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## THORN TRIAL COLLAPSES.

### JUROR LARSEN'S ILLNESS RENDERS A NEW TRIAL NECESSARY.

**District Attorney Youngs Will Bring the Jury In To-day and Ask for Their Discharge—He Hopes to Proceed with the New Trial on Monday—The Alleged Confessions of Thorn Are Repudiated by His Lawyers—Anna Held Not Permitted to Chat with the Accused.**

Martin Thorn is to have a new trial. After all the work of the lawyers, after the dramatic introduction of Mrs. Nack as a witness against her former lover and a confessed accomplice in the murder of William Gieldsensuppe, the illness of a juror renders the proceedings of the past five days null and void.

The trial did not proceed yesterday. Juror Magnus Larsen was too ill to appear in court and an adjournment was taken until 9:30 o'clock this morning.

District Attorney Youngs of Queens county informed THE SUN last night that the present trial will be abandoned. Drs. Lanehart, Burnett, and Strong had at 7:30 o'clock performed an operation on Juror Larsen, who is ill at the Garden City Hotel with appendicitis, and while the operation was apparently successful, Larsen will not be able to resume his place as a juror. District Attorney Youngs said that he will have the jury brought in and discharged to-day. He will cause a new panel to be summoned at once and will try to proceed with the new trial on Monday.

This turn of affairs will be a disappointment to every one connected with the case unless it be the attorneys for the defence. They are not in a position to lose anything and there is a possibility or gain by the delay. Mrs. Nack might decide not to go on the stand again, although of course this is highly improbable.

Court was convened at the usual hour yesterday, and Thorn was brought up from his cell looking as cool and collected as ever. His eyes were bright, and, if appearances went for anything, he had enjoyed a night's rest. There was absolutely nothing about the fellow to indicate that the butchery of Gieldensuppe had just been fastened upon him by the testimony of the woman he loved. None of the jurors was in court, as they did not come up from Garden City. District Attorney Youngs announced that Larsen could not be present. His physician, Dr. William J. Burnett of Long Island City, was in court to testify to this fact. In response to the Justice's questions, he said:

"I attended Juror Larsen last night. He is suffering with appendicitis. He certainly cannot be here to-day. We will hold a consultation this morning to decide whether an operation will be necessary."

The Justice suggested the adjournment, and as the attorneys were agreeable it was so ordered. Then commenced a series of conferences as to what should be done in case Larsen died or was laid up indefinitely. It was suggested that the trial proceed with eleven jurors, but a case was cited by Assistant District Attorney Rosalsky showing that even though the attorneys for the defence consented were the defendant convicted in this manner the higher court would not sustain the conviction. It was also suggested that another man be substituted, and that all the testimony hitherto taken be read to him. This would be legal, with consent of the defence, but Mr. Howe would not listen to it for a moment. So it simmered down in a few minutes to the necessity of Larsen's immediate recovery or a new trial.

The bottom having fallen out of the case temporarily from the viewpoint of the sensationalists, it became necessary for the yellow journalists to work up a scare. Confessions being naturally the rage, the two leading afternoon exponents of gore came out with a detailed confession from Thorn. As one paper printed its story in red ink and made it a little bloodier than the other, the telephone to Long Island City was worked industriously by the beaten newspaper. Its representatives were hauled over the coals and one of them sent post haste after Lawyer Howe.

"Mr. Howe, Mr. Howe," he said, as the big fat counsellor stood in a crowd just outside of the courtroom, "Oh, Mr. Howe, one of the papers has got a signed statement from Thorn confessing the whole murder. They've got it over his signature. My office just telephoned me."

"What!" roared the lawyer. "What's that? A signed statement!" and in his fury his voice died away in a choking squeak. His face grew purple. He caught his breath and turned like a tiger on the seeker for news.

"It's a lie," he fairly screamed, "a damned villainous lie. Why, my God! what villainy. Joe! Where's Joe Moss? Joe, go downstairs and tell Thorn that."

Mr. Moss hustled off while Mr. Howe sat down on a bench to recover himself. In a few minutes Mr. Moss returned and calmed the senior partner by saying that Thorn had spoken to no one but his lawyers.

"Damn it," said Mr. Howe, "I said that Thorn was going on the stand to tell how Mrs. Nack killed Gieldensuppe. That ain't saying that he's guilty."

Mr. Howe's distinction on this point is too fine for most people to understand. If Thorn tells how Mrs. Nack shot and killed and cut up the bathrubber it will appear about as much like a confession as Mrs. Nack's statement, but inasmuch as he objects to the use of the word "confession" it is not safe to mention it in his presence. This much is certainly true despite whatever flaming headlines and double leaded columns of confession may appear in the yellow journals: Thorn has made no statement to any of them, and neither Mr. Howe, nor Mr. Moss has said more than that their client would tell on the stand that Mrs. Nack and not he killed and cut up Gieldsensuppe.

