NURSE'S FIENDISH ACT

Put Baby on a Hot Stove—Infant Dies—Woman Arrested.

Having confessed that she held a two-and-a-half-year-old baby against a hot stove because he cried, Marjorie Miller, twenty-seven years old, a nurse in the employ of William Johnson, of No. 125 Walton street, Williamsburg, was arrested last night after the child had died from its injuries.

Johnson employed the woman soon after the death of his wife, a year ago. She was supposed to care for his three children, Mamie, nine years old; Catherine, five years old, and Arthur, the baby. The youngest child cried constantly for his mother, and while Johnson was absent during the day the nurse is said to have punished the child severely. Neighbors told the police last night that the woman beat all three children frequently and terrorized them into silence when their father came home.

Johnson returned to his home on February 21 to find that his little son was suffering from severe burns on the body and legs. The nurse explained that the child had stumbled against the stove and had been burned before she could reach him.

Dr. J. H. Kapper, of No. 252 Havemeyer street, attended the child, and at the time remarked to the father that he could not understand how the child could have been so badly burned by stumbling against the stove.

When the child died last night the coroner's office and the police were notified. Detective Clare, of the Clymer street station, was assigned to the case. He talked to the two other children, and the crime was revealed. Mamie said that she was present when the nurse put the baby on top of the hot stove and held him there. Miss Miller, she said, had beat her and threatened her so that she feared to tell her father. The woman was immediately arrested and taken to the Clymer street station. There she broke down and confessed, saying that the child had annoyed her so much by his crying that she held him over the stove to punish him. She was locked up on a charge of homicide, and will be arraigned in the Bedford avenue court this morning.

COLBY FOR HUGHES.

Urges Congregation to Work for Direct Primary System.

Ex-Senator Everett Colby, of New Jersey, the leader of the New Idea movement in that state, made an address in favor of direct primaries before the congregation at the Church of the Messiah yesterday morning. Previously the Rev. John Haynes Holmes had preached on "Religion and Politics."

Mr. Colby's address was made in the chapel of the church. "I assume," he said, "that you are all voters," and, looking at the women, he added: "I regret that to a certain extent this must be an assumption."

When he had finished his explanation of the workings of the direct primaries system, he continued:

"I hope that you will give your best efforts in support of Governor Hughes in his fight for primary reform. You can do this by passing resolutions and sending them to him, by writing letters to your friends and neighbors, and giving him such moral support as you may be able to give."

BOSTON MAN SUICIDE.

Kills Himself in Brooklyn Boarding House, Leaving Letter to Mother.

Rawley Drowne, of Boston, committed suicide by cutting his throat at his boarding house, No. 151 Remsen street, Brooklyn Heights, yesterday morning. He left a sealed letter, addressed to Mrs. W. L. Drowne, No. 18 Thetford street, Dorchester, Mass.

Drowne shared the room with a friend, who left town about four days ago. Last night his employer, R. M. Hooker, of Morristown, N. J., who has offices at No. 266 Greenwich street, Manhattan, gave directions to an undertaker to prepare the body for shipment to Boston this morning.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, March 7.—Rawley Drowne was twenty-two years old. He lived with his mother at No. 18 Thetford street, Dorchester, until two weeks ago, when he went to New York and started work with the Cabinet Catalogue Company. His brother, Dr. E. L. Drowne, is resident physician of the Boston City Hospital. Neither his mother nor brother can understand why he should have committed suicide.

The news of the suicide was received by the mother from the New York police to-night, and Dr. Drowne left on the midnight train for New York.

CHURCH FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal, in East 118th Street, Holds Celebration.

A celebration in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of its organization was held yesterday in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, at No. 319 East 118th street. The sermon was preached by Bishop Goodsell, who took for his text "Stir up the gift of God that is within thee." Addresses were made by the Rev. Dwight Arthur Jordan, the minister of the church, and Hiram R. Smith, of Rockville Centre, Long Island.

The Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church was organized as a Sunday school in a small room at First avenue and 118th street. The Sunday school grew rapidly, and within a short time services were held in another room of the building. Later the Second Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church was organized, and after twenty-five years purchased the site on which the church now stands. The first services were held on Trinity Sunday, and in commemoration of the day the church received its present name.

A programme of service has been arranged for several days of this week. On Monday the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, will deliver an address entitled "Lincoln." The Ladies' Aid Society will give a turkey dinner in the assembly room on Tuesday, and on Wednesday there will be a meeting of the present and past officers of the church. Thursday will be given up to a reunion of the Church Brotherhood League and the Epworth League, and on Sunday the Rev. William H. Richard, a former pastor, will address a reunion of former superintendents of the Sunday school.

FINED $10 FOR SUBWAY SMOKING.

As an express stopped at the Grand Central Station of the subway early yesterday morning John Horn, of No. 25 West 98th street, who says he is a clerk in a broker's office, tried to enter it with a lighted cigarette in his hand. Henry Hay, a guard, warned him that he would be liable to arrest. For his answer Hay told Magistrate Steinert, in the Yorkville court later, he got a kick in the shins from Horn. Magistrate Steinert fined him $10.

"BILLY" SUNDAY'S ASSAILANT CRAZY.

Springfield, Ill., March 7.—A jury in the County Court last night returned a verdict of insanity in the case of Sherman Potts, of Lovington, Ill., who, a week ago, assaulted the evangelist, "Billy" Sunday, with a buggy whip while Sunday was addressing an audience in the Tabernacle. Potts has an hallucination that he is commissioned to chastise certain people of whose religious methods he disapproves.

SPECIAL SESSION FOR TEXAS BILLS.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Austin, Tex., March 7.—The Governor will call a special session to pass the 2-cent fare, the guarantee deposit and appropriation bills.

NEWARK YOUTH SHOT IN LEG.

Patrick O'Shea, eighteen years old, of Newark, was shot in the thigh last night in that city. William Bleiddrey, who is accused of the shooting, said he was attacked by a gang and that he fired to protect himself.

WESTON OFF MONDAY.

Veteran Pedestrian Will Start on Trip to Pacific.

His face as ruddy, his carriage as erect and his step as firm as a young athlete, Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, visited The Tribune office yesterday to announce that next Monday he would start from this city on a walk to San Francisco. Mr. Weston will be seventy-one years old on that day. As he put it when a reporter asked his age: "They tell me I will be seventy-one years old next Monday, but I don't feel it."

Mr. Weston will celebrate his threescore and eleventh birthday by starting on a jaunt of some 4,200 miles, which he hopes to finish in one hundred days. Sundays are excluded from these calculations, for Mr. Weston does not walk on the Sabbath. In answer to a question whether this was on account of religious scruples or for rest, the veteran said: "Well, I'll tell you, my mother was a Presbyterian and she was always afraid that I would be a pugilist and mix up with gamblers. She made me observe the Sabbath, and you know, I'm somewhat superstitious, so I never have walked on Sunday."

The start of the ocean-to-ocean "constitutional" will be from the General Postoffice. Postmaster Morgan will be the starter. Two judges and an attendant will follow Mr. Weston over the entire route in an automobile.

The first part of the route will be up Broadway to Kingsbridge, Yonkers and Tarrytown, where he will remain overnight. Mr. Weston expects to walk forty-eight miles, to Poughkeepsie, on the second day. Mr. Weston has not decided on his route after leaving Chicago. The officials of the Union Pacific Railroad and the Southern Pacific Railroad will obtain for him from their section foremen reports on the condition of the roads about April 10.

Captain James E. Schuyler, Company B, 7th Regiment, has offered to give Mr. Weston a "send-off." The walker was a member of Company B in the old 7th Regiment. Captain Schuyler said in a letter to Mr. Weston that the men of his command would be glad to accompany the pedestrian in civilian dress for a short distance of the trip to lend him encouragement.

BURGLARS BLOW SAFE.

Posts of Four Policemen Meet at the Scene of Newark Robbery.

