# WOMAN FOUND STRANGLED

## Friend of Italian Shot Down in Brooklyn Murdered at Home.

## PICCOLO DIES IN HOSPITAL

### She Was Known as Mrs. Piccolo but Is Identified at Morgue as Nellie Brennan.

A woman known to her neighbors as Mrs. August Piccolo was found yesterday morning in the kitchen in a house in the rear of No. 463 Dean street, Brooklyn. She had been strangled to death. Piccolo, the man she had said was her husband, was shot on Sunday near his home, No. 154 Navy street, that borough, and he died shortly before the body of the woman was discovered. At the time an Italian boy also was shot. The police believe the same man committed both crimes. The woman had told neighbors that her maiden name was McGuire.

Late last night the body was identified at the Morgue by Mary Fitzgerald, a servant, of No. 457 Lincoln Road, as Nellie Brennan, twenty-five years old. The Fitzgerald woman said that she did not know of any recent marriage of her dead friend.

Henry Bauer, of No. 2814 Clarendon Road, Flatbush, went to the Dean street house about 11 o'clock yesterday morning to repair some plumbing. Mrs. J. Legry, the janitress, took him to the house in the rear, and as they entered the kitchen they saw the body of the woman lying on the floor, her clothing disarranged, her face swollen and a handkerchief tied tightly around her neck. Bauer and Mrs. Legry ran to the street, their cries arousing the Italian neighborhood.

Bauer went to the Bergen street police station. Captain Bernard J. Hayes telephoned to Brooklyn Police Headquarters, and then hurried to the Dean street address. Dr. McCord, of the Seney Hospital, who had been summoned, said the woman had been dead for several hours. Deputy Police Commissioner Reynolds, Inspector Holohan and several detectives hurried to the house.

The police found that the woman had been mistreated, and that there was a wound over her right eye. A mattress, torn and twisted, in the bedroom indicated that a hard struggle had taken place there. Two glasses and several bottles of beer stood on the kitchen table. Cherries were scattered over the table and the floor and the room was in disorder.

Detective Caputo was sent to the Brooklyn Hospital, where Piccolo had been taken after he was shot, to get a statement. He learned that Piccolo had died shortly before the body of the woman was discovered. He had refused to say anything about the shooting or about the woman.

The detectives questioned Henri Navarra, a barber, of No. 463 Dean street. He said he knew nothing of the man, supposed to be an Italian, who had shot Piccolo. Then some one suggested that one Umberto Russoe might know something about the shooting. Detectives are searching for him. They learned that Piccolo had come from Aprogola, Italy; that he had been a salesman in a clothing store, and that he and the woman had been much in each other's company. Her body was taken to the Brooklyn Morgue.

Piccolo spent little of his time at the Navy street address. He took a room in the house only two weeks ago, at the time that the woman rented the apartments in Dean street. The police thought that the couple had eloped from some nearby city, judging by what the woman had told Navarra. On Sunday morning Piccolo called on her, and when returning to his room in Navy street, a man, apparently an Italian, fired three shots at him. Two bullets lodged in Piccolo's stomach. The third bullet struck Giuseppe Destefano, three years old, No. 622 President street, in the right leg.

## EXTENDS SEVENTH AVENUE

### Board of Estimate Approves Plan of Lengthening Thoroughfare.

The through artery of travel from Times Square to Greenwich Village and the lower West Side which has been needed for many years was provided for yesterday when the Board of Estimate approved of the proposition to lengthen Seventh avenue. The plan is to extend that thoroughfare from its present terminus, at Greenwich avenue, south to Varick street, and to widen Varick street from that point to its terminus at West Broadway and Franklin street from 60 to 100 feet.

The proposition, which it is estimated will cost some $10,000,000, has been before the board for several years. The special committee of the Board of Estimate was continued for the purpose of fixing the area of assessment. It is suggested that it will probably include all of the property in Greenwich Village and all that fronting in Seventh avenue for its entire length.

The board tentatively approved the proposition to extend Irving Place south from 14th street to Fourth avenue. The cost is estimated at $2,000,000, and the board holds the right to change the present plan before work is actually begun on its execution.

Borough President McAneny urged action on the widening of the 34th street roadway, as it is intended to provide for the extra traffic to be caused by the opening of the Pennsylvania Railroad Station. As many business interests said they desired more time to consider the question of having their sidewalks cut down to widen the street, final action on the proposition was postponed until the next meeting of the board, on July 29.

## TOMBS PRISONER'S HAT STOLEN.

When Anna Brown appeared in General Sessions yesterday for sentence for stealing $185 worth of clothing from Mrs. Rachel Rouss, she apologized for her failure to appear in court without a hat. Her lawyer said: "When she was dressing to come into court she discovered that during the night somebody had stolen her hat. Her love for fine clothes has been her downfall." Judge Malone sent her to the House of Good Shepherd.

