

FINDS RUNAWAY WIFE

BROKER'S FAITH IN VAIN.

C. F. Purdy Sees Her Prisoner with Another, but Forgives.

Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—In the arrest of Horace B. Guernsey, a young student, and Mrs. Mattie May Purdy, wife of C. Franklin Purdy, a New York real estate broker, the police here believe they spoiled an elopement. Guernsey was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing a diamond brooch, valued at \$1,000, which he was attempting to pawn. The same brooch was supposed to have been lost by the woman prisoner, as she had reported it to the police.

Then it was discovered, the police say, that the woman had come to this city in response to the appeals of young Guernsey. Mrs. Purdy was released to-night, as there was no charge against her. Mr. Purdy, after formally withdrawing in New York his complaint that the brooch had been stolen, came to Philadelphia to learn in person that his wife was infatuated with another man.

Mr. Purdy reached the City Hall this afternoon, and before being allowed to see his wife Captain Donaghy briefly told him that the brooch that Guernsey had attempted to pawn here answered the description of the jewel which Mrs. Purdy said she lost on January 9 between Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre and Times Square, in New York. He also informed the husband of the woman's frantic attempt to get the medical student's release. Purdy displayed much agitation, but merely said: "Take me to her."

"That is my wife," he exclaimed when she saw her, and then in a low voice said to Mrs. Purdy: "I have come to take you home." "There's no use denying anything," Mrs. Purdy responded. "It began last April."

She then, according to Captain Donaghy, fiercely insisted that Guernsey, whom she said she loved, be protected. She repeated time and again her statement that she had given him the brooch and that he must be released before she would consider anything else. Purdy told her he was willing that Guernsey be set free. Mrs. Purdy was set free, her husband forgave her and they left here for home to-night. Guernsey is still locked up.

After Guernsey's arrest he was taken ill and was sent to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, where he was a freshman in the college department. While there he said Mrs. Purdy owned the pin he was arrested for stealing and asked permission to communicate with her. This was granted.

Yesterday a woman called to see the student. She said at first she was Guernsey's wife, then later admitted she was Mrs. Mattie May Purdy. The policeman refused to talk to her until she produced the letters written by Guernsey.

Among the letters of which the police immediately took possession were several unsigned missives, both in verse and prose. After the finding of the letters the woman left the hospital, but she was found later in the Broad street station. At the City Hall, the police say, the romance of the two was dragged from them.

According to their story, they met two years ago at Long Beach. Guernsey was an amateur boxer and drove a wagon at the resort during the summer. It was a case of love at first sight, according to the police, and later they came to New York together, where the diamond pin was stolen.

A bellhop at a hotel was accused of theft, and later, according to the police, to deceive the woman's husband, Guernsey advertised for the stolen pin. At the time the woman did not suspect him nor did she know he had the pin until after his arrest in this city. Then she called to obtain his release, being willing to forgive him.

"I am Mrs. Purdy, the owner of the pin," the woman is alleged to have told the police. "I can prove it." When asked how it came that her husband had not called to identify her, she told the police that when she left New York she informed her husband that she was going to do some shopping.

"I was going to leave my husband, anyway," she is alleged to have said.

C. Franklin Purdy, a real estate broker, of this city, living at No. 311 West 84th street, said yesterday: "I am in serious trouble, and do not know how to speak to you. It is true that my wife has not been at my home since before noon on Friday last. Her absence did not worry me Friday night, because I understood that she expected to visit her sister in Hoboken. I have since been advised that she went to Philadelphia on Friday, but I still believe this whole thing is a horrible mistake. I do not think she went to Philadelphia for any other purpose than to try to recover her brooch. I don't know this man Guernsey, never heard him spoken of, even, and can't imagine that he and my wife have met clandestinely, as alleged."

"On the night of January 9 my wife accompanied me to Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre. As we were leaving, she took off the brooch in my presence, and put it in her muff, for safe keeping," she said. "We went to the Times Square subway station, where we took a train for home. I did not see any man speak to her, or give her more than passing notice. When we reached home she discovered that her brooch was missing, and worried greatly about it all that night. Then she advertised for it, offering a reward for its return. I cannot believe that my wife gave that brooch to Guernsey. I do not think it possible for her to have handed it to any one without my seeing her. I believe yet that this will all be explained. I will go to Philadelphia at once. I am told I will have to appear against my wife, but I will do so if I can help it."

