BLAMES ELSBERG LAW

ALBERT B. BOARDMAN FOR REPEAL OF MEASURE.

Says It Prevents Further Subway Building—Thinks P. S. C. Has Too Much Power.

"The Elsberg bill," said Albert B. Boardman, counsel to the old Rapid Transit Commission, yesterday, "should have been entitled, 'An act to prevent further extensive subway construction in the city of New York.'"

Mr. Boardman ventures the prediction that little more subway construction may be expected without the repeal of the Elsberg law, and he goes even further, and says that it is doubtful about more being built while the Public Service Commission enjoys its present power. It was in answer to a question as to whether the Elsberg law had been of pecuniary or moral benefit to the city that Mr. Boardman said:

"The Elsberg law is a very long document amending the rapid transit act in many ways. I am not prepared to say that some of its features may not be good, but the fundamental principle of the bill, by which the discretion of the city authorities is restricted so that they cannot offer a lease sufficiently long to attract private capital, is plainly bad.

"It is bad in principle because it offends against the doctrine of home rule. It is bad in practice because it makes it impossible to secure private capital to build new subways, which the city so greatly needs. Of course, I do not mean to say that such a short extension of an existing subway as that proposed by Mr. McAdoo cannot be financed with private capital under the law as it now stands. Cream will always sell at a better price than milk.

"At the time Mr. Rives and I opposed the Elsberg bill at the hearing before the Mayor we presented to him certain figures based on a conservative estimate of the cost of constructing and equipping another subway system of the length and general character of the system now in operation. We assumed that the new system could be made ready for operation within five years, and as soon as opened for business it would have all the passengers it could carry, distributing the traffic through the day as the present subway traffic is distributed.

"Arguing from the data thus obtained, we demonstrated, as it seemed to me with mathematical accuracy, that it would be absolutely impossible that the promoters of such a new system could get their money back if they were offered by the city authorities the best terms of the Elsberg bill. The Mayor did not dispute our figures, and so far as I know they never have been disputed by any one.

"The Mayor said in effect: 'There is a great popular demand for this legislation. Subways seem to be very attractive. Let us try what can be done under the restricted authority granted by the Elsberg bill, and if we fail we can always repeal the bill and restore the legislation which it wipes out.'

"The mere revival of the powers granted to the city authorities under the earlier legislation with reference to possible duration of the lease will not, in my opinion, be sufficient to attract private capital in any large way. There is another very serious difficulty which must be removed. I refer to the doubt existing in the public mind about the powers and duties, and, I may add, the disposition, of the Public Service Commission. Proper regulation in the public interest is one thing. The management of railroads by persons who have no pecuniary interest therein, and who are not elected by the stockholders, is another.

"I was dining the other day with a distinguished man formerly connected with Harvard University, who made in substance the following statement: 'The Massachusetts Public Service law was one of the first laws of the kind passed in this country, and it has been used as a model for the legislatures of other states. The Massachusetts commissioners have always been men of high character who have performed their duties admirably, but there has been no railroad construction of any consequence in Massachusetts since the passage of the law.'

"I admit the necessity for the regulation of corporations such as railroads, gas companies and the like," continued Mr. Boardman, "but the people might as well understand, first as last, that if they are interested in the revival of the constructive energy of the country, upon which, in my judgment, our ability to find work for our mechanics, artisans and laborers depends, capital must know in advance what are to be the rules of the game in which it is asked to sit. It will decline to go into any blind pool.

"You can 'regulate' existing corporations out of existence, but while doing so you cannot expect new ones to be formed to be the victims of such a governmental policy. We are now passing through a period of transition. I have no doubt about the final outcome. The question with which we are now struggling will be ultimately settled on reasonable lines, the public and private interests being alike protected, but in the mean time there is bound to be much suffering and some hard feeling, and the saddest feature of the whole matter is, as generally happens, the rich will be able to take care of themselves, while the poor will be compelled to suffer.

"Coming back to the case of the Elsberg bill, the sooner that measure is repealed the sooner the city will be in a position to make an attractive proposition for the construction of rapid transit lines."

STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY HERE.

Miss C. A. Hotchkiss, of Middletown, Conn., Was on Her Way to Hotel When Attacked.

Miss Cornelia A. Hotchkiss, seventy years old, of Middletown, Conn., on her way from Atlantic City to the Martha Washington Hotel here, was stricken with paralysis and apoplexy in the ferry-house of the Pennsylvania Railroad at West 23d street yesterday evening. Miss Hotchkiss was taken to the New York Hospital a private patient.