European Visitors will find the European Columns of the New-York Tribune a reliable guide to the best shops, hotels and resorts. Consult These Columns Before Sailing and much valuable time will be saved for sightseeing.

## NEW COMMUTER COMPLAINT

### Wants to Use Ferry or Tunnel on Lackawanna Ticket.

The latest in commuters' complaints, one submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission by W. D. Kearfott, of Montclair, N. J., has been answered by the Lackawanna. Mr. Kearfott made the point that the Lackawanna should follow the example of the Pennsylvania and give its patrons the privilege of riding from Hoboken to New York either by ferry or tunnel at the same rate that is now charged by ferry. This, Mr. Kearfott considered, was only a fair compensation for the increased commutation rates proposed.

George A. Cullen, general passenger agent for the road, has replied, however, that in providing a "high class ferry service" the road is doing all that it can be reasonably expected to do for its patrons, and the fact that another corporation saw fit to build a tunnel to Hoboken constitutes no valid argument why the Lackawanna should furnish commuters with transportation through the tunnel or sell commutation tickets at a lower rate to those who wish to use it. But Mr. Kearfott says that the road is arbitrarily charging the commuters for a service which it does not render.

"Mr. Cullen," Mr. Kearfoot informs the commission, "signally fails to call your attention to the pertinent fact that since the McAdoo tunnel has been in operation the Lackawanna has materially curtailed its ferry service, and in place of operating on seven and one-half and ten minutes headway, the boats are now departing at ten and fifteen minute intervals. . . . Are we to be compelled to pay for a ride on the ferryboats whether we use them or not, or is the Lackawanna to be the sole arbiter and dictator?"

Since no action was taken on Thursday by the New York Central and the New Haven roads on the request of the Public Service Commission, 2d District, to postpone the increases in commutation rates in Westchester until July 20, following the example of the Jersey roads, Westchester commuters on both roads were compelled yesterday to pay the advanced fares. Another hearing on their complaints will be held on Tuesday, however, and it is possible that the increases will be suspended then.

## RAILROAD STOPS SCALPING

### New York Central Gets After Dealers in Commutation Tickets.

Twenty-five prisoners appeared before Justice Mills, of the Supreme Court, at White Plains, yesterday, to answer to the complaint of the New York Central Railroad that many residents of Peekskill, Croton, Tarrytown, Ossining, Dobbs Ferry and Irvington, on the Hudson River division, and Pleasantville, White Plains and Tuckahoe, on the Harlem division, buy from one to twelve commutation tickets monthly, and sublet the use of the tickets to friends and customers at one-half of the regular railroad ticket fare, which is a liberal advance on the pro rata cost of the commutation ticket. The railroad authorities allege that one man, living in Tarrytown, has paid the interest on his mortgage on two houses, taxes and all other charges, from the receipts from the use of eight tickets which he has bought monthly. Two women appear on the list—Mrs. Mary Albert and Mrs. Margaret Farrell, both of Ossining. The latter had eight tickets in use, while the former had six, it was alleged.

The railroad had several men getting evidence. In each case where the investigator hired the use of a ticket he took it to the New York office of the company, where it was photographed, and the photographic copy now forms a part of the records in the case. All of those cited appeared by counsel and consented to the filing of an order enjoining them from the practice, and all agreed to abide by the order. If any are found to be disobeying it they will be haled before the court to answer to a charge of contempt of court and will also be sued for damages.

## ESCAPED FROM REFORMATORY

### Boy Ran Away When He Learned That His Mother Was Ill.

Mrs. D. M. Gage, of No. 405 East 116th street, took to the East 22d street police station yesterday afternoon a boy who said he was John Degnan, fifteen years old, of No. 111 Saltonstall avenue, New Haven, and confessed, according to Captain Burfeind, that he had escaped on Thursday from a reformatory at Lakeville, Conn., because he had received a letter saying that his mother was ill.

Mrs. Gage said she saw the lad crying on the station platform at Danbury, Conn., yesterday afternoon, and that he had told her his mother was sick in New York and he wanted to get here. He told her that he was only eleven years old. Mrs. Gage bought him a ticket and looked after him on the train, and when they arrived at the Grand Central Station she asked him where he lived, intending to take him home. Then he told her he really lived in New Haven.

She took him to the Children's Society headquarters, at 22d street and Fourth avenue, but the society refused to receive him unless he came through police channels, so she took him to the East 22d street station.

## IRATE COOK KILLS HERSELF

### Had Barricaded Door of Her Room When Employer Tried to Eject Her.

Incensed because her employer, Dr. Frederick S. Weingarten, of No. 28 West 91st street, had called upon the police to have her ejected, Elizabeth Keenan, a cook, barricaded herself in her room yesterday afternoon and shot herself in the right cheek. She died later in the J. Hood Wright Hospital.

The physician says that she used liquor in quantities sufficient to make her sulky and insulting. It was after a clash that she broke loose and poured a torrent of insult and invective upon the physician, according to his story, and forced him to telephone for patrolmen to remove her.

