

NO ANTI-BETTING TEST

PRISONERS DISMISSED.

Elder Refuses to Oppose Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

The new anti-racetrack betting law is still untested, from a legal point of view, because Acting District Attorney Robert H. Elder of Kings County consented yesterday to the sustaining of the writs of habeas corpus sued out by counsel in the cases of Melville Collins and Joseph Loewy. These men, arrested on warrants for making alleged verbal bets at Sheepshead Bay racetrack, had been held by magistrates in Brooklyn. In refusing to oppose the habeas corpus proceedings Mr. Elder said that the commitment papers had not been filed out properly.

Mr. Elder's action was a surprise. When the case came up before Justice Biscoff, in the Supreme Court, yesterday, the prisoners were represented by DeLaney, Nicoll, John B. Stanchfield and Captain H. Barry, a member of the firm of Davies, Stone & Auerbach, counsel for the Coney Island Jockey Club. In the large audience was Corporation Counsel Pendleton, who, though he took no part in the habeas corpus proceedings, was interested because on Monday he is to argue against the continuance of the injunction obtained by the Coney Island Jockey Club to restrain Police Commissioner Bingham and his men from interfering with patrons of the racetrack. Canon Chase, who was prominent among the advocates of the Hart-Agnew bill, was also in court.

Mr. Elder pointed out that in the commitments of the prisoners the clerk had set down that they had violated the provisions of Chapters 506 and 507 of the laws of 1908, both laws being in conformity with Section 25 of the Penal Code. These define some fifteen different offenses, each of which might be a crime, but only under certain circumstances. The exact offense with which Collins and Loewy were charged was not set forth in the commitments. Mr. Elder cited the famous case of the late "The" Allen, whose commitment under the same blanket designation was dismissed as illegal by the Court of Appeals with only one dissenting opinion.

Justice Biscoff said that under the decision cited he sustained the writs of habeas corpus, and accordingly discharged the defendants. As Collins and Loewy walked out of court with their lawyers one of the latter said with a smile that he supposed they would have to break into jail again in some way to test the law.

Mr. Elder, when seen, said: "As far as my office is concerned, we have nothing more to do with these cases. I don't want to re-arrest these men, and if anybody else does so it is on his own responsibility." Captain Barry said that the writs had been obtained not merely to test the validity of the new anti-betting law, but to find out whether by verbal betting the provisions of the general anti-betting laws had been violated. Another lawyer remarked: "This is not an attack on the law against book-making. The assertion we make is that under its provisions verbal betting between individuals is not a violation of the anti-betting law, and we believe the courts will decide to that effect."

It was the impression yesterday that if Collins and Loewy were released, they would offer themselves for test cases, and that next time the commitments would be so worded that there would be no hitch in proceedings on account of technicalities.

While this case was going on yesterday an alleged handbook man was discharged by Magistrate White, in Harlem police court. He was Abraham Adams, of No. 238 East 107th street, and had been arrested on the complaint of John Rowe, station agent at the 125th street station of the New York Central. Rowe saw no money passed, so the charge was dismissed.

A squad of policemen under Inspectors Flood and O'Brien raided a house just outside the Sheepshead Bay racetrack yesterday, and arrested two men, who said they were E. Harzen and Walter Upperman. The house was in 28th street, just beyond the backstretch, and it was said that the men were there to furnish information to the pool-rooms in this city. They were equipped with powerful flashlights and had established a telephone connection with the Sheepshead Bay racetrack.

Suspicious lights at night in the attic of the house occupied by Stanley Edwards, at East 23d street and Voorhies Lane, about half a mile from the Sheepshead track, led to the arrest just after the third race of two men, who will be arraigned this morning before Magistrate Voorhes at Coney Island, charged with violating the new anti-racetrack law.

The men, who said they were Walter A. Davis, of No. 49 West 123d street, and Robert Hopkins, of No. 31 McDougal street, Brooklyn, hired the attic for the summer about a week ago. Pinkerton detectives got suspicious of the lights in the attic and went to Captain Formosa, of the Sheepshead Bay station, the place just after the third race. In the attic were found a three-foot telescope, field glass, telephone and a racing programme, with the prices for the fourth race scribbled on it.