Safe burglars operated in the grocery and meat store of Leser Lehman, at No. 464 Broad street, Newark, yesterday morning. They blew open an old-fashioned safe and got $100 in cash. The store is on a corner where the posts of four policemen meet, and is under the glare of electric lights.

The burglars must have used an extra charge of explosive, for it is believed it was the shock of the discharge that threw Mrs. Frederick R. Ford, who lives next door, from her bed. Mrs. Ford was awakened about 4 o'clock by falling to the floor. Thinking she had been dreaming, she climbed back to bed without investigating.

That the burglars were professionals is the belief of Captain Carroll, of the detective bureau. They gained entrance to the building through a rear door of the cellar. They cut their way through a wooden partition and forced a door leading to where the safe stood. Three holes bored in the front of the "strong box" showed how the visitors worked. They used either nitroglycerine or dynamite. Before "loading" the bores the men muffled the safe with rags, and must have been working at the task for a long time.

Mr. Lehman, who is a member of the Newark Board of Education, owns a number of stores in Newark and the suburbs, and the police think the burglars calculated on finding Saturday's receipts from all the stores in the safe.

ACTORS AND MANAGER ARRESTED.

Accused of Violating the Sunday Theatrical Law.

Captain Walsh, of the East 126th street station, and Detectives Lafferty and Fox last night arrested William Johnson and Joseph Kelly, actors, behind the scenes of the Gotham Theatre, 125th street, near Third avenue, charging them with violating the Sunday theatrical law. They also arrested Morris Rosenbluh, the manager of the theatre, on a like charge.

The actors were arrested after they had appeared in red coats and danced. Captain Walsh says the coats constituted a "make-up," which is prohibited. The three men were bailed out at the station house in $500 each.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN ROADWAY.

Stranger in Frock Coat Has Fractured Skull and Many Bruises.

Lying unconscious in the roadway, his skull fractured and his body badly bruised, a well dressed man about forty years old was found by Patrolman Gassman, of the Greenpoint avenue station, in front of No. 736 Manhattan avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday. He was hurried to St. Catharine's Hospital, and the surgeons say he will probably die.

It is thought by the police that the man was struck by a car of the Lorimer street line, which runs through the street at that point. He was dressed in a black frock coat and gray trousers. He is 5 feet 6 inches in height, and weighs 165 pounds. There were no marks on his clothing that he could be identified by.

UNEMPLOYED SALESMAN A SUICIDE.

Found by Landlady with Bullet in His Brain—Had Been Dead Twelve Hours.

Robert Robertson, a salesman, was found dead in his room at No. 16 Charlton street, yesterday morning, a suicide. He had shot himself in the right temple, and had been dead for probably twelve hours when the body was discovered.

The house, a furnished room house, is kept by Miss Rose Brentini. She said yesterday that the young man came to the place last Wednesday and took his room. On Saturday morning she went to his room to straighten up things, but did not disturb him when she saw his light was burning. All day Saturday she saw nothing of him, and yesterday morning, when she again mounted the stairs to the second floor, she saw his light was still burning. Then she pushed open the door, and saw him lying face downward on the floor.

Robertson was formerly employed as a salesman by the drygoods firm of Charles Broadway Rouss, at No. 553 Broadway, but lost his place about six months ago. It is supposed that he became despondent because he could not find work.

PREACHER WILL ARREST SPITTERS.

The Rev. John L. Scudder, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Jersey City, said yesterday that he will wear a police badge on the outside of his coat and go about the city to find and arrest violators of the anti-spitting law. He is one of the organizers of the Jersey City Anti-Spitting League, of which Mrs. Bedford Allison is president.

Recently, in a trolley car, Mrs. Scudder, the pastor's wife, stopped a man from spitting with a threat to arrest him.

TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBITION OPENS.

Washington, March 7 (Special).—The tuberculosis exhibition, opened here last night by the Washington branch of the New Jersey State Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, has attracted the attention not only of the entire county, but of all this part of the state. The ministers of all the churches mentioned the exhibition at their morning services. A programme has been arranged for the week which includes lectures and demonstrations by the leading men of the state in anti-tuberculosis work.

