

INQUIRY AT ANNAPOLIS

CONDITIONS APPALLING TO SECRETARY MEYER.

Surgeon General Rixey Ordered to Find Out Why So Many Midshipmen Fail in Physical Tests.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, June 5.—The Secretary of the Navy sent for Surgeon General Rixey to-day and ordered a vigorous and immediate investigation of the conditions at Annapolis, which, in his opinion, have led to an appalling number of rejections of midshipmen on the final physical examination.

Secretary Meyer learned officially to-day that out of a class of 180 midshipmen fifty-three were debarred from graduating because of physical disability, most of them because of defective eyesight or a pathological condition of the valves of the heart. This subject came to the attention of the Secretary through nine of the rejected midshipmen coming to Washington to apply for examination for commissions in the coast defence corps, in which wearing glasses is not forbidden, as it is in the navy.

Mr. Meyer expressed himself to Dr. Rixey as appalled at a condition at the Naval Academy which could result in the failure from physical causes of so large a percentage of a class the members of which were subjected to the severest physical examination before being admitted to the academy, where they have lived under presumably ideal physical conditions for four years.

The Secretary told Dr. Rixey that in his opinion there must be something radically wrong, either with the examinations held before admitting the young men to the academy or else in the conditions which attended their life there, and whatever it was it must be discovered and remedied.

On inquiry Mr. Meyer found that last year, with a graduating class of two hundred, eighty or more midshipmen were rejected after the physical test, and this only served to confirm his view that there was something defective in the system at the academy. Some members of the faculty at Annapolis have expressed the opinion privately that the course of study is so hard as seriously to overwork the men and to constitute a grave menace to their physical well-being, and the condition of the graduating classes of the last two years would seem to bear out the contention.

Whatever the cause may be, Mr. Meyer is determined that it shall be discovered and corrected, and the surgeon general will immediately undertake the investigation with which he is charged.

CAB HITS "L" PILLAR.

East Orange School Superintendent in Brooklyn Runaway.

James E. Riggs, superintendent of schools in East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Riggs narrowly escaped serious injury last night in a runaway which ended in Borough Hall Square, Brooklyn, when the cab in which they had been riding crashed into an "L" pillar.

Both were thrown from their seats, and while Mr. Riggs was not hurt his wife was badly bruised and cut about the head. Erwin Hitchcock, the negro driver, who lives at No. 277 Hicks street, Brooklyn, was thrown to the pavement and one wheel of the cab passed over his left leg. They were taken into the coroners' office in the Municipal Building, near by, and treated by Dr. Hargrett, of the Brooklyn Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs had dined with the latter's sister, Mrs. R. T. Bush, widow of the founder of the Bush Terminal Company. The horse became frightened shortly after they started, at 9 o'clock, to drive from the Bush home, at No. 202 Columbia Heights, to the subway station to return to East Orange. The driver was unable to control the horse, which continued at top speed down Pierpont street for half a mile to Fulton street and then started to cross Borough Hall Square.

George Smith, of No. 1426 Fulton street, got in the way and was knocked down. He was severely bruised and his clothing was torn. In Fulton street, opposite the Borough Hall, the horse bumped into the first of a line of cars waiting for passengers from the subway, tearing off two of its wheels. A short distance on it crashed into the pillar.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were able to go home.

DR. SUTRO HOPES FOR VICTORY.

Expects German-American Alliance Will Win Against Blue Law Enforcement.

Buffalo, June 5.—Dr. Theodore Sutro, of New York, president of the German-American Alliance of the state, has arrived here to attend the annual convention of the alliance, which meets here to-morrow morning. Dr. Sutro expressed his belief that the alliance would eventually win in its fight against the enforcement of so-called blue laws.

In outlining the work of the convention Dr. Sutro said that one of the most important matters to be considered was the taking of action preliminary to the withdrawal of the alliance from the national, religious or political belief. He said a resolution would be adopted looking to an alliance with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the state branch of the German Catholic Alliance.

GUIDE TO MARRIAGE LICENSE BUREAU.

Mrs. Rose Kelly's Activity Has Clipped Fees of Brooklyn Aldermen.

Prospective honeymooners who go to the Borough Hall, Brooklyn, for marriage licenses will have no trouble in the future to be properly directed to the office of City Clerk Scully. And they will escape the badinage which has accompanied directions by the clerks and hangers-on in the past.

Mrs. Rose Kelly has been stationed on the second floor as a guide to Mr. Scully's office. Mrs. Kelly leads the applicants to the office, and then returns with them to the outer doors, past the offices of the aldermen who have been in the custom of marrying the couples directly after they have obtained the licenses.