Another one of the attorneys who is furious at the yellow journals is District Attorney Youngs. He made this statement yesterday to the members of the press:

"I have not made a signed statement since this trial commenced, and if any more statements appear over my name I shall lay them before Justice Smith and see if there is not some remedy at law for the unwarranted use of my name."

Mr. Youngs has been quoted day after day by one of the yellow journals in signed statements complimenting in most glowing terms the "work" of the paper in this case. He repudiates all of these statements.

During the afternoon a great number of persons visited the Court House. They wondered about in an aimless sort of way, disappointed at not being able to gratify their curiosity, and working every possible wire in an effort to get into the jail. Among the visitors was Miss Anna Held. Her press agent has been simply green with envy ever since the trial began. Tears have come to his eyes every time he has picked up a paper and seen what columns and columns of stuff were being printed about Mr. Youngs and Mr. Howe, and Mr. Olcott and Mr. Rosalsky and Sheriff Doht and Mr. Friend and Judge Weller. Milk baths, bicycle accidents and runaway team rescues were all played out. He must get his beauty mixed up in this good thing somehow or other, and after much thought he determined to ring her in as an angel of light.

It was arranged that she was to visit Murderer Thorn in his cell and shed the lustre of her marvellous beauty into its every gloomy nook and corner. They would have a little chat and then she could come out and give it to the world. It was a stroke of genius on the part of her press agents, but he didn't count on Sheriff Doht.

When Miss Held, accompanied by Joseph Moss of counsel for the defence, Florence Ziegfeld, her manager, drove up to the Court House yesterday afternoon there was a great flutter of excitement for even there she was recognized. Mr. Moss led the way to Sheriff Doht's office and explained the object of the visit. The Sheriff shook his head. Mr. Moss insisted and the Sheriff weakened in so far as he consented to take the party down stairs to the jail, but that was all. Mr. Moss could go into the cell but not Miss Held. Mr. Moss stormed, the beauty pleaded—just one word, one glimpse, but the Sheriff, conscious of the remarkable prize he has locked up, only grinned and said: "No, no, no." After a half hour's effort the French girl and her party gave it up and drove back to New York in disgust.

**Robert T. Lincoln Acting President of the Pullman Company.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Robert T. Lincoln is to be Acting President of the Pullman's Palace Car Company until a President is elected. The Executive Committee of the Pullman company held a meeting to-day and chose Mr. Lincoln Chairman to fill the vacancy. This committee was appointed to have general charge of the affairs of the company: H. C. Hulbert, Robert T. Lincoln, and Marshall Field. The committee then elected Mr. Lincoln Chairman, and to act as President of the company. The directors passed resolutions expressing sorrow at the death of Mr. Pullman.

## "THE GREAT WATER" NOT A CANAL.

**A Clairvoyant Starts Blacksmith Breese on the Wrong Scent for His Missing $40.**

Albert Breese, the village blacksmith in Montaur Falls, Schuyler county, lost $40 and was much troubled. Being a person of simple mind, the village blacksmith went to a clairvoyant and related his tale of woe.

"Be of good cheer," said the woman of mysteries. "Follow my instructions and you will find the thief." Then she had a fit—a trance she called it—and she said: "I see a woman. She has black hair and dark eyes. She is of medium height. She wears a ring. She has a nose and two ears. She has two hands. She has two feet. She wears a dress and a hat. She has an eye—no, no, she has two eyes. They are set in her head. I see water. Oh, my! She has taken a journey over the great water. You'll get your money back—two dollars, please."

The village blacksmith was much impressed. He paid the $2 and went home to think. He thought of all the women that he knew. Some of them had only one eye, some of them had only one hand, some of them had only one foot. He dismissed all these. Then he considered the others. There were many who had two eyes set in their heads, two feet, two hands, a nose, two ears. They wore dresses and had hair. It might be any one of them—but no, this one, the clairvoyant had said, had journeyed over the great water. The village blacksmith shook his head. Then he started. "Eureka!" he shouted. There was one Mrs. Rima, his housekeeper. Her husband was a canalier. She had gone with him to Brooklyn on the canal. There could be no mistake. Over the great water she had journeyed. So the village blacksmith sat him down and wrote a letter to Mrs. Rima. He told her that if she would give him back all of the $40 she had not spent he would forgive her. If she didn't he would tell all the people in the village that she was a villain. When Mrs. Rima got this letter she was troubled. She went with it to Judge Teale in the Myrtle Avenue Police Court. She did not know that a clairvoyant had put up the job on her, nor did the Justice. He said: "Libel, madam, libel." She said she would pay the cost of bringing the village blacksmith to terms. The Justice issued a warrant for the blacksmith, and a court officer went up to Schuyler county and got his man.