Accompanied by her sister and another woman, Miss Hotchkiss spent a week at Atlantic City and planned to spend a week in this city before returning to Middletown.

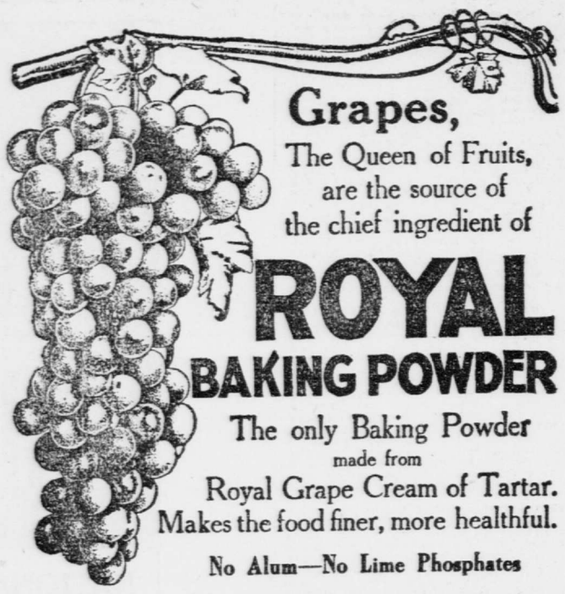
While waiting for a cab, Miss Hotchkiss collapsed. Patrolman Leibler got an invalid's chair, and after caring for the woman sent for an ambulance from the New York Hospital, where Miss Hotchkiss was taken.

NEW SYSTEM FOR MT. KISCO STARTED.

After many legal battles brought by taxpayers of Mount Kisco, in the northern section of Westchester County, to prevent the village carrying out an agreement with the city of New York, allowing the city to build a sewage disposal plant for it, all the injunctions against the village have been quashed, and yesterday Justice Martin J. Keogh, of the Supreme Court, appointed a commission to condemn land for the plant. This is the first step toward the construction of a new system for Mount Kisco and toward the prevention of future pollution of New York City's watershed in that section.

R. G. COLT TO ENTER EXCHANGE FIRM.

Russell Griswold Colt, who on Monday married Miss Ethel Barrymore, is within a few weeks to enter the Stock Exchange firm of H. L. Horton & Co., it was learned yesterday. The members of that firm are H. L. Horton, Frederic W. Anness and C. B. Mears, the latter being the board member. The firm's principal office is at No. 66 Broadway, but before May 1 it is to be moved to the new Knickerbocker Trust Building, near by.



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TRIAL FOR HEGEMAN.

Jerome Wins Metropolitan Case—Court of Appeals Decision.

Albany, March 16.—The Court of Appeals to-day decided in effect that John R. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, must stand trial on a charge of perjury growing out of alleged misstatements made in his annual report of the Metropolitan Life, filed with the State Superintendent of Insurance on January 1, 1905.

Mr. Hegeman was arrested in February, 1908, on warrants issued by Magistrate Corrigan, of New York, charging perjury and forgery. The Appellate Division, First Department, held that there was no foundation for the charges, and directed that the habeas corpus writ, which had been sued out by Mr. Hegeman when he was arrested on information filed by District Attorney Jerome, be upheld and that the defendant be discharged.

District Attorney Jerome carried the case to the Court of Appeals, which to-day reversed the order of the Appellate Division, affirmed that of the Special Term in the perjury case, and affirmed the order of the Appellate division in the forgery case.

The charge of perjury for which Hegeman will have to stand trial is based on an affidavit that he, as president, and James S. Roberts, as secretary of the insurance company, swore that on December 31, 1904, there was owing to the company $1,492,375 on account of loans similar to those scheduled in the cash book of the company on which the forgery charge was based.

GIRLS HALT LAW-MAKING.

Vassar Students Invade Legislature to Prepare for Debate.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, March 16.—Committee hearings and legislative and political conferences, in fact the entire work of the Legislature, came to a stop with a jolt this afternoon, when six pretty Vassar juniors and seniors, in search of information about direct nominations, reached the Capitol. There was a wild scramble to give the information. It was surprising how many dignified legislators suddenly appeared in the Assembly chamber, word having spread like wildfire that the Vassar students were there.