Many of the aldermen are losing fees through the activity of Mrs. Kelly and express resentment over her appointment. Thomas F. Farrell, Commissioner of Public Works, and Superintendent Joseph M. Lawrence of the Bureau of Public Buildings, put her in office.

STUDENT HELD IN \$3,000 FOR TRIAL.

Stratford, Conn., June 5.—J. E. Fisher, of New York City, a Yale sophomore, whose automobile struck and killed John Christianson, thirteen years old, here last Tuesday, was held in \$3,000 to-day for trial in the Superior Court. No testimony was taken, but a demurrer to the two charges, that of manslaughter and of violating the speed law, was entered by an attorney. This was overruled, and bail was furnished.

The accident occurred near a railroad crossing at a time a train was passing.

SIX BALLOONS IN RACE

THE NEW YORK LEADS AT INDIANAPOLIS.

All Wafted Southward by Steady Wind—Contest for Aero Club Trophy.

Indianapolis, June 5.—Nine balloons cast loose late this afternoon at the Motor Speedway, five miles northwest of this city, and sailed out to the south in a straight line over the city, surrounding the aviation field, guarded by the state militia, an immense crowd watched the start.

Six of them were entered in the national distance race for the trophy of the Aero Club of America and three in the contest for the cup offered by the Indiana Aero Club to the pilot and his aid who should be able to stay in the air the longest.

The sky was clear, with the exception of a few clouds, and there was an easy, steady wind to the south.

The first starters, rising at 3:45 o'clock, were the three entered in the Indiana endurance race, Dr. H. W. Thompson, of Salem, Ohio, and Dr. E. Mast, of Canton, Ohio, in the Ohio; Dr. Goethe Link and J. R. Irwin, of Indianapolis, in the Indianapolis; and C. A. Coey and John Bennett, of Chicago, in the Chicago, the largest balloon on the field. All rose easily.

The national distance race started at 5 o'clock, and the contestants sailed off in a file to the south.

The summary of the starts in the national distance race follows:

5 p. m.—The New York, A. Holland Forbes pilot and Clifford B. Harmon aid, both of New York, got away gracefully, caught the wind and sailed off due south.

5:05 p. m.—The second starter, the Indiana, Carl G. Fisher pilot and G. L. Bumbaugh aid, both of Indianapolis, rose and followed the New York, but at a lower altitude.

5:15 p. m.—The third starter, the St. Louis, H. A. Lambert pilot and H. E. Honeywell aid, both of St. Louis, sailed near the ground in getting away, barely clearing the grandstand. In a minute, however, it slowly rose and sailed south.

5:25 p. m.—The Cleveland, the fourth starter, A. H. Morgan pilot and J. H. Wade, Jr., aid, both of Cleveland, rose in almost a straight line and then struck off across the city to the south.

5:35 p. m.—The fifth starter, the Hoosier, Captain T. S. Baldwin, of New York, pilot, and Charles Walsh, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., aid, got away on a low drift and rose slowly on dumping ballast, sailing south.

5:45 p. m.—The sixth and last starter, the University City, John Berry pilot and John McCullough aid, both of St. Louis, rose straight to a good height before catching the drift, and then followed the other contestants south.

The United States government is represented at the race by Major H. B. Hersey, of Washington, who is connected with the weather bureau. Just before the start he and W. T. Blythe, in charge of the local weather bureau, gave the pilots maps supplying them with the latest information as to probable conditions in the higher altitudes.

Just before the start the balloons were paraded before the grandstand, in one of the boxes of which Governor Marshall and his party were seated.

The weather bureau predicted light and variable winds for the evening. Some of the aeronauts equipped their baskets with life preservers as a precaution against dropping into one of the Great Lakes or a river.

Major Hershey had reports at 4 o'clock from a number of stations east and west, and after studying them carefully, informed the aeronauts that if they did not ascend higher than two thousand to three thousand feet they would go south, and probably land in Alabama. If they ascended to a height of two to three miles, however, he thought they would reach currents that would carry them directly northeast. A. H. Forbes, of the New York, expressed a desire to reach the higher altitude, saying he was familiar with the current and wanted to get into it.

The Ohio, which was the first balloon to start, was also the first to land, coming down at 6:30 p. m. near Nashville, Brown County, a distance of about thirty-five miles. The pilot reported that he was short of sand and could not stay up longer.

The pilot of the Indianapolis dropped a note from his balloon over the town of Bargersville, twenty-two miles south, this evening, saying conditions were good and that he would stay up.