Albany, June 25.—Governor Hughes declined tonight to comment on the discharge by Justice Biscoff of the two men recently arrested at Sheepshead Bay track, who were charged with violating the anti-racetrack gambling laws. The Governor's understanding of the action is that it has no bearing on any test of the merits of the new laws, but that the men were released because of certain technicalities.

JOCKEY CLUB FAILS TO FILE EXPENSES  
A dispatch from Albany, to the effect that the Jockey Club had not yet filed its statement of expenses incurred in opposing the passage of the Hart-Agnew anti-racetrack gambling bills, created some comment yesterday, owing to the fact that the last day under the two months' limit after the adjournment of the Legislature was Tuesday. A violation of the law by not filing an expense account within the specified sixty days is a misdemeanor.

A member of the Jockey Club pointed out, however, that since the Hart-Agnew bills were passed at the extraordinary session of the Legislature it is safe to assume that the men interested in the sixty-day limit from the adjournment of the extraordinary session and not from the end of the regular session.

"One thing is certain," said the racing man, "and that is, the Jockey Club has no intention of evading the law or of incurring penalties. As far as I have heard, no notification has been received by the club from Albany that it has overstepped the time set for recording its expenses in opposing the anti-betting laws."

WOMEN STRIKERS ATTACK MAN.  
Women on strike in the skirt factory of Gordon & Sarwa, at No. 57 Greene street, because two of their number were discharged by the firm, attacked the foreman, who remained at work, at Greene and Spring street yesterday. They scratched him with their finger nails, pulled his hair and used other feminine methods of fight, attracting a crowd. The onlookers regarded the fight as an amusing illustration of the subjugation of man and laughed. The foreman finally ran away.

HURTIG AND SEAMAN GO ABROAD.  
Jules Hurtig and Harry J. Seaman, of the theatrical firm of Hurtig & Seaman, were passengers on the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which sailed yesterday.

\$2.50 TO ATLANTIC CITY AND RETURN SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1908, PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SPECIAL TRAIN

Leaves New York 11:30 A.M. Returns 7:00 P.M.

QUIET DAY AT CAMP.

Last of New York Troops Depart—Vermonters Arrive.

Pine Camp, N. Y., June 25.—A general air of laziness and rest pervaded the camp to-day. There were some minor problems for the regular troops to solve in the morning, but the New York militia-men did nothing except start for home. The 1st Regiment of Vermont infantry quietly made its way into camp at 7 o'clock, and two hours later was under canvas. Squadron C, from Brooklyn, the last of the New York troops to depart, entrained in record time and was on its way to Brooklyn by 7 p. m.

The Essex Troop and the 1st Infantry, New Jersey militia, will arrive early to-morrow. Captain W. T. Johnson, of the 15th Cavalry, has said that this is distinctly an officers' camp of instruction. The work mapped out for both regular and militia officers during the three ten-day periods requires the hardest sort of work from them. The enlisted men are also receiving a valuable training, and the militiamen, by fraternizing with the regulars, are getting their war knowledge at almost first hand. The citizen soldiers seem to catch the spirit of the dapper regulars, and the admiration is mutual. This morning the infantrymen were engaged in a minor problem of attack on an enemy. The cavalry brigade was instructed in attack formation against an outlined enemy, and Batteries D and E of the 2d Artillery occupied the target range. The engineer battalion and the field hospital corps were instructed in their manifold duties.

Major C. H. Barth of the 12th Infantry continued his interesting game of war with little markers on maps, and junior officers found themselves in command of brigades and divisions which they were required to bring into combat as in actual service.

Major Charles E. Woodruff, of the medical department, lectured in the evening. As guests of General Grant Rear Admiral C. H. Goodrich and Major Davila, the Mexican military attaché, took an automobile trip to Sackett's Harbor during the day. To accommodate the soldiers a cable ferryboat has been started on the Black River between Deferiet and Pine Camp.

To-morrow there will be a tactical drill and advance rear and flank guard instruction in the morning. Detachments of officers will make "tactical rides" over the ground and there will be more "kriegspiel" or map manoeuvres.