The college students are going to have a debate Saturday night on the Governor's bill for direct nominations. The seniors are against the proposition and the juniors for it. The six who came here were rather coy about giving details, saying that the only objection that college authorities had to their coming to Albany was that their names would be published in the papers.

"We are not going to let anybody but the students and faculty hear the debate," said a little rosy cheeked junior, who wore a green toadstool hat and green feather.

The juniors first conferred with Speaker Wadsworth in his room, where nobdy could hear or see them, but they had plenty of admirers when they came out in search of Assemblyman Green, who is slated to introduce the Governor's bill. They talked to him in the rear of the Assembly chamber, and soon there were very few of the younger legislators who were not in the Assembly chamber.

The juniors learned from the Speaker little that they wanted to know. He told them all the arguments against direct nominations, which he had been delivering in speeches and statements for the last two months. As a result, they had their notebooks full of questions which they fired at Assemblyman Green.

"Will not direct primaries make it possible for many candidates to be put in the field merely for the purpose of defeating one certain candidate?" asked a stately miss, with a red suit and fur hat.

This was one of the questions over which the Assemblyman hesitated. Then the girls wanted to know if under direct primaries the cities could control the rural districts. After it was over Assemblyman Green looked as if he had been working hard.

FOREST SERVICE POLICY.

Indorsed by President Taft, Says Gifford Pinchot.

Denver, March 16.—Invading the heart of the country which has been opposed to the policy of the government's forestry service, Gifford Pinchot, government forester, in an address before the Legislature of Colorado to-day vigorously defended his administration.

Mr. Pinchot declared that he was authorized by the new administration to say that the general policy of creating and maintaining national forests may be regarded as definitely and finally fixed, and that the general lines of policy for which the forest service stands are indorsed and will be supported by President Taft.

"In the exercise of the duty imposed upon it," said Mr. Pinchot, "the forest service has time and again prevented certain men or certain interests from getting things they wanted, but ought not to have, and from these men and these interests the bitterest and most persistent part of the opposition has steadily come. For the opposition it has excited from these interests the forest service has no apologies whatever to make. It purposes to stand resolutely by the policy of preferring to help the small man make a living rather than help the large man make a profit."

NEGRO GETS THIRTY-YEAR SENTENCE.

William H. Johnson, a negro barber, was sentenced yesterday to state prison for thirty years by Judge Rosalsky in Part IV of the Court of General Sessions. He was convicted on a charge of robbery in the first degree, second offence. The jury did not leave the box and deliberated less than a minute.

On February 21 Johnson and his wife, Malvibia, lured Albert Pitney, an elevated railroad guard, living in Hoboken, to the hallway of the building in which they live. Johnson assaulted him, took $36 from him and left him lying unconscious on the floor.

"Men who commit such crimes as this do so with murderous intent," said the Court in sentencing the negro, "and it is not your fault that you are not facing a much more serious charge. You will finally end up by forfeiting your life to the state."

Johnson's wife has not yet been tried.

SAN FRANCISCO MINING STOCKS.

San Francisco, March 16.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks to-day were as follows:

Alpha Con	.03	Justice	.01
Andes	.02	Kentucky Con	.02
Belcher	.38	Mexican	.58
Bullion	.10	Occidental Con	.17
Best & Belcher	.59	Ophir	.96
Caledonia	.11	Overman	.09
Challenge Con	.08	Potosi	.08
Chollar	.06	Savage	.09
Confidence	.45	Sag Belcher	.02
Con Cal & Va	.28	Sierra Nevada	.20
Con Imperial	.01	Union Con	.21
Crown Point	.39	Utah Con	.01
Gould & Curry	.08	Yellow Jacket	.53
Hale & Norcross	.16		

FUNDS FOR SUBWAYS

Constitutional Amendment Medium, Says Senator Wagner.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, March 16.—Before the Judiciary committees of the two houses to-morrow there will be a hearing on the Travis-Lee constitutional amendment exempting from New York City's debt limit income producing bonds issued for transit, water supply or dock purposes. This amendment is before the Legislature for the second time now, and if passed this session will go before the people for their approval at the election next fall. If it were accepted then it would provide funds for subway building, its advocates maintain, which could not be obtained as quickly in any other way.

