ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, February, 15.

THIRTY-THREE-KNOT TURBINE DESTROYERS.—The experts in the Navy Department are still engaged in giving the finishing touches to the designs for the destroyers. These will undoubtedly be equipped with turbines, for which there is considered abundant justification, inasmuch as the destroyers are not likely often to have need of what is known as economical speed, at least in actual service. There is still some question whether the speed should be more than thirty knots, and to satisfy service sentiment in that direction plans have been prepared giving the destroyers a speed of thirty-three knots, although the conservative naval view is in favor of twenty-eight knots. The advocates of the latter rate say that it is much better to have a speed which can be unfailingly maintained than to have a speed which will be merely attained on rare occasions and constitute an achievement difficult to realize. Another question respecting the destroyers is as to the armament with which they will be equipped. Some of the officers are in favor of installing a battery which will be formidable for a destroyer and which would put the vessel almost in the class of the small gunboats. Here again, the conservative naval view will probably prevail to prevent any radical change in design and equipment, and the destroyers will probably have in the end a sufficient speed to carry out their legitimate function of attack on the torpedo boat.

COLE COURT MARTIAL.—There is another army court martial case which is attracting much attention in the Philippines, as it appears, from present advices, to involve several officers besides the one before the court. The accused officer is Captain Frederick W. Cole, quartermaster, who is charged with irregularities some time ago in his administration of the quartermaster's depot in Manila. Captain Cole has furnished the court with counter charges, which allege that he has not had a fair show; that the military authorities in Manila, during the investigation into his affairs, provided government places for persons as an inducement to them to testify against him; that a chest containing valuable papers necessary to his defence was seized and withheld from him by the inspector general of the Philippines division. Several officers are named as implicated in this effort to make a case against Captain Cole. The outcome will be awaited with much interest.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Second Lieutenant HENRY H. HALL, 23d Infantry, before board, Madison Barracks, for examination for promotion.
Major AARON H. APPEL, surgeon, from Philippines, May 1; to San Francisco.
Resignation of First Lieutenant GILBERT A. M'ELROY, 13th Infantry, accepted.
First Lieutenant JUNIUS C. GREGORY, assistant surgeon, from Presidio of Monterey; report to medical superintendent, army transport service, San Francisco.
Contract Surgeon JAMES R. MOUNT; to Presidio of Monterey.

NAVY.

Rear Admiral J. E. CRAIG, placed on retired list.
Rear Admiral J. E. CRAIG, detached navy yard, League Island, February 23; home.
Captain B. F. TILLEY, to command navy yard, League Island.
Paymaster G. M. STACKHOUSE, to Norfolk, duty in connection with the crew of the Minnesota.
Passed Assistant Surgeon C. K. YANCEY, retired, died at Government Hospital for the Insane, Washington, February 9.

MARINE CORPS.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM A. M'NEIL, to temporary duty, Marine Barracks, Washington.
First Lieutenant ROBERT Y. RHEA, to temporary charge recruiting, District of Ohio.
First Lieutenants EDWARD A. GREENE and ARTHUR J. O'LEARY, to Marine Barracks, Washington.
Second Lieutenant JETER R. HORTON, to charge recruiting, District of Texas, in absence of First Lieutenant LOVICK P. PINKSTON.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported:

ARRIVED.

February 12—The Indiana, at Cienfuegos.
February 13—The Caesar, at Philadelphia.
February 14—The Paducah and the Mayflower, at Pensacola; the Marcellus, at League Island; the Leonidas, at San Juan; the Ohio, at Guantanamo; the Scorpion, at Miami.
February 15—The Baltimore, at Singapore.

SAILED.

February 14—The Mayflower, from Pensacola for Key West; the Columbia, from New Orleans for Havana; the Wasp, from Savannah for Brunswick.
February 15—The Missouri and the Connecticut, from St. Thomas for Guantanamo.

HEARING ON FERRY PURCHASE.

Aldermanic Committee Listens to Arguments on Both Sides.

At a public hearing yesterday before the special committee of the Board of Aldermen appointed to investigate the city's ferry system many of those present argued for the acquisition by the city of all the ferries and their free operation in the rush hours. Several members of a large delegation from Bela Tokaji's Municipal Ownership League spoke in favor of the municipalization of the ferries, as did President Edward Thimme of the League for the Promotion of Free Ferries. L. G. Phillips, however, said that he thought that the ferries were out of date, already overloaded, and that it would be unfair to saddle the citizens with the expense of buying up worthless junk when the majority were interested in the construction of bridges and tunnels. The committee then adjourned, subject to the call of Henry C. Peters, the chairman.