The batteries will occupy the target range and there will be lectures for the officers and enlisted men of the regular and militia hospital corps organizations.

GUARDSMEN RETURN LIKE REGULARS.  
Brooklyn Regiment Swings Home After Journey from Pine Camp.

The 2d Regiment, 60 strong, got back from Pine Camp yesterday, looking fit as fiddles and not seeming to mind a bit the 50-pound blanket rolls across their shoulders. The regiment went from the Grand Central station to Brooklyn by a subway train, and marched to their armory in Bedford avenue from the Flatbush avenue station. It was so early in the morning that the tanned and hardened guardsmen had few to see them as they swung by with the free stride of regulars.

"I proposed a hard time when we went away," said Colonel Stokes, "and the prophecy came true. This has been the hardest tour of duty that the regiment ever performed, but it came through it all with an excellent reputation. We learned many things while we were away, and the results of this tour will be invaluable to the officers and enlisted men alike."

Troops A and C also returned yesterday.

FIVE TRAPPED BY FIRE.  
Burn to Death—Score of Others Injured in Chicago.

Chicago, June 25.—Five persons are known to be dead and more than a score were injured, several seriously, as the result of an explosion, followed by fire, in a five-story building, the upper floors of which were used as a boarding house, at No. 181 Huron street, to-day. The explosion occurred in the plant of the Pahst Chemical Company, on the ground floor.

The dead are Mrs. Mary Nolan, janitress of the building, and three of her daughters, Jennie, Emma and Helea. They were huddled in by the flames and suffocated before help reached them. The fifth is Emil Scholz, an employe of the chemical company. His body was recovered from the basement after the flames had been extinguished. Marian Nolan, fourteen years old, another daughter of the janitress, is missing, and it is thought she may have perished.

The explosion wrecked the front of the building and the fire spread rapidly owing to the inflammable nature of the chemicals stored in the basement.

The employes of the Pahst Chemical Company escaped, though several were injured by flying glass and debris. They were nearly all girls. Occupants of the boarding house, finding escape by the stairways cut off, descended the fire escapes. Several were overcome by smoke and heat and were rescued by police and firemen. Others jumped from the windows.

John McCue, the clerk in the Sheriff's office who has been on trial before Judge Rosales and a jury in Part 2 General Sessions, on a charge of aiding and abetting illegal registration, was adjudged not guilty by that jury last night.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

William Nason, alias Connors, and Frank Keegan, convicted of making and passing counterfeit 25-cent pieces on small storekeepers on the upper West Side, were sentenced yesterday by Judge Christian in the Criminal Branch of the United States Circuit Court. Nason must serve five years and eleven months' imprisonment in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and Keegan was committed to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island for eleven months.

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HARVARD DEFEATING YALE IN THE FRESHMAN RACE AT NEW LONDON YESTERDAY.

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Taft held her aloft and tossed her up to her great delight. When the party had returned from Mr. Palmer's house to the railroad station to take the observation train, a baker, wearing his working suit pushed his way through the crowd and saluted Mr. Taft, saying: "Mr. Taft, I am your mascot. I have shaken hands with five Presidents and I want to shake hands with you, too, for you are going to be the next President."

TAFT CHEERS OARSMEN

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"Thanks," answered Mr. Taft. "I hope you are right in your prognostication."

"It always appears to be my luck to witness the defeats of Yale. In seventeen years we have been defeated but twice—or something like that—and I have seen both of them," was Mr. Taft's comment on the race.

As the Secretary greeted "Bob" Wrenn, the tennis champion and noted Harvard man, after the race, he shook hands cordially with him and remarked, just a bit caustically:

"Well, 'Bob,' inasmuch as Yale could not win to-day, I am glad that Harvard did."

New Haven, June 25.—On the arrival of the train at 8:55 o'clock, Secretary Taft, who was about the last one to leave the special car, entered a carriage, which was in waiting, and was driven to the home of W. W. Farnam, whose guest he has been during his stay here.

"I propose," said he, "to get a little rest to-night. This has been a great week, and one of the best commences I ever attended. But it has been pretty lively for me."

