

FIGHTS LIQUOR IN NAVY

W. C. T. U. Takes Up Question of Serving Drinks on the St. Louis.

Through the official comment of the Controller of the Treasury in Washington on the Navy Department's request that a bill for wines, liquors and cigars be audited, the attention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been called to the visit of the St. Louis to Rio de Janeiro...

When Mrs. Emilie D. Martin, superintendent for the promotion of purity in literature and art, read the Washington dispatch in The Tribune this morning, she called the attention of Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, of Portland, Me., the world's vice-president and president of the United States Woman's Christian Temperance Union...

Mrs. Martin said that the St. Louis incident would be brought to the attention of the national officers of the union by Mrs. Stevens. The usual procedure would be for her to inform the state presidents of the action of the Controller of the Treasury...

When President McKinley signed the canteen bill the War Department issued this order: The sale of or dealing in beer, wine or intoxicating liquors by any person in any post exchange or canteen...

Mrs. Martin said that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union regards the law as applying equally to the navy as well as to the army. To take the place of the entertainment formerly afforded by the canteen the union obtained an appropriation in 1902 of \$100,000 for the construction of places for the recreation of the soldiers and sailors...

Mrs. Martin did not care to say what action she thought the union would take in the St. Louis matter, but she clearly indicated that she would not be allowed to drop. The officers of the union, it is understood, have felt for some time that liquor and wine were being served on the ships...

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FIFTH AVENUE STAGE "AD" FIGHT.

Property Owners Join in Crusade Against the Loud Displays.

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MECHANICS-TRADERS DIVIDEND CUT.

The directors of the Mechanics and Traders' Bank have declared a quarterly dividend of 14 per cent, payable on January 2.

BARBER INJURED IN BRIDGE CRASH.

Michael Caronia, a barber, of No. 46 Harrison avenue, Brooklyn, was crushed against a pillar of the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday.

"77" Seventy-seven for Colds and GRIP.

The epidemic of Grip is so widespread as to interfere with affairs.

CABINET Meeting broken up because the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of the Interior are abed with Grip.

SOCIAL functions, especially at bridge and dinner parties the hostess is at her wit's end to find substitutes.

THE STAGE, the longest for opportunity of the understudy is frequent in the times of sick stars.

THE OPERA, the gathering audience approach the foyer with dread, fearing to see the sign, change of bill, so frequently displayed in times of sickness.

THE COLLEGE and school classes are slender, so many pupils, especially girls, being laid up with Grip.

Offices and factories are crippled by absences and yet—

Humphreys' Seventy-seven is the remedy par excellence for Grip. Taken early cuts it short promptly, taken during its prevalence, it pre-occupies the system and prevents its invasion.

Carry a bottle in your pocket, keep it handy. All Drug Stores, 25c.

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ARMY AND NAVY NEWS

Pacific Fleet To Be Reorganized After January 1.

Washington, December 21. ASSIGNMENTS OF SHIPS.—A reorganization of the Pacific fleet, to become effective after January 1, was announced at the Navy Department today.

First Squadron—First division, the West Virginia, the Colorado, the Maryland and the Pennsylvania; second division, the Tennessee, the Washington, the California and the South Dakota, to be assigned later. This division is to be in command of Rear Admiral Stribble.

Second Squadron—Third division, the Charleston, the Albatross and the Thetis; fourth division, the Albany and the Yankton.

Third Squadron—Fifth division, the Chattanooga, the Galveston, the Denver and the Cleveland; sixth division (special service), the Rainbow, the Concord, the Helena, the Wilmington, the Callao, the Quiricos and the Villalobos.

Fourth Torpedo Flotilla—The Barry, the Bainbridge, the Dale, the Chauncey and the Decatur.

Orders Issued.—The following orders have been issued: ARMY. Captain JOHN K. MILLER, paymaster, to St. Paul, N. Y.

Commander J. J. CLARK, retired, detached from the Adams when sent out of commission, to St. Louis, Mo. S. KIRBY, C. C. McNEIL, E. V. McNAUL, Jr. and Assistant Paymaster B. E. ROGERS, detached from the Adams when out of commission, to St. Louis, Mo.

