THE WORLD OF SPORTS

THIRTEEN TEAMS LEFT

SPILLS MAR CYCLE RACE.

MacLean in Hospital and Menus Bedell Has Broken Collarbone.

THE SCORE AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Riders.	M.	L.	Riders.	M.	L.
Root-Folger	525	3	Hopper-Downing	525	3
Downey-Moran	525	3	Root-MacFarland	525	3
Vanderstuyft-Stol	525	3	Galvin-Wiley	525	3
MacDonald-Coffey	525	3	Fye-Clark	525	3
Breton-Vanoni	525	3	Georget-Georget	525	3
Smuelson-Hol'ster	525	3	Walthour-J. Bedell	525	2
Mettling-Logan	525	3			

The record for the twenty-sixth hour is 547 miles and 1 lape, made by Elkes and MacFarland in 1900.

The six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden yesterday was marked by the more or less serious injury of Hugh McLean and Menus Bedell, a number of spills, many exciting sprints and much plodding, if plodding it can be called when the men are riding at a rate of twenty miles an hour. At an early hour this morning thirteen teams of the sixteen which started the long grind on Monday morning were fighting it out on the saucer track. Twelve teams were tied for the lead, with Walthour and John Bedell, the newly formed combination, a lap behind. The riders were several miles behind the record made by Elkes and MacFarland in 1900.

The teams which were forced to drop out because of accidents were John and Menus Bedell, Schlee and McDonald, Walthour and McLean and Krebs and Ruprecht. Under the rules, which permit a new pairing inside of four hours, with the loss of a lap, Bobbie Walthour and John Bedell joined forces and continued in the race. Many bets were made that they would regain the lap inside of two days, but while they tried several times yesterday afternoon and evening to steal away the others were too watchful.

Standing room was at a premium from early morning till late at night, and interest in the race this year seems greater than ever before. At 8 o'clock last night every seat in the vast auditorium was filled, and thousands were standing within the inclosure. It was estimated that there were more than fifteen thousand persons in the Garden. At each sprint, no matter whether it lasted one lap or ten, the crowd would jump to its feet and cheer the favorites, imploring them to jump to the front and gain a lap. Most of the riders wore goggles to protect their eyes, but otherwise they appeared in good condition.

The crowd continued to pour through the main entrance up to 9 o'clock. No one seemed to leave, and every available place was taken. In the basement "Little Coney Island" did a thriving business, the various stands being crowded all the time. Inside the inclosure the venders also had all they could handle.

Hughie MacLean, the partner of Walthour, was injured in a spill at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. He is at the New York Hospital, suffering from injuries to his back and gashes over his right eye and in the scalp. He was taking the Madison avenue turn at a furious pace when he went down, and McDonald, Ruprecht, L. Georget and Clark fell over him in a heap. There was consternation among the heavy eyed men in the Garden. Dr. Creamer picked up MacLean and carried him senseless to his quarters, where his wounds were bound up. As he did not recover promptly, he was taken to the New York Hospital, where it was found that his injuries were more serious than was at first supposed. It was said at the hospital last night that he was doing well and would probably be out in a day or two.

Three hours later another accident put Menus Bedell out of the race. In attempting to steal a lap he fell on the 27th street side of the Garden and was thrown with such force that his collarbone was fractured. Then it was announced that Walthour would team with John Bedell and continue in the race. Schlee also went down in the spill when Menus Bedell was injured, and was picked up in a dazed condition, and later withdrew.

Shortly before the accident which incapacitated MacLean five other riders experienced a nasty fall. As they fell they bowled over three women and two men, who were crossing the track at the point where the spill came. McDonald's wheel swerved and he tumbled down the side of the "lade," carrying Stol, Hollister, Rupprecht and Downing with him. All were severly bruised, but pluckily continued. The women were not seriously injured, but they had enough of the race for one day and went home.

Rupprecht retired shortly afterward, as his trainer discovered that he was in no condition to go on. This left Floyd Krebs without a partner, and McDonald was forced to stop, too, as Schlee was so frightened by his accident that he declared he would not risk his life again.

Pye or Clark made the pace in the early part of the afternoon, and later were relieved by Breton or Vanoni. Leon Georget, who with his brother has been near the head of the procession, trailed most of the time. Walthour kept in the rear and made no effort to force the pace, but when John Bedell relieved him the procession was transformed into a flying mass of riders. The sprint was soon abandoned, however, when Bedell dropped back to the rear.

During the evening there was plenty of excitement, both inside and outside of the Garden. There were more than fifty policemen endeavoring to keep persons in line for their tickets, and for more than two hours in the early part of the evening the lobby was jammed. Inside there were like scenes and the policemen had a hard time keeping the aisles clear. Nearly every five minutes, some rider sprinted up on the embankment, and then spurted ahead of the others. This was the sign for applause and cheering and it lasted as long as the rider maintained the lead.