ROOSEVELTS CHEER HARVARD OARSMEN  
New London, Conn., June 25.—Flying the flag of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the Sixth dropped anchor on the west side of the Thames River at a good vantage point for watching the races. On board were Mrs. Roosevelt and the Roosevelt children and a small party of guests. All watched the races with intense interest. The President's children made a small but noisy group of rooters for the Crimson. The result of the "varsity" eight-oared race was particularly pleasing to them and they immediately wired the news of the Harvard victory to the President.

REGATTA AT OYSTER BAY TO-MORROW.  
Fifty yachts are entered for the annual open regatta of the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, to be sailed off Oyster Bay to-morrow. These include many in the handicap classes of both the New York Yacht Club and the regular handicap class. The Leland Corinthian Challenge Cup will also be raced for. To-day the club will hold its special spring regatta over the same courses on the Sound.

CUP DEFENDER MAY GET O. K.  
Victorious Sloop Refitted and Will be Re-measured.

At a special meeting of the New York Yacht Club held at noon yesterday at Delmonico's, in Beaver street, Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt presiding, the question of the eligibility of the sloop yacht Seneca, the successful defender of the Canada's Cup last year, for the races of the New York Yacht Club was considered.

At the opening of the present yachting season William Hallock, the New York Yacht Club's official measurer, after taking the dimensions of the Seneca, declined to issue a certificate, and the meeting of yesterday was called at the request of the yacht's owner, Addison G. Hann, to settle the question of her present eligibility. Mr. Hallock stated at the meeting that his reason for withholding the certificate was that the yacht was not properly equipped as a cruiser. Since that time he has been assured by her owner that the necessary fittings have been supplied, and he will therefore make an official measurement of the boat in a few days. If she is found qualified he will issue his certificate. The Seneca is a 27-footer of Herreshoff design.

BIDE-A-WEE HOME WOE.  
Women Witnesses Tell of Evils and Virtues of Animal Hotel.

Thirty women appeared at Yorkville police court yesterday afternoon as complainants against the Bide-a-Wee Home for Animals, at No. 14 Lexington avenue. They told their stories to a stenographer, whose typewritten sheets the magistrate will peruse later.

The general tenor of the complaints was that the dogs and cats at the Bide-a-Wee make living impossible in the neighborhood of the home.

Mrs. Harry S. Nibbe, president of the home, appeared with a host of witnesses, mostly women. William P. Young, a Board of Health inspector, said that twelve complaints had been made to the department against the home for animals. The complaints were admitted in evidence. Property owners, boarding house keepers, lawyers, doctors and tired boarders recited their tales of woe into the stenographer's ear.

"I lost sleep, I lost my appetite, and my nerves were all unstrung," said Mrs. Alma Fisher, who lives at No. 14 East 22d street. "Things became so bad," she said, "that she and her husband were compelled to move from the boarding house next to the home to their present address."

The Bide-a-Wee is not without its friends among the witnesses, for there are many of them who say that the home is a blessing to animals and not in any sense a nuisance to any one in the neighborhood. They say the animals are not noisy enough to rob any one of a sleep.

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WAIL FROM THE PARKS

Commissioner Smith Says Magistrate Herrman Won't Support Police.

Park Commissioner Smith is indignant over the way that violators of the law are dealt with by City Magistrate Herrman, ex-Park Commissioner. Commissioner Smith says that Mr. Herrman used to be Park Commissioner, and knows how difficult it is for the police in the Park to keep idlers and loafers from overrunning it.

On Monday Patrolman Warren arraigned before Magistrate Herrman Harry Grennesky, a Russian pedler, charged with violation of park ordinances in selling peaches in the Park. The remainder of the story is told by Patrolman Warren in a special report turned in to Park Commissioner Smith, as follows:

When Officer Warren swore to the complaint before Magistrate Herrman, the magistrate remarked that "it would be better for you people to arrest the bums in Madison Square Park and Central Park." He then said to Officer Warren: "What do you want done?" The officer replied: "It is up to you, your honor. It is a pretty hot time of the year for ten days."

