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NOT ONE LOW DELEGATE

WILL GO TO THE CITY CONVENTION FROM NEW YORK COUNTY.

The Regular Organization Carries Every Assembly District—The $100 Low Organizations Make a Poor Showing—Amasa Thornton Gets a Black Eye—Some Local Tussles.

If there were many Republicans in New York county who signed that wonderful Citizens' Union petition in favor of the nomination of Seth Low for Mayor, they did not make their votes count for much at the regular Republican primaries, held last night, the returns made at headquarters, 1 Madison avenue, being accepted as a criterion.

From those returns it was evident that the policy of the leaders of the organization expressed at the meeting of the County Committee on last Thursday night had been fully indorsed by the enrolled Republicans at the polls in their election districts.

In fact, it was a clean sweep for the organization, if a very few election districts of the 1,300 in the city are left out of the question. Every Assembly district was carried.

As these election district primaries simply elect delegates to Assembly district conventions, which choose the City Convention delegates, it will be understood that the ultimate result of the primaries will be that not a delegate who is favorable to the nomination of Seth Low will go to that convention from New York county.

The only district in the city where the Low men were expected to show any strength was the Twenty-seventh. The Twenty-seventh takes in the Union League Club and Murray Hill and large sections of Fifth avenue. The Cits have been counting on the Twenty-seventh to break a solid anti-Low delegation from the borough of Manhattan in the city convention.

The Twenty-seventh came out all right, however. Of the 135 delegates elected there will probably be a majority of more than fifty for a straight ticket and against Mr. Low when it comes to elect delegates to the City Convention. Of the twenty-three of the thirty-five election districts in the Assembly district that THE SUN had heard from, nineteen were for a straight ticket, there was a contest in three, and one district, the Thirtieth, was certainly for Low.

The nineteen districts have eighty-three delegates, considerably more than a majority of the whole number. In several election districts on the east side the straight-ticket men did not vote at all, and the Low men got out and hustled and were mightily tickled with themselves.

In a great many more districts on the west side the Low men were not heard of at all, and there was no show of a contest. In the Fifteenth Election district the primary was held in the room of the Roscoe Conkling Club at the corner of Broadway and Forty-fifth street. A young man named Clisby wanted to vote there. He was not an enrolled Republican and he was a member of the Cits' Union. He wasn't permitted to vote. There was a row right on the spot and the young man went sailing downstairs. He came back with half a dozen men who wanted to vote. They were not enrolled either, and this time two policemen led the young man out.

In the Seventh election district Columbus O. Johnson, Mayor Strong's Water Registrar, had a heap of trouble. Mr. Johnson's name was stricken from the roll of the party of the district some time ago on the ground that he wasn't a good Republican. His vote was challenged. After a while, though, the regulars relented and let him vote. The two election districts which were supposed to be the strongest for Low were the Third and the Eighth. The anti-organization men won in them last year. Last night the straight ticket men won by majorities of from 3 to 5 to 1.

In the Twenty-fifth Assembly district, where Amasa Thornton had undertaken a fight, Charles A. Hess, the district leader, won a square victory.

Amasa was a sadly disappointed man. He has been known as Jake Worth's lieutenant in New York county. He believed that he could deliver fifty delegates in New York county to Mr. Worth for Low.

Mr. Thornton raged through the district last night only to find himself utterly routed. He had a personal disappointment in the result. He has been negotiating since Friday last with the Republican leaders in an effort to induce them to promise him the nomination in the Twenty-fifth district for Assemblyman. It was evident by this that Mr. Thornton had given up hopes of delivering the fifty votes of the county for Low to Worth and had gone in on his own hook.

The Republican leaders declined to entertain Mr. Thornton's proposition to make him the candidate for Assembly in the district.

Most of the district leaders who brought in returns to county headquarters last night reported that there had been no contest whatever in their Assembly districts. They were asked how this could be when the Cits claimed such strong organizations in their districts and they replied that anyone who would pay $100 a month to keep up Assembly district headquarters, as the Cits have done, could make a show at meetings and the like, but when it came to running a ticket in the Republican primaries they found that they didn't have the enrolled Republicans with them, and Democrats can't vote at Republican primaries.

At the primaries last night delegates were chosen to all the minor conventions, and there were some sharp contests between rival candidates for Councilmen, Aldermen, and Assemblymen.

James A. Barcus of the Twenty-first Assembly district, who has been making a picturesque canvass for Councilman in the Fourth district, and who has spent a great deal of money in the preliminary skirmish, is said to have made a hard fight against the opposition of Leader Abraham Gruber and to have secured quite a number of delegates. He had the support of the women and the clergy, and the women hustled for votes for him if they could not cast any themselves.

The closest contest for an Assembly nomination is said to have been in the Twenty-seventh Assembly district, where Francis E. Laimbeer is seeking renomination. It was said at county headquarters last night that Charles Russell Burke, the organization candidate, is likely to beat him in the convention.