From 6 to 8 o'clock, Walthour and Vanoni alternated in making the pace. Both seemed to be desirous of getting a lap. Walthour more anxious than his opponent because of his team being one lap behind. He made every effort but all failed, for the other riders were alert to every movement, and when he started out, they were right at his wheel.

Pye had the honor of being in the lead at the 400-mile mark. A few laps before this was reached he was "tipped off" by his trainers, and, realizing that the bonus was worth having, he started off, and was yards ahead of the others when this goal was reached. Vanoni tried his hardest, but was unable to reach Pye. The latter by his strong riding has made many friends, and when, shortly after 7 o'clock, he succeeded in getting nearly half a lap ahead of the riders he was loudly cheered.

Vanoni and Breton made an attempt shortly before 8 o'clock to gain a lap. Both men were on the track, and Vanoni, by a sprint, which was one of the best so far in the race, managed to get nearly three-quarters of a lap ahead of the others. He was going at such a nigh speed that Breton, who was to relieve him, was unable to overtake him, and then the other riders caught up.

Eddie Root and Fogler were plodding along, following the leaders, and they are looked on by many as the probable winners of the race.

ATHLETIC LEAGUE BOWLING.

Newark Bay Club Wins Odd Game from the Montclair Five.

The Newark Bay Club won the odd game against the Montclair Club in an Athletic Bowling League series on the former's alleys last night. After a capital 885 total in the first game the Bayonne five went back to 825 in the second, thereby allowing Montclair to win by a 20-pin margin.

In the last game every Newark Bay man save Davies hit the pins in good style, with the result that an 889 total rewarded their efforts. This is the biggest score yet made by Newark Bay, and Montclair, with a total of 817, never had a chance. The scores follow:

NEWARK BAY CLUB.				MONTCLAIR CLUB.			
Davies	168	150	139	Lockwood	145	209	163
Woodward	209	156	171	Snyder	183	158	179
Jaeger	193	183	180	Kiggins	155	137	159
Terry	158	155	213	Brown	169	191	157
Griffith	168	181	186	Thomson	193	164	159
Totals	885	825	889	Totals	845	845	817

The standing of the clubs to-date follows:

	Won.	Lost.	H.S.		Won.	Lost.	H.S.
Roseville	2	1	923	Columbia	1	2	908
Elizabeth	2	1	917	Passaic	1	2	852
Newark Bay	4	2	889	Montclair	2	4	845

INDOOR BASEBALL GUIDE OUT.

This month's issue of "Spalding's Athletic Library" is devoted to indoor baseball and is the official book of the National Indoor Baseball Association of the United States. The guide for 1907 contains the official playing rules for the season, with pictures of the officials of the association, including George W. Hancock, the "father of indoor baseball." The guide will be sent upon receipt of 10 cents to any address in the United States or Canada by the publishers, the American Sports Publishing Company, No. 21 Warren street, New York City.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Gild Wins Initial Handicap at the City Park Track.

New Orleans, Dec. 10.—The City Park racetrack was opened to-day for the first of its winter racing periods under the new arrangements with the Fair Grounds track. The latter will be closed two weeks while the City Park races are on. The Initial Handicap, with $1,500 added, was the feature of the card to-day. It was won by Gild, the favorite. James Reddick came up with a rush at the finish and was beaten a short neck. The first race furnished an exciting finish with three horses heads apart. The weather was clear and the track slow. The summaries follow:

First race (seven furlongs)—Gold Circle, 101 (Garner), 6 to 1, won; Beau Brummel, 102 (Fisher), 2 to 1, second; Jacomo, 104 (Mountain), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:29⅘. Refined, Chase, John Kaufman, Doric, Sir Vagrant and Kemp Ridgeley also ran.

Second race (mile and a sixteenth)—Dr. Spruill, 114 (Hennessy), 9 to 10, won; Grand Duchess, 104 (Mountain), 15 to 1, second; Fonsoluca, 110 (Nicol), 9 to 10, third. Time, 1:50⅘. Mr. Jack, Bon Mot, Lacache and Beecher also ran.

Third race (steeplechase; short course)—Sam Hoffheimer, 138 (Henry), 9 to 10, won; Dawson, 148 (McKinney), 12 to 1, second; Harlequin, 135 (Ellison), 30 to 1, third. Time, 3:08⅘. Little Wally, Plea, Commandant, Sceptre, Woodlyn, Henry A. Schroeder, Parnassus and Signal II also ran.

Fourth race (Initial Handicap; one mile)—*Gild, 105 (Garner), 7 to 10, won; James Reddick, 109 (Smith), 20 to 1, second; Envoy, 100 (Morris), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:42⅘. Orbicular, *Juggler, Alma Dufour, Shamana, Jack Dolan, Minnie Adams and Goldsmith also ran. *Coupled in the betting.