Mr. Purdy's office is at No. 71 Nassau street. He is considerably older than his wife, who is about thirty years old.

WIDOW OF DEAD CASHIER SUEED.

Boston, Jan. 18.—The Old Colony Trust Company brought suit in the Superior Court to-day against Mrs. Marion M. Sargent, widow of Frederick B. Sargent, the cashier of the Jewellers' National Bank, of North Attleboro, to recover \$4,000 paid her on a check which the trust company believes contained a forged endorsement by her husband. The trust company further asks that an injunction be issued restraining Mrs. Sargent from collecting a check for \$25,000 given her by the New York Life Insurance Company, on the basis of the proceeds of it until further order by the court.

REMEMBERS BARBERS IN HIS WILL.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Worcester, Mass., Jan. 18.—Eugene V. R. Thayer, a wealthy Boston banker, whose will has been here for probate, bequeathed \$500 to Joseph Whalen and \$250 to Raphael Puccio, both barbers at Whalen's Hotel.

COUPLE BURNED TO DEATH.

Campton, N. H., Jan. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison died to-night as a result of burns received by the overturning or explosion of a lamp in their home early to-day. Mrs. Morrison was going down stairs with a lighted lamp, which either dropped or exploded. Her clothing caught fire and she screamed for her husband, who rushed to her assistance. His clothing also caught fire, and both were fatally burned.

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MINERS' NARROW ESCAPE.

Forty Men Make Their Way for Seven Miles Fearing Explosion.

Monongahela, Penn., Jan. 18.—Almost miraculously escaping death by cremation or suffocation or being blown to pieces by an explosion, forty miners employed in the Catsburg mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company made their way through the dark headings for a distance of seven miles, and finally reached the open air. Without lights to guide them, and given up as dead, the men battled for five hours with fire, and when they reached the surface their faces were blackened, clothes torn and all were severely bruised from stumbling in their flight for safety. Fortunately, the mine contained little gas, or another mine disaster would have been recorded in Western Pennsylvania.

The mine was fired some time in the day by a "blowout" shot, and when the fire was discovered at 5 o'clock last night by the forty men, escape to the surface through the Monongahela entry was cut off. Momentarily expecting an explosion, the men started, panic-stricken, for the entry at Charleroi, seven miles away. In their frenzy they stumbled and fell, but only to jump up again and continue their mad rush for safety.

The experience was probably the most frightful a body of miners has ever had. When the men reached the surface at 2 a. m. to-day, a majority of them were sobbing like children.

TO RELEASE ENTOMBED MINERS.

Solid Ground Reached on the Way to Them by Rescuers.

Elv, Nev., Jan. 18.—Last night solid ground was reached in the 1,000-foot level of the Alpha shaft, in which three miners have been entombed since December 4. Timbers which had fallen from above were wedged in the shaft, holding back the debris and leaving an opening large enough for the rescuers to crawl through. They descended on a ladder to a point 750 feet below the mouth of the shaft. The opening extended further, but just how far is not known. The ladder broke, and this prevented further exploration. This afternoon Mine Foreman McAfee descended to within thirty feet of the 1,000-foot level, where he found solid ground. It is now believed the men will be released within thirty-six hours. It is rumored that one of the entombed men has lost his mind, the cause being the receipt of a letter announcing the death of his mother.

SHUMAKER MUST STAND TRIAL.

Effort to Have Harrisburg Cases Continued Fails of Success.

Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 18.—The Dauphin County court to-day denied the motion of counsel for James M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, Pa., former superintendent of grounds and buildings, that the thirty conspiracy suits against Shumaker in connection with the state capitol prosecutions be continued, so far as the defendant is concerned, on the ground that he is suffering from multiple neuritis and that it would endanger his life to go to trial on January 27, the date fixed for trial of all these suits. The decision was announced by Judge Kunkel, who stated that he did not believe the testimony in support of the motion was sufficient to justify the court in continuing the cases against Shumaker. Had this motion been granted, it is thought counsel for the thirteen co-defendants would have asked for a continuance in the suits against their clients, on the ground that Shumaker was a material witness for the defense and it would be impracticable to go to trial without his testimony.