Edward Thimme began yesterday to send out invitations to the various Brooklyn organizations asking them to send delegates to the Civic Conference, whose first session will be held on February 21 in Columbus Hall, at State and Court streets, Brooklyn. The Civic Conference is expected to be a permanent institution, meeting every week, at which, beginning with the question of free ferries, the rapid transit question generally and the demands for local improvements will be taken up.

NEW CUSTOMS BUREAUS.

Colonel Edward S. Fowler, Appraiser of the Port of New York, under authority of the act of Congress, approved on February 1, increasing the number of assistant appraisers, issued a bulletin yesterday saying that the Eleventh Division of the appraiser's office had been organized as the Law and Scientific Division, comprising the Bureau of Protests and Appeals, the United States laboratory and the bureau of analysis of textile fabrics, and that the Twelfth Division was organized as the executive division, comprising the appraiser's immediate office, the appointment clerk, the invoice bureau, the chief clerk's office, the stenographic bureau, the official records and the corps of openers and packers.

FUNERAL OF SALVATION ARMY VICTIMS.

Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army will preside at a huge funeral service for the Salvation Army victims of the Larchmont disaster at Carnegie Music Hall to-morrow at 3 p. m. There will be special music. The officers who perished were Captains Helga Hellgren, Anna Runeborg, Aurona Liefvendahl, Anna Oden, Ellen Lambert and Richard Swan, Lieutenant John Molin, Cadets Emma Backlund, Alma Johnson and J. S. Cederbloom.

SUSPENDED FROM POLICE FORCE.

Patrolman Joseph J. M. Flynn, of the Eldridge street police station, who was suspended from the Police Department on January 18 for an alleged attempt to shoot Roundsman Charles Maas, of the same station, was arraigned before Magistrate Cornell in the Essex Market court yesterday and held in $1,000 bail to await the action of the grand jury. Maas said that early on the morning of January 18 he remonstrated with Flynn for being absent from his post, and that Flynn became angry and threatened him with a revolver, which he succeeded in wresting from him.

SALE OF JAPANESE COLOR PRINTS.

The Japanese color prints collected by Jutaro Horikawa, of Kioto and Peking, will be sold on the afternoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Friday evening, next week, at the Fifth Avenue Auction Rooms, No. 341 Fourth avenue. The sale will include antique Chinese rugs, embroidered hangings, Chinese porcelains of Ming and Ching dynasties, cabinet specimens, rare examples of old Japanese potteries, bronzes, wood and ivory carvings, netsukes, brocades and saké cups. They will be on exhibition Monday.

VZRAL FAMILY KILLED BY ARSENIC.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Walter Haines, the chemist, who analyzed the organs of the members of the Vzral family, to-day informed the coroner that the death of Mrs. Rose Vzral, the mother of the family, was caused by arsenic. Of six deaths in the family, five are now known to have been caused by arsenic. The analysis in the case of the remaining one has not yet been completed. Herman Belek, a fortune teller, is now confined in the county jail on the charge of being implicated in the deaths of the members of the family.

WALSH ATTORNEYS FILE DEMURRER.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Attorneys for John R. Walsh, formerly president of the Chicago National Bank, to-day filed in the United States District Court demurrers to the indictments charging him with misapplication of funds belonging to the institution. The demurrers are based upon the alleged ground that the information contained in the indictments is not set forth as fully as is required by law. Arguments will be heard before Judge Anderson on February 25.

NEW SCHEDULE IN WEEK.

Erie Says Freight Traffic Makes Suburban Change Imperative.

The new suburban schedule of the Erie Railroad will not go into effect for at least another week. The new schedule is now being arranged, but will not be ready until a week from Monday, at the earliest.

The trains which will be dropped, according to the railroad officials, are only those which never have paid. This reduction in the service, say the officials, was necessary to prevent a complaint being made by freight shippers to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The four-track cut being made parallel to the Bergen tunnel will not be finished until August, 1908, and in the mean time, the railroad officials say, they cannot run the present number of local trains and give the proper attention to their freight traffic.

Nearly all the California fruit is brought to this city on the Erie, and because of the two-track tunnel much of it is held up in the Bergen yards. One big Ohio shipper sent six carloads of merchandise here for transatlantic shipment yesterday. Because of the congestion the entire shipment missed the steamer. The receipts from this one shipment, say the railroad officials, amounted to nearly the entire receipts from their suburban traffic for one day.