In the Myrtle Avenue Police Court, yesterday, the village blacksmith told the story of the clairvoyant, and said he guessed maybe the canal wasn't the great water the clairvoyant had referred to. He wanted to take back what he had said in the letter. Mrs. Rima said she was vindicated, and that that was all she wanted, so the village blacksmith was let go, and he went with Mrs. Rima down to the canal boat to take dinner with Mr. Rima. When he gets back to Montaur Falls he's going to make the clairvoyant tell what water she meant if it wasn't the canal.

### JUSTICE MOORE ASSAULTED.

**A Woman Client Attacks Him in the Street with an Umbrella.**

Mrs. Julia R. Lavon, a dressmaker, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday for assaulting Justice William F. Moore of the Third Judicial Civil Court at Sixth avenue and Eleventh street. She was arrested by Policeman White as she was belaboring Moore on the head with an umbrella. The two were struggling furiously and the policeman had to exert considerable strength to get the woman away. In court Moore declined to press a complaint of assault and the charge was changed to disorderly conduct. The woman got a lawyer from the office of Howe & Hummel.

Justice Moore did not appear as a witness until a messenger was sent to his court for him on the demand of the woman's counsel. The Justice testified that while he was walking down the avenue with a friend, the woman stepped up to him and berated him for not appearing in a lawsuit she was interested in. When the Justice told her that he did not care to appear as her lawyer any longer she attacked him. He did not strike her, he said, although he would have been justified in so doing.

The prisoner testified to asking Moore about his not appearing for her and asserted that he then struck her in the face and kicked her twice on the body. A bruise on her cheek was shown in proof of the blow, which she swore was struck with Moore's clinched fist. She admitted using her umbrella as a weapon.

"All on account of him who I once thought was my best friend,' she cried. "I now have not a place I can call home, or a place of my own to lay my head."

When it was brought out that she had been arrested before, she shouted, pointing at Moore:

"And on whose charges? Yours, yours! You have robbed me and will make no reparation."

The woman's daughter appeared as a witness and corroborated the prisoner's story. She is Mary Penfield, a child by the woman's first husband. She is an actress and has been a member of William H. Crane's "The Senator" company. Her address at present is 217 West Thirty-eighth street, she said.

After being discharged by Magistrate Wentworth, the prisoner lingered around the entrance to the court with her daughter and told all who would hear the story of Justice Moore's alleged wrongdoing as her lawyer. Incidentally she admitted having been arrested for keeping a disorderly house. Justice Moore denied the woman's allegations.

### DURANT WON'T BE HANGED TO-DAY.

**The Supreme Court of California Grants a Stay of Execution.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—The State Supreme Court to-day granted a stay of execution in the case of Durant because of the error of Superior Judge Bahrs in sentencing Durant before the papers in the United States Supreme Court decision had arrived. Judge Bahrs yesterday, on the strength of despatches from the Attorney-General of California, sentenced Durant to be hanged on Friday. The condemned man's counsel quickly seized this point and urged it to-day before the Supreme Court, which was forced to stay the execution. This stay, however, will not last beyond early next week, when the papers will arrive from Washington. All habeas corpus proceedings were ruled out here to-day by Judge De Haven, and then Judge Morrow followed this by refusing to permit another appeal to the Federal Supreme Court. So if the stay of execution is dissolved next week, nothing will save Durant from the gallows.

Attorney-General William F. Fitzgerald of California, who represented his State before the United States Supreme Court on Durant's appeal from the order denying his application for a writ of habeas corpus, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night. Speaking of the fixing of a time for the execution of the death sentence in Durant's case, he said:

"The question of the necessity for a copy of the mandate of the United States Supreme Court being certified to the State court before the death sentence could be executed was raised by telegraph. I sent a message saying that it was not necessary. The habeas corpus proceeding is no part of the judgment record in the case. The judgment has stood and the sentence has stood throughout this proceeding, which merely served to postpone the execution of the sentence.

"All that was needed was the information that the appeal had failed to set a new day for the execution, and that information need not necessarily be imparted by serving a copy of the mandate of the court. It has been suggested that the time granted Durant to prepare for death was very short. He has had nearly two years since he was convicted and sentenced."

### TWO RIVAL CANDIDATES.

**That Was Before Election, but Now They Are Happily Married.**

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 11.—A romantic marriage was celebrated here at noon. The contracting parties were Miss Alice Thomason and Prof. S. C. Laughlin. The young woman was nominated by the Populists of Burt county for the position of Superintendent of Schools at the recent election. Laughlin received the same nomination at the hands of the Republicans. The campaign became very animated. Finally, on the eve of election, Miss Thomason withdrew. Her opponent having no opposition was elected.

Their wedding announcements were sent out the day after election and the marriage occurred to-day. Now they declare they had been engaged for some time but kept it secret for the very purpose they finally accomplished. The young lady would have been elected undoubtedly, but she says she withdrew to avoid humiliating her lover by defeat.