The cook immediately hastened to her room and when Patrolmen Kiernan and Booth, of the West 100th street station, reached the house Dr. Weingarten told them he had heard the report of a revolver in the cook's room. The door was found locked and when forced several pieces of furniture had to be pushed aside before entrance could be gained. The cook was then found unconscious on the floor.

## "PSYCHIC'S" CASE GOES OVER

### Arguments Not Finished in Ellis's Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

Samri Ellis, the clairvoyant who is held in the Tombs in connection with the killing of Paul Hamburger, his assistant, on June 17 in the rooms of the so-called "Hindu psychic," was before Justice Giegerich in the Supreme Court yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus.

Counsel for Ellis sought to obtain his discharge from custody on the ground that the Coroner exceeded his authority in committing him. The lawyer argued that since the coroner's jury failed to find Ellis responsible for the mysterious shooting the official had no jurisdiction. Justice Giegerich adjourned final argument until next Wednesday. Thereupon Ellis's lawyer asked that the $10,000 bail be reduced, which the court refused.

While the argument was on Detective Lieutenant McConville waited to rearrest Ellis on a grand larceny charge should he be discharged on the habeas corpus writ.

# BUY $4,000,000 AT PAR

## But Value of "Inter-Met." Notes Depends on Reorganization.

## TEN DIRECTORS HIT AGAIN

### Preferred to Put Up $5,500,000 Rather than Defend Suit, Lawyer Says.

It was said yesterday by one of the lawyers concerned in the Metropolitan Traction settlement that the $4,000,000 of 6 per cent notes to be issued by the Interborough-Metropolitan Company to pay its share of the $5,500,000 settlement, had been subscribed for by the ten directors of the Metropolitan Securities Company who contributed the remaining $1,500,000 to make up the settlement.

The Interborough-Metropolitan notes are to be issued at par, and the ten men who buy them will get their money back, if the notes are paid. But the interest that the "Inter-Met." has in the surface railway system depends on its interest in the Metropolitan Securities Company. The Securities company controlled the surface railway situation before the receiverships began, but that company's future interest will depend on the method of reorganization.

The $4,000,000 of notes which the ten Securities company directors have agreed to buy have at present, therefore, only a hypothetical value.

The inducement to the directors to settle up was the suit for $2,797,200 brought against them by Colonel W. W. Ladd, receiver for the New York City Railway Company. This suit represented the difference between the price at which the New York City Railway Company's ten-year 3 per cent notes were sold to the Metropolitan Securities Company (70) and the price at which they were redeemed within a short time—par.

The receiver for the New York City Railway Company alleged a statutory violation by the Securities company directors.

All the claims of the City Railway Company were then lumped together, making a total of a little less than $8,000,000.

About $1,250,000 had already been paid, and the ten Securities company directors compromised the remainder by agreeing to pay $1,500,000 out of their own pockets and subscribing for $4,000,000 of notes which might have a value some time in the future.

## FAVOR TRANSIT ASSESSMENT

### Service Board Gives Hearing on Nostrand Avenue Project.

No one appeared in opposition, but there were many property owners in favor of the proposed assessment for the rapid transit line in Nostrand avenue, between Eastern Parkway and Sheepshead Bay, when the Public Service Commission gave a hearing on the proposition yesterday. There was some difference of opinion, however, as to whether the southern portion of the route should be elevated or whether it should all be subway construction.

Among those who spoke were Gilbert Elliott, president of the Eastern Parkway Association; Reuben Wilson, president of the Vanderveer Park Taxpayers' Association; Gregory Weinstein, secretary of the Central Flatbush Taxpayers' Association; John S. Geagan, of the Sheepshead Bay Property Owners' Association, and S. T. Hollister.

## PHŒBE BIRDS IN THE PARK

### Keeper Finds Them Near Swan Lake—Aviary May Get Young.

Donald Burns, the Scotch keeper of the bird house in Central Park, has discovered for the first time a pair of phœbe birds nesting in the neighborhood of the swan lake.

It all came about through the alertness of Keeper Donohue of the swans, who, when he heard the peculiar notes of the phœbe birds one morning lately, rushed over to Keeper Burns to find out what they were.

"Come on, Donald," said Donohue, "they're rare birds."

Donald went, and at first glance decided they were phœbe birds.

"Maybe not," said Donohue. "Perhaps they're Irish larks."

"It's on me if they're not phœbe birds," said Donald, as both keepers rushed back to the bird house to view the bird family in a much worn birdiore book which covers the family from humming birds to turkey buzzards.

"And here it is," said Donald, turning to the colored illustration of the phœbe bird. "Don't you believe me now?"

"Yes, but those Irish larks are fine birds," said Donohue.

If possible the young ones will be captured and kept in the park aviary.

