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far higher point of view, to regard this harbor as of such transcendent importance to the whole nation that the whole nation must be consulted concerning it.

MR. SULZER'S PROMISES.

In his speech at the City Club Mr. Sulzer pledged himself to an administration of retrenchment and economy. He also declared that he stood "squarely for home rule and local self-government."

PIER HEADS AND TERMINAL.

There are three principal points of obvious force in Mr. Stimson's objections to the bill introduced by Mr. Sulzer for the arbitrary extension of the pier line of the lower part of the Manhattan North River waterfront from a hundred to probably five hundred feet further into the fairway of the river.

THE NIGHT COURT'S HOURS.

The law creating the night court provided that it was to be kept open until 3 a. m. There was a good and sufficient reason for this. The night court was designed especially to defend the notorious "straw bondsmen" who trafficked in the arrests of unfortunate street women and the miserable policemen who "stood in" with them and created the opportunity for mutual profit by arresting the women when they could not be arraigned in court immediately.

NO "INDEX" NEEDED.

It need not be assumed that State Chairman Barnes's letter to Republican district leaders asking them to furnish as complete a list as possible of the Progressive voters in their districts, and saying that he wanted to know how many Republican committeemen were "unwilling to compile these names," was a step in the execution of a policy of proscription, as some have interpreted it.

SOWING THE WIND.

The Industrial Workers of the World are making headway at Little Falls, N. Y., for the same reason that gained them their foothold at Lawrence, Mass. Conditions at Little Falls almost parallel those at Lawrence. There was the same cutting of the earnings of mill workers when a law reduced the number of hours' work in the mills which had occurred in the Massachusetts town.

TWO TREATIES.

The not always judicious discussion which has arisen over the control of the Panama Canal, and particularly the fixing of tolls on shipping which passes through it, has involved some references to the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, as though that instrument were still in force. That is presumably because the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in its preamble affirms the continued desire of the two nations to maintain the general principle of neutrality which was set forth in Article VIII of the former convention, and it seems to be assumed that the article in question is still operative in its entirety.

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People and Social Incidents

diners were given in conjunction with the affair, among them one by Mrs. A. Masters MacDonell, at Sherry's, which was in honor of Miss Bull, who was included Miss Louise Chappell, Miss Connelia De Lancy Cammann, Miss Eliza Francke, Miss Eleanor Hartshorne, Miss Hope Hamilton, Miss Charlotte Gilders, Miss Dorothy Manico, Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Miss Mary Brooks, Miss Mary Baker, Miss Frances Wyeth, Miss Suzanne Warren, Miss Eleanor Hartshorne, Miss Winifred Chisholm, Miss Adeline Townsend, Miss Anna Goddard, Frederick C. MacDonell, Bryna Wing, Hache Brown, Harry Cushing, William Palmer, James Livingston, Jr., William Travers Jerome Jr., Harry Darlington, Burgess Woolley, William Bramwell, William Palmer, Francis Greig, Herbert Noel and Leonard Wyeth. The dancing was general throughout the evening, and a supper was served at midnight.

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Announcement was made yesterday of the engagement of Miss Georgia Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Williams and niece of Mrs. George Henry Warren, to Amos Cotting Schermerhorn, who lives with his brother, John Egmont Schermerhorn, at No. 52 West 70th street. He is a member of the Union, Fencers and other New York clubs, and was graduated from Columbia in 1909. His fiancée and her parents have come into town for a few days from Stoneridge, their place near Stonington, Conn., and are staying at the Vanderbilt Hotel.