Much interest centered in the balloon New York, as it was believed that Mr. Forbes would seek the highest altitude possible, but as far as the balloon could be followed with field glasses it appeared to be not more than one mile up and pursuing the southerly course taken by its predecessor.

The following messages were received to-night from the aeronauts:

Nineveh, Ind., June 5.—At 7:15 p. m. we are talking with Honeywell and Lambert, as we are only eight hundred feet apart.

FISHER AND BUMBAUGH. Trafalgar, Ind., June 5.—Berry (University City) very high. Bumbaugh and Fisher (Indiana) going up. Lambert (St. Louis III) going very high. Forbes (New York) very low. Morgan (Cleveland) still ballooning. All balloons on parallel courses to them by a razor.

WALSH AND BALDWIN. The following messages were received to-night from the aeronauts:

HONORS FOR THE WRIGHTS. Aero Club's Plans for Presentation of Medals at White House.

Washington, June 5.—The Aero Club of America purposes to make the presentation of its medals to the Wright Brothers by President Taft in the East Room of the White House, next Thursday a notable affair. In addition to the honor of having the medals presented to them by the President, Orville and Wilbur Wright will receive a book containing letters from Governors of states and scientific bodies. The club also has invited newspapers to publish editorials on June 10, in honor of the discoverers of the art of flying. These editorials will be presented to the Wrights. The presentation, which will take place at 2:30 p. m., will be preceded by a luncheon given in honor of the Wright brothers and the members of the Aero Club of America, by the Washington Aero Club. Orville Wright will resume the official trials of his machine at Fort Myer as soon as a new engine is completed.

KILLS THREE CHILDREN AND SELF.

Woman Had Quarrelled with Husband—His Arrest and Release.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Corsicana, Tex., June 5.—At the home of J. M. Green, near Richland, three children under twelve years of age and their mother, twenty-nine years old, are dead. Their throats were cut with a razor. The indications are that Mrs. Green killed the three children and herself.

The tragedy evidently occurred about 6 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Green was married when she was sixteen years old. She had quarrelled with her husband, who had recently been arrested on serious charges, and later released.

HIS RIBS CRUSHED BY TONS OF IRON.

Several tons of iron crashed down upon Max Fisher, forty-two years old, of No. 425 East 167th street, yesterday as he fell under the wagon he was driving when it overturned in East 119th street.

It required the united strength of five men to extricate the ironworker from his dangerous position, and when he was finally dragged out it was found that he was crushed and that he was suffering severely from internal injuries. It is believed at the Harlem hospital that he will not survive his injuries.

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Where You Won't Have to Worry About Them

Our cold storage department, located on premises, is as perfect as modern construction and science can make it, and we give you the fullest possible protection from fire, theft and moth, at a low charge for the service.

We specially invite ladies to inspect our storage plant. A. JAECKEL & CO., 384 Fifth Ave. Telephone 2044-38th. Near 36th Street.

STILL WANT MORE PAY STOP POLICE AT ISLAND

Philadelphia Strikers Will Demand 25 Cents an Hour in July. Concert Hall Men Get Injunction Preventing Interference.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Philadelphia, June 5.—With practically all of the striking carmen back in their old places and street railway traffic again normal, C. O. Frait, the Cleveland leader who won what he and his followers consider the greatest victory ever obtained by organized labor in this city, announced to-day that the men would make a demand for 25 cents an hour in July. "The company will have to give very good assurance that if time goes by it cannot pay more or the men will insist on having more," was the way he put it.

Persons with a taste for mathematics have figured out that the strike, which lasted just one week, cost something over \$2,235,000. The department stores, they said, lost \$1,000,000 worth of business, and other stores in the city lost nearly \$200,000 in fares alone, besides damage to property estimated at \$20,000 and the wages, housing and feeding of strike breakers, amounting to another \$25,000. To offset this the company saved the \$200,000 which the strikers lost in wages. The closing of the saloons and hotel bars for five nights is estimated to have cost \$50,000, while it is figured that the city government paid for night watchmen to do the work of the regular patrolmen and for meals for the men kept constantly on duty.

The saloon men also felt the strike severely. Their places were closed early every night but one. They were compelled to close from 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. to-day because of the election law, being held by all parties under the primary election law.

BACON'S PARTNER SUICIDE

Senator's Law Associate Kills Himself Before Wife's Eyes.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Macon, Ga., June 5.—William C. Brunson, law partner of United States Senator Bacon, shot himself while in bed this morning. The bullet penetrated his head, and he died in a short time.