Mr. Shumaker's family physician, Dr. John B. Lohman, and Dr. G. W. Hargist, of Johnstown, who has treated the defendant with electricity, certified that it would retard Shumaker's recovery if he were forced to go to trial on the 27th, and it might possibly result fatally. Their testimony was corroborated by Dr. F. N. Deroun, a Philadelphia neurologist, who examined Shumaker on Wednesday at the request of Dr. Lohman, and P. A. Rose, of Johnstown, of counsel for Shumaker, testified that the condition of his client was such that he (Rose) was unable to consult with him about the cases.

Dr. Wharton Sinker and Dr. John H. Musser, of Philadelphia, who were employed by the commission to examine and speak to the defendant, testified that they did not believe Shumaker would be seriously affected by a prolonged trial at this time; that his mind was perfectly clear, and that it would not be a hardship to bring him to trial.

A. B. Smythe, of Philadelphia, a detective, testified that he talked with Shumaker for an hour on Sunday last, and that the defendant told him that he was physically able to come to Harrisburg and was willing to go to trial. After the court had heard argument by the attorneys on both sides, Judge Kunkel announced his decision.

WOODRUFF PARTY IN ADIRONDACKS.

Politicians and Legislators Leave Albany for Camp Kill Kare.

Albany, Jan. 18.—Chairman Woodruff of the Republican State Committee and a party of legislators left here to-day for Mr. Woodruff's camp, "Kill Kare," in the Adirondacks, to remain over Sunday. Mr. Woodruff arrived here on the Empire State Express, and was joined by Speaker Wadsworth, Assemblymen Phillips, of Allegheny, Hamm, of Wayne, Parker, of Washington, and others. A delegation of Kings County legislators also included in the party. Pending legislation will probably be discussed while the party is at the camp.

WINNER OF THE BEIT PRIZE.

Chester Martin, of St. John, N. B., Successful in Contest at Oxford.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 18.—Chester Martin, a Rhodes scholar, of this city, to-day received a dispatch from Oxford University informing him that he had won the Beit prize of £50 for the best essay on the colonial administration of Lord Somerset in South Africa.

BOY IN JAIL TRIES SUICIDE.

Cleveland, Jan. 18.—While jail attaches were preparing to release him and send him home, a thirteen-year-old boy, who was arrested on a charge of attempted suicide to-day, tried to hang himself with his suspenders. He was picked up on the street two weeks ago for begging. He refused to tell where his home was. To-day word was received from John Doyle, of Pittsburg, that the boy was his son. The lad will be sent to Pittsburg.

MANY 'SUNDAY WORKERS' INDICTED.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 18.—A grand jury to-day returned 12 indictments against persons accused of working late Sunday. One-half of the indictments were against travelling actors and other theatre employees, while the other indictments were against the theatrical managers accused of violating the provisions of the master and servant act by requiring their employees to labor on the Sabbath. All the indicted persons gave bond.

MERGER OF CANADIAN SHIPYARDS.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Toronto, Ont., Jan. 18.—Negotiations are going on for a merger of the four big shipyards of Canada, at Bridgeburg, Toronto and Collingwood. The new company will have a capital of several millions. It is understood that the Mackenzie-Mann interests are behind the plan.

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BALTIMORE BLACKHAND

Five Men Held on Confession of Dynamite Plot.

Baltimore, Jan. 18.—Antonio Lanasa, head of the Lanasa-Goffe Steamship Company; his partner, Antonio Constantino Goffe, a Jamaican, and their alleged accomplices, Joseph Catalano, Coluro Monteleone, and Antonio Bistone, all charged with being the heads of the conspiracy that resulted in the use of dynamite on Joseph di Giorgio's house, in Walbrook, this city, on December 16, were held for court in \$2,000 bonds, after a preliminary hearing, to-day before Police Justice Gramann. Lanasa and Goffe furnished sureties and were released, the others were remanded to await bail. A written confession, made by Salvatore Lupo, an alleged Black Hand agent, was read at the hearing. In it Lupo declared the alleged plot to destroy the di Giorgio residence was laid at Lanasa's home here.