## CUSTOMS INSPECTORS GRADED

### Collector Loeb Puts Into Force New Plan to Obtain Efficient Service.

Collector Loeb put into practice yesterday the plan of grading the customs inspectors decided upon last spring. As a preliminary move a number of the older inspectors were demoted to the third grade, in which the salary is $4 a day. There are 425 inspectors, and the whole number came into the Custom House in the course of the day to be sworn in. There are three grades—the first, consisting of the most experienced, at $6 a day; the second, not quite so able, at $5, and the third, for the general district work, at $4 a day.

Collector Loeb said that this method of grading the men would equalize matters so that the most efficient service could be obtained. Franklin MacVeagh, Secretary of the Treasury, sent a message of approval to the Collector.

## COURT GETS AFTER LAWYER

### Justice Ford Says He Will Not Allow Witnesses To Be Insulted.

Justice Ford, of the Supreme Court, took action yesterday to "curb the propensity of lawyers to insult witnesses." The action was taken in the case of Max D. Steuer, a lawyer whom Justice Ford cited to show cause why he should not be declared guilty of contempt of court.

Steuer appeared last week as counsel for Benjamin Levison, a justice of the peace and Fire Commissioner of Nyack, in a suit brought by Miss Rosa Levy for alleged breach of promise. The lawyer, in endeavoring to impeach a witness for the plaintiff, asked a question which Justice Ford said was "foul" and disgraceful. Steuer yesterday pleaded that facts in his possession justified the questions he had asked.

The justice announced that he would refer the matter to the Bar Association, with a recommendation that it be presented to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

## REPORT ON MUTUAL RESERVE LIFE

Edward S. Rapallo, appointed special master to pass on the claims against the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, filed a report yesterday in the United States Circuit Court, supplementary to that of the receivers, William Hepburn Russell and Charles E. Rushmore, which was sent to the court several weeks ago. The receivership is about to be wound up. The reports will be passed upon at a hearing on August 5.

## DUMMY ENGINES MAY RUN

### Board of Estimate Refuses to Enjoin New York Central.

By a vote of 10 to 6 the Board of Estimate yesterday refused to pass the resolution of President Mitchel of the Board of Aldermen calling upon the police to stop the running of dummy engines by the New York Central on its Eleventh avenue tracks below 30th street. This followed the receipt of an opinion from the Corporation Counsel that while the city unquestionably had some rights in the premises they were not clear enough to render the use of force advisable.

After the vote the Mayor said he would instruct the Corporation Counsel to begin a suit in equity to test the rights of the New York Central in Eleventh avenue.

Alexander S. Lyman, of counsel for the railroad, intimated that if the city should stop the use of dummy engines the company might not do anything, but that the city might be held liable for all damages done to the business interests involved. He said the New York Central Railroad considered its rights to occupy its tracks on the West Side had been settled by the decison of D. Cady Herrick.

President Mitchel argued for the passage of his resolution, saying that there could be no question that the rights of the company to run dummy engines had expired years ago.

"I think Mr. Mitchel's idea is in the main correct," said the Mayor, "but I think it is too doubtful a matter to use violence in."

The Mayor then appointed a committee consisting of President Mitchel, Controller Prendergast and President McAneny, to consider ways and means of dealing with the Eleventh avenue problem. "I presume the committee will allow me to work with them," said the Mayor. He was assured that his assistance would be valued.

## MARRIES HIS FIRST WIFE

### Jersey City Insurance Man and His Bride of 1879 Reunited.

With memories of a day away back in 1879, when the wedding bells pealed for them, with no suggestion of trouble to come, William Combs, superintendent of the Eastern department of the Home Life Insurance Company, and his first wife, from whom he was separated in 1891, knelt at the altar for the second time last Wednesday and became man and wife, in Jersey City.

Mr. Combs met his first wife, who was Rosa M. Traver, at Auburn, N. Y., many years ago. She finally consented to be his wife, and they were married. His business interests demanded his presence in Jersey City, and it is said that gossip which reached the ears of Mrs. Combs caused their separation in 1891. Mrs. Combs took her daughter and began the manufacture of women's clothing and to deal in real estate in Auburn. Mr. Combs married again, but he and his second wife were separated by divorce a few years ago. The daughter died three years ago, and the father and mother met at her funeral. They became reconciled, and the second marriage was the result.

## LONGSHOREMEN RIOT AT PIER

### One Man Shot During Factional Fight Over Union Matters.

Two factions of longshoremen came into conflict at Pier 36, North River, while engaged in taking watermelons from the hold of the Clyde liner Iroquois yesterday.

It was a hand-to-hand fight, but incidentally revolvers and freight hooks were called into play toward the end of the brawl.

After the smoke cleared Gilbert O. Tier was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, to be treated for a bullet wound in the right side, a cut in the cheek and a painful wound on the head made by a blackjack.

Tier had been a member of the Fruit Handlers' Union, but because of a disagreement resigned recently. His example was followed by others, and this aroused the ire of the union men. Six union men, whose identity is known, made the attack. One of the intruders shot Tier, who fell on the pier.

