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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CITY.—Stocks were active and weak. The Titanic's death was 1,342, and the survivors on their way to New York. The Titanic's death was 1,342, and the survivors on their way to New York. The Titanic's death was 1,342, and the survivors on their way to New York.

DOMESTIC.—All flags in Philadelphia were placed at half-staff for the loss of residents of that city in the sinking of the Titanic. President Taft, eager to relieve all anxiety as to the persons rescued from the Titanic, has ordered the War Department to keep open the Carpathia and report by wireless the names of all the survivors on that ship.

FOREIGN.—The Home Rule bill passed its first reading in the House of Commons by a majority of 107. The British ambassador in Constantinople to the Turkish Foreign Minister, with a view to ascertaining the terms upon which Turkey will conclude peace with Italy.

THE WEATHER.—Indications for today: Cloudy. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 74 degrees; lowest, 54.

THE PRETEXT OF ECONOMY.

The hollowness of the professions made by Chairman Underwood of the Ways and Means Committee and Chairman Fitzgerald of the Appropriations Committee that the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives is really trying to reduce expenditures is again exposed by the special pension "rag rule" rushed through the House on Monday.

The House in previous sessions has been pretty active in passing private pension bills. Ten years ago one thousand such measures used to be considered a high average for each Congress.

The present House is trying to break all records in pension expenditure. Not content with passing a general bill saddling the Treasury with an additional outlay of \$75,000,000 a year, the Democratic managers have been operating the private bill grist mill at its highest capacity.

on the ground that it is needed to relieve many individual cases of distress. But the exceptional cases of distress are being more than taken care of right along at the rate of about ten thousand a year. Congress is insincerely playing both ends against the middle in its pension policy, and a halt should be called on a system by which pensions are voted not so much to relieve worthy claimants as to accommodate Congressmen seeking to make records as pension getters for political effect at home.

AFTER THE CATASTROPHE.

The greatest ship ever built is the subject of the greatest marine disaster ever known. Many will add that it has given the greatest shock to confidence—or to credulity—in assurances of safety. The ship was unsinkable, the world was told when the great bulk was launched. The ship was unsinkable, resolutely and confidently declared the agents and managers of the line even after the first news of the collision was known.

Such an occurrence shocks but does not destroy faith. A few weeks ago one of the greatest business buildings in New York was burned. It had been declared fireproof. Yet it was burned. Nobody of discretion, however, on that account lost all faith in fireproof construction or suggested its abandonment.

Several theories have been suggested to explain the failure of the watertight compartment system to save the Titanic from sinking. One is that the ship did not strike head on, but scraped along the berg so as to tear her whole side open from stern to stern and thus to expose a great number of the compartments to the rush of water.

But, if such was the fact, why was the vessel being thus rushed in the darkness through seas which were known to be infested with bergs and floes? Where were the ingenious devices which have been heralded as capable of indicating approach to ice at a distance of miles?

AMERICAN DUTY UNDER THE MONROE DOCTRINE. The responsibilities of the United States in relation to the republics of Central and South America are not to be ignored or evaded. Neither are they to be distorted or exaggerated.

That is presumably the view with which the Secretary of State returns from his southern journey. He is reported, indeed, to hold that since we forbid European nations to intervene in the affairs of these countries we must ourselves see to it that the latter maintain governments which will fulfill their international obligations.

The recent primary named all the candidates for office on the state ticket. Only the nominal honor of party leader-

ship is therefore at stake. But when the blood of the Illinois Democracy is up it will fight for a nominal honor as lustily as it will for a nomination to office. What really interests it is the chance to fight.

SCIENCE IN BURGLARY.

It is disheartening to those who are eager to promote the material advancement of the race that oftentimes the frailties of humanity intervene. This has been noted by investigators and philosophers in the arts, the sciences, even in the crafts and business occupations of daily life.

An exemplary burglar, Burke—a man bound to revolutionize the technique and business methods of his profession, a man seemingly on the high road to fame and fortune. Then into play comes the human limitation. Burke is interrupted in the peaceful practice of his profession by an inconsiderate householder.