Di Giorgio is a business rival of Lanasa and Goffe in the fruit importing trade. The state brought out an evidence against the five men, who actually did the dynamite. Assistant State Attorney O'Dunne stated that the prosecution reserved the right not to submit all its evidence at the preliminary hearing.

Senator William Pinkney Whyte appeared for Lanasa, and George D. Pennington was retained by Gilbert Frasse, British consul, in behalf of Goffe, who is a British subject. Mr. Frasse also was present at the hearing. Interest centered in the confession of Lupo, who stated that he was in Pittsburgh in company with Res, the Black Hand man, who was shot and killed by Joseph Sunseri, a fruit merchant of that city. He and Res, he said, had a conversation with Antonio Lanasa, and Lanasa said: "If you kill Joseph di Giorgio I will be the banana king of Baltimore." He then told of coming to Baltimore and meeting Goffe, Lanasa and Monteleone at Lanasa's home, where, he averred, the plot to dynamite di Giorgio's house was completed.

Regarding Catalano, Joseph Serio, a saloonkeeper, testified that his brother in Columbus, Ohio, informed him by telephone that he had been receiving Black Hand letters from Baltimore threatening him with death if he did not comply with the demands of the organization. Serio, who is a resident of Baltimore, said he would like to see the letters, but would have to communicate with the "head one" at Brooklyn. Catalano returned to him seven days later and read him a message from a piece of paper stating that his brother would not be further annoyed.

Pittsburg, Jan. 18.—The arrest at Baltimore of John Schietta and Salvatore Lupo, alleged Black Hand men, has resulted in a series of charges against several Pittsburg Italians, has excited the foreigners here. The attempts made upon the lives of Joseph Sunseri and Nunzio Battaglia, both of this city, for whose death it is said a prize of \$20,000 was offered by the Black Hand Society, were sensational and almost successful. Sunseri was attacked in the 21st street parking place, and killed by an Italian, who was slightly wounded. Sunseri returned the fire, however, and killed an Italian later identified as M. Roa.

The home of Nunzio Battaglia and family in Chatham street was wrecked shortly afterward by a dynamite bomb explosion. Owing, it is said, to the bomb being defective it failed to do the work expected of it and no one was injured.

CHARGES OF BRUTALITY.

Woman Says Sister Was Mistreated at Insane Hospital.

Albany, Jan. 18.—Charges of brutally treating one of its inmates have been preferred with the State Commission in Lunacy against the management of the Utica State Hospital for the Insane by Mrs. Amelia Bingham, of Little Falls. The state commission is to make a thorough investigation at once. The charges have been referred to Dr. William L. Russell, medical inspector for the State. Mrs. Bingham, who to-day prepared for his investigation, with the assistance of a physician to be selected by the complainant.

According to the affidavit filed with the commission here by Mr. Bevilacqua, an attorney of Little Falls, representing Mrs. Bingham, it is charged that Mrs. Bingham recently visited the hospital to see her sister, Mrs. Louise Kirch, and after waiting one hour and twenty minutes found her, she alleges, under the influence of a drug and in such condition that she could not give an intelligent account of anything, while her body showed bruises and other evidence of serious mistreatment. The affidavit then details the alleged condition of Mrs. Kirch. It alleges that a subsequent request to two physicians examine the condition of Mrs. Kirch was refused by the physician in charge of the hospital.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 18.—At the state hospital in this city this afternoon Dr. H. L. Palmer, the superintendent, said that an investigation in the Kirch case or any other where complaint was made about the treatment of patients was to be welcomed, and he hoped that it would be full and careful. There had been no cruelty in the treatment of Louise Kirch, he said. Facilities had been given the complainant and those who accompanied her to learn how the patient was treated, and she was treated as tenderly as possible. The woman had received no drugs, it was said, except in cases when she was nervous and a sedative was necessary.

WIRELESS TELLS OF ACCIDENT.

Mysterious Message Thought to Refer to Mishap on Freighter Louisiana.

The Panama liner Advance, which arrived yesterday, received a mysterious wireless message announcing that the battleship Louisiana was blown up at Rio de Janeiro, and all on board were lost. The operator left the steamer hurriedly yesterday, and details of the message could not be obtained to-day. An officer on the Advance confirmed the story of the receipt of the message.

The first message announcing that the battleship had been blown up through the explosion of a magazine, was followed by another message giving the explosion of a boiler as the cause of the disaster.