Passed Assistant Surgeon C. H. DE LANCEY, to command recruiting station at Chattanooga. Passed Assistant Surgeon W. J. ZALESKY, detached from recruiting station at Chattanooga, to recruiting station at New Orleans.

Assistant Surgeon P. H. BROOKS, detached from the Adams when out of commission, to the Wilmington. Lieutenant H. E. LACKEY, detached from the Wilmington, to go home.

Surgeon J. C. THOMPSON, detached from the Chattanooga, to Washington, to report to the Secretary of War. Ensign G. O. CARTER, detached from the Callao, to the Wilmington.

Mishlerman C. B. MAYO, detached from the Wilmington, to the Callao. Passed Assistant Surgeon R. E. HOYT, detached from naval hospital at Canaan, to the Chattanooga.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.—The following movements of war vessels have been reported to the Navy Department: ARRIVED. Dec. 19.—The Tennessee and the Washington, at Annapolis; the Panther, at Trinidad.

Sailed. Dec. 20.—The California, at San Diego. Dec. 20.—The Callao, from Santa Lucia for Trinidad.

SICK SENT ASHORE.

The Missouri at San Juan—Fleet in Manoeuvres.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 21.—The battleship Missouri, detached from the fleet, arrived off this port today and signalled Commander Rohrer, of the naval station, the "compliments of the season to friends ashore."

It is reported that the battleship Illinois has landed two cases of pneumonia at the naval station on Culebra Island.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., Dec. 21.—A steamer which has just come in here reports that she saw the American battleship fleet manoeuvring yesterday on the north side of the island of St. Thomas.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONNECTICUT.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 21.—The De Forest wireless station to-night picked up the battleship Connecticut and received the following message:

U. S. S. Connecticut, Dec. 21.—From Wednesday to Thursday we have made 240 miles, and are now 600 miles due east of Jupiter Inlet (Florida). Speed has been between 11 knots. Still in double column formation. Weather perfect. All hands in white dress.

On board the Flagship—Connecticut, Dec. 21, 1:20 a. m.—By wireless telegraph to New York.—The fleet has run into the trade winds and the sea is now choppy. We expect to reach the Virgin Passage to-night.

MAY BE CLEW TO WOMEN MURDERS.

Italian on the Eve of Trial Said to Have Made Startling Disclosures.

Eugene Patti, a newly discovered witness, will testify, according to Assistant District Attorney Ely, that Giuseppe Capuzzo, the Italian, whose trial for the alleged murder of Sophie Keher in a room in the house No. 475 West 22d street, on July 28, will begin before Judge Foster, in General Sessions to-morrow, confessed that he killed the woman when angry. It is also stated that the prisoner confessed that he had killed other women.

The statement by Patti has set on foot a general inquiry into several brutal murders of women committed in the last two years.

Patti's statement is said to include an alleged description by Capuzzo of the manner in which he killed Sophie Keher. Capuzzo began to strangle the woman with his hands, and when she lost consciousness, he stopped long enough to allow her to regain her senses and then choked her into unconsciousness a second time, and so on, until he finally killed her by strangling her with a necktie, it is alleged. Patti said that Capuzzo told him that after killing a woman, he had only to let his mustache grow to escape detection.

BOMB WRECKS TENEMENT.

Shatters Doors and Windows, but Injures No One in Structure.

Every apartment in a five story tenement house at No. 83 First avenue was damaged yesterday in an attempt to blow up the house with a dynamite bomb, but not a person was injured. It is believed that an attempt was made to murder Angelo Traffanti, a barber, and his family, living on the first floor, but the man denies that he has ever received any Black Hand or other threatening letter.

Christmas Shopping, Holiday Errands can be done easily, quickly, and at a saving of time and cost By Telephone NEW YORK TELEPHONE CO., 15 Day Street

INSANE FOR WITNESSES.

Several Called to Stand in Ward's Island Investigation.