Officer Warren then said: "Your honor, when you were commissioner you wanted your orders obeyed, and I am obeying the orders of the present Park Commissioner. The magistrate then said: 'I don't blame you.' Then turning to Chief Clerk Block, he asked, 'What would you do?' The clerk said: 'I would fine the man \$5. The officer then said to the clerk, 'You have to obey orders and I have to obey my orders.' The magistrate then said: 'The man has discharged the prisoner after a reprimand, telling him not to peddle there again.'

Park Commissioner Smith said yesterday: "Unless we have the reasonable co-operation of the courts we cannot maintain the parks so that they will be of real utility to the deserving people of the city. We are trying to reserve some of the park benches for women and children. About 80 per cent of the arrests for violations are on the part of people who came here from Southern Europe within the last few years."

"In Vienna and Berlin these people would be locked up for the things they do here. Our experience has been that but a few vicious persons are the first to crowd on to the benches reserved for women and children. The disposition of some of the city magistrates to treat these violations as unimportant will result in a steady deterioration of the policing of the parks."

MUSEUM GETS A PRIZE.  
Hawaiian Feather Cape Added to Natural History Collection.

Dr. Hermon C. Bumpus, director of the American Museum of Natural History, announced yesterday that after three years' search the museum had obtained a great prize, in a rare and exceedingly valuable specimen of a Hawaiian chief's feather cape, fashioned of brilliant yellow and black feathers and having the rich appearance of a mantle of gold.

The price paid for this unique specimen of Hawaiian featherwork is not disclosed, but is said to have been more than \$5,000. The late Morris E. Jesup, president of the museum, urged Dr. Bumpus to get a specimen when an opportunity offered, and when this beautiful cape was found recently among the effects of an East India merchant in this city a trustee authorized the director to purchase it. Although it has lain in a storage vault for many years it is in superb condition, the feathers still retaining their natural lustre.

It is not known when the fabrication of the cape began, but it is believed that the feathers were plucked more than a hundred years ago; that it required the patient work of three generations to make it, and that it used to decorate the throne of the Hawaiian monarchy on public occasions. It is about five feet long, with a width at the base of about eight feet, with crescents of black feathers in sharp relief against a bright yellow background.

These feathers were plucked from the bird known popularly to the natives of the Sandwich Islands as the "yellow tufted bee eater." From the yellow feathers beneath its wings and the still more beautiful and similarly colored upper tail coverts the state robes of princes were formerly made.

It is rare that a traveller is able to purchase so interesting a relic of a past age. The sum of \$5,000 was asked for a yellow feather war cloak in Hawaii last year. When a chief was killed or captured in battle his enemy took as spoils his feather cloak. It became a trophy to be displayed on public occasions to the conqueror's fellows. It is said of the great feather war cloak of Kamehameha, in the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, that if asked for at the rate of \$100,000 the present time \$100,000 would hardly cover the cost.

There are Hawaiian feather capes in the British Museum, but in this country, it is said, the Boston Art Museum is the only institution, besides the American Museum of Natural History, that has a specimen.

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CORPS OF USHERS FOR FIFTH AVENUE.  
The Fifth Avenue Association, composed of the business men in that thoroughfare, is considering the advisability of establishing a force of men to act as ushers in the interest of the safety and convenience of the many persons who shop in the stores or pass up and down its attractive length.

Simon Brentano, one of the executive committee of the association, has suggested the scheme, and it has met with the approval of the members.

In speaking of his plan he said that Fifth avenue must be absolutely safe to every man, woman and child by day and night. He alluded to Inspector Byrne's "dead line" at Maiden Lane, and said that a similar protection should be given to Fifth avenue shoppers. He disclaimed any reflection on the police, and praised them for their activity and efficiency. The city would not be called upon to bear the cost of the usher force, he said. If established the association would manage and pay it.

Books and Publications.

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AGAINST THOMAS INDICTMENTS.

Lauterbach Argues for Their Dismissal—Jerome Replies.

Edward Lauterbach, counsel for E. R. and Orlando F. Thomas, appeared before Justice Goff in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday to argue a motion to dismiss the indictments against his clients for violations of the insurance laws. He said the testimony on which the indictments against E. R. Thomas were found, there being three, was incompetent, immaterial, irrelevant and insufficient.