The hearing to-morrow will be a large one. Chairman Willcox and Commissioner Bassett, of the Public Service Commission, 1st District, came here to-night to urge the passage of the amendment, and delegations representing big civic organizations in Manhattan and Brooklyn will be here to-morrow. Senator Robert Wagner, who as counsel for Jefferson Levy in his debt-limit proceedings had to study the city's financial condition thoroughly, issued a formal statement to-day urging the adoption of this amendment. He took issue with the Cassidy committee, which in its recent report to the Legislature said the city had a debt margin under certain conditions which never have been adjudicated of almost anything up to $135,000,000. A careful study of the report, he said, led him to think the committee was entirely wrong, and the necessity for the passage of the Travis-Lee amendment was obvious. The committee reached its decision, Senator Wagner said, by deducting from the city's gross indebtedness contract liabilities, land liabilities and revenue bonds issued against arrears of taxes, the three aggregating $86,000,000.

While the point whether these debts should be included or excluded from the debt margin had not been adjudicated, said Senator Wagner, all the rulings he could find were against the committee's idea that they should be excluded. He continued:

If, therefore, I am correct—and I am willing to stand or fall upon a fair, clear and judicial interpretation of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court and the courts of this state—the borrowing capacity of the city, even on January 1, 1909, was such a small amount, comparatively speaking, that the urgency of the passage of the concurrent resolution is apparent if we are to have the proper subway facilities, for which there is pressing necessity at the present time in the city of New York. An exclusion from consideration in determining the borrowing capacity of the city of subway bonds and dock bonds in the manner provided by the resolution will immediately eliminate as indebtedness such an amount that the city will have plenty of leeway to undertake at once the construction of subways through those boroughs of the city of New York where private capital refuses under the present law to invest.

It would seem to me to be wise action on the part of the Legislature to pass the resolution, because such action would in no way endanger, or even embarrass, the financial stability of the city of New York, since only those subway and dock bonds are to be included that are self-sustaining. Sound, conservative business judgment should indorse, I am sure, such a procedure.

INSURANCE MEN DEMUR.

Superintendent Hotchkiss Insists on Control of Bankrupt Companies.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, March 16.—A decision to revise the Grattan bill, giving the Superintendent of Insurance power over unsound and bankrupt insurance companies similar to that enjoyed by the Superintendent of Banks under last year's banking reform laws, was reached to-day after insurance companies' representatives had picked flaws in it at a hearing. Superintendent Hotchkiss and some insurance men will get together on Saturday and reach an agreement on a measure which will be substituted for the present bill and passed.

James McKeen appeared for the Mutual Life, James H. McIntosh for the New York Life, Robert Lynn Cox for the Association of Life Insurance Presidents, and ex-Senator Tully for various casualty companies. Mr. McIntosh made the principal argument, declaring that there was no parallel between the insurance business and the banking business to warrant copying the banking law in the proposed insurance law. He pointed out various features which he considered likely to work harm.

"I am quite willing certain changes shall be made to meet the wishes of the insurance companies," said Superintendent Hotchkiss, "so long as the principle involved is not affected, but I do not agree with the contention of some of the speakers that the supervision of this department should cease when companies get in a bad way. That's just when supervision is needed, and I purpose that this department shall have control right through. It is the only way to change conditions where scandalous receiverships have come well nigh shaking the confidence of the people both in the courts and the life insurance companies."

A LEG FOR JEROME.

Senate Passes Bill Increasing Salary After Sharp Debate.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, March 16.—By a vote of 34 to 7 the Senate to-day passed the Grady bill increasing the salary of the District Attorney of New York County from $12,000 to $15,000. Senators Newcomb and Travis, who voted against it in committee, fought it vigorously, but were unable to make any impression on the majority of the Senate. Both Senators urged that New York City was in no financial condition to increase salaries. Senator Newcomb compared the District Attorney's salary with that of the Governor, the Attorney General and the Attorney General of the United States, showing that, under the circumstances, he was a highly paid official.

Just at the end of the debate came a spirited spat between Senators Wagner and Newcomb. Wagner accused Newcomb of opposing the bill for partisan reasons, and said he was inconsistent, since he had approved the proposed charter with its numerous increases in salaries of city officials. Newcomb retorted bitterly, accusing Wagner of an unfair personal attack. He said he never had approved those proposed salary increases.