Brunson had been in bad health recently, but Mrs. Brunson says he seemed cheerful this morning when he awoke. She asked him what he would like for breakfast, and was preparing to get up, when he kissed her, and then, seizing a pistol from under his pillow, put it to his head and fired.

STRIKE BREAKING ARMY GETS BACK

One Hundred in Hospital as Result of Quaker City's Warlike Welcome.

About a thousand of the strike breakers engaged here for Philadelphia came back from there by two special trains on Friday night. Three hundred more returned yesterday morning and were paid off at the New York offices of the strike breaking firm.

About one hundred of the strike breakers were injured badly enough in the Philadelphia streetcar riots to require hospital treatment. Claims for their injuries were paid. Some deserted their cars when they were attacked by the strikers, among them, it is said, the "captain" of a gang of strike breakers.

GREENVALE SITE MORTGAGED.

Company Raises \$108,500 on Land Where State Sought to Build Insane Asylum.

Minneapolis, June 5.—Three mortgages given by the Valley Land Company, which was incorporated to purchase the Greenvale property, on which it had been proposed to erect an insane asylum, were filed here to-day. The property consists of about one thousand acres. One mortgage of \$2,000 is given to Edward L. Frost; another, for \$5,000, to William H. Seaman; and the third, for \$2,500, to Mary Seaman. They bear 5 1/2 to 6 per cent interest and mature in two and three years.

They are signed by Brosnan Winthrop, president of the Valley Land Company, and attested by W. Burling Cocks, secretary of the company.

When it became known that the state proposed to build an insane asylum on the property the wealthy residents of Roslyn, among them Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, protested against the plan, and active steps were at once taken to prevent the sale of the land for such a purpose. After a number of public meetings, the Valley Land Company was organized and the Greenvale property was secured so that the authorities would have to look elsewhere for a site for the proposed asylum.

BY SPECIAL STEAMER TO ALASKA.

George W. Perkins and Others Will Go on the Refitted Yucatan.

Seattle, June 5.—The steamship Yucatan, of the Alaska Steamship Company, is being elaborately outfitted here for the use of a party of Eastern capitalists, who will travel to Alaska this summer to look after their investments there.

Thousands of dollars are being spent on the steamship. Handsomely appointed cabins are under construction. Partitions are being torn out, bathrooms are being installed, a smoking and observation room built and many other changes are to be made.

The party will consist of George W. Perkins, whose intention to make an expedition trip to Alaska was reported in The Tribune last Friday, and a number of his friends.

Silas W. Eccles will leave here next Thursday for Seattle, stopping en route to inspect the properties of the American Smelting and Refining Company, of which he is one of the vice-presidents. Mr. Eccles said yesterday that he would not wait to go to the Yucatan as he was in a hurry to get to Alaska and inspect the work on the Copper River Railroad, of which he is president, and which is being built by the Morgan and Guggenheim interests.

Mr. Eccles will join Mr. Perkins and his party when they reach Alaska, and will take them over the finished part of the railroad. Later they will visit the Bonanza mines owned by the Alaska Copper and Coal Company, which is controlled by the Alaska Syndicate, composed of J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guggenheim interests. Mr. Eccles said that the party expected to return here early in September.

JUSTICE GUY'S SECRETARY RESIGNS.

Maurice Deiches, secretary to Justice Guy, of the Supreme Court, resigned yesterday. He will resume his law practice at No. 27 Broadway. Justice Guy appointed John Goldwater to succeed Mr. Deiches.

SIX HELD AS COUNTERFEITERS.

New Haven, Conn., June 5.—The cases of six alleged Italian counterfeiters caught in a raid by secret service men upon a farm house in Wilton were reported in The Tribune last Friday. They were confined before Commissioner Wright to-day. Printing presses and die stamping machines from the raid were produced in court, and Captain William J. Flynn, of New York, showed samples of the alleged coinage which would assay as high grade silver as that used in the government silver coins.

Lord & Taylor Men's Summer Underwear

French Balbriggan Underwear fine gauze shirts with long or short sleeves, drawers with regular or short inseams 75c., special value

White English Cotton Gauze Underwear shirts, sleeveless, short and long sleeves; sizes 34 to 44 75 cts.

Drawers to match; sizes 30 to 42 \$1.00

Athletic Underwear in a large variety of materials. Coat Shirts and Knee Drawers 50c. to \$1.50

Fine Fancy and Plain Colored Lisle Half Hose majority size 10 3/4 35c., 43 for \$1.00 value 50c. & 75c.

Silk Department Remnants Greatly Reduced

Hundreds of Desirable Remnants in Colored Chiffons, Mousseline de Soie, Chiffon Cloths and Crêpe de Chine, in lengths of one (1) to six (6) yards; to be closed out at 50c. & 75c. a yd., value 75c. to \$1.50 a yd.