No importance is attached to the mysterious message, which is believed to have been sent from the New Jersey coast. It is thought that some minor accident may have happened to the French freighter Louisiana, which left Havre on January 11, and is due here on Wednesday. It is said the operator was unable to ascertain the source of the dispatch.

TEMPERANCE WINS IN KNOXVILLE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 18.—In the city election held here to-day Captain John M. Brooks (Dem.) was elected Mayor. John F. Williams, chairman of the Board of Public Works, William Brackbill and R. B. Ragdale, associate members of the board. The last two named are members of the Citizens' Reform party, which therefore keeps control of the police and fire departments. Enforcement of temperance laws was the main issue, and the reformers claim seven of the eleven aldermen are for temperance. The election was quiet, although the campaign has been one of the bitterest in years.

THE NORTH CAROLINA FAILS AGAIN.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 18.—The new United States armored cruiser North Carolina failed again to-day to make her required speed of twenty-two knots an hour in a trial off the Virginia capes. The trial was not finished, the shipyard officials calling it off after the first two runs of four and one-half hours, it being apparent that the vessel could not make the contract speed. The cruiser will have another trial in the near future.

COLUMBIA LECTURER SEEKS DIVORCE.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Plainfield, Conn., Jan. 18.—Sheriff H. B. Sibley to-day served notice of divorce for infidelity on Marion Walker McKelvey, wife of Robert McKelvey, a lecturer in Columbia University, New York. A Robert McKelvey man is named as correspondent. Dr. McLeod is a son of the Rev. Dr. A. J. McLeod, of this town. His wife is a daughter of Albert C. Walker and was born here.

Evans' Ale advertisement with large stylized text.

Is peculiarly suited to the requirements of persons desiring a beverage that will please the taste, soothe the stomach and quiet the nerves. The fruit of Nature's glorious hopfields bottled for your enjoyment.

Hotels, Restaurants, Oyster Houses and Dealers.

THAW SEEKS PUBLICITY.

Displaced by Jerome's Checks on His Wife's Testimony.

The end of the first week of testimony found the Thaw trial much further advanced than in the same time last year. Evelyn Thaw's testimony and that of the alienists will complete the direct evidence of the defense.

It is doubtful whether Thaw's wife will tell the remainder of her story to a closed court. Thaw is said to have much in favor of the proposition, and Evelyn Thaw, when Mr. Jerome made the suggestion, showed signs of disapproval. Although Mr. Littleton said that he concurred in Mr. Jerome's request, it is said by lawyers that he or the defendant is without power to waive a constitutional right. The United States Constitution and the Penal Code both say that in a criminal action the defendant shall have a "speedy and public trial," but all agree that this does not mean that everybody must be admitted to hear a trial.

Thaw spent a restless night in the Tombs. He said that he was far from pleased at the sudden check to his wife's testimony on Friday. He said that the names she would mention were a necessary part of her story.

Thaw's wife, whose long illness has told visibly on her, visited her son at the Tombs. As on the witness stand, she was accompanied by a nurse. Friday night she was visited at her apartment in the Lorraine by Thaw's wife.

BILL AGAINST MERGER.

Aimed at New Haven and Boston & Maine Roads.

Boston, Jan. 18.—A bill on which the leading opponents of the proposed merger of the Boston & Maine Railroad with the New York, New Haven & Hartford have their oppositions lined up with the clerk of the House to-day. The act, which is sweeping in character, says in its first section:

"It shall be unlawful for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company owning, leasing or operating a railroad wholly or in part in the Commonwealth, or indirectly by control or attempt to control the Boston & Maine Railroad, to acquire or hold or control, or to be in any way financially or beneficially interested, directly or indirectly, in any stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad."

The second section directs the New Haven road, if it now directly or indirectly owns or has financial interest in the stock of the Boston & Maine Railroad, to terminate such ownership before July 1, 1909.

Other sections make it unlawful for a director or other officer or an employee of the New Haven road to hold office, be employed by or act for the Boston & Maine road; also for any person or persons, corporate or individual, or trustee, to hold or control or controlling interest in the New Haven road directly or indirectly to acquire a controlling interest in Boston & Maine stock or to attempt to do so.