Senator Grady, defending his bill, said the District Attorney had a tremendous mass of responsible work and had to fight continually the highest paid lawyers in the country. This measure, he said, only restored the salary to its amount prior to 1868. Those who voted against the bill were Alt, Burlingame, Cordts, Gledhill, Hill, Newcomb and Travis.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 6:04 | Sunset 6:05 | Moon rises 3:35 | Moon's age 26

HIGH WATER.

A. M.—Sandy Hook 3:27 | Gov. Island 3:42 | Hell Gate 5:32
P. M.—Sandy Hook 4:06 | Gov. Island 4:22 | Hell Gate 6:12

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The Teutonic, reported as 700 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7 a m yesterday, will dock about 8:30 a m to-morrow.

The Hamburg, reported as 800 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7:20 a m yesterday, will dock about noon to-morrow.

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	From.	Line.
*Maracaibo	Curacao, March 7	Red D
*Sarnia	Kingston, March 11	Hamb-Am
*Julia Luckenbach	Ponce, March 10	Insular
Toronto	Hull, February 23	Wilson
Louisiana	Copenhagen, February 25	——
Samland	Antwerp, March 6	Red Star
Pannonia	Gibraltar, March 7	Cunard
Europa	Naples, March 4	La Veloce
Satilla	Brunswick, March 13	Bee
Atlanta	Palermo, March 4	——
Ragian Castle	Rotterdam, March 3	N W T
El Mar	Galveston, March 11	So Pac

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

*Teutonic	Southamypton, March 10	White Star
*Bermudian	Bermuda, March 16	Quebec
Finland	Naples, March 6	Red Star
Graf Waldersee	Hamburg, March 6	Hamb-Am
Venezia	Naples, March 6	Fabre
Pallanza	Hamburg, March 4	Hamb-Am
San Giorgio	Naples, March 5	Italian
Scharnhorst	Bremen, March 6	N G Lloyd
Comal	Galveston, March 12	Mallory
Hamburg	Naples, March 9	Hamb-Am

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

Altai	Inagua, March 14	Hamb-Am
Louisiane	Havre, March 6	French
Merida	Vera Cruz, March 11	Ward

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

Vessel.	For.	Line.	Mail closes.	Vessel sails.
Oceanic	Southampton	White Star	11:00 a m	2:30 p m
Mauretania	Liverpool	Cunard	6:30 a m	10:00 a m
Trinidad	Bermuda	Quebec	8:00 a m	10:00 a m
P. di Piemonte	Naples, Italian	——	——	——
Alamo	Galveston	Mallory	——	12:00 m
Rio Grande	Tampa	Mallory	——	12:00 m
Iroquois	Jacksonville	Clyde	——	1:00 p m

THURSDAY, MARCH 18.

La Provence	Havre, French		7:00 a m	10:00 a m
Roon	Bremen	N G Lloyd	7:30 a m	10:00 a m
Esperanza	Havana	Ward	9:00 a m	12:00 m
Prince George	Bermuda	Ber-Atl	9:00 a m	11:00 a m
United States	Christiansand	Scand-Am	——	12:00 m
City of Atlanta	Savannah	Savannah	——	3:00 p m

FRIDAY, MARCH 19.

P Eitel Friedrich	Jamaica	Hamb-Am	11:00 a m	2:00 p m
Anitilla	Santiago	Ward	——	3:00 p m
Yumuri	Tampico	Ward	——	3:00 p m
Apache	Jacksonville	Clyde	——	1:00 p m

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS.

Destination and steamer.	Close in New York.
Japan, Corea and China (specially addressed only) (via Tacoma)—Keemun	Mch 19, 6:30 p m
Japan, Corea, China and Philippine Islands (via Vancouver and Victoria, B C)—Empress of China	Mch 19, 6:30 p m
Australia (except West), New Zealand, Fiji Islands and New Caledonia (via Vancouver and Victoria, B C)—Makura	Mch 21, 6:30 p m
Hawaii, Japan, Corea, China and Philippine Islands (via San Francisco)—Siberia	Mch 21, 6:30 p m
Japan, Corea and China (via Seattle)—Iyo Maru	Mch 25, 6:30 p m
Hawaii (via San Francisco)—Alameda	Mch 29, 6:30 p m
Hawaii, Guam and Philippine Islands (via San Francisco)—U S Transport	Mch 31, 6:30 p m
New Zealand, Australia (except West), Samoan Islands and New Caledonia (via San Francisco)—Australian Mail Line	Apr 4, 6:30 p m
Tahiti, Marquesas Islands, New Zealand and Australia (except West) (via San Francisco)—Mariposa	Apr 10, 6:30 p m

SHIPPING NEWS.