HARMON TO SUE FOR CARS

Receiver of Pere Marquette to Discipline Other Railroads.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—One of the most important actions ever begun by a railroad official for the return of freight cars from other roads will soon be taken in the United States Court by Judge Harmon, receiver for the Pere Marquette and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroads. There are several thousand freight cars of these roads held by many other roads throughout the country, and it is the intention of Judge Harmon to compel the culprit roads to give an accounting for the use of his cars. He said to-day:

I shall soon institute a suit in the United States Court against the roads that have been using our cars illegally. I will bring the suit either for an accounting of the profit accruing to these roads from the use of our cars, or for damages for the loss in business to us because our cars were not redelivered in a reasonable time. Whichever action will net the most money to the Pere Marquette and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton will be the one I shall bring. Farmers and shippers along the two lines that I represent are suffering for the need of cars. Our roads also are losing money. As an officer of the United States Court in charge of these properties, I am determined that the roads using our cars shall return them.

FOR DIRECT PRIMARY NOMINATIONS.

Brooklyn Republicans Meet and Indorse Bill Recently Presented.

Delegations from all of the prominent Republican organizations of Brooklyn attended the meeting held under the auspices of the Brooklyn Young Republican Club last night. Resolutions were adopted supporting the bill for direct nominations at the primaries recently introduced at Albany by Senator Travis and Assemblyman Green. A delegation from the organizations will go to Albany early in March to urge the passage of the bill.

Abel E. Blackmar presided, and Senator Travis and Assemblyman Green spoke on the measure. The organizations represented were the Union League Club, the Logan Republican Club, the Stuyvesant Heights Republican Club, the 2d Assembly District Republican Club, the 11th Assembly District Republican Club, the 12th Assembly District Republican Club and the Committee of Sixty-three.

STANDARD CASES GO TO TRIAL.

Attorney for Oil Company Enters Plea of Not Guilty in Chicago Court.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The last technical objections to the trial of the Standard Oil Company on the charge of accepting rebates were swept away before Judge Landis to-day when John S. Miller, attorney for the company, entered pleas of not guilty to the remaining seven indictments returned by the federal grand jury last summer.

This step was taken by Mr. Miller, after he had been assured by District Attorney Sims that the government would not contest the right of the defence to demand a bill of particulars providing this demand is made within five days after any one of the cases is set for trial.

The Alton case has been set for trial for March 4.

TO ELECT DONOHUE'S SUCCESSOR.

The Democratic General Committee of Kings County decided last night to hold a special election in the 14th Assembly District to fill the vacancy left by the death of William J. Donohue on March 12. The primary will be held next Wednesday afternoon and the convention for the selection of a candidate on Wednesday evening.

BOY BITTEN BY RABID DOG.

Kenneth Dillon, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Dillon, of Huntington, Long Island, was bitten by a dog several days ago which, it has been learned, had rabies. The little fellow's life may be saved, however. The dog belonged to a neighbor named Ketcham. As soon as Dr. G. Herbert Carter examined the boy he found traces of poisoning and ordered the dog to be killed and its head to be sent to the Pasteur Institute for examination. There it was found that the dog had been badly affected, and later it was learned that it had been bitten by a dog said to have been mad.

PAYS TAX ON $100,000,000 MORTGAGE.

A check for $292,104 45 was received by Register Frank Gass yesterday morning, to cover the tax on a $100,000,000 mortgage of the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company, the operating company for building the McAdoo and subsidiary tunnels under the Hudson River. William G. McAdoo is president. The amount of the check made a record-breaking day in the Register's office, and a record-breaking month as well, as more than $600,000 has been paid in mortgage taxes this month.

The check is to cover a blanket mortgage issued by the company, which covers all the franchises and properties owned by the McAdoo company, both in this state and in New Jersey.

COFFEE EXCHANGE TO CELEBRATE.

The management of the New York Coffee Exchange is planning to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of business on that exchange by arranging a dinner for March 7, the expenses to be met by the exchange. Circulars have been sent to the members asking for their authorization of the plan. The exchange has been in existence for more than twenty-five years, but it was not until March 7, 1882, that business began to be transacted on it, the institution in its earlier years having been merely a statistical bureau.

FILES $18,000,000 MORTGAGE.

Atlanta, Feb. 15.—A mortgage for $18,000,000 was filed here to-day by the Seaboard Air Line. It is to run for thirty years, and is made in favor of the Morton Trust Company and James I. Burke, trustees. The mortgage is to secure thirty-year 5 per cent gold bonds, and the proceeds are to be used for improving the road and its equipment.