SHOPKEEPER ARRESTED AFTER FIRE.

Morris Peal, who conducts a little candy store at No. 89 Prince street, Newark, is held on suspicion of knowing something about a fire which started in his store yesterday morning while several families were asleep in the flats overhead. Peal carried $5,000 insurance. Unless a representative of one of the insurance companies prefers a charge against Peal to-morrow Police Captain Vogel will charge Peal with having had in his apartment more gasolene than allowed by law.

OCEAN GROVE HEARING

Camp Meeting Contingent Will Contest Change in Law.

[Special Correspondence of The Tribune.]

Trenton, March 7.—A number of hearings are scheduled for to-morrow, but the one which is expected to draw the largest crowd is that on the Ocean Grove borough bill. A special train has been chartered by those in favor of the passage of this measure to take them to Trenton, and it is promised that at least four hundred residents of the camp meeting district will make the journey.

The Ocean Grove borough bill was introduced by Assemblyman Poole, of Monmouth County, and those in favor of the measure say they believe that the incorporation of Ocean Grove as a borough will not prejudice or affect the character of the place, or the religious or secular interests of the association, but will very materially enhance the interests of all the property owners and residents of Ocean Grove and permit the installing of all modern improvements.

The opponents of the bill, however, say that Ocean Grove should be kept sacred from intrusion and that its rigid rules should be maintained. At the present time no liquor is allowed to be sold within its gates, and Sunday sales of all kinds are prohibited.

At 3 o'clock the Municipal Corporations Committee will give a hearing on Assemblyman Otto's bill, which wipes out the police, fire, tax, excise and street and water boards in Jersey City and Newark and places the control of these departments in the hands of a council of five, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Other hearings by this committee will be on Assemblyman Meyer's bills, which require trolley, electric and gas companies to file annual statistics with the State Controller, showing stock issued, dividends paid, bonds issued, indebtedness, earnings, etc. These bills, according to the introducer, are to stop stock watering; and the bill of Stacey Smith, which makes it a misdemeanor for any person owning, keeping or having the management or control of public dance houses, concert saloons, theatrical, acrobatic or vaudeville performances, moving picture shows or theatres to permit children under the age of sixteen years to attend the same unless accompanied by parents or guardians.

Another hearing, which also promises to be a large one, will be given by the Assembly Committee on Education on the substitute for the original teachers' tenure of office bill. This measure provides that public school principals, teachers, etc., shall be protected from summary dismissal after three years in one place, the three years to be reckoned from the time the act goes into effect.

EMIL JORDAN CAUGHT.

Lion Tamer, Wanted Here on Serious Charge, Arrested.

According to advices received in this city last night, Emil Jordan, a lion tamer, once employed at Bostock's animal show at Coney Island, was arrested last night in San Francisco by two Secret Service men, who have been hunting for him for six months.

Jordan had been attacked several times by lions he had been training, and was bitten severely about the arms. Scars on his arms and chest made it easy for the Secret Service men to identify their prisoner.

Jordan was taken into custody by the immigration officials at this port on a charge of being concerned in the importing of women from France into this country for immoral purposes. The report from San Francisco that Jordan is wanted here for the murder of a policeman, but the immigration officials at this port declare that such a crime was not committed by Jordan in this country. It is believed that the alleged murder of the policeman occurred in France.

About six months ago Jordan was taken to Ellis Island and detained in the "strong room" with several other aliens awaiting deportation. Before a board of special inquiry had decided on his deportation Jordan sawed two bars in the detention room and made his escape from the island at night.

He will be brought from San Francisco to-morrow, and is due here next Sunday.

FINED FOR DISTRIBUTING CIRCULARS.

Printer Arrested at Entrance to Cooper Union, Where Socialists Are Meeting.

Luther S. Bedford, a printer, of No. 51 Barrow street, was arrested at the Fourth avenue entrance to Cooper Union last night on the charge of violating a section of the city ordinances regarding the distribution of circulars. He was arraigned later in the night court before Magistrate Kernochan and fined $1.