The bill also declares that any stock in the Boston & Maine Railroad acquired or held in violation of the provisions of the act shall not entitle the holder or any other person to vote or receive a dividend on the stock, and that any stock, bond or other obligation of the New Haven now or hereafter issued for the purpose, directly or indirectly, of acquiring control of or any interest in stock of the Boston & Maine, shall be void.

Section 7 provides a penalty for any person who willfully violates any of the provisions of the act of a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000, or imprisonment in the state prison for not more than three years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court receive full jurisdiction in equity on petition of the attorney general of the State, or of any other road to compel the observance of or to restrain any violations of the act, which is to take effect on its passage.

This bill accompanies the petition of William B. Lawrence, of Medford, one of the leaders of the anti-merger movement last year. Mr. Lawrence also has introduced a bill to prohibit savings banks from investing in the bonds and notes of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and to declare that the stock of the present New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company shall be taxable in this Commonwealth as stock of a foreign corporation.

DYNAMITE WORKS HAVOC IN BRONX.

Contractor's Blast Floors Fifty Persons and Shatters Several Buildings.

Fifty persons were hurled to the ground, several buildings were shattered, and a ledge of rock twenty-five feet high was torn down by the explosion yesterday afternoon of a charge of dynamite under the direction of a contractor who is removing the rock for a continuation of Monterey avenue at Tremont avenue, the Bronx. The two-story building adjoining the ledge, occupied by the Lion Crown cafe on the first floor and Charles Wood's bowling alley and poolroom on the second, was perforated like a sieve. The windows, walls and roof were blown out with flying rocks, and the foundations were shaken so that they almost collapsed.

At the real estate office of James Callahan, adjoining the front plate glass window was smashed to atoms and the tables, chairs and desks were turned upside down. Other stores and homes were damaged, either by being hit with the flying rock or by being shaken. Several bowlers six feet in diameter were cast upon the street and struck Tremont avenue. They drove holes in the street and bent the tracks. Smaller pieces flew as far as Arthur avenue.

Charles Schneider, of 167th street and Findley avenue, is the contractor. His son, Louis Schneider, of No. 123 Webster avenue, foreman of the operation, was arrested and locked up in the Tremont avenue station on a charge of reckless blasting.

NO MOVING PICTURES IN MONTCLAIR.

Montclair, N. J., Jan. 18 (Special).—In view of the agitation that is going on regarding the danger of moving picture shows after the Foxtown horror, this town enjoys a unique distinction. It is the only town in the United States with a population of 15,000 that has not been invaded by the moving picture theatre. This is due to the fact that Chief of Police Harry Gallagher has declared that he will not give a permit for a moving picture theatre. Scores of promoters have endeavored to establish local theatres, but have been refused a permit in each case.

THE BALTIC HAS STORMY PASSAGE.

The White Star liner Baltic, in yesterday from Liverpool, reported having encountered practically the same bad weather which played havoc with the bridge windows and the lifeboats of the Cunarder Manzanilla, which arrived on Friday evening.

Auction Sales advertisement for Fifth Avenue Auction Rooms, Mr. Seisuke Ikeda's Chinese and Japanese Antiquities.

Chinese Enamels, Chinese and Japanese Porcelains, Jades, Crystals, Palace Screens, Temple Carvings, Japanese Armors, Bronzes, Lacquers, &c.; also a large collection of Japanese Color Prints, Albums, Illustrated Books and Paintings. SALE WILL TAKE PLACE on the afternoons of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 23, 24, 25, at 2:30 P. M. and on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 23 and 24, at 8 o'clock.

Art Exhibitions and Sales.

Special Sale of Paintings by Renowned American and Foreign Artists at Greatly Reduced Prices.

A NUMBER OF CANVASES HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED FOR FRAMES. SOME BELONG TO CUSTOMERS WHO WISH TO REALIZE QUICKLY. ALL ARE OFFERED AT PRICES FAR BELOW STANDARD VALUES.