## FOR FREER TRADE WITH US

### OBJECT OF THE CANADIAN PREMIER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

**Confers with Secretary Sherman and Commissioner Kasson Regarding Reciprocity—He Received Little Encouragement—Another Conference Is to Be Held on Saturday.**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, accompanied by Lady Laurier, Lady Davies, Miss Davies, and Mrs. John W. Foster, inspected the new Congressional Library and the Capitol this morning. It was the first visit of the Canadians to the buildings, and they all expressed the greatest delight in what they saw. Sir Wilfrid said the opinion which held the library to be the most beautiful building in the world was well founded. At 1:30 o'clock Sir Wilfrid called at the State Department and had a conference of an hour or two with the Secretary and the Hon. John A. Kasson, Special Reciprocity Commissioner. After the conference it was stated that there had been only a general review of the situation and a setting forth of the advantages which would result from the negotiations of a treaty of reciprocity. These advantages were held by the representatives of the United States to be largely with Canada. So strongly was this view upheld by Messrs. Sherman and Kasson that Sir Wilfrid retired with the conviction that an agreement would not be reached until some time had elapsed. He was sanguine, however, that ultimately something would come of the negotiations. The field was so large that in the game of give and take a common ground might be reached. Another conference of the officials may be held on Saturday. Sir Wilfrid expects to remain in Washington about a week.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier came to Washington on Tuesday last it was stated, but not on his authority, that his presence here would result in negotiations for a reciprocal tariff arrangement between Canada and the United States. Sir Wilfrid has been exceedingly reticent on the subject, which is natural, in view of the prospect of alarming the British Government by statements that he wanted to secure more lenient restrictions on the trade of the two American countries. England does not look kindly on an exchange that might injure her trade with her colony. Under the present Canadian tariff laws England is the most favored nation and has many valuable privileges that she did not have prior to the enactment of the Dingley law, which drove the Canadians to a policy of retaliation against the United States.

Sir Wilfrid's interview with Secretary Sherman and Mr. Kasson showed that the State Department is not anxious to treat with Canada on tariff matters. Previous attempts have been without result, and there is a disposition among the Senators to go slow in ratifying a reciprocity arrangement with the Dominion, should one be submitted by the President. The conference to be held on Saturday will probably result in nothing more satisfactory than that of to-day. Other matters concerning the two countries, such as the restrictions on labor along the Canadian border and the status of American miners in the Klondike country, will receive attention before Sir Wilfrid leaves Washington, and conferences he may have with Secretary Sherman and other officials on these topics are more likely to meet with some degree of success.

The President gave a dinner to-night at the White House in honor of the Canadian Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The other guests were: Sir Louis Davies, the Secretary of State; Secretary of the Treasury Gage, Secretary of War Alger, Attorney-General McKenna, Postmaster-General Gary, Secretary of the Navy Long, Secretary of the Interior Bliss, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary to the President Porter, the Hon. John W. Foster, the Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, Dr. David S. Jordan, the Hon. William R. Day, Assistant Secretary of State; the Hon. Alvey A. Adee, Second Assistant Secretary of State; the Hon. John A. Kasson, Prof. D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson, and Mr. James Macoun.

### SIR WILFRID'S MISSION.

**Goldwin Smith Says Canada Must Have a Free Hand if She Gets Favors from Us.**

TORONTO, Nov. 11.—Great interest is being taken throughout Canada in the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Washington. Few are sanguine enough to hope that he will obtain a reciprocity treaty between the two countries, but every one looks for some settlement of other questions that will remove all sources of irritation and prevent any growth of ill feeling on either side.

The *Globe* to-day, commenting on international relations, says: "The attitude of Canadians toward their neighbors is not that of suppliants, but of people who are jointly interested with Americans in the settlement of controversies which interfere with the general progress of civilization."

Mr. Goldwin Smith says of the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "If it is true that he goes to Washington to negotiate for reciprocity, we may infer that he will be assured of a friendly feeling in that quarter. An unfriendly feeling toward Canada there never has really been. Nor was the Dingley tariff, though adverse to our interests, directed against us. But if our envoys would hope to succeed at Washington they must be able to say they present themselves there with a free hand. They must first obtain from the mother country, whose consent in all things is supposed, the recognition of Canada as a community commercially independent and at liberty in fiscal negotiations to have regard to her interests alone. When the last Ambassadors from Canada went to Washington they had to say to the American Government: 'We come to negotiate for a commercial treaty, but the negotiations must always be subject to the interest of your chief commercial rival.' No Government would submit to treat under such conditions. The idea of differential duties may now be said to have been laid aside. The alternative is concession to the colonies of commercial independence. If Canada has neither, she is handicapped in the commercial race."

### CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH US.

**The British Government Does Not Disapprove of a Trade Agreement.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—There is absolutely no truth in the statement that a message has been sent to Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada, expressing the Government's disapproval of any trade agreement between the United States and Canada involving discrimination against England.

The Colonial Office announces that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada, and his colleagues have gone to Washington solely to confer with the Hon. John Hay on sealing question, and that their visit has nothing whatever to do with any trade agreement between the United States and Canada. Any conversation they may possibly have upon the subject of trade relations while the Premier and his associates are in Washington will be merely personal and purely informal.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, declares that he has no fear that Sir Wilfrid Laurier contemplates any action antagonistic to the existing sentiment in Canada in favor of preferential British trade.

### RAILROAD TO THE KLONDIKE.

**It Is Proposed to Use a New Invention That Makes Every Wheel a Driving Wheel.**

TORONTO, Nov. 11.—A company is being organized here to build a railroad to the Klondike. It is proposed to use a system of motive power recently invented here. The principle of the invention is to apply the power direct to every wheel of the cars, doing away with a locomotive, making every wheel of a train a driving wheel, and using gasoline as a means of generating steam for power. A motor is to be placed on every car, and the inventors assert that their plan, besides enabling them to dispense with rails heavier than sixty pounds, will enable trains to climb grades much steeper than are now covered by any railroad in the world. There have been private trials of the new invention here the past few days which demonstrate the promoters' claim that a train of cars so equipped can mount a grade of one in four.


The "North Shore Limited" is the most popular morning train for Chicago. Leaves Grand Central Station 10:00 every morning. Arrives Chicago via Michigan Central, 9:00 next morning.—Adv.


### HIS FATHER SAT ON THE JURY.

**James Helped to Convict His Son, a Recent Candidate for Congress, of Swindling.**

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 11.—Dr. Horace E. James, a leading physician in the lower part of the city and a candidate for Congressman at the last election, is undergoing a sentence of imprisonment in Moyamensing Prison for obtaining money under false pretences. More than two years ago Dr. James, then rapidly coming into prominence, negotiated for the purchase of the house at 2023 South Broad street. He paid a small sum to the owner, and for the remainder signed a mortgage. Then the doctor decided that the house must be renovated and refitted, and for this purpose he borrowed $200 from Edgar A. Casseday, on the plea that he owned the house. Subsequently Casseday ascertained that this was not the case, and had James arrested.

After many postponements the case came up for trial on Oct. 26. In that court James faced Edgar Casseday and his own mother. There he also faced his father, sitting in one of the jurors' chairs, who had sworn to weigh the evidence fairly, impartially, regardless of blood relationship. The father's associates were ignorant of his relation to the defendant; they only knew that there was some sort of relationship, and thought it remote. They did know, however, that at first this man declared he would vote for acquittal; that he held out for some time. At last he weakened, and after much argument he voted for conviction.

A day or so ago a neighbor of the father, Dr. Ben Dutcher, 771 South Tenth street, interested himself in behalf of the son. He went to Judge Audenried and told him of the story. He also went to W. F. Johnston and to Edgar Casseday. To all he told the story of the father. Then, all parties agreeing, the sentence was shortened one month. But when the news was carried to the father he said nothing.

### DEER AND HUNTERS SHOT.

**Ronkonkoma the Best Hunting Ground—Four Sportsmen Slightly Hurt.**

Throughout the central part of Long Island deer hunters were out in numbers on Wednesday for the second of the four days' shooting permitted under the law. The last day will be Nov. 24. It is hard to get at the exact number of deer killed, the estimates varying from fifty to a hundred. Sayville, Islip, Amityville, Bay Shore, Ronkonkoma, Freeport, Baldwin's, Patchogue and Smithtown Branch all report hunters out and all but Smithtown Branch report game down. At the latter place only one deer was shot last week and this week none.

The best shooting seems to have been about Ronkonkoma on Wednesday. This, it is said, is because of late years that region has not been regarded as good hunting ground and so has been let pretty well alone. Eight deer were killed in the woods there on Wednesday by a party of hunters from this city and from Lakeland. A seven-year-old buck with a noble bush of antlers, shot by George A. Wood of Setauket, was called the prize of the season so far. Quail and rabbits are so plentiful in the same neighborhood that many gunners devoted themselves to the small game with success. East Moriches sends word that on the East Bay so many ducks have appeared that good bags are the rule.

George W. Conklin of Freeport caught a stray buckshot in his chin on Wednesday, and Henry Bennam of Mineola was shot in the chest, near Ronkonkoma. In the Islip neighborhood John Wohlfarth of Central Islip and a man from Jamaica, whose name is not known, quarrelled over a buck each claimed to have shot. Wohlfarth stood on the body and said that any one who touched his property would be hurt. He refused to step down, and the other man shot him in the legs. Later the Jamaica man was shot in the mouth.