BANKER KILLED IN AUTO WRECK.

Wellsboro, Penn., Feb. 15.—Hiram Pickering, of Tioga, was killed and Dr. S. P. Hakes was severely hurt to-day in an automobile accident on a bridge over Elkhorn Creek, a tributary of the Tioga River. Pickering and Dr. Hakes, who is president of the Orange National Bank, at Tioga, were making a sharp turn in the road to take the approach to the bridge, when an axle broke. The machine crashed into the bridge rail. Pickering was tossed over the abutment and fell on his head. He died without regaining consciousness.

KILLED BY TROLLEY BUMP.

Hugh Fitzpatrick, of No. 80 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, was instantly killed at 6:20 o'clock last night. He was riding on the rear platform of a Park avenue car, in Concord street. When near Pearl street a car of the Flushing avenue and Graham avenue line came up behind with a bump that sent Fitzpatrick over backward. He was caught between the cars and crushed instantly.

ARRIVALS AT MONTE CARLO.

Recent arrivals at the Hotel Hermitage, Monte Carlo, include Mrs. Dudley Gerald, Mrs. and Miss Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. E. R. Huntley, Captain Brassey, Philip Potter, N. J. Godbold, Sir James and Lady Thomas, Baron and Baroness Oppenheim, Sir Edward and Lady Sassoon and Prince and Princess Dolgourouky.

AGREE ON GUARANTEE.

Grocers, Packers and Canners Take Action at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Feb. 15.—After a conference between Dr. Wiley, representing the United States Government, a committee from the Wholesale Grocers' Association and a joint committee representing the Atlantic State Packers' Association, the Western Packers' Canned Goods Association and the National Canned Goods and Dried Fruit Brokers' Association, a mutually protective guarantee has been agreed on. The nature of the guarantee was explained by a member of the committee as follows:

When the guarantee comes into general use the buyers should look on all cans for these words: "Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs act of June 30, 1906," and also for the serial number that will indicate to him that the manufacturer will give a sworn guarantee as follows: "I, the undersigned, do hereby guarantee that the article of foods or drugs manufactured, packed, distributed or sold by me (specifying the same) are not adulterated or misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs act of June 30, 1906."

With the filing of the above declaration with the government the canner gets without charge a serial number, which he is permitted to put on his cans. This insures the buyer that he is getting an absolutely pure article of food.

A resolution was adopted petitioning the United States Senate to provide for the continuance of the authorization empowering the Secretary of Agriculture to fix the standards of purity for foods.

The National Association of Canners and Packers, formed here yesterday, adopted the following resolutions unanimously:

Resolved, That the President of the United States, in the negotiating of treaties, is hereby asked to give some attention to the advisability of placing American canned goods on the reduced tariff list into foreign countries.

Resolved, That the National Canners' Association, in annual meeting assembled, respectfully requests that all possible be done to bring about the open door policy in the Orient for the speedy development of American commerce and trade.

ISSUES $10,000,000 IN NOTES.

Interborough To Use It for Work and to Pay for Traction Lines.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company has sold to William A. Read & Co., of this city, and Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, it was announced yesterday, $10,000,000 three-year 5 per cent notes, redeemable after two years at a premium of 1 per cent. The notes are to be offered to the public at 97¼. It is understood that part of the proceeds of the issue will be used for extension work and part in paying for stock of traction lines in Queens County which the Interborough has purchased. On the Flatbush tunnel construction, it was said yesterday the company had already expended more than $6,000,000, while the city had allowed it only $2,000,000.

The Interborough Rapid Transit Company issued nearly two years ago $15,000,000 three-year 4 per cent notes, which mature on May 1, 1908.

MAINE ICE HARVEST COMPLETED.

Cut Is Double the Average of the Last Six Years—Quality Fine.

Gardiner, Me., Feb. 15.—The ice harvest in Maine was practically completed to-day. About 650,000 tons have been cut, including about 400,000 tons taken from the Kennebec River and 92,000 tons from the Penobscot River. The remainder was from ponds near shipping points. The quality is as fine as was ever harvested.

The total is about double the average cut of the last six or seven years.

REWARD FOR WALKER'S ARREST.

New Britain Bank Directors Still Seeking Missing Treasurer.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 15.—The directors of the Savings Bank of New Britain at a special meeting to-day, empowered the committee of directors to offer a reward for the arrest of William F. Walker, the defaulting treasurer. The committee did not announce the amount of the reward here, but went to New York on a morning train.