YELLOW DOG BLOCKS BROADWAY.

Cable Cars Stopped by the Crowd Collected by Its Antics in Front of Daly's Theatre.

A yellow dog, breed unknown, ran into Broadway from Twenty-ninth street last night and dashed into the vestibule of the Fifth Avenue Theatre. The doorkeeper made for the dog before it got half way up the lobby and kicked at it. The kick fell short, but the dog turned and ran out on Broadway, where it collided with the wheel of a hansom. It howled with pain and took to the west sidewalk. Passers-by gave it a wide berth as it ran north, and some one yelled that it was mad. Others took up the cry and a crowd gathered.

In front of Daly's Theatre the dog came to a standstill for a moment. Then it began a sort of serpentine dance, accompanied by howls and sharp barks. Its incessant barking brought many of the audience out of Daly's Theatre to see what the row was about. Two men finally grabbed the brute by its collar and held it while a pail of water was thrown over it. As this only made the dog howl the more, salt was stuck into his mouth when he opened it. This stopped the howls only for a moment. The dog was now dragged two doors to the south, where for twenty minutes it continued to kick and howl. The crowd got so large and so many cabs collected that the cable cars were stopped for a time. At last when Policeman McCormick of the West Thirtieth street station came along somebody suggested that castor oil would do the dog good. Some was got from a neighboring drug shop and poured down the dog's throat. As it didn't have any perceptible effect, some one else suggested glycerine as a remedy. Glycerine was got and the dog became quieter. It was then dragged around to Twenty-ninth street and tied to a fence. After a while it was taken to the Bergh society's stables.

Before this was done William Smith, a clerk, of 37 Third avenue, and Kuna Tsuda, a Japanese, 18 years old, of 217 West Fortieth street, got into a dispute as to what ailed the dog. The dispute soon became a fight, which promised to become general, but Policeman McCormick grabbed the fighters and hustled them to the station house, where they were both locked up.

TWO RULERS AND AN EXPLOSION.

Startling Incident as William and Francis Joseph Entered Their Carriage.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 20.—A despatch to the *Daily Mail* from Vienna records an alleged mysterious incident in connection with the arrival of Emperor William at Budapest to-day.

It says that when the German Emperor and Emperor Francis Joseph were seated in their carriage and about to leave the railroad station there was a sharp detonation, accompanied by a thick cloud of smoke.

The crowd that had assembled to see the two Emperors was much alarmed, broke through the military lines, and swarmed around the carriage.

Emperor Francis Joseph was greatly agitated and shouted to the police to keep the people back.

No further details of the affair are given, but it is significant that the *Reichswehr* and the *Neues Wiener Journal* were confiscated this evening for publishing telegrams from Budapest referring to the matter.

This is regarded as indicating that more happened than has been allowed to become public. Doubtless strenuous efforts will be made to hush the matter up.

The other correspondents of London newspapers make no mention in their despatches of the affair.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 20.—Emperor William of Germany arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. He was greeted upon his arrival by Emperor Francis Joseph and his Ministers and the Austrian Archdukes. The day was observed as a public holiday, and thousands of persons filled the streets to welcome the imperial visitor. The route to the castle, a distance of nearly four miles, was magnificently decorated and spanned by arches at frequent intervals. Crowds of persons lined the roadway and cheered the Emperor with great enthusiasm as he passed along. The Emperor saluted the colossal statue of Hungaria, holding aloft an olive branch, at which the multitude cheered wildly.

CAME HERE TO ESCAPE HIS WIFE.

He Deserted Her and She Followed Him to Chicago—Her Brother Has Him Arrested.

Solomon Speigelglass, lately of Chicago, cursed his luck yesterday in the Essex Market Court for having made a hurried trip to this city to escape his wife, who had followed him to Chicago for the purpose of prosecuting him for abandonment.

Speigelglass married his wife when she was Ida Dorfman in this city in 1895. On the morning after the wedding he disappeared. His wife took to her bed, and her mother, who had given him $60 as her dowry after the marriage ceremony, went into hysterics over her loss. Several weeks ago Speigelglass was heard from in Chicago. Somebody set afloat the rumor on the east side that he had accumulated a lot of money.

His wife started for Chicago last Thursday. Her presence in the city became known to Speigelglass on Friday night. He left his boarding house an hour before she reached it. Early Saturday morning he took a train for this city, arriving here Sunday morning. While walking along the Bowery Sunday night he came face to face with his wife's brother, Barney Dorfman of 55 Suffolk street.

"So glad to see you, Solomon," said the brother.

Then they shook hands and the brother assured him that, if he would only stay in New York, everything would be all right, and Solomon said he loved his wife anu would gladly live with her.