Owners of large estates and clubs which protect large preserves on the south side of the island employed many private watchmen to warn hunters off their grounds, and when dogs coursing came upon their premises the watchers captured them and detained them till the day's shooting was ended.

### CITS "NOT IN STATE POLITICS."

**No Candidates Next Year—Free Local Club Rooms Not to Be Kept Up.**

For the past five months men in the various Assembly districts have had nice comfortable clubrooms maintained for their use by the Citizens' Union. These clubrooms were known as the Assembly district headquarters of the Union. The men who have benefited by them have been asking the Cits' managers what is to become of these headquarters now and begging that they be retained. They were informed by the action of the Executive Committee, which was held last night, that they might keep up their organizations and retain their clubrooms if they will do so at their own expense. The central organization is unwilling to provide for them further.

The Cit Executive Committee met at 39 East Twenty-third street. There were present nine of the members—Thomas Clegg, George C. Tombleson, James Loeb, Henry White, Richard Watson Gilder, John C. Clark, John B. Pine, H. R. Kunhardt, and Boudinot Keith. Mr. Gilder presided. Secretary Clark said afterward that it was decided to make a report to the Committee of Organization, which will meet next Thursday night, recommending that the Citizens' Union organization be continued in some form. It will be suggested that a sub-committee of the Committee of Organization be appointed to devise a plan for the permanent organization.

"Our idea," said Mr. Clark, "is to keep up a constant campaign with literature and lectures. We will keep a watchful eye on the new administration. We will not touch on State politics in our report. We have no interest, as an organization, in State politics. Our movement, being solely in the interest of better municipal government, will not take part as an organization in the election of State officers and Congressmen next year."

Then Mr. Clark told how it had been decided that the cosey little Seth Low clubrooms in the various Assembly districts will have to be abandoned unless the local Cits conclude to maintain them at their own expense, something which is not expected.

### REPUBLICANS HOLD THE ASSEMBLY.

**Danforth Loses Two of His "Democrats Elect" —Feeble "Post" Fib About Platt.**

The official canvass of the vote for Assemblymen in Herkimer and Sullivan counties, which was declared yesterday, knocked two members off Elliot Danforth's list of Democrats elected. The canvass in Herkimer showed the Republican candidate elected by seventeen, and that in Sullivan revealed a Republican plurality of twenty-one.

Col. Archie Baxter, Clerk of the Assembly, who is a candidate for re-election, has secured pledges of support from a majority of the Republican members-elect. He has no rival for the Republican caucus nomination.

Senator Platt has not been in Albany since last January, when he attended the banquet given in his honor by the State League of Republican clubs. Yet the *Evening Post* introduced its leading political story yesterday as follows:

Senator Platt is taking his reverses to heart. "I rode down from Albany with him the other day," said one who knows him well, "and I was amazed to see how cut up he was about the result of the election throughout the State."

The rest of this story was devoted to an effort to show that the Republicans will be unable to organize the Legislature because of the opposition of the Cits.

The three Cits elected from this city to the Assembly have been busy holding meetings and trying to induce Republican members to unite with them in support of Lambeer for Speaker, but they have met with no encouragement.

### SHE STEPPED ON A TORPEDO.

**The Explosion Shattered Miss Colvin's Foot and She May Die.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Miss Ruth Amanda Colvin of Bonus, Ill., a student in the School of Liberal Arts at Northwestern University, stepped on a signal torpedo placed on the sidewalk in Emerson street, Evanston, yesterday afternoon. It exploded with force sufficient to almost sever her right foot from the ankle. The injury may result fatally. At any rate, Miss Colvin will lose her foot, as amputation is necessary.

The explosion occurred in front of the residence of J. A. Winger. The police are mystified and have many theories, the most plausible of which is that a torpedo of the kind used in railroad signalling was dropped carelessly on the driveway in front of the Winger residence.

## CONCESSIONS FROM SPAIN.

### ONE OF THEM TO BE THE PARDON OF THE COMPETITOR PRISONERS.

**Assurances Received at the State Department —The Decree Granting Autonomy to Cuba Is to Be Published on Nov. 23—Failure of the Spanish Loan—Is Spain Trying to Buy Ships?**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Assurances have been received at the State Department that the Competitor prisoners are to be released from prison in Cuba. Department officials will not tell the source of the information, but say they are satisfied that it is absolutely correct. It probably came from the Spanish Minister. The information has not been confirmed by the representative of the United States in Madrid or Havana. When such confirmation comes it will be made public. The department also has reason to believe that the postponement of the trial of the Competitor crew, which was set for last Monday, was due to the intention to release the men without further formalities.