Port of New York, Tuesday, March 16, 1909.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie (Ger), Hogemann, Bremen, March 9, Southampton 10 and Cherbourg 11, to Oelrichs & Co. with 400 cabin and 694 steerage passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 3:37 p m.

Steamer Morro Castle, Byrne, Havana March 12 and Nassau 13, to the New York and Cuba Mail Ss Co. with 85 passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 6:36 a m.

Steamer Hugin (Nor), Johannessen, Tampico March 5 and Progreso 8, to the New York and Cuba Mail Ss Co. with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 2:55 a m.

Steamer Ryndam (Dutch), Roggeveen, Rotterdam and Boulogne March 6, to the Holland-America Line, with 367 cabin and 1,352 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 11:40 p m, 15th.

Steamer Martha Washington (Aus), Gerolmich, Trieste February 28, Patras March 2, Palermo 4 and Algiers 6, to Phelps Bros. & Co., with 160 cabin and 1,703 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 7 p m.

Steamer Virginia (Ital), from Genoa March 1 and Naples 3, to C. B. Richard & Co., with passengers and mdse. Anchored in Quarantine at 8:50 p m.

Steamer Carib, Parker, Georgetown, S C, March 13 and Wilmington 14, to the Clyde Steamship Company, with mdse. Passed in Quarantine at 8:55 p m.

Steamer City of Atlanta, Smith, Savannah March 13, to the Ocean Steamship Company, with passengers and mdse. Passed in Quarantine at 5:40 a m.

Steamer Rio Grande, Avery, Mobile March 8, Tampa 10 and Key West 12, to the Mallory Steamship Company, with passengers and mdse. Passed in Quarantine at 6:25 a m.

Steamer Apache, Staples, Jacksonville March 13 and Charleston 14, to the Clyde Steamship Company, with passengers and mdse. Passed in Sandy Hook at 11:24 a m.

Steamer William Chisholm, Perry, Newport News March 11 for New Haven. Passed in Sandy Hook at 11:30 a m, towing a barge.

Steamer Hamilton, Boax, Newport News and Norfolk, to the Old Dominion Steamship Company, with passengers and mdse. Off Long Branch at 12:30 p m.

Steamer Virginia (Ital), Gil di Borglia, Genoa March 1 and Naples 2, to C. B. Richards & Co., with 19 cabin passengers and 1,245 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 8 p m.

Steamer Saratoga, Downs, Havana March 13, to the New York & Cuba Steamship Company, with 210 passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 1:05 p m.

Sandy Hook, N. J. March 16, 9:30 p m.—Wind south, moderate breeze; cloudy; light sea.

SAILED.

Steamers Alf (Nor), Dunkirk; El Valle, Galveston; Ras Issa (Br), Bahia; Saxon Prince (Br), Buenos Ayres; Duca di Genova (Ital), Genoa; Crown of Granada (Br), Perth Amboy; Victorian (Br), New Orleans; Joseph J Cuneo (Nor), Port Antonio; Cromarth (Br), Savannah; Estonia (Russ), Libau; Klora (Br), Mobile; Arapahoe, Charleston; Eugenia (Aust), Philadelphia; Monroe, Norfolk; City of Savannah, Savannah; Jamestown, Norfolk; Falk (Nor), Porto Velho, etc, via Fernandina; Maude (Br), Pensacola; Hersilia (Ger), Brunswick; Chesapeake, Baltimore; Pawnee, Philadelphia; Hector, Sabine Pass.

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CASINO Evgs. 8:15. Mat. To-day, 2:15. JAS. T. POWERS in HAVANA.

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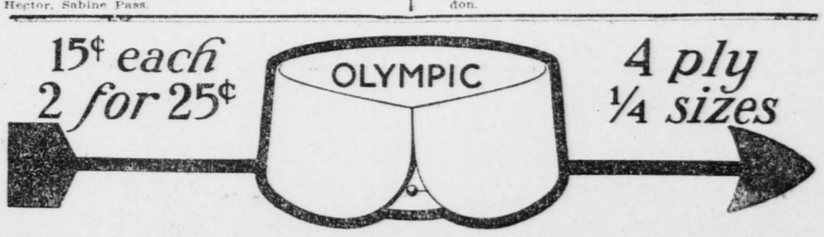

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