The two men then visited a number of saloons at Barney's expense, and, later in the night, Barney assisted Speigelglass to his lodging. Shortly afterward Barney lifted the front window and shouted: "A fight, a fight! Police!"

A policeman from the Delancey street station ran in. "Arrest that man for disorderly conduct," said Dorfman, pointing to Speigelglass, who was accordingly locked up.

When the case was called in the Essex Market Court yesterday, Dorfman said to Magistrate Flammer: "My sister will be back tonight. I only wanted him arrested so he could be held here until she arrives. Then Speigelglass will have to pay her so much a week, and will have to give bonds."

In order to hold Speigelglass, Magistrate Flammer allowed a charge of larceny of the dowry to be made against him, and on this charge he was held for examination until to-day.

HELD AS HOSTAGES FOR WAGES.

Two Contractors Raise a Big Rumpus in Escaping from Their Workmen.

WATERFORD, Me., Sept. 20.—Deputy Sheriff Albert T. Bassett and half a dozen Italians were shot last night in the course of an exciting and successful attempt to rescue the Boston contractors, Albert Davis and L. B. Wilson, held by the 225 striking railroad laborers in the camp here as hostages for unpaid wages.

Bassett's escape was a most thrilling one. That he has nothing more than a bullet wound in the arm is almost a miracle. He had a running fight for almost a mile with the Italians, over 100 shots were exchanged, and the air was full of waving knives, clubs, and stones. The strikers had threatened to kill the contractors. Bassett decided that the captive contractors should be rescued by strategy rather than by force. He and State Detective Wormell drove over after dark from Bethel in two wagons, which were left at a point just beyond the camp. While Wormell talked with the Italians Bassett got an interview with Wilson and Davis, and gave them the hint. All four worked their way gradually toward the edge of the crowd, and at a signal made a dash for the wagons. Davis and Wilson and Wormell reached theirs, and the driver whipped up and galloped away. Bassett, who started last, was surrounded by a yelling mob of strikers, who flourished knives and pistols, shouting, "We kill! We kill!" The flash of a dozen pistols lighted the scene, and Bassett returned the fire. Bullets whistled in every direction about him as he climbed into the wagon and lashed the horse. Several Italians fell, one had a bad scalp wound, and another was shot in the chest, a third had a broken leg, and others got flesh wounds. Bassett was hit in the right shoulder. The camp is like a humming hive of hornets to-day, and the Norway militia company has been notified to be ready to march.

OILED ITS ROADBED.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's Scheme to Keep Dust Out of the Passenger Cars.

TRENTON, Sept. 20.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company to-day sprinkled with crude petroleum a section of its roadbed about a mile long at Morrisville, Pa., and part of a section two miles long just east of Trenton. These portions are ballasted with gravel. When the fast express trains rush by the fine sand is raised in clouds and gets into the passenger coaches. The remainder of the roadbed is stone ballasted and on this there is no dust. The oil used is first subjected to a treatment that renders it non-combustible, so that there is no danger of fire from flying sparks.

The oiling is done from a tank and sprinkler on a gondola, which is run at about five miles an hour. The oil gathers the dust and soaks it into a sort of mud, so that it cannot fly in the air. The cost of oiling the roadbed is about $30 per mile, and three applications are needed each year. The company experimented with the oil on its line between Camden and Atlantic City last summer, and the results were so satisfactory that the gravel ballasted portion on the main line will be so treated hereafter.

SIX CHILDREN BURNED.

Locked in the House by the Parents, Who Went to Church.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 20.—Andy Smith and his wife, colored, living in the country near Donalds, Abbeville county, locked in their house last night six children, four of their own and two visitors from a neighbor's. The youngest was 18 months old and the eldest 7 years. The parents went to church. An hour later neighbors heard screams from Smith's house and found the building in flames. Negroes made heroic efforts to save the children, but it was impossible to reach them, and all perished where they were huddled together on the floor. It is supposed an oil lamp left burning was overturned.

NO LIGHTNING FOR STRONG

REPUBLICANS WILL NAME OLCOTT FOR MAYOR ON SEPT. 28.

No Adjourning of the Convention, Either, and Whether Low Sticks or Withdraws the Programme Will Not Be Altered—Platt a Temporary Resident of Staten Island.

Senator Platt left Coney Island yesterday and with Mrs. Platt took up a temporary residence at the Hotel Castleton, St. George's Landing, Staten Island. They will remain at the Hotel Castleton until Fifth avenue is in better shape in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel. One or two amusing stories were circulated yesterday to the effect that Senator Platt had taken up a temporary residence on Staten Island in order to be in command of the Richmond county primaries. The fact is that Mrs. Platt rather objects to returning to the Fifth Avenue Hotel until the avenue is in good shape in front of the hotel.