Fifth race (five furlongs)—Charlie Eastman, 111 (Fountain), 1 to 8, won; Muffins, 107 (Russell), 40 to 1, second; Lucy Young, 109 (Marsters), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:03⅘. Ever Near, Merces and Defend also ran.

Sixth race (six furlongs)—Bertha E., 101 (Garner), 8 to 5, won; Bill Phillips, 108 (Hennessy), 4 to 1, second; Marvel P., 101 (Johannsen), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:16. French Nun, Lady Carol, Quinn Brady and St. Joseph also ran.

HOCKEY SEASON AT HAND.

Three Games Will Be Played This Week in St. Nicholas Rink.

A line will be furnished this week on the probable strength of four teams in this season's amateur and intercollegiate hockey league. The Princeton and Yale teams will play three games this week at the St. Nicholas rink, seats for which will be free. The first game will be between Yale and the Hockey Club of New York to-night; the second between Princeton and the Hockey Club of New York, on Thursday evening, and the third between Princeton and the New York Athletic Club on Friday evening.

ON THE GOLF LINKS.

Morris County Links Closed for the Winter—Notes.

The course of the Morris County Golf Club has been closed for the winter, but the governors have decided to keep the house open. Willie Weir, the club's professional, has gone to Summerville, S. C., where he will have charge of a course during the winter.

Frank Presbrey, former president of the American Golf Association of Advertising Interests, has been presented with a hall clock with Westminster chimes. The gift is from the members of the association. Presbrey was the "father" of the association.

Although Marshall Whitlatch has joined the Dyker Meadow Golf Club, he will retain his membership at Montclair. W. C. Freeman has also moved from Montclair to Brooklyn, and has joined the Dyker Meadow Club.

ATLANTIC BASEBALL LEAGUE.

New Organization to Include New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware Cities.

Six baseball men, of as many cities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, meeting at the Hotel Victoria last night, effected a permanent organization of the Atlantic League of Baseball Clubs. The cities it already includes and the representatives thereof were:

Wilmington, Del., A. W. Lawson; Chester, Penn., Leo Van Horn; Trenton, N. J., John W. Dobbins; Pottsville, Penn., E. C. Lundgraf; Reading, Penn., Hank Ramsay, and Allentown, Penn., Louis Bacon.

Mr. Dobbins was made president, secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. Lawson, Bacon and Van Horn were made a board of directors. Each man present deposited $500 as a guarantee of good faith. It was decided to open the season May 6 and run it until September 7.

It was announced that two other cities are likely to join the league, applications having been received already, these being Elizabeth, N. J., and Easton, Penn. Their applications are likely to be accepted.

AMATEUR WRESTLING TOURNAMENT.

An amateur wrestling tournament will be held in Brown's gymnasium, Nos. 115 and 117 West 23d street, on Thursday and Saturday nights. The preliminaries between all the eligibles from university or local athletic clubs will take place on Thursday night, and the finals will be decided on Saturday night.

Classes will be limited to wrestlers at 130 and 160 pounds. A diamond studded medal will be given to the winner and a gold medal to the second man in each class. Entries will close to-night, with Frank Hartshorne, No. 115 West 23d street, or Dieges & Clust, No. 23 John street.

ATHLETES TO BE TOASTED.

The reception and presentation of trophies planned by the United Irish-American Societies in honor of Martin Sheridan and John Flanagan have taken a wider scope. At the regular meeting of the societies held last night Martin Sheridan was accorded the privilege of the floor. He thanked the societies on behalf of Flanagan and himself for the honors they proposed to bestow on them, but declared that the great triumphs achieved by the Irish-American Athletic Club were due as much to the other members of the team as to himself and Flanagan. He asked therefore that the proposed reception include all his team mates.

The request of Sheridan was received with applause, and it was unanimously decided to include the whole team in the reception, which will be held in the Grand Central Palace on December 27.

RUSH UNDER GUISE OF FOOTBALL.

An interclass association football match between the sophomores and freshmen of Columbia University will be played in a few days. The teams will be made up of as many men in each class as care to take part and will decide which one of the underclass banquets will be graced by the officers of the other class.

NEW ORLEANS ENTRIES TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—Selling; five and a half furlongs.

Jack Hardy	115	Elkir	108
Captain Hale	115	Black Enamel	105
Drulen	108	Rubber Ball	105
Goldess	108	Alderman Goebel	105
Ironton	108	Robert Manton	105
Sand Catcher	108	Doubt	105

SECOND RACE.—Seven furlongs.

Firebrand	112	Jack Dolan	105
Peter Sterling	110	Concert	102
Charlie Eastman	107	Palloday	102
Goldie	105	Polly Prim	102
Gazza	105	Hera	102
Henry Scott	105	Golden Bearer	102

THIRD RACE.—Selling; one and one-eighth miles.

Hermakis	111	Virgie Withers	107
Fonsoluca	110	Huntington	107
Fred Hornbeck	110	Oberon	104
Scalplock	110	Dr. McClure	98
Lampadrome	109	Bitter Brown	98
Padre	109	Roseboro	98
Gladiator	109	Colonel Bartlett	95
Golden Mineral	107		

FOURTH RACE.—One mile.