It is alleged that E. R. Thomas, in borrowing \$100,000 from the Union Bank of Brooklyn, while he was making negotiations to buy the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, violated Section 26 of the insurance laws. Mr. Lauterbach says his client gave as security for the loan 200 shares of the Provident Life, and that it was received as a deposit. He declared there was nothing unlawful in such a transaction.

In answering, Mr. Jerome said that while there was some doubt as to the legality of the indictment found against Mr. Thomas, he still wanted the issue brought to some sort of a climax, and desired it to go, if necessary, to the highest court for final settlement.

Justice Goff ordered briefs submitted by both sides within one week.

SOUTHERN NOT TO CUT WAGES.

Business in Its Territory Reported to Be Reviving.

Washington, June 25.—It is understood that the Southern Railway Company will not reduce the wages of its employes in the operating department, as had been contemplated. Last March the company announced its intention of reducing wages, and many conferences were held by the officials and representatives of the employes, the result of which was to postpone action until July 1. Mr. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, and Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, acted as intermediaries at these conferences. It was agreed that if business conditions along the line of the railroad had not improved at the end of three months a new wage scale would be taken up for consideration. Several conferences among the same persons have been held within the last few days, and the probationary period has been extended for three months. It was said that business in the South is reviving and that at the end of the three months the road will not find it necessary to make any wage reduction.

C. M. & ST. P. AND W. C. ALLIANCE?

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)  
Milwaukee, June 25.—An alliance between the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Wisconsin Central roads is reported here in connection with the report that the St. Paul road is planning to turn its new telegraph system over to the Postal Telegraph Company. The St. Paul road has built its own telegraph lines west of its old terminus on the Pacific extension. Now, though Secretary Adams says he knows nothing of the plan, it is understood here that negotiations are in progress for the alliance of the St. Paul road with the Postal Telegraph Company, instead of the Western Union, with which it has always done business. In this same connection it is understood that the St. Paul road is working in behalf of President W. H. Bradford of the Wisconsin Central road to turn that company's telegraph business over to the Postal company.

REWARD FOR BALLOON SHOOTERS.

Having noticed of late that for some peculiar reason balloons have appeared to attract the active attention of various sharpshooters with rifles in different parts of the country, with results in a number of recent instances more satisfying to the man behind the gun than to the aeronauts of the Aero Club of America, that organization has just offered a standing reward of \$50 for information which will lead to the conviction of any person caught using firearms on balloons or other aerial craft.

On June 5 four shots were fired at Messrs. Arnold and Frus while passing near Peekskill, N. Y., two of which passed at a proximity to the heads of the aeronauts that at once completely occupied their attention and spoiled the rest of the trip, which had been started a few hours before at North Adams, Mass. Leo Stevens and Mr. Glidden, the latter of Boston, were forced to descend near Brattleboro, Vt., only a few days ago, because a bullet pierced the gas bag of their hot air balloon.

Cortlandt Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America and foreign representative, has reported to the club here that he was granted recently an audience with the King of Italy, and for half an hour the King talked enthusiastically about the Wright brothers and on aviation as the coming science.

HARD TO ORGANIZE CHEFS.

Organizers Find Difficulty in Landing Kitchen Monarchs.

Several organizers of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' International Alliance are now in this city trying to form an organization of the chefs, plain cooks and pastry cooks. According to the organizers the cooks say there is no limit to the hours they have to work, some of them complaining that they have to work until exhausted.

Several attempts have been made within the last ten years to get the chefs to join the alliance, so as to influence the cooks and waiters, but as there is only one chef in every establishment, and his rule is supreme, it is difficult to get him to join a union.

GEORGE CROCKER IS NOT ILL.

Dr. William T. Bull, of this city, was a guest of George Crocker, youngest son of the late Charles Crocker, of San Francisco, at Ramsey, N. J., early in this week, and as a result it was reported that an operation had been performed on Mr. Crocker. Mr. Crocker was in this city yesterday. No operation was performed. There were many inquiries at his home in Ramsey about his condition as a result of the report. Dr. Bull said yesterday that Mr. Crocker was in good health. An operation was performed in March, from which he made a quick recovery.