Much gratification is expressed by officials of the department over the manner in which the Spanish Government has acted toward Cuba since the installation of the Liberal Ministry. The revocation of Weyler's concentration order is considered a great victory for the United States, as Gen. Woodford was instructed to impress upon the Madrid authorities the earnest desire of President McKinley that the order be annulled. Although disposed to be somewhat doubtful of the seeming earnestness of the Sagasta Ministry to put the promised reforms into full effect, prominent officials admit that the action of the Ministry concerning the concentration order and the Competitor prisoners, together with its display of regard for the wishes of this Government in recalling Weyler, shows a desire on the part of Spain to continue in friendly relations with the United States. The tone of the note sent to Minister Woodford in answer to his representations about Cuba is much more propitious for a continuation of peace between the two nations than was supposed from the cable message of Gen. Woodford containing a synopsis of the note. Altogether the administration is very well satisfied with the way things are going, but has not abandoned its purpose to secure from Spain a recognition of its good offices in settling the whole Cuban question. It has been decided by the President and the Cabinet that the best course is to give Spain an opportunity of redeeming its promise to give real reform to its administration of Cuban affairs. If that promise is not fulfilled within a reasonable time a new policy will be adopted.

A copy of a decree issued by the Governor-General of Cuba, permitting from Dec. 10 the importation of horned cattle into the island free of all duties, has been received at the State Department from Mr. Springer, the acting Consul-General of the United States at Havana. The decree will remain in force until Jan. 10, 1898.

### SPAIN WANTS WARSHIPS.

**Brazil Is Willing to Sell Ships to Her if She Can Get Any Money for Them.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Negotiations between Spain and Brazil for the purchase of warships by the former are in progress. Brazil is willing to sell the ships wanted by Spain provided she is paid for them.

A year ago, during the war scare between the Argentine Republic and Brazil, the latter ordered the construction of two warships in English yards and four in yards on the Continent. The emergency having passed, Brazil now wants to sell these vessels.

It is reported that Spain has already contracted for them, but this is doubtful. The two new cruisers which the Spanish Government has decided to build at home will be built by the Armstrongs. The order for the construction of the vessels has been placed with that firm, representatives of which will be sent to Bilbao to build them.

### SPAIN'S LOAN FAILS.

**So the Cortes Will Be Convoked to Get More Credits for New Warships.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A despatch to the *Daily Mail* from Madrid says that the Government, finding it impossible to raise the proposed loan of 80,000,000 pesetas, intends to convoke the Cortes at the earliest possible moment with the view to obtaining more credits for building warships and rearming the vessels Spain now has.

### FIGHTING NEAR HAVANA.

**Spaniards Led by a New Arrival from Spain Who Couldn't Stand the Heat.**

HAVANA, Nov. 10, via Key West, Nov. 11.—Marianao, the well-known suburb of Havana city, was raided again yesterday by the insurgents under Juan Delgado. They sacked many stores and then retired from the place without having met with any resistance from the Spanish garrison.

Around Havana the activity of the insurgents has been greater than ever since the landing of Gen. Blanco. Yesterday, at the Hambre Hills, near Managua, within sight of the capital, the Cuban Brigadier Rafael de Cardenas defeated Gen. Valderramas, a Spaniard who recently arrived with Gen. Blanco. The heat was so intense that Valderramas collapsed on the field, and had to be taken by his staff to a neighboring house. He had never been in Cuba before.

The disorder caused in the Spanish ranks when Valderramas fell was intense. His soldiers thought he was killed. Cardenas adroitly availed himself of the advantage, and after two charges the Spaniards abandoned the field.

From the insurgent lines the news comes to Havana that Gens. Gomez and Calixto Garcia are trying to unite their forces to march westward. Gomez has been constantly harassing the Spanish columns in Santa Clara province since the landing of Mendez's expedition with a large amount of supplies.

Another important expedition has certainly landed in Santa Clara province. It is commanded by Ovidio Giberga, a Cuban engineer and brother of the autonomist leader Eliseo Giberga.

I am informed upon excellent authority that Señor José Bruzon, the new Governor of Havana, was very reluctant until the very last moment to accept the office. Gen. Blanco finally told him: "If you don't accept I will return to Spain, and on you and all the autonomists will fall the responsibility of whatever may occur." Señor Bruzon then accepted the office.

The Cuban Colonels Raoul Arango and Nestor Aranguren have refused to hold an interview with Señors Fernandez de Castro, Pelayo and P. Roig, members of Havana, who desired to discuss peace on the basis of autonomy.

The uncompromising Spaniards and volunteers of Cienfuegos have made a demonstration in honor of the American Consul there, Mr. McGarr, for his pro-Spanish reports through the American press.

**Autonomy for Cuba.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

MADRID, Nov. 11.—The decree granting autonomy to Cuba will be published officially on Nov. 23.