A Socialist meeting was being held at Cooper Union at the time Bedford was arrested, and the circulars he was distributing contained a number of caustic references to Controller Metz, August Belmont and Thomas F. Ryan. The circulars were headed, "Minute Men Arouse." They stated that the McAdoo tunnel must be blocked, as it was being put through by the "Belmont and Ryan syndicate in disguise."

BANK VICTIM OF SMOOTH GAME.

Bad Check Deposited in Paterson and Cash Drawn in New York.

Paterson, March 7 (Special).—Through a clever swindle the Bank of the Metropolis, of New York, is out $2,600.

A man giving his name as Julius Gordon came to this city recently and opened an account with a local bank. He said he was about to engage in business, and showed a receipt for a month's rent on a Main street store. Then he made a deposit of $1,000. A few days later he deposited $200, and then followed a check on a New York bank for $2,600. The following day he went to New York, drew a check on the Paterson bank for $3,800, and had it cashed at the Bank of the Metropolis. Meanwhile the $2,600 check deposited here had been returned marked "N. G.," and when the check cashed at the Bank of the Metropolis came the actual amount to the credit of Gordon was $1,200.

It is not known how Gordon succeeded in having the bank officials in New York cash the check, as neither they nor the detectives working on the case will discuss the matter.

MISSION CONFERENCE AT MONTCLAIR.

All Congregational Churches of Northern New Jersey Will Be Represented.

Montclair, March 7 (Special).—The Congregational churches of Montclair, Newark, Cedar Grove, Closter, Howarth, Glen Ridge, Nutley and other towns in Northern New Jersey will be represented at an important conference on missions which will be opened in the First Congregational Church here on Tuesday. The Rev. W. Douglas McKenzie, president of the Hartford Theological Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. J. P. Jones, of India, will make a presentation of the case of the missions. Among the other speakers will be the Rev. Dr. G. H. Herring, the Rev. Dr. C. H. Richards, the Rev. Dr. C. J. Ryder, the Rev. A. E. Riker and the Rev. G. W. Moore.

The conference will be a notable one. The movement which prompts it is a country-wide simultaneous campaign for certain practical ends. It is expected that $500,000 will be raised by the Congregational churches. This amount will wipe out all the existing debts of the Congregational boards and will go far toward launching them on the apportionment plan of the denomination.

With this plan in operation the Church will have reached the $2,000,000 mark, and the era of debts will have gone. The missionary activities of the Congregational Church has been developing so rapidly that it has been almost impossible to keep up with its requirements.

DETECTIVES RAID BOYS' CAVE.

Bayonne detectives raided a cave at the foot of 38th street yesterday and arrested Frank and George Kochler, Harry Mohring, Emil Plisinger and Peter O'Donnell, none of whom is more than fourteen years old. The first three are charged with burglary and the other two are held as witnesses. The cave was ornamented with revolvers and daggers and was well supplied with food, cigarettes, cigars, dime novels and candy.

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES

Both Military Services Worried About Various Matters.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]

Washington, March 7.

PAY TABLE MYSTERIES.—A mysterious interest is exerted each session to have a change in the law for computing payments for fractional parts of the month, and the suggestion greatly disturbs the disbursing officers of the military and naval establishments. This would be of much inconvenience to them, and each year it has been possible to point out to Congress that such a provision should not be made. This undesirable requirement was discovered as a section in the sundry civil bill, from which it was excluded on points of order raised in the House by Messrs. Roberts, Driscoll and Bennet, of New York. For more than sixty years, at least, the army, for instance, has been paid on a basis of thirty days constituting a month. This disposition of time was confirmed by Controller's decisions, but there was no specific law on the subject until 1903, and again in 1906. The method of payment is very simple and well understood by every one, officers and enlisted men alike. As it is, there are ninety-three monthly and daily rates of pay for officers of the army and 252 rates for enlisted men, besides the additional pay for mounts, marksmanship, extra duty, etc. If the legislation which was contained in the sundry civil bill had been enacted it would make necessary 908 daily rates for enlisted men and 372 for officers, while the pay table would contain 152 pages, instead of thirty-eight pages, there being statistics for a twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty and thirty-one day month. There is never a payroll or final statement and seldom an officer's pay account that does not contain one or more fractional monthly computations for pay, clothing allowance, court martial fines, etc. Any change in the present law would cause great confusion in payments, and greater liability to error would be a detriment to the government and work no material benefit to any individual. It evidently requires great vigilance to keep some one from imposing this awkward arrangement on the military-naval disbursing officers.