The story about Senator Platt and the Richmond county primaries recalled the visit of Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn to Senator Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel a few days before Senator Platt started for the Republican National Convention at St. Louis. When Mayor Wurster came downstairs from Senator Platt's rooms at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on that occasion he said that the object of his call upon Senator Platt had been to ask Mr. Platt to look out for hotel accommodations for the Kings county delegation at St. Louis. Mayor Wurster told this story seriously. It was said at the time that if his Honor of Brooklyn wanted to circulate a fiction he should have invented a better one. Just so with the Staten Island story. Hugh McRoberts of Richmond county is in command in Staten Island and he swept the decks last night without consultation with Senator Platt.

Another little interesting story was circulated yesterday with just as much sense as the Platt-Staten Island primaries story. It was that President Quigg of the New York Republican County Committee had hired Carnegie Hall for three days after Sept. 28. On Sept. 28 the Republican City Convention is to meet in the hall and nominate its ticket. The story that Mr. Quigg had hired the hall for three days longer after Sept. 28 was interpreted to mean that the Republicans will not take final action as to their ticket in the City Convention on Sept. 28. President Quigg said:

"I have not hired Carnegie Hall for three days after Sept. 28. I have not done so, for the reason that we will need the hall only on Sept. 28, when the Republican City Convention will nominate its ticket and adjourn. That's final."

The Republican warriors paused long enough in their work to give some little heed to Mayor Strong's talks. The Mayor is now being interviewed every day, they said, and the majority of opinion yesterday was to the effect that his Honor, Mr. Strong, manages to say one word for Mr. Low and fourteen words for Mr. Strong—the Mr. Strong who vetoed the Greater New York city charter after it had been passed by the Republican Legislature at Albany. The Republican Legislature, of course, passed the charter over Mr. Strong's head. All of Mr. Strong's friends at the time who wanted to see him renominated were very much disturbed because he had vetoed the charter. The majority believed then, and they believe now, that Mr. Strong, by his veto, put himself outside of the chance of a renomination. It is a matter of absolute fact that some of Mayor Strong's friends have within the last forty-eight hours appealed to eminent Republicans in Mr. Strong's behalf. It is not known if these appeals were made with Mr. Strong's consent. It was ascertained that the Republicans thus appealed to declared that the Republican City Convention would nominate candidates who stood by the Greater New York charter. It was said of Mr. Strong:

"With the rising of every sun the old gentleman in City Hall Park hoists his lightning rod an inch or two higher. The Republican lightning is not going that way. The Republican City Convention will nominate District Attorney Olcott, and Mr. Olcott is to make a rip-roaring fight and to lead the Republicans to victory."

The Republican warriors heard last evening that the Citizens' Union folks were greatly disturbed over the attitude of the New York County Committee and the Republican State Committee. Some of the warriors were asked to give expression to their views as to the new condition of things in the Citizens' Union. They all with one voice proclaimed that any action that the Citizens' Union may take is a matter of utter indifference to the Republican organization of Greater New York. Whether Mr. Low sticks as the Cits' candidate or vamoses entirely, it was declared, is equally a matter of indifference. The Citizens' Union, the battle-scarred Republican warriors said, can follow right behind the Republican party if it really believes in good municipal government. None of the Republicans, it was learned, is paying any attention to the daily talks of Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Clark, or Charles Stewart Smith, who lives in Stamford most of the year and imagines he's a great statesman while he is in New York.

STOCK EXCHANGES ATTACKED.

Judge Foster's Views on the Tendency of Wealth and Speculation.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 20.—United States Judge Foster to-day rendered a decision in which he declared that the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange was shutting out competition, forcing shippers to its terms, and was therefore an unlawful combination. He said:

"The crying complaint of to-day is the great tendency of wealth to monopolize and control by trusts and combinations the products and industries of the country. It must be confessed by every thoughtful observer that many of the so-called Stock and Produce Exchanges are among the most potent instruments for the accomplishment of these purposes by speculators and adventurers.

"Men who add nothing to the productive wealth of the country grow rich or poor by gambling on the wealth produced by others. Men are daily selling through these exchanges millions of bushels of corn, wheat, and other produce who neither have nor expect to have a bushel; and others are buying millions who never expect to receive a bushel. Both sides are tampering with normal prices fixed by the law of supply and demand, and attempting by false and dishonest means and methods to serve their own ends."

STRUCK DUMB AS HE PREACHED.

The Rev. W. R. Motley of Newport News Has a Strange Attack in the Pulpit.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Sept. 20.—The Rev. W. R. Motley, pastor of the First Christian Church in this city, was struck speechless in the presence of a large congregation yesterday while preaching his morning sermon. Mr. Motley had just reached the climax of a particularly passionate appeal when, to the surprise of his hearers, he stopped short and was unable to articulate. The congregation was dismissed and Mr. Motley was taken to his home, where after several hours he recovered his power of speech sufficiently to admit of his preaching as usual in the evening. In talking of the unusual occurrence to-day all Mr. Motley could say was:

"Of a sudden I felt something snap in my throat and I was speechless."