It became known to-day that in the letter written by Walker to President Philip Corbin Walker said he had been sandbagged in New York and would be unable to return to New Britain for some time.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 15.—Walker indulged in a bit of pleasantry at his home last August at a surprise party. A plain faced, modest looking elderly man strode into the big drawing room and took a seat, bowing right and left. There was a whisper of surprise, nobody knowing him. Finally Mrs. Walker became alarmed. The stranger was about to be ejected, when he removed his wig and whiskers. It was Walker.

Despite the fact that the local detective force and a private detective agency are looking for William E. Walker, all efforts to locate him have been in vain thus far.

There has been a great deal of criticism of the manner in which the officers connected with the bank, who came here several days ago to look for Walker, conducted their case. By the time an alarm had been sent out for the missing man the "scent" had become so cold in this city that the task was much harder than if word had been given at the time of his disappearance.

"UP AGAINST THE JUTE TRUST."

Philadelphia Carpet Company Embarrassed—Assets May Exceed Liabilities.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Counsel for the James Dunlap Carpet Company, which operates large mills in this city, announced to-day that the company is temporarily embarrassed. It was asserted that in round figures the liabilities are $600,000, and that it is expected the assets will be largely in excess of that sum. The reasons for the embarrassment, counsel said, are the failure of tentative subscribers to the company's stock to pay for it, and the fact that James Dunlap, the president of the company, "had run up against the Jute Trust." This was payday at the mills, and the company met its obligations to its employes.

LOSES CHARTER OF BRANCH LINE.

Rock Island System Hard Hit by Texas Legislators.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Austin, Tex., Feb. 15.—Governor Campbell today signed the bill granting an extension of two years' time in which to complete railroad branches for which charters have been granted. The bill was amended to meet the wishes of the Governor and was approved by him. It excludes from this relief any railroad which has been a party to any consolidation act under legislative authority. This act forfeits the charter of the Rock Island's Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf line from Amarillo west to New Mexico, ninety miles of which has been graded at a cost of nearly $400,000.

RAILROADS ASSESSED $207,518,000.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 15.—The State Board of Assessors has finally assessed railroad property in Michigan at $207,518,000 for taxes of 1907. This is a reduction of $2,748,000 from the valuations tentatively fixed a month ago, before the roads received a hearing, but an increase as compared with last year when the aggregate was $203,051,000. The taxes on these valuations will amount to $3,417,327 60, which is $116,076 less than the railroad taxes of a year ago. The reduction is due to a lower rate of taxation on general property.

FOR WEST 42D ST. PLOT, $115,000

PARCEL COMPRISES TWO DWELLING HOUSES ON PLOT WITH FRONTAGE OF ABOUT 34 FEET.

New Owner for the Pioneer Apartment House—Henry Phipps Buys the Dunn Tract, Near Wantagh, Long Island.

F. H. McLaury and J. H. Chapman have sold Nos. 244 and 246 West 42d st., two four-story dwelling houses, $3.10x98.9 feet. The price paid for the property was $115,000.

Harris & Siegel have sold The Pioneer, a new six-story apartment house, No. 535 to 539 West 155th st., on a plot 100x190 feet. They have also bought from Joseph Spektorsky a plot of eighteen lots at the northwest corner of Boston Road and Prosect ave. They will erect nine six-story flathouses on the site from plans by John Hauser, architect.

McNulty & Fitzgerald Company have sold to Henry Phipps 315 acres between Wantagh and Hempstead, Long Island, formerly the R. G. Dun property. There are ten trout ponds on the property, on which R. G. Dun spent more than $100,000 for the improvements.

Harry W. Gordon has sold to a Mr. Chapperton No. 131 West 80th st., a four-story dwelling house, 21x100 feet.

A. H. Mathews has sold to Charles Hartman No. 186 West 136th st., a three-story dwelling house, 16.8x99.11 feet.

Plans have been filed with Buildings Superintendent Murphy for a six-story apartment house for twenty-four families to be built in 113th st., 175 feet west of Broadway, for the Cerabone Construction Company. It is to have a frontage of 75 feet and a depth of 88 feet, the façade being of brick, with trimmings of limestone and terra cotta. It will cost $100,000, according to the estimate of Schwarz & Gross, the architects.

SEEK TO FORECLOSE BIG MORTGAGE.

An action has been begun in the Supreme Court by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States against Susan Hall and others to foreclose a mortgage for $340,000 on property at the southeast corner of 103d st. and 5th ave., 350x100.11 feet. The mortgage was made on June 14, 1905.