St. Valentine	106	Alma Dufour	108
Debar	104	Balshot	97
Boz Bow	108	Yazd	97

FIFTH RACE.—Five furlongs.

De Oro	118	Bonart	104
Regal Lad	114	Expect to See	104
Sir Doddington	110	Miss Jersey	101
Mary Candlemas	111	Dinanoch	101
Tudor	110	Windfall	101
Sally Preston	110	Buren Arnold	101
Colloquy	107	Voting	101
Billy Vertress	104		

SIXTH RACE—Selling; six furlongs.

Toboggan	110	Auditor	104
Rusk	107	Little James	104
Happy Jack	107	Matt Gentry	104
Cannon Ball	107	Orderly	104
Woodsaw	107	Rebo	104
Martius	104	Airship	104
Alencon	104		

COLLEGE SWIMMING.

Compromise Made on Eligibility of Freshmen—The Schedule.

Seven representatives of the colleges composing the Intercollegiate Swimming Association met in this city on Sunday to complete arrangements for the coming season. Besides the making of a schedule the principal topic under discussion was on the question of allowing freshmen to compete in the meets. Under the eligibility rules at Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania freshmen are not allowed to take part in any intercollegiate contest. Because of this Edward Hopkinson, of Pennsylvania; Woodbury Abbey, of Princeton, and J. Bidding, of Harvard, wanted freshmen barred, as it would work a hardship if Columbia and Yale could draw on extra material.

Columbia opposed any change in the present rules, but a compromise was made, and it was finally decided that when any college which prevents freshmen from playing on the team meets another college no freshmen are to be allowed to compete on either side. In all other cases, such as a meeting between Columbia and Yale, freshmen will be eligible.

The following schedule was arranged:

February 6, Yale vs. Brown, at Providence; February 15, Columbia vs. Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; February 20, Columbia vs. Princeton, at Princeton; February 22, Pennsylvania vs. Brown, at Philadelphia; February 23, Yale vs. Harvard, at Brookline, Mass.; March 1, Pennsylvania vs. Yale, at Philadelphia; March 2, Yale vs. Princeton, at Princeton; March 5, Brown vs. Columbia, at Providence; March 6, Princeton vs. Pennsylvania, at Princeton; March 8, Harvard vs. Columbia, at New York, and March 16, individual championships, at Philadelphia.

The date of the Yale-Columbia meet was not decided upon, but it will be held in the New York Athletic Club pool early in February. Considerable difficulty was experienced in arranging the schedule, owing to the fact that the Columbia and Yale pools are not desirable places for a contest. As finally decided on Yale has no home meets and Columbia only one.

The idea of having every team meet every other team in a dual meet, the total points won to mark the standing of each, has been carried out. The contests to be decided at each meet are fifty, one hundred and two-hundred-and-twenty-yard swims, fancy diving, plunge for distance, four-man relay race, each man to swim fifty yards, and water polo. The individual championships will have all of these contests except the relay race and water polo.

BIGELOW TO LEAD YALE ELEVEN.

Elected Captain on the First Ballot—Played Right Tackle This Year.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

New Haven, Dec. 10.—Lucius Horatio Bigelow was elected captain of the Yale football team for next year at a football meeting to-night. Only one ballot was necessary. Bigelow is a junior in the academic department and lives in Morristown, N. J. He played right tackle on the eleven this year and earned a place on the majority of all-Eastern teams.

RACES FOR THE ANNAPOLIS CREW.

Navy Wants a Date with Princeton if the Tigers Have an Eight.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Annapolis, Dec. 10.—The following schedule for the season of 1907 has been arranged by R. C. Hyatt, manager of the Naval Academy crew:

April 6—Georgetown, first, second and probably third crews. April 20—University of Pennsylvania, varsity and freshmen crews against first and second Naval Academy crews. May 4—Yale College crew. June 1—Columbia varsity crew.

An effort will be made to arrange a race with Princeton, if a crew is formed there this season; otherwise, Cornell will be offered a date.

GIRL SHOOTS FATHER, A MINISTER.

Philadelphia Tragedy in Which Victim Drank and Abused Family.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Miss Mary McAtee shot and probably fatally wounded her father, the Rev. John Quincy McAtee, at their home here to-day. The shooting, according to police officials, followed a quarrel between Mr. McAtee and his wife, in which the minister, it is asserted, was trying to throw Mrs. McAtee down the cellar stairs. The daughter came to her mother's aid with a small revolver. Mrs. McAtee and the daughter said that the husband and father had been drinking lately, and had been quarrelsome.

The Rev. Mr. McAtee was a member of the Lutheran Synod. He was formerly pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion in this city, but is now on the retired list. He was for five years in Nova Scotia, and returned a short time ago from Palestine and the Holy Land, where he went in the interest of the church.