CAST HIS CHILDREN ADRIFT.

Lawrence Waters Says He Did So Hoping They Would Get a Good Home.

Lawrence Waters, 26 years old, of Eighty-sixth street, Brooklyn, night foreman of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, at Third avenue and Fifty-eighth street, was arrested last night charged with abandoning his two children, Lawrence, aged 7, and Elsie, aged 4, at Haverstraw on Saturday. Waters said his wife was dead, and that he only earned $14 a week. He abandoned the children, he said, hoping that some kind-hearted person might pick them up and give them a good home.

MEN SEALED IN A BURNING MINE.

Five Known to Be There, and There May Have Been a Few More.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 20.—Five men are known to have perished and three or four others are said to be missing in the Belle-Ellen No. 2 mine, located a few miles below Blocton, in Bibb county, and discovered on fire this morning.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a bursted steam pipe. When discovered the flames had gained considerable headway, and it was with much difficulty that the miners were rescued. Many crawled out of the slope to the fresh air. A special train was sent to Blocton for assistance, and many men responded.

In the No. 2 mine nearly 200 miners labor. There was no hose to be secured with which to fight the flames. At one time, too, it was thought the flames were being subdued, but in a few moments the mine looked like a volcano. Every effort was made to reach the entombed miners, but in vain. It was decided late this afternoon to leave the men to their fate, and the mouth of the slope was sealed up for the purpose of smothering the flames. Exactly how many men perished will not be known until the excitement abates and a roll-call can be had. It is believed the mine can be saved, though great damage has been done. The mine was recently opened and the coal was very easily ignited.

WARFARE IN THE CHURCH.

Two Places of Worship Burned and a Dynamite Bomb Thrown.

RICHLAND CENTRE, Wis., Sept. 20.—Since trouble broke out among the members of the Garfield Church at Hub City, a month ago, two places of worship have been burned, and an attempt has been made to blow up a church with dynamite.

A month ago petty jealousy caused a split in the church, and a few nights after one of the factions withdrew from the congregation a fire was discovered in the church building; the building burned to the ground. There is little doubt that the church was set on fire. The faction which still clung to the congregation then rented a hall in which services were conducted, but a week later a dynamite bomb was thrown into the hall, which was partly wrecked. Temporary repairs were made and the congregation continued to hold services there. Last night, just after service, another fire was discovered, and the hall, for want of fire apparatus, was burned to the ground. There seems to be no doubt that the hall was again fired. The burning of two churches and the throwing of a bomb have caused great excitement throughout this county, and the Sheriff is making every effort to bring the guilty ones to justice.

HUNTER'S CASE WITH THE JURY.

The Kentucky Charges of Bribery—A Scene at the Trial.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 20.—The speeches in the indictment cases against Hunter, Wilson, Franks, and Gaines, regarding alleged attempts to bribe members of the Legislature, were resumed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. James Andrew Scott made the first argument for Dr. Hunter.

There was a scene at the outset, when Col. Scott accused Judge Julian, attorney for Gaines, of making the statement that all men "were for sale from the bar to the bench." Judge Julian arose and interrupted Col. Scott by saying: "I did not say it."

Col. Scott then read a statement which he said he had taken down.

"I did not make it, and bitterly resent it," said Julian.

"Go ahead, then," replied Scott, advancing toward him. Judge Julian took his seat, and the Court rapped for order.

County Attorney Polsgrove dwelt on the testimony of Gaines, arraigning his father, John W. Gaines. He wanted Gaines convicted rather than any of the other defendants. Some one had been guilty of perjury. He was unable to locate the guilty persons; otherwise he would prosecute on this charge.

Ex-Chief Justice William S. Pryor concluded the argument. At the opening of his argument the courtroom was packed. After Pryor's address the case went to the jury.

FIRE ISLAND'S NEW LIGHTSHIP.

No. 68 Placed in Position Yesterday and the Temporary Vessel Towed In.

The new steam lightship 68 was moored in position off Fire Island in place of the older vessel, 39, which has been on duty there since the new lightship post was established. Lightship 68 left Tompkinsville shortly after midnight yesterday in tow of the lighthouse service tenders Rogers and Gardenia, which placed her on station and brought 39 back into port. The tenders and their tow got back to Tompkinsville about nightfall.

The new vessel will show simultaneously from three lenses encircling each masthead a fixed white incandescent 100 candle power electric light, which may be seen in clear weather fifteen feet above the sea thirteen nautical miles. Should the electric light machinery become inoperative, the three lens lanterns will be displayed on each mast. During thick or foggy weather a twelve-inch steam whistle will sound blasts of three seconds' duration, separated by silent intervals of four and twenty seconds.