TO IMPROVE TWO BROADWAY BUILDINGS

Plans have been filed for remodelling the two five story loft and store buildings at No. 285 Broadway, owned by the estate of E. N. Whitehouse, and No. 351 Broadway, owned by the American Institute. The improvements, which include the erection of an additional story in the rear of each building, are being made for the Childsworth Company and the Childs Company, as respective lessees, at a cost of $10,000, according to the estimate of Westervelt & Austin, the architects.

BUYS SITE FOR BUSINESS STRUCTURE.

I. B. Wakeman has sold for a client to the Acme Construction Company No. 9 West 20th st., a four story dwelling house, on a lot 28.6x92 feet. The buyers will erect a twelve story mercantile building.

TRADING SHOWS GOOD L. I. MARKET.

Stokes & Knowles have sold for the Myrtle Realty Company to John C. Kalter two lots, each 20x100 feet, on the south side of Edsall ave., 100 feet west of Anthon ave. Also sold for the Jamaica Park South Realty Corporation the following: Two lots in Fisher ave., to J. Belansky; two lots in Elder ave., to H. & J. Bloom; two lots in Jacobs ave., to Morris Bernstein; one lot in Boyland ave., to Mrs. Mary Bradley; two lots in Campbell ave. and two lots in Morris ave., to Sigmund Balter; two lots in Fisher ave., to P. & M. Cohen; two lots in Vaughan ave., to Thomas A. Coyle; four lots in Benedict ave., to Mrs. S. Cohen; two lots in Norris ave., to P. & K. M. Ciccarello; one lot in Einstein ave., to E. Del Corno; one lot in Rockaway Road, to Raymond Costanzo; two lots in Fisher ave., to P. Christensen; two lots in Elder ave., to John Douglass, and two lots in Jacobs ave., to the Rev. V. C. Beatty.

BIG YONKERS TRACT SOLD.

Olcott C. Colt and George H. Mills have sold for the Slater estate, at Yonkers, N. Y., sixty-five acres of land, for development, to a Mrs. Johnston, of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., for over $100,000. They have also resold the property to a Mr. Tasker, who is the president of a large development company in this city.

THE WESTMINSTER CHANGES HANDS.

W. J. Huston & Son and W. C. & A. E. Lester have sold for Edward J. Farrell the Westminster, a seven story elevator apartment house, on a plot 48.11x110 feet, at the northeast corner of 145th st. and St. Nicholas ave.

A $400,000 BROAD ST. LEASE.

Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown & Co. have leased for the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange to Edward Miller the restaurant in the structure being erected at the southeast corner of Broad and Beaver sts., for a term of twenty-one years, at an aggregate rental of $400,000.

SALE OF PARCEL HELD OVER 100 YEARS.

Mandelbaum & Lewine have bought from the Crosby estate No. 20 East Broadway, a five story building, with stores, 25x71 feet. This is the first sale of the property in over one hundred years. George R. Read & Co. were the brokers.

TRANSACTIONS IN REALTY.

Slawson & Hobbs have sold for Caroline L. Bleecker to a client of V. Victorson the premises No. 163 East 125th st., extending through to No. 162 East 126th st.

Olcott C. Colt has sold for the Colt estate for $13,500 the property No. 210 West 134th st.

Van Winkle & Scott sold for Louis Knoesel to O. G. Ericsson a plot 100x100x irregular, on the south side of Van Nest ave., 230 feet west of Bronxdale ave., known as lots Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16, Downing map, at Van Nest station.

Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown & Co. have sold for Mrs. Florence Oppenheim No. 45 Murray st., a five story building on a lot 27.7x100.4 feet, between Church st. and West Broadway.

Clement H. Smith sold for Wiswell & Polly a two family dwelling house, No. 1037 Elsmere Place, to a client for occupancy.

The Charles P. Noyes Company has leased the five story building No. 96 Beekman st. for a long term of years to Conner, Fendler & Co. Also, the second floor of the building No. 27 Maiden Lane, northwest corner Nassau st., for Simon Frankel to Joseph S. Acker for ten years from May 1 next.

J. Clarence Davies has sold for William H. McWhirter the six story apartment house, 50x100 feet, on the north side of 152d street, 350 feet west of Courtlandt ave., known as No. 553 East 152d st.; also for Stephen H. Jackson the plot, 90x100 feet, on the southwest corner of Kelly and 157th sts.

Helmer & Wolf have sold No. 20 East 17th st., an eight story loft building, on a lot 25x92 feet, to A. C. Ernst as an investment.

Newman Grossman has sold to A. Posner No. 244 Clinton st., a six story tenement house, 32x72 feet.