TAX CHECKS MUST BE CERTIFIED.

Complication of Accounts Cause of New Order to Receiver.

Controller Metz issued an order yesterday to Colonel David E. Austen, Receiver of Taxes, not to accept uncertified checks hereafter in payment of taxes. "When bills are issued to taxpayers you will cause each to be stamped, 'All checks given in payment of taxes must be certified,'" is the wording of the order.

The reason for the order is that accounts in the tax office have been complicated through the return of checks paid for taxes marked "No good" or "Short." Another reason is the difficulty experienced in securing the return of receipted bills from the persons who have made payments in such a manner.

FINN ATTACKS TRANSIT METHODS.

Discharges Youths Who Hit Inspector After Dispute Over Transfers.

An inspector of the Metropolitan Street Railway, Michael Desmond, his eyes blackened, appeared in the Essex Market police court yesterday to press charges of assault against three young men who were put off a car because the conductor refused to accept B. R. T. transfers, but Magistrate Finn decided that the prisoners had suffered enough and let them go. The court lectured the inspector, and declared that the transportation companies of greater New York treated the public like cattle.

With the transfer slips in their hands, Frank Busch, Michael Meyer and Frederick Lewis changed from a Brooklyn Rapid Transit car to cross the Williamsburg Bridge, getting on a car of the 14th street line, and the trouble began when the conductor refused to accept the transfers. The inspector said the three men attacked him after they left the car. Magistrate Finn asked:

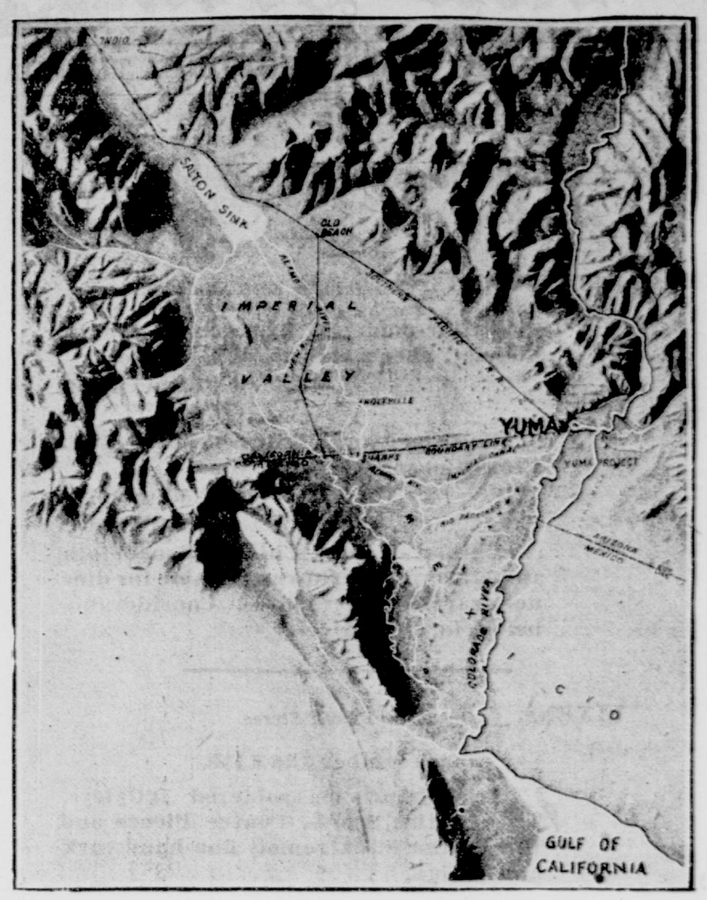
"Have you a notice in the cars or at the bridge end notifying passengers that the transfers are not acceptable?" When the inspector replied that he did not know, the magistrate continued:

I know what the conditions are at that bridge. I've had occasion to speak about this matter before. I want to say that the railroad companies care no more for the public on cars than they do about cattle on cattle cars. Even to-day there is a committee appointed by one of the great parties of this state to inquire why people are not carried to their destination in a different manner from the transportation of dogs and brutes.

A CATTLE SYNDICATE CHECKED.

Scheme to Use Alderney as Slaughter Place Prevented by Government.

London, Dec. 10.—The British government has refused its sanction to a scheme proposed by a powerful syndicate to bring cattle and sheep from South America, Canada and elsewhere to the British island of Alderney, where it was planned to slaughter them and distribute the carcasses in Great Britain. The hides and by-products were to be treated for the benefit of the British leather industry with the view of combatting the American beef and leather combinations, which largely control the British markets, and of avoiding the embargo which the Board of Agriculture places upon Argentine cattle. The Board of Agriculture has no jurisdiction over the Channel islands, but it was found that the Home Office was able to hinder the plan by placing an embargo upon the importation of cattle into the islands.