The vessel has a flush deck, two masts, schooner-rigged, and no bowsprit; the masts heads are black, and at each there is a black circular iron gallery under the lens lanterns. There is a black smokestack. The hull is painted red, with the words "Fire Island" in large white letters on each side and "No. 68" in white on each quarter and on each bow.

RIO GRANDE VAGARIES.

They Put Fort Ringgold to New and More Serious Inconvenience.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 20.—News of a serious state of affairs has reached here from Fort Ringgold, the military post in the chapparel on the Rio Grande, between Laredo and Brownsville. On account of the fickle turns of the Rio Grande that post is threatened with a water famine, and if something is not done to relieve the situation the post will have to be abandoned.

The trouble began several years ago, when the Rio Grande changed its course by cutting away the bank toward the Mexican side. The post extended its water pipe to the new channel, but soon after another rise came and the river moved several hundred feet further to the Mexican side. Again the pipes were extended, and again the river receded. Over 900 feet of pipe have been laid, and still the river keeps getting further and further away. The officers at Fort Ringgold are seriously considering the question of reopening the old channel above the town and letting the water come back to where it can be depended upon and handled with safety.

JABBED WITH A HATPIN.

A Young Woman Creates a Commotion in a Sixth Avenue Dry Goods Store.

A young woman startled the shoppers in a Sixth avenue dry goods store yesterday afternoon by trying to jab a hatpin into the person near her. There was a stampede for the door, and the woman with the hatpin was grabbed by the store detective. She fought to get away and screamed.

A policeman was called and she was taken to the New York Hospital, where she said her name was Lizzie Harnett, and that she was 27 years old. The doctors at the hospital said that the woman was suffering from nervousness and insomnia.

SHIP BURNED AT SEA.

She Was the Savonius of 1,500 Tons, from Pensacola for Rio—Nobody Lost.

SALEM, Mass., Sept. 20.—A telegram from Capt. J. W. Dunham of this city, who is in Pensacola, Fla., states that the ship Savonius has been burned at sea. The Savonius was of 1,500 tons burden and was carrying 1,000,000 feet of lumber from Pensacola to Rio Janeiro. The vessel was loaded about two weeks ago, but a difficulty arose over a crew, as no one would ship, owing to the prevalence of fever at Rio Janeiro. Shipping men here think that when the vessel got outside the crew set fire to her. The telegram states that the Captain and crew were saved.

NO ULTIMATUM TO SPAIN.

DENIAL OF A SENSATIONAL STORY IN THE PARIS TEMPS.

Our Government Has Not Authorized Gen. Woodford to Tell Spain the Cuban War Must Be Ended Next Month—Nature of the Instructions He Is Doubtless Carrying Out.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A cable message from Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, the United States Minister to Spain, was received at the State Department yesterday. It said merely: "I have seen the Duke," referring to the Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Gen. Woodford did not say anything to the Duke about the necessity of bringing the Cuban war to an end in October, unless he did so on his own responsibility, and wilfully violated the instructions given him by Secretary Sherman. THE SUN has the best of authority for saying that the report of the interview purporting to have been telegraphed to the Paris *Temps* from San Sebastian is a tissue of prevarications. State Department officials will not talk for publication, but it can be positively declared that no ultimatum was given to the Duke of Tetuan by Gen. Woodford.

At the time Gen. Woodford's instructions were given him a Washington despatch to THE SUN said that the instructions were of a peaceable character and could not be interpreted by the Spanish Government as a threat of hostility. It was learned to-night that there has been no change in the character of the note which was addressed to the American Minister for his guidance in conducting the exceedingly delicate negotiations with Spain toward bringing the bloody struggle to a conclusion.

On the same excellent authority mentioned it is said that Gen. Woodford was directed to feel the Spanish pulse, as it were, to ascertain how the Madrid Government would view a suggestion from the United States that the war should be terminated as speedily as possible. In effect, his authority extended only to a tender of the good offices of the United States in bringing the unhappy state of affairs prevailing in the island to a close.

THE SUN reporter was given to understand that the future policy of the Washington Administration concerning Cuba would depend almost entirely upon the manner in which the suggestion was accepted by the Spanish authorities. If they were willing to meet this Government half way, well and good, and the negotiations for settling the Cuban question could proceed along friendly lines satisfactory alike to the United States, Spain, and the Cuban patriots. If, on the contrary, the Spanish authorities declined absolutely to acknowledge the right of this country to intervene in any way between Spain and her rebellious subjects, Gen. Woodford was to so inform the President through the Secretary of State before proceeding further in the matter.

Whether he received additional instructions outlining the course to be pursued in the event of a rebuff from the Spanish Ministry, cannot be definitely ascertained, but the inference drawn from the statements of THE SUN'S reliable informant, who was reticent on this point, was that Gen. Woodford would wait for further directions before again approaching the Spanish Government. It is pretty clearly understood in official circles here that a refusal by Spain to accept the assistance of this Government in bringing about an ending to the war will be followed by positive action on the part of the President that will have the true American ring and will result in the absolute independence of the Cuban people.