Dementia praecox patients were called before the State Lunacy Commission at the investigation into the charges of abuse of patients in the Manhattan State Hospital, which was continued on Ward's Island yesterday.

The identification of Lahey was followed by several attempts to get other patients to make identifications, but they were either too much frightened or were unable to remember. Lahey was the principal witness for the attendants, and denied every charge made by Dr. John C. McCarthy, who exposed the alleged cruelties after he had served as an attendant in Ward 40 in October.

Dr. Arthur N. Phillips, who was in charge of Ward 40, told the commissioners about the "pact" treatment which was given to patients caught fighting in the dining hall under the system, it was said, was a form of treatment and not meant for punishment. The investigation will be continued to-morrow, when Dr. Ferris, the chairman of the commission, will call several attendants and patients to testify.

BOY ROBS MAN HE SLEW.

Young Desperado Fires Twice at Man Who Tried to Balk Him.

Michael Miskunas, manager and cashier of the Lithuanian Club of Newark, was shot and instantly killed in his cafe yesterday morning by John Lukaczewski, seventeen years old, of No. 55 Union street, that city.

The shooting occurred in the barroom of St. George's Hall, at No. 180 New York avenue. This hall is the headquarters of the Lithuanian Club. Miskunas was preparing to close his place for the night, when Lukaczewski, who had been drinking, entered and commanded Miskunas to hold up his hands.

After rifling the cash register and the dead man's pockets, getting in a \$28, Lukaczewski ran to the building, but was quickly captured by McReel, who had heard the shots.

An excited crowd of Lithuanians gathered outside the hall after the shooting and made several half-hearted attempts to take the prisoner from his captor. McReel summoned officers of police to assist him, and these threatened to threaten to shoot to keep the crowd from taking the prisoner south away from them. At Police Headquarters the prisoner maintained a defiant attitude and would make no statement.

The murdered man was thirty-two years old and unmarried. He lived with his brother Alexander at No. 194 New York avenue, Newark, and was a prominent in local affairs of the Lithuanians. The St. George Association is a benevolent organization.

COAL USERS MAY SAVE HORSES.

S. P. C. A. Asks Consumers to Order Fuel Before Ice Covers Streets.

Fifteen thousand circular letters have been sent out by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, asking the large consumers of coal in the city to have their winter supply delivered while the streets are clear and footing to the horses.

Coal dealers have informed their customers that hereafter they will add 25 cents a ton to the regular price for coal delivered when the streets are covered with ice. Coal dealers say that on account of the recent financial stringency firms and private families are buying their coal in small quantities, instead of in large supply early in the fall, as in former years.

The head of one of the largest coal firms in the city said yesterday that his firm had spent nearly \$100,000 on horses last year. Because of the slippery pavements during the winter the average life of the coal trucks, he said, has been shortened to three years. The society will try to have the streets sanded where the traffic is heaviest during slippery weather.

TEACHER ESCAPES DEATH IN FIRE.

Went Into Burning Room for Pocketbook—Found Unconscious on Bed.

By falling on a bed in a room filled with flames Miss Annie Fream, a teacher, living at No. 246 East 78th street, escaped death yesterday. The flames burned her face and hands, but otherwise she was not injured. An oil stove in the room next to the one in which Miss Fream was sitting exploded. The teacher ran out to give the alarm and then the teacher got her pocketbook.

Miss Fream was unconscious when discovered, but revived when Dr. Stevens, from the Presbyterian Hospital, treated her. The pictures on the wall above the bed were destroyed and the woodwork of the room was burned. The pocketbook was found on the bed.

"ROOSEVELT PANIC" MAN WANTED.

Wife Gets Order for Joseph W. Hancock's Appearance in Court.

Mrs. Nettie A. Hancock obtained from Justice Greenbaum in the Supreme Court, yesterday, an order directing Joseph W. Hancock, who is being held in a cell in the court next Tuesday and show cause why a receiver of his property should not be appointed and his property sequestered, especially all title and interest in a pamphlet written by Adolph Edwards, and known as "The Roosevelt Panic of 1907," of which Hancock owns the copyright. The publication is issued by J. J. Lane Hancock has failed, and Mrs. Hancock says she believes her husband deserves a large income from the publication, and is able to pay alimony. She says she is in destitute circumstances.