John Connolly, a friend of the wounded man, rushed to his assistance, and the attacking gang fled.

Connolly picked up a revolver one man had dropped, and fired two shots in the air as a signal for police protection. He was arrested for this, but was subsequently discharged by Magistrate Barlow.

## BAKER HEARS UNIFORM CASE

### Retired Sergeant Who Helped Make Pawnshop Rule Cops' Attorney.

Sixteen patrolmen and two detectives were on trial before Deputy Police Commissioner Walsh yesterday, charged with violating a rule of the department in pawning their uniforms.

The defendants were represented by William E. Murphy, a former police sergeant, now retired and in law practice. Murphy was largely responsible for having the rule covering the charges inserted in the police manual.

He now insists that the charges are based on a too broad interpretation of the rule in question.

The men explained that they pawned their uniforms to protect them from moths. The Commissioner reserved decision.

## ARGUMENT ENDS IN STATION

### Police Lieutenant Adjusts Dispute Between Lawyer and Contractor.

Henry J. Goldsmith, a lawyer, of No. 41 Park Row, and Ernest C. Southard, a member of the contracting firm of the C. H. Southard Company, at Ninth avenue and 14th street, had an argument at Broadway and Park Place yesterday which continued until they were taken to the Fulton street police station, where Lieutenant Lane finally succeeded in adjusting matters.

According to the story told by the police, Goldsmith, acting in the interests of a firm occupying the ground floor of No. 237 Broadway, protested against the action of the contractors in stretching a rope in front of his client's store and finally tore it down. This aroused the ire of Southard and the argument followed.

## POISON CAUSE OF DEATH

### Wife of Chemist Used Cyanide of Potassium, Coroner's Physician Says.

Coroner's Physician Lehane performed autopsies yesterday on the bodies of Mrs. Jeanne Hodgson Catlett and her two-months-old-baby, which she killed with poison in her home, No. 237 West 14th street, on Thursday afternoon, before taking her own life. Dr. Lehane found that cyanide of potassium caused the death of mother and child.

The poison had been brought home by Mr. Catlett, who is in charge of the chemical laboratory of the Western Electric Company, and was used for cleaning silver. The bottle in which the poison was kept was not labelled, but Mrs. Catlett knew what it contained.

## POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS INCREASE.

The report of Postmaster Edward M. Morgan for the fiscal year ended June 30 shows that the gross receipts at the New York Postoffice were $22,339,509 91. This is an increase of $2,413,204 76, or 12.11 per cent, over the gross receipts for the year 1909. The gross receipts for the last quarter of the present fiscal year were $5,489,062 99, an increase of $450,513 49, or 8.93 per cent, over the receipts for the quarter ended June 30, 1909. The receipts for June, 1910, were $1,826,237 09, and for June, 1909, $1,671,828 25, an increase of $154,398 84, or 9.23 per cent.

# FIRE IN HOTEL NETHERLAND

## Blaze Starts in Storeroom and Burns Up Guests' Baggage.

## DENSE SMOKE FILLS CAFE

### Nobody Hurt, but Traffic Is Congested for an Hour and There Is a Loss of $10,000.

Fire of unknown origin started in a storeroom in the sub-basement of the Hotel Netherland, Fifth avenue and 59th street, yesterday afternoon, and before the arrival of firemen spread to other rooms, damaging baggage belonging to guests and hotel furniture.

A number of porters were at work in the sub-basement, when they smelled smoke. In the storeroom on the 59th street side, in which they had stored a new supply of furniture, they found a pile of excelsior, which had been around the furniture, blazing. The management of the hotel was notified and a fire alarm sent in.

Employes of the hotel tried to fight the fire, but the smoke and flames were too much for them, and they retreated to await the arrival of the firemen. By the time the apparatus arrived the fire had spread well through the sub-basement, and clouds of thick smoke filled the main lobby and the corridors.

Guests smelled the smoke, and a number of nervous men and womtn called up the hotel telephone operators to find out what caused the smoke. They were told that there was nothing to fear. Many gave the smoke no further attention, but several guests descended to the main lobby and sat there while firemen worked on the fire.

The firemen were in charge of Chief Croker, who was driving past the hotel when he saw the fire engines. Croker had his men play several streams of water on the burning woodwork in the basement, and the men worked under his direction for an hour before they got the fire under control.

Volumes of thick, black smoke rose to the café and barber shop of the hotel and drove everybody out. The barbers got out of their shop, but Miss Louisa Anderson, a manicurist, and several customers were caught in the shop, with no way of getting out owing to the smoke. Miss Anderson screamed for help, and her cries were heard by two chauffeurs in 59th street. They dislodged a ventilator leading from the shop to the street, and then directed the young woman to stand on a chair, from which they lifted her to the street and then helped the customers out.