THE IMPERIAL VALLEY, THE COLORADO RIVER AND THE INUNDATED COUNTRY OF THE SALTON SINK.

ACCUSED LAWYERS FREE.

Towns and McCrossin Acquitted of Champerty When Witness Lies.

Mirabeau L. Towns and Edward J. McCrossin, of the Brooklyn law firm of Towns & McCrossin, were acquitted of the charge of champerty after a brief trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, and the chief witness against them, Salvatore Pesce, was held by Judge Crane to have perjured himself.

The charge against Towns and McCrossin was that they had violated Section 74 of the Code of Civil Procedure in connection with the filing of claims against the city for damage done by sewer overflows, etc. Pesce is employed as a clerk in the Register's office, and some time ago told the District Attorney that he was a lawyer from Louisiana. On the stand yesterday he unguardedly admitted that his statements regarding himself were false. Judge Crane, when he became convinced that Pesce was lying, directed the jury to acquit the defendants.

Vicar General McNamara, Isaac M. Kapper, ex-Judge Van Wyck and Surrogate Church of Kings County testified to the good character of the defendants.

POLICE REFORMERS MEET TO-DAY.

Isaac N. Seligman's Committee Will Organize and Elect Officers.

The committee named by Isaac N. Seligman, temporary chairman of the City Club and Citizens Union conference on police affairs to consider legislation to do away with some of the more serious evils of the police system, will organize this afternoon at the Murray Hill Hotel. Permanent officers will be named, and from the large committee selected by Mr. Seligman an executive committee and small working committees will be chosen.

While the conference called by the City Club and the Citizens Union was designed to carry on the work of the committee of nine which investigated the police situation, but never was able to bring its remedies into effect, it seems likely that this new committee will confine its work to one or two important features. These are the lengthening of the term of the Police Commissioner and fixing an adequate salary for this responsible place, the abolition of the detective bureau as at present constituted and a reorganization of the deective branch of the Police Department.

"The meeting to-morrow will be largely given over to the formal organization of the committee," said Mr. Seligman yesterday. "It may be that we shall have an opportunity, after the naming of officers and committees, to hold a discussion on the situation and the demands it makes. Of course, we are trying to carry out the work of the old committee of nine, but I know it appeals to me, and other members of the committee have spoken the same way, that we should concentrate our efforts on one or two important reforms. By giving our whole attention to those things which seem to us absolutely necessary we feel that we shall accomplish more than by mapping out now a broader field of work.

"Of course, the committee has not decided on anything officially yet, but I presume that the main thing in our work will be legislation to lengthen the term of the Police Commissioner and to make his salary adequate. After that probably will come the question of reorganizing the detective force. But these things will have to be taken up by the committees which will be named at the meeting tomorrow when the general committee organizes."

STANDARD OIL WOULD EVADE TRIAL.

Contends in Chicago That Prosecution Under Elkins Law Is Illegal.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The fight of the Standard Oil Company against the ten indictments against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which were returned on August 29, was begun to-day in the United States District Court, before Judge Landis. The indictments contain 6,428 counts, and the Standard Oil Company has entered a demurrer, which was argued to-day.

The attorneys for the Standard Oil Company contended in support of their demurrer that Section 10 of the rate law passed by Congress on June 29 repeals the Elkins law, under which the government is bringing the action against the company, and that the indictments are not sufficiently specific, because they do not comprehend all of the elements in the case.

The contention of the Standard Oil Company was contradicted by United States District Attorney Sims, who declared that Section 13 of the Revised Statutes covered the case, in that it states that the repeal of an old statute does not condone prior offences unless the repealing act so specifies in particular.

COUNTESS EUGENIA BERTINNATI DEAD.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Countess Eugenia Bertinnati, widow of Count Chevalier Bertinnati, late Italian Ambassador to Washington and niece of the late Senator W. B. Bate of Tennessee, is dead at her home here. She was eighty years old.

She was born near Nashville, and was first married to Council W. Rogers Bass, a wealthy planter, of Vicksburg, Miss. After his death she went to Washington, where she met and married Count Bertinnati. Her husband afterward represented his country in many of the capitals of Europe, and the countess was well known in European diplomatic circles. After the death of her husband she returned here to live with her uncle, Senator Bate. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Washington.

LOUIS H. ORR SUED FOR DIVORCE.

Edmund W. Madden and Louis H. Lovey, lawyers of San Francisco, were appointed yesterday by Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court as a commission to examine certain witnesses in the divorce suit brought by Mrs. Mary W. Orr against Louis H. Orr, secretary and director of Bartlett & Co., printers, at No. 21 Rose street. These witnesses are to appear before one or the other of the lawyers before February 1, 1907. John Lindley is attorney for the plaintiff and Victor W. Hungerford for the defendant.

IRON BALL CRUSHES MAN'S SKULL.