**Is the Maggie to Be a Filibuster?**

BRISTOL, R. I., Nov. 11.—The sloop yawl Maggie, which people here suspect is being fitted out for a filibustering expedition to Cuba, is still in port, the man in charge being unable to secure a sailing master. He refuses to tell the destination of the craft, and for this reason the men whom he has endeavored to ship refuse to sail with him. Yesterday several boxes and cases were placed on board the yacht. It was asserted that they contained cartridges and rifles.

**Uncle Andrew Montgomery, 101 Years Old, Going to See McKinley.**

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 11.—Uncle Andrew Montgomery, a former slave, 101 years old, left for the North to-night on a mission, which includes a visit to President McKinley. He went through the war with his master, and was acquainted with all the chief Confederate Generals. He is now working to establish a home for aged colored people, and will call on Mr. McKinley to enlist his aid.

### HANNA'S STEAMER BREAKS IN TWO.

**The Late Freighter Roman Wrecked on the Ashtabula Bar.**

CLEVELAND, Nov. 11.—The steel steamer Roman, owned by M. A. Hanna & Co., had a terrific experience while trying to make Ashtabula harbor this afternoon with a cargo of 2,800 tons of ore. She was about a mile off shore when a wind storm struck her and made her unmanageable. She was thrown on the bar, and, settling back, broke in two. The crew of twenty men was rescued with little difficulty. Wrecking tugs are at the scene of the wreck.

### DROPPED DEAD THROUGH GRIEF.

**Father of Swindler Lascelles's Bride Dies Because of Shame.**

FITZGERALD, Ga., Nov. 11.—Alexander Pelky, the father of the wife of Sidney Lascelles, the bogus Lord Beresford, dropped dead here this afternoon, his death being hastened by a keen sense of the disgrace of his daughter.

Beresford was released from the penitentiary a few months ago and cut a wide swath in Fitzgerald. In spite of the fact that he had been divorced, he captured the heart of Miss Clara Pelky, whose father denounced him as an adventurer and refused his sanction to the marriage.

They defied him, had the ceremony performed and took a wedding trip. They returned for a few days and disappeared again. An investigation of Lascelles's affairs showed that he had swindled many business houses.

The father of his wife never recovered from the shock, and has gradually declined in health until his death to-day, which the physicians say was induced by excessive grief. He leaves property valued at $50,000. As Mrs. Lascelles is his only child, she will doubtless inherit it.

### STOPPED HIS OWN INQUEST.

**Brewer Sat Upright and Showed the Coroner That He Was Not Dead.**

HENDERSON, Ky., Nov. 11.—John Brewer terminated a Coroner's inquest that was being held over his own body yesterday. Brewer is from Memphis, Tenn. He dropped apparently dead in front of George Schlamp's grocery. A dozen bystanders put their heads to his breast and decided that the heart was not beating. Then Coroner Sandefur was summoned.

The body was carried to a back room and the Coroner started to hold the inquest. Suddenly Brewer sat bolt upright, looked around for a moment, and then suggested that the affair should stop. He explained that he was in no manner responsible for the situation.

Brewer says he has chronic heart trouble, and that his cataleptic seizure was due to this ailment. His condition resembled paralysis more than anything else.

### DOWN ON FOOTBALL.

**An Ordinance in St. Louis to Prohibit the Rugby Game in the City.**

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11.—Delegate Hiram Lloyd will introduce in the lower house of the Municipal Assembly to-morrow night an ordinance intended to prevent the playing of football under Rugby rules within the corporation limits.

Mr. Lloyd is himself heartily in favor of physical culture and the manly sports, but he announces that the bill he is to introduce will be submitted to his colleagues by the request of persons whose identity he declines to reveal.

Several games of Rugby football have already been played here this season, and there are not a few devotees of the sport who intend to contest the passage of the prohibitive measure. Mr. Lloyd acknowledges that the fatalities which have occurred in Rugby games elsewhere occasioned the introduction of the ordinance.

### JOSEPH LADUE ROBBED.

**$700 Worth of Klondike Nuggets Taken from His Overcoat.**

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Joseph Ladue, the Klondike mining magnate and founder of Dawson City, was robbed this evening either on board the Lake Shore limited train or shortly after leaving the cars. Ladue arrived at 4 o'clock from New York and entered a carriage to go to his rooms at the Newberry apartment building. He placed his hands in his overcoat pockets and discovered that he had been robbed of $700 worth of Klondike nuggets, which he had carried as samples of the product of his mines. He at once drove to the Central Station and reported his loss, but there appears to be little chance of recovering his gold.

### SHOT HER BROTHER'S SLAYER.

**Miss Davis Wounds Mortally the Man Who Killed Her Relative.**

HYDEN, Ky., Nov. 11.—A double tragedy in which a young woman avenged her brother's killing, took place in this county yesterday. The woman was Willie Davis. Her brother Henry had long been an enemy of John Sebree. Sebree rode up to the Davis home yesterday and calling Henry to the door demanded that he retract