The fire attracted a large crowd of people, who blocked Fifth avenue and 59th street in their efforts to get a good view of the firemen at work. The congestion of traffic became so great that the reserves of the East 67th and East 51st street stations were called to the scene. They reached the hotel on the run and waded through the jostling crowds with such good effect that within a few minutes after their arrival traffic conditions were normal again and the firemen were able to work with greater ease. Mounted policemen also worked on the crowd and made the carriages and wagons which had been tied up proceed at double quick time.

When the firemen got through with the fire it was found that there was about a foot of water in the barber shop and café. Men were set to work pumping the water out, and they had the floors cleared in short order.

Colonel George H. Sweet, manager of the hotel, said that there were about fifty pieces of baggage in the room where the fire was worst. Most of them were destroyed, and Colonel Sweet put the damage at about $10,000.

## PRINTERS ENTER A DENIAL

### Tell Mayor All City Record Work Was Authorized.

George R. Valentine, manager for the Martin B. Brown Company, printers of the City Record, sent to Mayor Gaynor yesterday a long reply to the report of the City Record Commission.

It denies all the charges brought by the commission, and declares that every line that has been printed in the City Record has been printed on order of the different departments, as under the contract they were compelled to do.

The answer says that all the real and substantial reforms to be accomplished, both in the publication of the City Record and in the administration of the office itself, could be accomplished without the abuse that is incorporated in the report of the commission.

"We assert, and stand ready to prove," says the answer, "despite any charges made by the commission, "that the prices for services which have been rendered by the contractor for the City Record to the city have been reasonable and just, considering all the elements which ought fairly to be taken into account, and that every item of work done, either under contract or open orders, was authorized by those legally empowered to authorize the same.

"If the printer were given discretion as to the form in which public documents should be expressed, or how much of them should be left out, there would be very little use for the publication of public documents."

Continuing, the statement says:

"We declare with utmost emphasis that every dollar of work performed on open orders for the city was duly authorized by concurrent action of the three members of the Board of City Record."

## NEW JOBS ON CITY RECORD

### Estimate Board Provides for Five—Many Salary Increases Denied.

The Board of Estimate, at its last meeting before the summer recess, yesterday disposed of the longest calendar ever before that body. More than four hundred separate matters were on the list. Contrary to custom, the board will have two special meetings during the summer recess, one on July 29 and the other in August.

The board fixed the minimum rate of wages for laborers at $2 50 a day. It provided these additional places in the City Record Commission: Editor, $4,000 a year; stationer, $2,500; bookbinder, $2,500, and two inspectors, $2,500.

Permission was given to the Commissioner of Water Supply to increase the salary of the water register for Manhattan from $4,000 to $6,000 a year. The board adopted the report of the committee on grades and salaries, turning down the applications of the police surgeons and police captains and inspectors for increases in salary, as well as scores of other similar applications from various city employes.

## NEW YORK COFFEE SEIZED

### Misbranding Alleged by Federal Authorities in Virginia.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Richmond, Va., July 1.—A libel against six bales of coffee shipped by W. H. Force & Co., and Mitchell Brothers, of New York, to the Argon Coffee Company, of Richmond, was filed to-day by United States District Attorney L. L. Lewis, in the United States District Court here.

The brand on the bales is "Mocha" coffee, but the government chemist after an examination of the berries, pronounced the mixtures one of Mocha and Bourbon Santos. The government will ask that the coffee be confiscated and sold under the pure food act.

## JURYMEN COME TO BLOWS

### Their Verdict Said to Have Been Reached After Fist Fight.

It transpired yesterday around the courthouse building of the 3d District Municipal Court, at Lee avenue and Clymer street, Williamsburg, that on Thursday evening, while a jury in which there were five Jews and one Irishman was deliberating upon a verdict there was a general fight. The jury had been selected in the case of Abraham Feinberg against Leopold Cohen, of No. 147 Walton street, who carries on a mission for the conversion of Jews to Christianity.

Feinberg says that Cohen engaged him at a salary of $25 a week from last November until May to investigate another missionary, who, it was alleged, had mishandled the funds of another religious society.

Counsel for Cohen said he was satisfied that the five Jews on the jury were prejudiced against his client, but Justice Farrar sent the jury out to find a verdict. The Irish juryman was in favor of Cohen, and it was his attitude, it was said, which brought on an argument which culminated in a general fist fight. The jurymen awarded a verdict of $16 a week to Feinberg. The justice considered this excessive, set it aside and awarded Cohen a new trial, to take place in the fall.