Dress Goods Dept. Short Lengths of Plain and Fancy Dress Goods from 2 to 8 yards, to close at 55c. a yd.

Dress Linens Stripes and Checks, all this season's styles, at 45c. a yd., formerly 65c. & 95c. a yd.

3,000 yds. White Dress Linens Irish manufacture; value 40c. a yd., at 25c. a yd.

Wash Goods Dept. Clearance Sale of 1,500 yds. Imported Bordered Gingham 48 inches wide; formerly 50c. to 75c. a yd., at 25c. a yd.

10,000 yds. Best Quality Printed Batiste in a large assortment of new designs and colors at 12 1/2 c. a yd.

Broadway and 20th St.; 5th Ave.; 19th St.

FRANCE HONORS FRISCO. C. P. KNAPP ARRESTED.

Ambassador Jusserand Presents Medal to City from Republic. Charged with Accepting Deposit After Bank Was Insolvent.

San Francisco, June 5.—Ambassador Jusserand, on behalf of the French government, presented to-day to the city of San Francisco a handsome gold medal commemorative of the restoration of the city from the destruction wrought by the earthquake and fire of 1906. The medal was accepted by the Mayor of the city. That the feeling of the great republic of Europe for her sister Republic in the West, as expressed by her representative, was reciprocated by citizens of San Francisco was evidenced by the applause that greeted the ambassador's closing remarks.

"Accept this gift, Mr. Mayor," he said, "and receive it, all you American citizens, in token that what once was still is, that we French continue as of old to feel with you in your moments of happiness or of anguish, and if I may be permitted to appropriate the words of Mr. Ellhu Root let me say in my turn that 'we have in France a feeling for America, and a sentiment, enduring among a people, is a great and substantial fact to be reckoned with.' Long live your city, and may continued prosperity be the lot of the American nation!"

Mayor Taylor expressed in behalf of the city his grateful appreciation of the French government's gift, saying in conclusion: "San Francisco begs you will assure your government that it is in no perfunctory spirit she receives this medal, but with a spirit of gratefulness, and, indeed, of exultation, that so great a country as yours should deem our city worthy of its especial regard and favor."

THREE HURT BY DUMBWAITER'S FALL

Car Crashes to Bottom—"Joy Riding" Little Girls Picked Up Unconscious.

Two little girls are in the Harlem Hospital, suffering from possible fractures of the skull and internal injuries, and another girl is being attended at home for injuries received in a ride in a dumbwaiter in the tenement house at No. 218 East 121st street yesterday afternoon.

Celia Johnson, eleven years old, of No. 230 East 121st street, Anna Ford, nine years old, of No. 221 East 121st street, and Mary Gallagher, twelve years old, of No. 230 East 121st street, had been playing all afternoon on the roof of the tenement house adjoining Celia's home. One of them suggested that they ride down in the open dumbwaiter. George, the small brother of Celia Johnson, was assigned to the task of holding the rope as the car descended.

The three girls crowded in, and the descent began. George pulled the rope out slowly, but the weight of the passengers was too great for his puny strength, and he was forced to let go. The car fell fifty feet, and the three little girls were unconscious when picked up.

ANOTHER LANDMARK GOING.

Hotel Florence Was the Second Plathouse Built in New York.

A firm of Manhattan house wreckers, with a permit from Buildings Superintendent Murphy, began the work of demolishing yesterday the old Hotel Florence, at Fourth avenue and 18th street, which was the second apartment house building erected in New York. The site will be cleared for the new eighteen story skyscraper of the American Woolen Company, which will use the old Parker building as an annex.

An unexpected incident in connection with the wrecking of the Bellevue, across the street, is the fact that it is taller for many years in the basement at the north end of the building continues to work away at his trade, every day. He has hung up signs saying that he has a lease running to October 1, and that he will stick it out at the old stand until that time. As the wrecking contract calls for the demolition of the hotel in a month, neighbors are figuring how matters will be fixed with the tailor.

LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY SHUT OUT

Appellate Division Reverses Appointment of Farmers' Concern as Executor.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has handed down a decision reversing the appointment by the Surrogate of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, as an executor of the estate of Robert Dietz, who was president of the Robert Dietz Company, manufacturers of lamps and lanterns. Mrs. Dietz is the plaintiff in an action in the Supreme Court to recover from her three sons and daughter about \$500,000, which she says was wrongfully diverted from her interest in the business by alleged fraudulently obtained assignments.