While working in the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel excavation at 31st street, near Eighth avenue, yesterday afternoon, W. J. Dougherty, an assistant foreman of ironworkers, had his skull crushed like an egg shell by a large iron ball which he himself had fastened to the derrick, from which it fell. Dougherty lived at the [illegible] 37th avenue.

STILL AFTER GAMBLERS.

Jerome Gets New Police List—Grand Jury Asks About Sullivans.

Jacob Josephs was ready to appear before the grand jury yesterday in the gambling investigation, but after he and his counsel, Daniel O'Reilly, had waited around for some time the grand jury adjourned for the day without hearing him. Mr. Jerome had not returned from Lakeville by the time that the grand jury got through for the day. Josephs will be on hand at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

"Dan" Slattery, secretary to Commissioner Bingham, had a conference with Assistant District Attorney Murphy yesterday and gave him some papers. He would not say what they were, but it is supposed that they have a bearing on the gambling situation.

Late in the afternoon a messenger from Police Headquarters arrived at the District Attorney's office with a report from Commissioner Bingham which contained a list of suspected poolrooms and gambling houses in the 2d Inspection District, which is in charge of Inspector McClusky. The report was dated December 10, and it is said that the name of "Joseph Hanson" was given as the alleged proprietor of an alleged poolroom at No. 80 Sixth avenue, known as "The" Allen's. This name is the same as the one that was on a former report made to the District Attorney by the police. The District Attorney said that he did not understand why the name of "Joseph Hanson" was given, as he and the public knew that the place was conducted by another man. Mr. Jerome also said that this place was protected by an injunction, preventing the police from making an inspection, and he said that he expected to learn who secured the injunction.

Mr. Jerome also said that in the report handed to him yesterday there was an additional suspected place on the list. This one, he said, had been placed in the report since the last one was given him about a week ago. In commenting on this, Mr. Jerome said that he could not understand it as he thought that the crusade he had started would prevent the opening of rooms. He then had a consultation with his assistant, Mr. Murphy, and a subpœna was issued, and it is thought that the subpœna is for the man mentioned in the new report.

Information reached the District Attorney's office during the day that numerous poolrooms in the downtown district had closed their doors as their information had been shut off. The information came, it is understood, from a bureau in New Jersey.

That the names of "Big" and "Little Tim" Sullivan, "Larry" Mulligan and "Christy" Sullivan, the Senator-elect, had been mentioned during the grand jury proceedings became known yesterday when several witnesses admitted that the question as to whether they knew them was asked them while on the witness stand. When Mr. Jerome was asked about this point, he refused to make any comment.

MISTAKING LIGHTS, BOAT GROUNDS.

German Freighter Thinks Long Beach Light Absecon Light—Gets Off Unharmed.

Long Beach, N. J., Dec. 10.—The German freight steamship Peruvia, bound for Philadelphia with a cargo of 55,000 bags of raw sugar, struck on a sandbar half a mile off Long Beach at 3 o'clock this morning. She floated without assistance at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and proceeded.

As soon as her signals of distress were seen on shore the lifesaving crews from Long Beach and Shipsbottom stations put out to her, but her commander, Captain Breeze, and his crew of twenty-eight men said that they would stick by the ship, and all they wanted was that tugs should be sent to help them to get off the bar. The Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company was informed, and the big ocean going tug W. E. Chapman was sent down, but her assistance was not needed. The boat is said to be undamaged.

The stranding of the ship was caused by mistaking the beach lights. The Long Beach light was taken for the Absecon light.

CAMBRIDGE COURT JUDGMENT.

A judgment was found yesterday in favor of James Ahearn and John Hallahan, two defendants in a suit brought before Justice Blanchard by Benjamin Lesser, trustee in bankruptcy of the Cambridge Hotel Company, to recover $15,000 paid to the defendants as rent for the Cambridge Court Hotel. Ahearn and Hallahan, the builders of the hotel, had leased it to the Cambridge Hotel Company from September 1, 1900, to March 1, 1904, for $15,000, considered as four months' rent, dating from November 1. After the money had been paid the company's occupation of the hotel was abruptly terminated on December 22, when it became bankrupt. Mr. Lesser contended that, as the company had not completed its term of occupancy, the balance of the rent, at least, should be turned over to its creditors.

NEW SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAMER.

The Southern Pacific Company entertained a big crowd yesterday at the formal inspection of its new vessel, the Momus, lying off Pier 25, North River. This is the latest acquisition to the fleet of vessels of this company plying between New York and New Orleans. She will make her maiden trip to New Orleans to-morrow. She is said by her owners to be the largest commissioned vessel for coastwise trade, and will be able to make sixteen knots an hour. She was built at the Cramps' yard, Philadelphia, and the builders say that she could, in an emergency, be pressed into transatlantic service.

The Momus is 440 feet in length, and her displacement is 10,600 tons. She is fitted with three double ended and four single ended boilers. The engines are triple expansion. The first class passenger accommodations are in the superstructure amidships. She can carry about 142 first class, 53 second class and 300 steerage passengers.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Recorder Goff yesterday dismissed the indictments charging grand larceny against Christopher F. Tracy, Frederick Williams and John W. Lawson. They were accused of getting $30,000 on February 2, 1905, from John Felix, a music dealer in West 22d street, by the old "wire tapping" fraud.