## VAN VALKENBURGHS SEPARATE

### Widow of William Hays Chapman Goes to Newport After Husband Leaves Her.

Mrs. Philip Van Valkenburgh, the widow of William Hays Chapman, who left her a considerable fortune, has again come prominently before the public, though not of her own volition. Prior to her recent marriage she was known principally as an heiress fervently sought after by Europeans with titles to offer. To-day it is the fact that her husband has left her that has brought her notoriety.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Van Valkenburgh were married in Greenwich, Conn., six months ago, though no one knew about the match, not even General Spiridovitch, Count Sonnies and her other European suitors, until Edward Lauterbach, her legal adviser, announced the fact. Mr. Van Valkenburgh has a large fortune in his own right, it is understood. The couple went to live at the St. Regis, taking suites facing each other across the hall.

On Wednesday Mr. Van Valkenburgh packed up his belongings, paid his bill at the hotel desk and departed, presumably for one of the clubs to which he belongs, with the remark, "This is where I quit." At the same time he gave the hotel management notice that he would not be responsible for any bills his wife might run up. Yesterday Mrs. Van Vaukenburgh also packed up and left the hotel for Newport. No action at law has been instituted by either side.

## NO. 13 UNLUCKY FOR TOMEO

### Discharged Twelve Times, He Finally Goes to Prison for Nine Years.

"In some unaccountable way for five years you have escaped punishment," said Judge Malone, in General Sessions, yesterday, when Thomas Tomeo, twenty-three years old, appeared for sentence upon conviction of highway robbery. "I now sentence you to nine years in state prison."

Tomeo acknowledged having been arrested during the period stated for a dozen offences, ranging from petit larceny to highway robbery and burglary. Each time he had been discharged in the magistrates' courts. He met his Waterloo on June 11, when he held up and robbed Charles M. Hill at Broadway and 42d street, taking from him a pocketbook containing $2.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise, 4:31; sunset, 7:34; moon rises, 1:03; moon's age, 26.

HIGH WATER.

| | A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|
| Sandy Hook | 3:06 | 3:43 |
| Governor's Island | 3:09 | 4:00 |
| Hell Gate | 4:59 | 5:50 |

WIRELESS REPORTS.

The Campania, reported as 193 miles east of Sandy Hook at 2 p m yesterday, is expected to dock this forenoon.

The St Louis, reported as 661 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7:45 a m yesterday, is expected to dock late this evening or Sunday forenoon.

The Amerika, reported as 333 miles east of Sandy Hook at 3 p m yesterday, is expected to dock this afternoon.

The California, reported as 730 miles east of Sandy Hook at 8:15 a m yesterday, is expected to dock Sunday forenoon.

La Provence, reported as 333 miles east of Sandy Hook at 3:20 p m yesterday, is expected to dock this forenoon.

INCOMING STEAMERS.

TO-DAY.

| Vessel. | From. | Line. |
|---|---|---|
| *La Provence | Havre, June 25 | French |
| *Campania | Liverpool, June 25 | Cunard |
| *St. Louis | Southampton, June 25 | Am |
| *Amerika | Hamburg, June 23 | Hamb-Am |
| *Ancon | Colon, June 25 | Panama |
| Iroquois | London, June 18 | S O Co |
| Atlantes | Swansea, June 17 | —— |
| Arapahoe | Jacksonville, June 29 | Clyde |
| Inveric | Gibraltar, June 18 | —— |
| SUNDAY, JULY 3. | | |
| *G. Washington | Bremen, June 25 | N G Lloyd |
| *Baltic | Liverpool, June 25 | White Star |
| *California | Glasgow, June 25 | Anchor |
| *Maracas | Trinidad, June 25 | Trinidad |
| San Giovanni | Naples, June 20 | Italian |
| Bordeaux | Havre, June 21 | French |
| Minnewaska | London, June 25 | Atl Trans |
| Huron | Jacksonville, June 30 | Clyde |
| Matanzas | Havana, June 29 | Ward |
| Comal | Key West, June 29 | Mallory |
| MONDAY, JULY 4. | | |
| *Potsdam | Rotterdam, June 25 | Holl-Am |
| *United States | Christiansand, June 24 | So-Am |
| *Verdi | Barbados, June 28 | Lamp & H |
| *Bermudian | Bermuda, July 2 | Quebec |
| *Carolina | San Juan, June 29 | N Y & P R |
| Vaderland | Antwerp, June 25 | Red Star |
| Duca d'Aosta | Palermo, June 23 | Italian |
| La Gascogne | Havre, June 25 | French |
| Germania | Naples, June 21 | Fabre |
| Buenos Aires | Havana, June 30 | Spanish |
| Antilles | New Orleans, June 29 | So Pac |
| C of Montgomery | Savannah, July 1 | Savannah |
| El Cid | Galveston, June 28 | So Pac |

