MOVE FOR HARMONY IN BROOKLYN.

Harmony is now the slogan of the Municipal League of Brooklyn. Robert Stewart, the president of the county committee, named yesterday a committee of five to confer with the different ward factions in an effort to make them realize that success is possible only through united effort. The committee consists of Register Alfred J. Boulton, Charles J. Hackett, Henry Clay Peters, Dr. J. F. Madden and Henry A. Powell.

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