It is clear that the Titanic's crew stood true to the inspiring traditions of Anglo-Saxon seamanship. Representative Theron Akin, of this state, has challenged President Taft to a joint debate, and Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, has issued a similar invitation to ex-President Roosevelt.

A BAD DISPOSITION OF THE THAW WRIT.

Why is the writ of habeas corpus under which it is proposed to determine whether or not Thaw has recovered made returnable in Brooklyn? The excuse was offered in the newspapers yesterday morning that the judge at present sitting in Dutchess County, Justice Morschauser, is disqualified from hearing this case by the fact that his brother is of Thaw's counsel.

The rule of chivalry may not be apparent in the subway and on the elevated, but it still prevails at sea. In the Church, are the churches, to sacred rites make secondary that home and belief in immortality and a recompense hereafter to make questions of wages and "tenement" conditions, sanitation and "sanitary" the essential problem of Christianity?—The New York Sun.

THE TALK OF THE DAY. Gardens and truck farms of Central and South Texas will appear illuminated at night this spring with lanterns if the advice of the State Department of Agriculture is followed out.

Man boasts: "At last I feel my might; Earth, sea and air I tame; Out of the dark I called for light, And out of dark light came; Air tides which sweep from north and south Change at my stern command; Lightning takes words from out my mouth And bears them o'er the land."

So man! But came a sudden note Which carried warning dire; An Unseen Hand stayed mere man's gloat And shattered his desire;

Teacher—How old would a person be this year who was born in 1887? Over-sophisticated Scholar—Was it a man or a woman?—Lippincott's.

Who cares whether the "Mona Lisa" comes back to Paris or remains in hiding until her smile fades and her eyes lose their witchery? Who cares? says a correspondent for a Vienna newspaper. "New

"Mona Lisa" have been made, not with the brush alone, but with the aid of the camera and the co-operation of beautiful women. Miss Rémy, of the Theatre Francaise; Miss Alda Bond, of the Grand Opera; and Miss Herby, of the Grand Opera, have posed and smiled for talented photographers, and for each picture a background à la Leonardo has been produced, with the result that we have at least three beautiful substitutes for the lost picture, and no doubt there will be others by the score—so who cares?"

STATUS OF CARDINALS. Marquis de Fontenay Replies to Mr. C. Whitley Mullin's Criticism. To the Editor of The Tribune.

In common, doubtless, with many of your readers I was greatly surprised to see a statement in your issue of the 25th ult. over the signature "Marquis de Fontenay" to the effect that an arrangement had been inaugurated by the late King Edward VII whereby a Cardinal of the Roman Church "in his quality as prince of the blood" is accorded a precedence not only over the Archbishop of Canterbury, primate of all England, but over all foreign ambassadors, as non-royal representatives of foreign sovereigns.

In the first place, as your correspondent truly says, "the table of precedence in England, dating from the Reformation, is statutory, and the names of cardinals do not figure there." By statute (31 Henry VIII, ch. 10, etc.) all dignitaries of the Church of Rome were excluded not only from court, but from the realm of England, and so far as their status in court is concerned such is the law to-day, to which ever extent that law, as respects its practical enforcement, may have become a dead letter.

It is hardly necessary to say that no statute has been passed by Parliament changing the status quo which has obtained since the Reformation period. A full list, giving the order of precedence of all the nobility and great officers of state may be found in "Burke's Peerage," to be found in any public library.

C. WHITLEY MULLIN.

Brooklyn, April 10, 1912. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: With regard to the communication of Charles Whitley Mullin, the most necessary reference to my article of March 25, regarding the status of cardinals, will show that I claimed for them no statutory precedence, either in the United States or in any other non-Catholic country, but a non-official status, conceded to them for some years past, purely by international courtesy and comity, by all the non-Catholic powers of Europe.

The writer of this article—which like so many others included in that monumental work is known to have been the attorney and approved by the late King Edward, who was and dignitary in problems of precedence—William Alexander Lindsay, King's counsel, and one of the most distinguished members of the Royal College of Herald, bearing the title of " Windsor Herald."

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IDENTIFYING A STAR. To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Can any of your readers who are versed in astronomy tell the name of the wonderfully large and brilliant star which has been so conspicuous ornament to the southerly sky for months past? It is at present to be seen high up in the southeast about 2 a. m. until dawn, and its size and brilliance are so great that it appears like a sun.