Minister Woodford was told to leave a copy of his instructions with the Duke of Tetuan, and the State Department construes his message of yesterday to mean that he did so. These instructions were couched in conciliatory language and contained nothing to justify the statement in the *Temps*.

The despatch printed in the Paris *Temps* said that "Gen. Woodford courteously but firmly urged the necessity of finishing the war, adding that if it was not terminated before the end of October the United States would consider itself justified in taking measures to assure the independence of the island."

QUEEN MARGARET TO GIBBONS.

She Sends the Cardinal Her Photograph with Her Handwriting on It.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons received yesterday a large photograph of the Queen of Italy sent by her to him. The photograph is a three-quarter one, about two feet square, and represents the Queen in court dress. Her jewels are superb, including a tiara of diamonds and pure pearls and a necklace of diamonds and sapphires, with several ornaments and rings. A wrap of brocade and ermine is thrown back on the shoulders. At the bottom is written by the Queen in purple ink an Italian inscription, the translation of which is:

"To James, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore—Margaret."

On the envelope is the name of the Cardinal, and the additional name of a lady-in-waiting, through whom it was conveyed. The Queen requested Miss Virginia Mactavish, who is her personal friend, to present the photograph to the Cardinal, and to ask the Cardinal to send her all the books which he has written. Miss Mactavish will take these back to the Queen in November, and will present them to her at a special audience.

HIGH KITE FLYING.

At an Altitude of 10,016 Feet Above Sea Level It Was 25 Degrees Colder.

BOSTON, Sept. 20.—The highest recorded altitude ever reached by a kite was reached this afternoon at Blue Hill Observatory. The top kite reached a height of 10,016 feet above sea level, or 8,386 above the summit of the hill. The ascent began at noon, and the highest point was reached at 4:17 P. M., when seven Hargrave kites were held by nearly four miles of wire. An instrument recording temperature, humidity, and pressure was hung about 130 feet below the highest kite.

At the highest point reached the temperature was 38°, while at the ground it was 63°. At the height of 4,000 feet the humidity rose rapidly, then fell, and at the height of a mile it was quite low. At 7,000 feet the humidity rose to almost saturation, but at 8,000 feet it began to fall, and at the highest point it was extremely low. At the ground the humidity remained low during the entire ascent. Above 5,000 feet the wind was from the west, while at the ground there was a southerly wind. The instrument and kites were brought down at 6:40 P. M., having been more than a mile above the hills for over five hours.

WHERE IS CHETWYND?

An Englishman Supposed to Have Come to Grief in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 20.—Clarence Russell Chetwynd, the son of a London ex banker and financier, is supposed to have fallen a victim to Chicago thugs. Two months ago he left New York city for Chicago, after receiving a draft for $2,500, and that was the last heard of him. Before leaving New York he cabled his parents that his Chicago address would be the Auditorium Annex. The Chicago police have been asked by the New York police and Chief McNaughton of the Scotland Yard Detective Bureau to make diligent search for the young man. Central Detectives Burke and Early have been detailed on the case.

When Chetwynd left New York he was accompanied by a woman supposed to have been Maud Bancroft, a former chorus girl in the "Wizard of the Nile" company. Chetwynd is described as being 28 years old and decidedly English, both as to dress and manners.

Town Treasurer $10,716 Short.

WORCESTER, Mass., Sept. 20.—An expert accountant employed by the Selectmen of Clinton to examine the books of W. F. Heagney, Town Treasurer in 1891-94, after working four months reports a shortage of $16,716.51. The town has received $1,800 from Heagney's insolvent estate. The bondsmen must pay the balance. The books were badly muddled and many vouchers were lost.

POULSON HINTS AT FRAUD.

Brooklyn Manufacturers Want to Investigate the City Hall Contracts.

Nils Poulson, the contractor who is erecting the cupola on the Brooklyn City Hall, made a statement before the Manufacturers' Association of Kings and Queens Counties, at its meeting in Montague street last night, concerning the scandal that has grown out of the repairs on the City Hall. He charged Milliken Brothers, the contractors who made the repairs in the building, with doing their work in an unworkmanlike manner, and said the ceilings were in danger of falling.

Ludwig Nissen said the question was of the greatest importance, and one of which the Manufacturers' Association could take cognizance. He offered a resolution, that was adopted unanimously, requesting Mayor Wurster to permit President H. B. Haigh of the Manufacturers' Association to appoint a committee to investigate the City Hall contracts. Mr. Poulson and Mayor Wurster are members of the Manufacturers' Association.

BROOKLYN'S NEW POSTMASTER.