The Ernst-Cahn Realty Company has sold for Adolf Weisberger No. 894 Oak Tree Place, a three story two family house, on lot 19x95 feet.

J. H. Jones has sold No. 993 Summit ave., a four story double flathouse, on plot 30x92 feet.

St. Ann's Church has sold the five story flathouse No. 203 West 78th st., on plot 40x102.2 feet, adjoining the northwest corner of Amsterdam ave.

Max Marx has sold for Martin D. Fink to John C. Rodgers No. 409 West 148th st., a three story high stoop dwelling house, with extension, on lot 20x99.11 feet.

William P. Rooney has sold for William Niglutch No. 447 West 41st st., a four story tenement house, on lot 25x98.9 feet.

Henry B. Cutner has sold for Janet Van Cott and Elizabeth Reid to Santiago P. Cahill No. 135 West 22d st., a three story dwelling house, on lot 21x98.9 feet.

The Doughty estate has sold No. 512 Madison ave., northwest corner 53d st., a four story dwelling house, on lot 20.5x95 feet.

Steinman & Jackson have sold for Samuel C. Baum to Maurice Goldberg No. 129 West 116th st., a five story double flathouse, with stores, on lot 25x100.11 feet.

SHOT DOWN IN DOORWAY.

Old Man Arrested, Accused of Attempt at Murder.

Union Hill, Feb. 15.—William H. Schmidt, ex-Town Treasurer of West New York, was stricken down and shot in his own doorway, at Jefferson street and Hudson Boulevard, West New York, last night, by a man who escaped but was captured later. Schmidt is not dangerously wounded, but the physicians say he had a narrow escape from instant death.

His assailant is an old man, whom no one in West New York seems to know, and the cause of the attack is a mystery. The prisoner says that if he shot Schmidt he does not know why he did it.

The members of the Schmidt family were all in the sitting room of their home last evening, when the door bell rang. Mr. Schmidt's son Edward, who is about thirty years old, went to the door, and found there a neatly dressed old man with gray mustache and whiskers.

"I want to see Mr. Schmidt," said the visitor.

The elder Schmidt went to the door. He had no sooner reached it than he was struck by the stranger on the head with the handle of a bucksaw. He dropped unconscious, and as he fell the stranger fired a shot at him. The bullet hit Schmidt in the right side, grazing the ribs.

The sound of the shot brought the other members of the family to the door, and Edward Schmidt reached it in time to see the assailant fleeing down the street. He gave chase, and after a couple of blocks had been covered the stranger turned and fired two shots at his pursuer. Both went wild. Schmidt was unarmed and gave up the pursuit. He hastened to the police station and an alarm was sent out in all directions. It resulted in the capture of a man who was identified as Schmidt's assailant. He said he was John Dempsey, fifty-six years old, of North Bergen. He was accused of an attempt to kill.

HOW TO GOVERN A CITY.

Civic Reformers Discuss Duties of Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Suggestions for governing a city properly, and other details, such as the kind of men to elect and the power to be supplied them to make their work successful, were the topics of discussion by speakers last night at a joint meeting in Cooper Union of the National Municipal League and the People's Institute.

Thomas M. Osborne, of Auburn, N. Y., differed from the other speakers in his handling of the subject of the evening, "Civic Reform, the Mayor and the Aldermen"—the topic assigned to each speaker—by declaring that the "back door of Civil Service reform should be opened so that the inefficient might be kicked out, and that while we want good government for cities, the people want self-government more." The Rev. Thomas R. Slicer presided, and the other speakers were John Martin and Edward A. Moffett.

Mr. Martin said some persons believed in giving the Mayor more power and of stripping the Board of Aldermen of what power and dignity it has left. He said he thought the city could not be administered like a corporation, as it had special necessities that required special administration.

"The politics of New York City," he said, "touches more closely the lives of more people than some states contain in population. The city government should be conducted by a system like that of a board of directors of a corporation. One of the men who drafted the charter of greater New York told me that the members of the Board of Aldermen were intended as errand boys for their constituents. He said the real Board of Aldermen was the Board of Estimate and Apportionment."

Twelve aldermen from Manhattan and eight aldermen from Brooklyn, said Mr. Martin, should be enough to manage properly the affairs of the city, with the Mayor as a "sort of chief of staff."

Edward A. Moffett, of the Civic Federation, said if there was any superiority in the form of British government in cities it was due to the fact that many of Great Britain's best citizens served their fellow men in public office without regard to pay, but for the public good. "No case of graft has been discovered in Great Britain's cities that went unpunished," he declared.