This Collection Includes Examples by Blakelock, Ralph Albert, Bogert, Geo. H. N. A., Brown, J. G. N. A., Bristol, John B. N. A., Bricher, A. T. N. A., Chase, Wm. M. N. A., Coonan, C. B., Craig, E. Irving, A. N. A., Craie, Thos. B., A. N. A., Hartson, Walter C., Kahler, Carl, Martin, Homer D., N. A., dec., McGold, Geo. H. A. N. A., Micran, Thos. N. A., Ochtmann, Leonard, Palmer, Walter L. N. A., Bruny, Francis, Cabrer, M. J., Berne, Bellecour, Carabin, Jacques, Chateignat, Ernest, Franck, Franz, Grolleron, Paul L., Houben, Henry, Gaudfroy, Alphonse, Perez, Alonzo, Kiehnas, Theo., Petzels, Edward, Kotschenreiter, Hugo, Schlesinger, Felix, Velten, Wilhelm, H. W. Ranger, N. A., A. H. Wyan, N. A., dec.

COMMAND OF RELIEF.

Correspondence, Including Admiral Brownson's Memorandum, Prepared.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Navy Department has completed the preparation of the answer to the resolution of Representative Gill, of Maryland, calling for the correspondence relative to the assignment of a staff officer to command the hospital ship Relief. There is a great mass of this correspondence, in addition to the two letters from the President and Admiral Brownson's letter of resignation, already published. But the feature of interest in the unpublished correspondence is a memorandum prepared by Admiral Brownson and placed on file in the department, formally recording the objection of the navigation bureau to the assignment of a staff officer to command a naval vessel. This memorandum comprises an exhaustive statement of the various naval laws and regulations bearing on this subject, particularly the act of 1863 and Section 7 of the Naval Personnel act, to demonstrate the soundness of Admiral Brownson's contention that no officer who had taken the oath of office, and thereby bound himself to obey the laws of the land, could conscientiously issue an order, even at the direction of his superior, assigning a surgeon to command the Relief.

The officials of the Navy Department are gradually completing their arrangements to put the Relief in commission at the Mare Island yard on February 1. Francis N. Leelan, of Nova Scotia, who has been in the naval service for many years, has been detailed as sailing master of the ship and will report to Surgeon Stokes, who will have command. Leelan's duty will be confined to the navigation of the vessel under the orders of Surgeon Stokes. The other officers, of whom there will probably be eight, will be engaged in the East, but the crew of about forty will be enlisted at San Francisco. The Navy Department to-day awarded to the Pennsylvania Railroad a contract for shipping forty enlisted men of the hospital corps to San Francisco for duty on the Relief.

Secretary Metcalf has withdrawn his request for an appropriation by Congress of \$40,000 to pay the expenses of manning hospital ships, saying that a further investigation shows that the existing appropriation is sufficient to cover the expenditure. It was expected that the addition of \$40,000 to the General Deficiency bill would cause discussion in the House of points raised by Admiral Brownson's resignation, and some disappointment over the action of the Secretary is felt by members who contemplated discussing the subject.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, January 18. ORDERS ISSUED.—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

Major JOHN A. DABRAY, retired from Florida militia to temporary duty with chief of staff. Major EDWARD EBBETT, surgeon, from Philippines to San Francisco. Captain WILLARD D. NEWBELL, commissary, to training school for bakers and cooks, Fort Riley, Kan. Captain SALOMON P. VESTAL, 9th Cavalry, found in charge of the 1st Cavalry. Captain JESSE R. HARRIS, assistant surgeon, to general hospital, Osizubir, San Francisco.

Lieutenant T. L. OZBURN, detached the Thornton; to command the Blakely. Detached the Blakely; to command the Thornton. Ensign C. A. BLAKELEY, detached the Blakely; to command the Thornton. MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.—These movements of vessels are reported: ARRIVED. Jan. 17.—The Potomac, at Newport; the Leonidas, at Boston; the Chicago, at Acapulco. SAILED. Jan. 17.—The Potomac, for the Tarantula, the Viper and the Cuttlefish, from Newport for navy yard, New York; the Eagle, from Port-au-Prince for Guantanamo.

BID FOR COMPLETING DRYDOCK.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Williams Engineering and Contracting Company, of New York, was the lowest bidder to-day for completing drydock No. 4 in the New York Navy Yard, which was left unfinished through the declaration of the original contractors to complete it. The Williams bid was for \$74,000, or, if the use of the retfing contractor's plant and appliances is permitted, \$10,000 may be deducted from that sum. Congress appropriated \$100,00