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ANOTHER ERIE BOAT.

Song and Wine Start the Jamestown on Her Way.

The fifth of the new Erie ferriboats, the Jamestown, was turned over to the railroad yesterday afternoon by the builders, the Burlee Drydock Company, but there was nothing dry but the name of her builders on her maiden voyage.

Laden down with railroad officials and champagne, she left the Chambers street slip and started up river. Off 20th street the new boat stopped long enough to be photographed in her finery of bunting and flags.

Then she continued up the river, slanted by all the craft, until she reached Gerry's tomb, then went back to 23d street. The champagne, not being exhausted, nobody went ashore there, so the trip was continued down to the Chambers street slip.

At 23d street the crowd waiting for the regular service was entertained by the guests, led by Fred Dalsell, of the Dalsell Towing Company, singing that ballad popular along the line of commuters' towns:

Glebe, glory to the Erie, Erie, glory to the Erie, As we go marching on.

The "Commuter's Ballad" being finished, the amateur chorists took up "He's a jolly good fellow," referring to Fred P. Underwood, the president, and later to Captain A. J. Grymes, in charge of the marine department.

The Jamestown established a record before she was turned over to the Erie, being delivered in advance of the time promised by her builders by eleven days. She is finished in quartered oak throughout, with seats for eleven hundred persons and a carriage capacity of 2,500. The Jamestown is 224 feet long and 64 feet beam. Her seven watertight compartments make her practically unsinkable.

She is lighted by electricity, heated by the indirect hot air system and equipped with steel life boats and ratts and other safety appliances. She will go into commission to-day.

The addition of the Jamestown to the Erie service and the contemplated addition of other boats not only to the Erie but to other ferry services show the faith of the railroad in the growth of New Jersey. Within a few months the tunnels will be open, but one of the officials of the road said yesterday that even with these additions to the ways of getting into New York from New Jersey the ferry service would be as much in demand as ever.

Instead of the old single deckers the entire ferryboat fleet of the Erie will be replaced by double deckers, and even then it is thought that the crowd of Jersey commuters will still have to scramble for seats on ferryboats and tunnel trains alike. With the quickest possible service, one of the Erie officials said that it would be impossible to give a seat to every passenger even when the ferries and tunnels were augmented by the proposed bridges.

SLAYER AND SUICIDE'S BODY CLAIMED.

Sent South by Uncle—J. H. Oliphant's Funeral Takes Place To-morrow.

The funeral of James H. Oliphant, the stock broker who was shot on Friday afternoon in his office, at No. 29 Broad street, will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home, at No. 415 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Oliphant died at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning in the Hudson Street Hospital.

Mr. Oliphant, then a widower, married Miss Marianne S. Montgomery, of Boston, in 1904. They had one son. Mr. Oliphant also leaves an older son, J. Norris Oliphant, who is the exchange member of his father's firm. The burial, which will be held in Greenwood Cemetery, will be private.

An uncle of Dr. C. A. Geiger, of Beaufort, S. C., Mr. Oliphant's slayer, had the suicide's body removed from the morgue yesterday. It was shipped to Savannah, Ga., for burial. Dr. W. Allen, said to live in Yonkers and to have a business office in Broadway, near 8th street, was said to be the name of the uncle, but no such name could be found in the directory.

Mrs. R. M. W. Black, the wife of the Rev. Mr. Black, of St. Bartholomew's Church, Brooklyn, was related to Dr. Geiger's stepmother. Mr. Black said that he and his wife, since they heard of the tragedy, had been looking for the man's sister, Miss Carrie Geiger, who was said to be an artist in this city. They had not been able to find her, however.

EX-PASTOR ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING.