LAST OF NAVY LAUNCHES.—The familiar steam launch which has long served the navy is to be abandoned. When it was adopted it was considered the final improvement in the way of water transportation, being a modern substitute for the boat pulled by oarsmen. It has now been recommended, and the recommendation has been approved, that the gasolene boat take the place of the steam launch on all ships of war. This means greater speed for that type of craft. This recommendation in favor of the gasolene boat has been made by a board of officers attached to the Atlantic fleet, and is in the line of the improvements which have been suggested in small boats generally. It is desired to cut down the number of boats carried and to use as few as possible of the type which must be pulled by hand. In some few instances the pulling boat will be retained merely for aquatic contests.

LOOKOUT TOWERS FOR ALL BATTLESHIPS—Orders have been issued to the commandants of the various navy yards, including that at New York, to prepare to put the new skeleton fire control towers on the Connecticut, the Vermont, the Kansas, the Louisiana, the Georgia and the New Jersey. The four ships first named constitute the reorganized first division of the Atlantic fleet, while the Georgia and the New Jersey are of the third division. It is hoped to have at least one skeleton tower on all the other ships of the Atlantic fleet while the vessels are at the navy yards, and to this end the time to be devoted to repairs and alterations at Brooklyn and other places has been extended to June 15. It is required that the ships will then leave the navy yards and reassemble, with the idea of going through preliminary drills, which will precede the battle practice off the New England coast. This in turn will be followed by target practice on the ranges at Guantanamo, when occasion will be taken to land the men at that naval station and have battle practice with small arms. The battleships which will have only one skeleton mast at this time will go to the navy yards later in the year to receive the additional tower. It has been decided that no change is necessary in the structure, which has been under careful observation by naval constructors on the Idaho, where an experimental mast was reared with a view to determining its stability and whether there was too much vibration on the platform. An admirable opportunity was afforded for observation when the Idaho went out to meet the returning fleet, and as a result of that heavy weather it was found that the skeleton mast, as it has been designed and tentatively adopted, will meet all the conditions of service.

POLO PONIES AUTHORIZED.—Army officers who are interested in polo will be gratified to learn that the Secretary of War has decided that they may keep an extra horse, such as a polo pony, provided the allowance for forage which is legal for two horses is not exceeded. Acommodations will be provided for such animals at the post stables, and care and attention will be given them in the usual way so long as no additional expense is imposed upon the government.

BATTLESHIPS HAVE FEW DEFECTS.—Surprisingly few recommendations are made for important changes in the ships of the Atlantic fleet as a result of the circumnavigating cruise. Officers attached to those vessels made a special point of observing what was regarded as necessary in the promotion of comfort of those on board. Special reference was made to the ventilation of those parts of the ship where the officers and men live. In most respects the observers reported that the care taken in that direction is sufficient. The one suggestion for material alteration is that of the ventilation cowls on the forecastle. It was found in some of the storms encountered that these cowls had to be unshipped, thus shutting off a great part of the enlisted men's living quarters from ventilation. One proposition is to locate the cowls somewhere near the conning tower. The naval constructors will be called upon to make suggestions.

NO MORE WEST POINT CADETS.—It is a keen disappointment to the Military Academy authorities to have Congress fail to act on the urgent recommendations made by the officers at West Point in favor of an increase in the corps of cadets. The proposed increase in the corps would result in the graduation of about one hundred and thirty cadets a year, beginning three years hence. Without considering any probability of a future enlargement of the army, this number will be barely sufficient to fill the vacancies caused in the service by ordinary casualties. The enlargement of the Military Academy has now progressed to the extent that about one hundred and twenty-five more cadets can be accommodated.