John Slavinsky, of No. 138 Dupont street, Brooklyn, who was arrested on Saturday for taking four cents' worth of sugar from the big refinery at Front and Pigeon streets, was discharged by Magistrate Connorton yesterday.

Roundsman Henry Steul, who shot and killed John Galewood, a Negro, in the performance of his duty, at Long Island City, on Sunday, was arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Connorton on the formal charge of homicide. He was paroled in the custody of Captain Hayes for a hearing next week.

Horace E. Deming will speak on "Ballot Reform" at the Practical Politics Club of the West Side Young Men's Christian Association, No. 320 West 57th street, this evening. Mr. Deming will deal with the ballot law as illustrated in this state of the last election.

SALTON SINK FLOODED.

Colorado, Breaking New Dikes, Threatens $25,000,000 Loss.

Yuma, Ariz., Dec. 10.—By the breaking of two dikes, the entire Colorado River is again flowing into the Salton Sink, and Imperial and Coachella valleys are once more menaced by rising waters. Unless the water can be brought under control, a thousand people in Salton Basin must lose their homes, including a quarter of a million acres of farming lands, the Southern Pacific must build two hundred miles of new main line, and irrigation about Yuma must be abandoned. The government Laguna dam irrigation project may become an impossibility. At a conservative estimate more than $25,000,000 of present values are at stake upon the success of the effort to close the break.

It is believed here that the Southern Pacific will begin immediately the construction of forty miles of road around the Salton Sea about fifty feet above the present grade.

HEAVY PENALTY FOR SMALL OFFENCE.

Man a Prisoner Sixty Hours for Theft of Four Cents' Worth of Sugar.

Sixty hours behind prison bars was the price Julius Slavinisky paid for attempting to take 4 cents' worth of refuse sugar from the American Sugar Refining Company's plant in Long Island City. Last Friday night Slavinisky was caught leaving the building with his two-quart dinner pail partly filled with sugar. From that hour until 11 o'clock yesterday morning Slavinisky was a prisoner.

He spent Friday night in a cell at the 4th street police station. Owing to the illness of Magistrate Smith, there was no one on the bench in the police court Saturday to pass upon the case, so the prisoner was remanded to the Queens County jail until yesterday morning. The prisoner has a wife and five children, and lives at No. 183 Dupont street, Brooklyn. His wife and several friends were in court to aid the prisoner, but when Magistrate Connorton heard the case, he lost no time in dismissing the charge. The Sugar Trust people failed to press the charge.

CRITICISES NEGRO FRANCHISE.

A Mistake, Declares Dr. Robert Erskine Ely at Colored Asylum Meeting.

Robert Erskine Ely, secretary of the League for Political Education, spoke on the Negro problem at the seventieth annual meeting of the New York Colored Orphan Asylum and Association for the Benefit of Negro Children yesterday morning. "The Negro was given the franchise when he should not have been," he said; "it was a mistake." Continuing, Dr. Ely said, in part:

It is hard to imagine any country having a problem more difficult to solve. There are probably eighty thousand Negroes in New York. The percentage of the criminal, the vicious and the pauper elements is frightfully large. Why is all this true? Because we here in New York really treat Negroes worse than they are treated in Atlanta. We may let him run an elevator, but beyond that we give him very little show.

Mrs. Willard Parker, who was presiding, spoke of what had been done by the association and what it intended to do. An appeal will soon be made for $15,000 for the erection of another cottage, which is greatly needed. The treasurer's report showed that the total income for the year was $56,534. All the trustees were re-elected just before the meeting adjourned.

SHIPWRIGHTS RETURN TO WORK.

Long Strike Declared Off Without Any Benefit to Union.

The Shipwrights' Union, which ordered a general strike two months ago in all the yards of the members of the New York Metal Trades Association for an increase of wages, declared it off unconditionally a week ago, and ordered it on again almost immediately because the employers refused to confer with the union. It was declared off unconditionally yesterday, and the strikers applied for their old places. The greater number of the strikers were re-employed, and room is to be made for the others as soon as possible.

The shipwrights wanted an advance in wages from $3.25 and $3.50 to $4 a day, which was refused on the ground that the condition of the trade would not allow of any advance. When the second strike occurred it was found that the union could not keep it up without the assistance of other unions, which it could not command.

SUICIDE AT MARTHA WASHINGTON.

Girl Pays Last Dollar for Week's Board in Advance and Then Hangs Herself.

Miss Martha Friedman, a poverty stricken and friendless Russian girl, discouraged by the prospect of life without means of support, hanged herself from the hinge of the door in her room at the Hotel Martha Washington, yesterday. This is the first suicide in the women