Syracuse, Dec. 21.—Charles W. Arthur, formerly a Congregational minister and for two years assistant worker in the Syracuse Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, is under arrest charged with grand larceny in the second degree in having misappropriated funds amounting to \$3,000 subscribed to the society, for which he acted as collector.

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INSANE FROM MINE DISASTER.

Jamaica (L. I.) Resident Thought Had Been Killed at Hazleton, Penn.

Frenzied by the belief that his brother had been killed in the Hazleton (Penn.) mine disaster, Thomas Holland became insane at No. 131 New York avenue, Jamaica, yesterday, where he boarded, and he had to be taken into submission before the police came in response to the appeals of Mrs. Louise Johnson's daughter. Mrs. Johnson conducts the place.

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EX-COUNTY TREASURER INDICTED.

Binghamton, Dec. 21.—David B. King, formerly County Treasurer, who was removed by Governor Hughes, was indicted this afternoon on the charge of misappropriating county funds. He was held for trial in \$2,000 bail.

FIVE VICTIMS OF MINE EXPLOSION.

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 21.—Five men were injured, two probably fatally, as a result of a boiler explosion.

Books and Publications. NEW YORK Historic and Picturesque A CALENDAR FOR 1908 14 leaves (11x14 in.) boxed \$1.00

TO SAVE HISTORIC HOUSE.

Plans for Preservation of Home of Francis Scott Key.

Washington, Dec. 21.—During the last two months the board of trustees of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Association has been busily engaged in negotiation with the owners of the old Key home in Georgetown, for its purchase. It also has been negotiating with Charles Weisberger, of Philadelphia, regarding a proposition that he assume the management of the financial affairs of the association along lines similar to those he used in saving the home of Betsy Ross, in Philadelphia, where the first American flag was made.

The result of the negotiations culminated Thursday in a meeting of the trustees, held in the office of Commissioner Henry B. F. Macfarland, in the District Building, at which resolutions were adopted authorizing the execution of a contract with the owners and also with Mr. Weisberger. Mr. Macfarland, as the president of the association, thereupon entered into both of these contracts. The result will be that the association will take possession of the home of Mr. Key shortly after January 1, and it is expected that by February 1 the house will be open to the public.

The association was organized a little less than a year ago through the efforts of F. S. Key Smith, of the District of Columbia bar, for the purpose of acquiring this property and preserving it in a suitable way. After sending out a number of invitations to prominent men throughout the country, requesting them to join in the movement by becoming incorporators of this association, Mr. Smith obtained the acceptance of sixteen, and on February 28, at a meeting of these sixteen in this city, the organization was perfected by the election of the following officers: Henry B. F. Macfarland, president; Admiral George Dwyer, first vice-president; Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, second vice-president; Treasurer, these, with Justice John Bernard and Stuart McNamara, forming the board of trustees.

The purchase price of the property is understood to be \$15,000. The association, under the terms of its contract, has four years in which to pay. Mr. Weisberger will move to Washington and manage the property, and which will, it is expected, result in the preservation of the historic home of the author of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Believing that the preservation of all historic landmarks, particularly those around which is centered a deep national interest, should be the expression of the nation as a whole, the present plan provides for a popular and uniform ownership. Memoranda for a popular and uniform ownership, which is a nominal sum that it will be possible for all persons to participate in the movement. The names of all subscribers are to be recorded upon the roll of honor and preserved in the archives of the association.

HOPES BLIGHTED; STUDENT KILLS SELF.

Physicians Tell Him Hard Work Had Brought Consumption.

Dependent on the knowledge that he was suffering from consumption which had been brought on by overwork, Jacob Goldstein, a young student in the Cooper Union Night School, committed suicide yesterday morning by jumping from the second story pier at East River and 3d street.

Goldstein wanted to see a paper ruler and studied by night. Insufficient sleep and poor nourishment produced incipient tuberculosis. A few days ago he consulted a clinic at Bellevue Hospital and learned his condition. Since then he had been dependent on his brother's safety. Then Holland, it is said, had to be taken into submission before the police came in response to the appeals of Mrs. Louise Johnson's daughter. Mrs. Johnson conducts the place.

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