ARMY SHORT OF SURGEONS.—The army medical corps officers are much concerned over the existence of more than one hundred vacancies in the junior grade in that branch of the military establishment. It was expected that there would be no difficulty in filling these vacancies in the corps by reason of the legislation which vastly improved the conditions of personnel and furnished reasonable assurance of promotions. Some of these vacancies will be filled, of course, by the class of provisionally qualified candidates who are about to be finally examined at the army medical school, thirty-three in number. The recent examinations resulted in fourteen candidates who were found to be qualified, but who will have to attend the school in Washington next year. The thirty-three medical reserve officers who are to be examined will not be commissioned until June, while all the others will not be eligible to commissions until next year. If a reasonable number of these should pass there will still be nearly sixty vacancies in the grade of first lieutenant, army medical corps. It has been decided that another examination shall be held in July, at a date when the medical schools of the country have held their graduations. There should be ready then to take the examination a large number of candidates, who will be duly apprised of the event in the hope that most of the vacancies will be filled.

ORDERS.—The following orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Major MOSES G. ZALINSKI, assume charge quartermaster's depot in Washington.

Captain WALTER B. M'CASKEY, 12th Infantry, from Peekskill to his company.

Second Lieutenant EDGAR M. WHITING, from 1st to 10th Cavalry.

Leaves of absence: Captain FRANK S. ARMSTRONG, 9th Cavalry, three months; Captain WALTER B. M'CASKEY, 12th Infantry, two months; Captain ROBERT G. PAXTON, 10th Cavalry, three months, with permission to go abroad; First Lieutenant CHARLES R. MAYO, 10th Cavalry, one month from June 15, with permission to go abroad.

NAVY.

Captain H. OSTERHAUS, detached command the Connecticut; to command 2d Division, Atlantic fleet, hoisting flag on the Minnesota.

Ensign D. I. SELFRIDGE, detached the Virginia; to Bureau of Ordnance.

Ensign H. F. LEARY, detached the Minnesota; to Bureau of Ordnance.

Ensign R. M. BRAINARD, detached the Louisiana; to Bureau of Ordnance.

Ensign W. P. WILLIAMSON, detached the Kansas; to Bureau of Ordnance.

Ensign G. L. CASKEY, detached the Georgia; to Bureau of Ordnance.

Ensign W. E. HALL, detached the Ohio; home, leave one month.

Passed Assistant Paymaster W. L. F. SIMONPIETRI, detached the Supply; home, await orders.

Passed Assistant Paymaster W. G. NEILL, detached the Franklin; await orders.

Assistant Paymaster R. S. CHEW, Jr., detached navy yard, Norfolk; to the Minnesota.

Assistant Paymaster E. H. VAN PATTEN, to the Franklin, March 31.

Assistant Paymaster E. A. COBEY, additional duty the West Virginia.

Assistant Paymaster T. P. BALLENGER, to the Georgia, March 27.

Assistant Paymaster J. S. LUCHSINGER, to the New Jersey.

Assistant Paymaster R. V. DE W. BLEECKER, to the Colorado, March 31.

Assistant Naval Constructor S. M. HENRY, detached navy yard, Mare Island, March 31, to navy yard, Puget Sound.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.—The following movements of war vessels have been reported at the Navy Department:

ARRIVED.

March 4—The Saturn at San Francisco.

SAILED.

March 4—The Chester from Bradford for navy yard, New York; the Salem and the Birmingham from Bradford for Portsmouth, N. H.; the Saturn from Mare Island for San Francisco; the Whipple from Mare Island for San Pedro.

March 6—The Tecumseh and the Choctaw from Washington for Norfolk.