Francis H. Wilson to Be Appointed—Michael Nathan an Assistant Appraiser.

President McKinley, according to information received from Washington last night by Republicans interested in the matter, has decided to appoint Representative Francis H. Wilson of Brooklyn to be the Brooklyn Postmaster. This appointment has been hanging fire for some little time, but it was stated on the highest authority that the President has come to a decision in the matter and that Mr. Wilson is to get the place.

Another interesting bit of information was that President McKinley is to appoint within a day or so Michael Nathan of Brooklyn to be an assistant appraiser on Appraiser Wakeman's staff. It was learned that Appraiser Wakeman and Mr. Nathan have had satisfactory talks. It was also made known that Mr. Nathan has been pushed for the place by Theodore B. Willis and Walter B. Atterbury of Brooklyn and that he has the indorsement of other influential Republicans.

GOLD BEATERS' WAGES UP.

An Advance of 55 Per Cent. as a Result of the Dingley Tariff Law.

The Gold Beaters' Union reported yesterday that a general advance of wages amounting to 55 per cent. had been granted to gold beaters all over the United States. There are forty-five employers, who employ about 700 men. Forty-three of the employers granted the advance yesterday. Gold beaters can earn $20 a week under the new scale.

This sudden increase in wages is ascribed to the operations of the Dingley Tariff law.

THE PIECES OF PAPER MATCHED.

A Woman's Body Identified by the Leaves from a Notebook.

MONTREAL, Sept. 20.—The Montreal authorities are now fully satisfied that the body of the young woman who committed suicide at the Cadillac Hotel is that of Miss Mattie Warren, a dressmaker, who lived at Schenectady, N. Y. She had no relatives in that town and always said to her friends there that her father and mother had died in Montreal.

To-day a Montreal man went to the Coroner and produced a leaf torn out of a notebook which had been sent to him from Schenectady. The leaf corresponded exactly with the piece of paper on which the deceased woman had written the name of the town, and there was a scrap of writing on it that placed the identity of the writer beyond all doubt.

NEGRO FOREMAN NOT TOLERATED.

White Mill Hands Threaten to Tear Things Up and Win Their Point.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 20.—The managers of the Charleston Cotton Mill, where negro and white labor is employed, undertook to day to put in half a dozen negro bosses over the white operatives, and, consequently, the white hands went on a strike. They left the mill and made many threats. A squad of policemen was detailed to prevent trouble, but things became so squally that the colored bosses were taken out. The mill has had considerable trouble since the colored hands were employed, and the whites to-day declared that they would fight it out and tear down the factory unless they could work under instructions from white men. They got what they wanted and were satisfied.

LASSOED A BICYCLIST.

Young Rigal Fined $20 as a Warning to Other Boys to Stop That Kind of Fun.

A gang of boys ranging in age from 15 to 18 years have been amusing themselves recently by lassoing bicyclists on the Boulevard in Jersey City at night and dragging them from their wheels. In several cases the victims have been seriously injured and their wheels damaged. As soon as the boys catch a man they run away. The police have been trying to catch them, but found it difficult, as they kept changing their base of operations. Charles Rigal, 15 years old, of 1172 Summit avenue, was captured on Sunday night and arraigned before Police Justice Nevin yesterday morning. He was fined $20 by the Justice, who said he hoped it would deter other boys from that sort of sport.

WOMAN BICYCLIST INJURED.

Overturned by a Scorcher While Riding a Tandem with Her Husband.

Mrs. Bertha Fletcher, 24 years old, of 133 West Sixty-seventh street, was badly injured in a collision on the Boulevard last night while out bicycle riding with her husband. While the Fletchers were riding along slowly on a tandem near Seventieth street a bicyclist scorched up behind them, struck their rear wheel, and upset them. Mrs. Fletcher was badly bruised and cut on the face. Her injuries were dressed by Dr. Murray of 208 Amsterdam avenue, and she then sent home. Mr. Fletcher escaped with nothing more serious than a shaking up. The scorcher escaped in the confusion.

PASTOR THRASHED IN CHURCH.

Disciplined by a Saloonkeeper for Calling Names.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 20.—The Rev. G. J. Thrasher, a reformed drunkard and gambler, while delivering a temperance lecture in the South Montgomery Baptist Church last night, was attacked by R. J. Martin, a saloonkeeper of this city. Thrasher made the statement:

"All whiskey sellers are liars and robbers."

Martin, who was in the audience, took umbrage at this and ran to the pulpit, pulled the preacher from it and gave him a stinging blow in the mouth, saying:

"You're a damned liar and you know it."

Several deacons leaped to their feet and averted more serious trouble. Martin has been arrested.

Broke His Broken Leg Again.

School Commissioner Walter Parson of Newark is brittle. At least that is what his fellow members of the School Board say. He dispensed with crutches about two weeks