*Brings mail.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

| Vessel. | For. | Mail Line. closes. | Vessel sails. |
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| SATURDAY, JULY 2. | | | |
| Philadelphia, Sout'mpton | Am | 6:30 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Cretic, Azores, W. S. | | 9:00 a m | 12:00 m |
| Deutschland, Hamburg | H-A | 9:30 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Trent, Bermuda, R M S P | | 8:00 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Philadelphia, La G, Red D | | 8:30 a m | 12:00 m |
| Saratoga, Havana, Ward | | 10:00 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Crown of Gran, Gren, Trin | | 10:00 a m | 12:00 m |
| Seminole, Santo Dom, Clyde | | 10:00 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Pr Au Wilhelm, Jam, H-A | | 11:00 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Prinzess Irene, Naples, N G L | | —— | 11:00 a m |
| Arabic, Liverpool, W S | | —— | 2:00 p m |
| Caledonia, Glasgow, Anchor | | —— | 2:00 p m |
| Mesaba, London, Atl Trans | | —— | 9:00 a m |
| Finland, Antwerp, Red Star | | —— | 11:00 a m |
| Italia, Palermo, Anchor | | —— | —— |
| Momus, New Orleans, So Pac | | —— | 12:00 m |
| City of Savan, Savan, Savan | | —— | 3:00 p m |
| Lampasas, Galveston, Mallory | | —— | 1:00 p m |
| Iroquois, Jacksonville, Clyde | | —— | 1:00 p m |
| MONDAY, JULY 3. | | | |
| Cop'ename, Par'm'r'bo, DWI | | 11:00 a m | 1:00 a m |
| TUESDAY, JULY 5. | | | |
| Kaiser W II, Bremen, N G L | | 6:30 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Ryndam, Rotterdam, Holl-A. | | —— | 10:00 a m |
| America, Naples, Italian | | —— | 11:00 a m |
| C of St Louis, Savannah, Sav | | —— | 3:00 p m |
| Arapahoe, Jacksonville, Clyde | | —— | 1:00 p m |

## SHIPPING NEWS

### Port of New York, Friday, July 1, 1910.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Winyah, Jacksonville June 27, to the Clyde Ss Co, with mdse. Left Quarantine at 6:07 a m.

Steamer El Mar, Galveston June 25, to the Southern Pacific Co, with mdse. Left Quarantine at 6:27 a m.

Steamer Galileo (Br), Hull June 12 and Boston 30, to Sanderson & Son, with mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 5:25 a m.

Steamer Santa Marta (Br), Santa Marta June 22, Colon 24 and Kingston 28, to the United Fruit Co, with 36 passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 3 a m.

Steamer Barbarossa (Ger), Genoa June 16, Naples 17 and Gibraltar 21, to Oelrichs & Co, with 57 cabin and 187 steerage passengers and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 9 a m.

Steamer Delaware, Philadelphia, to the Clyde Ss Co, with mdse. Passed in Quarantine at 11:39 a m.

Steamer Princess Anne, Newport News and Norfolk, to the Old Dominion Ss Co, with passengers and mdse. Left Quarantine at 2:38 p m.

Steamer Morro Castle, Vera Cruz June 23, Progreso 25 and Havana 28, to the New York and Cuba Mail Ss Co, with 110 passengers, mails and mdse. Arrived at the Bar at 1:19 p m.

Sandy Hook, July 1, 9:30 p m.—Wind south, light air; cloudy, thick haze; smooth sea.

SAILED.

Steamers Segurança, Tampico; Prins Willem V (Dutch), Port-au-Prince; Monroe, Norfolk and Newport News; Carib, Wilmington; El Sigio, Galveston; Byron (Br), Rio Janeiro; Larimer, Port Arthur; Tomoana (Br), Melbourne; Katahdin; Georgetown; Algonquin, Charleston and Jacksonville; bark Rachel Emery, Ponce; steamers Clan MacIver (Br), Cape Town; Alliance, Cristobal; Porto Rico, Baltimore.

## STEAMERS AT FOREIGN PORTS.

ARRIVED.

Para, June 29—Cuthbert (Br), New York via Barbados.
Hamburg, June 29—Sirius (Ger), New York.
London, July 1—Narragansett (Br), New York.
Natal, July 1—Redhill (Br), New York via Newport News, for Manila.
Piræus, June 23—Athinai (Grk), New York.
Naples, June 28—Florida (Ital), New York.
Naples, July 1, 8 p m—Ultonia (Br), New York.
Antwerp, June 30—Parthenia (Br), New York.
Fremantle, July 1—Altona (Ger), New York.
Valparaiso, July 1—Capac (Br), New York via St Lucia.
Rotterdam, July 1, 2 a m—Noordam (Dutch), New York via Boulogne.
Hamburg, June 28, 1:15 p m—Cleveland (Ger), New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

SAILED.

Antwerp, June 30—St Andrew (Br), New York.
Naples, June 28—Madonna (Fr), New York.
Palermo, June 30—Calabria (Br) (from Naples), New York.
Cebu, June 30—African Prince (Br) (from Yokohama, etc), New York.
Rotterdam, June 30—Campania (Br), New York.
Monrovia, June 28—Onitsha (Br), New York.
Southampton, July 1, 4:10 p m—Cincinnati (Ger) (from Hamburg), New York via Cherbourg.