NEW YORK FROM THE SUBURBS. Armed bandits robbed a New York café, which is our idea of true reciprocity.—Washington Post.

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The committee declared that "the working people are becoming less violent in their opposition to the synagogue and less denunciatory in their criticism of religion than a few years ago."

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Ex-Senator William A. Clark at the second annual dinner of the National Academy of Design, held in the Fine Arts Building last Sunday night, offered his financial aid in erecting the new National Academy of Design building, which has been planned for some time. Senator Clark did not name any exact sum, but promised to give his help when the plans for the building are sufficiently advanced.

John W. Alexander, who presided, said yesterday that the need for such a building was very great, New York being the only large city in the country which had no such art home.

The building must be placed in a large open space where there are no tall buildings to shut off the light. However, two sites were now under consideration, he said, and the members hoped to get one before long.

Governor Dix, Mr. Alexander said, signed the bill on Monday incorporating the National Academy of Design, the Society of the Architectural Academy of Design, the American Artists, the Society of Mural Painters, the Society of American Illustrators, the Beaux-Arts Society of Architects, the two water color societies and other associations.

The new academy is planning an ambitious home, and many promises of financial aid have been received since Senator Clark's offer.

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MR. KNOX NEARS WASHINGTON.

Norfolk, Va., April 16.—The armored cruiser Washington, bearing the Secretary of State, Mr. Knox, and party home from their Central and South American trip, passed Cape Henry at 9:49 a. m. to-day. At Point Lookout the party boarded the yacht Sylph and continued to Washington.

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LOCAL CHARITIES REMEMBERED.

The will of Jacob Wolfgang Mack, president of the Raritan Woolen Mills, filed in the Surrogate's office yesterday, gives \$20,000 to local charities, and several thousand dollars to public institutions in Bavaria. Mack died on April 11. His will provides two beds to Mount Sinai Hospital to endow two beds in memory of his father, Dr. Wolfgang Mack, and his mother, Mrs. Louise Mack, whose names the beds are to bear.

The following institutions receive \$250 from the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Montefiore Home, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Society for Ethical Culture. The bulk of the estate goes to relatives of the testator.

EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY ELECTION.

The annual election of officers of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was held last night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. A collection of \$500 was made for the restoration of Jordan's Farm, in Bunkin, Dutchess county, England, adjoining the burial place of William Penn. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: William Andrews Clark, president; Robert Macdonald, first vice-president; Fred H. Eaton, second vice-president; William Oler Hessel, third vice-president; and Theodore P. Shonta, fourth vice-president.

BARNES ESTATE, \$1,908,903

Late Banker, of John S. Kennedy & Co., Left Residue to Widow.

The transfer tax appraisal of the estate of John S. Barnes, who died on November 22, 1911, was filed in the Surrogate's office yesterday by Wallace S. Fraser, Deputy State Controller. Mr. Barnes, who was a member of the banking firm of John S. Kennedy & Co., had at his death an estate valued at \$1,908,903. His house, at No. 10 East 79th street, was valued at \$250,000, and the residue of the estate, amounting to \$1,658,903, was divided among his various relatives and industrial societies.

Among his holdings were 1,000 shares of Atchafon, Topeka & Santa Fe, \$104,900; 3,000 shares Tide Water Oil Company, \$312,000; 75 shares Guaranty Trust Company, \$61,125; 75 shares of the Liberty Valley Paper, \$61,125; and 1,548 shares of the Atlas Portland Cement Company, \$177,400. Mrs. Susan Balmbridge Barnes, his widow, received the residue of the estate, amounting to \$1,658,903.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY MEETS.

The annual election of officers of the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, was held last night at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Dr. S. Edward Young, the principal speaker of the evening, made an address on "The Leaven of '76 and Popular Government to-day." The list of officers for the ensuing year included: Sutherland, first vice-president; George B. Sutherland, second vice-president; Walter B. Rogers, third vice-president; Walter B. Rogers, secretary; James C. Huntington, treasurer; and Tunis D. Huntington, registrar.