Mr. Osborne said he differed from the other speakers to the extent that he believed in good politics, in good city government and the mingling of business men in politics. He said he had taken part in politics and managed large business interests at the same time.

OBJECTION TO PRISON.

Vassar President Protests Against One Near Poughkeepsie.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The bill introduced in the Legislature providing for the erection of a state prison near Poughkeepsie to take the place of Sing Sing prison has aroused opposition here, although some citizens favor it for commercial considerations. President James M. Taylor of Vassar College sent to the press an emphatic protest. There are one thousand young women from all parts of the country at Vassar, Mr. Taylor says, adding:

I believe it would be inimical to the interests of a college for women to have a great jail established in its neighborhood, not only because of the influence which such an institution would exert upon the minds of our patrons, but because through the occasional and inevitable escapes from prison and because of the great body of hangers-on that gathers about such a state institution the vicinity itself would be endangered and defiled. I believe it an outrage on any law-abiding institution of this sort. Our prisons ought to be in retired sections, away from our cities and away from our villages, and they ought to be so established primarily for the good of our communities, for their safety, and with a view to the preservation of our children from contact with the ideas and associations that grow up around them and secondarily for the good of the prisoners themselves. The mere cost of transportation to a remoter district is as nothing compared with evils that result from the proximity of such an institution.

The farm which the state authorities are said to have in mind for the site of the new prison is the Gill place, at Camelot, four miles south of Poughkeepsie, on the riverfront. Those who favor the bill contend that prisoners would be taken from trains at Camelot, and that Poughkeepsie would not be directly associated with the prison, while the city would get much benefit in the way of trade.

POLICE FIND BATTERED VIOLIN.

Label Says It's a Stradivarius—Discovered in Alleged Burglar's Flat.

"Antonius Stradivarius, Cremonensis, Faciebat Anno 1736," is the label, in blurred type and crabbed script, on brown, fragile and age-worn paper, which Acting Captain Price, of the Bronx detective bureau, found last night inside a decrepit violin, which was found in the flat of Ernest Brinkert, of No. 3651 Third avenue, who is now under arrest and awaiting examination on several charges of robbery. The captain is going to ask an expert to determine its character.

Brinkert was arrested on Tuesday in Third avenue by Detectives Buesser and Rappold. He was carrying a bundle, which was found to contain clothing and silverware. Owners have been found, according to the police, for part of the goods in the bundle, and also for many similar articles of value found in the prisoner's home. They will make complaints against Brinkert.

In the flat where Brinkert lived the detectives found a woman and four children who, the neighbors said, had been there with him for several years. The prisoner refuses to talk.

IRONWORKERS WILL KEEP UP STRIKE.

The Housesmiths' and Bridgemen's Union of this city has received word that the executive committee of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, which met to decide whether to keep up the national strike, decided that the strike shall continue. This was confirmed by a special notification to the same effect that was sent to the headquarters in this city of the National Association of Erectors of Structural Iron and Steel, against which the strike was ordered. The strike has been in progress since October, 1905.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday with the clerk of the United States District Court:

Milton Brodt, Yonkers, N. Y., voluntary petition, showing debts of $1,201 and no assets. The principal creditor is J. K. Weador, $511.

Schedules of H. C. Swain & Son, involuntary bankrupts, show debts of $35,229 and assets of $13,611. The latter consist of cash on hand, $209; stock in trade, $9,800; personal property, $1,000; machinery, $500, and accounts due, $1,511. The principal creditors are the Market and Fulton National Bank, $2,661; Quigley Furniture Company, $1,030; Stowell & Merick, $1,335; Henry C. Swain, $7,800; George W. Swain, $4,000; E. Whitney et al., $2,614, and taxes due, $1,200.

Schedules of Jacob Steinberg, involuntary bankrupt, show debts of $35,733 and assets of $6,048. The latter consist of notes, $504; stock in trade, $3,858; accounts, $1,388; property in reversion, $500, and personal property, $300. The only creditor with a claim exceeding $1,000 is the American Woollen Company, with $4,605.

Schedules of Marten Welsman, involuntary bankrupt, show debts of $19,790 and assets of $1,760. The latter consist of stock, $1,000; accounts, $210, and other property, $550. The principal creditors are Kouble & Co., $2,040; English & Co., $1,831, and Richard & Bauer, $1,489.

An involuntary petition was filed against Nathan Wilson, No. 2,458 Second avenue, by Simons & Moersfelder, with a claim of $3,737. Transfer of assets, consisting of recently constructed buildings, as a preference is alleged.

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