Vessels of Atlantic fleet will be reassigned March 8 to divisions as follows: First Division—The Connecticut (flag), the Kansas, the Vermont and the Louisiana. Second Division—The Minnesota (flag); other vessels will be ordered to this division later. Third Division—The Georgia (flag), the New Jersey, the Rhode Island and the Nebraska. Fourth Division—The Virginia (flag), the Ohio, the Missouri and the Wisconsin.

It is the department's intention that when the fleet reassembles the New Hampshire, the Idaho and the Mississippi shall be ordered to join the 2d Division.

CRUISE OF ASIATIC SQUADRON.

Manila, March 8.—The Asiatic squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Giles B. Harber, consisting of the cruisers Charleston, Cleveland, Galveston, Denver and Chattanooga, will sail from Manila on Wednesday to cruise for several months in northern waters. The ships will visit every important port in the North, including Hong Kong and Vladivostok, and will later pass a month in Japanese waters.

NOTES FROM THE NAVY YARD.

The Florida's Keel To Be Laid To-morrow—Work on the Big Ships.

Arrangements have been completed for laying the keel plates of the battleship Florida at the navy yard in Brooklyn to-morrow morning. The work will begin at 8 o'clock, with Rear Admiral Goodrich and Naval Constructor W. J. Baxter in charge. So much work has been added to the regular duties of the construction and repair department by the recent consolidation of shops that it is found advisable to transfer some of the clerks back to the departments where they were formerly employed.

The scout cruiser Chester came to the yard late on Saturday afternoon for a final grooming and overhauling preparatory to her contest with the Salem and the Birmingham in an endurance, speed and coal consumption test. The trial is expected to determine the relative merits of the Parsons and Curtis turbines and the reciprocating engine, the Chester being fitted with the Parsons and the Salem with the Curtis turbine, and the Birmingham with the reciprocating engine.

The battleship Ohio is in Drydock 3, being cleaned and painted, and the Rhode Island is awaiting her turn. The Connecticut and the Nebraska are expected at the yard within the next few days, and, as the Chester goes into Drydock 2 this morning, there are prospects of considerable activity in all departments.

The skeleton mast of the Massachusetts is practically completed, and, as it is the first one seen at the station, it is the subject of much comment. The battleship is nearly ready to go into commission, and it is expected that she will be in active service within a month. She has been much improved by her overhauling and partial rebuilding, and, although much smaller than the later additions to the fleet is declared to be in excellent fighting condition.

With machinery from the yards and docks and equipment shops added to its already ample supply, the big shop of the steam engineering department is becoming uncomfortably crowded.

FEAR MISSING MAN WAS SLAIN.

Had Quarrel with Two Negroes, and All Were Put Off Car.

Red Bank, March 7.—Search is being made for William Thorne, of Atlantic Highlands, who has been missing since last night and who, it is feared, has met with violence at the hands of two negroes. Thorne, while on a trolley car late last night, became involved in a fight with the two negroes, who were also passengers. The three became so violent that the crew of the trolley car ejected them at a lonely spot near Middletown. What occurred to them after the car departed and they were swallowed up by the darkness is not known.

Thorne's friends fear that after the three were left alone in the lonely spot Thorne was killed by the negroes and his body hidden. Who the negroes were or where they came from no one seems to know.

ARREST IN HECKLAU ASSAULT CASE.

Former Boarder in Newark Man's Home Held on Suspicion.

Elliott F. Goddard, fifty-four years old, a collector employed by an Elizabeth clothing firm, is under arrest on suspicion of being the man who assaulted Rheinhold Hecklau, in Newark on Wednesday night. Hecklau is in the City Hospital with a fractured skull, and is not yet out of danger. Goddard was arrested in Elizabeth last night.

A conductor on an Elizabeth and Newark trolley car, who had picked up a passenger near the scene of the assault, was taken to Elizabeth by Captain Brown and asked to look over the employes of the firm where Goddard is employed. The conductor, without hesitation, identified Goddard, who was placed under arrest. Goddard was the first man suspected of the assault, as he had formerly boarded at the Hecklau house, but had been ordered away by Hecklau because of his alleged attention to Mrs. Hecklau.

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