

SOME OF CROKER'S VIEWS.

HIGH PRICES FOR BONDS SHOW CONFIDENCE IN TAMMANY.

By All Means Let Mr. Freedman's Club Fly... Mr. Croker's Possibilities of Rapid Transit Under the Tammany Administration.

LAKELWOOD, N. J., Dec. 15.—Richard Croker returned to Lakewood at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. He declined to discuss his hurried trip to Washington, and immediately went to his room.

It is surmised that Senator Murphy found several flaws in the Brooklyn slate, and that there was some correspondence between Mr. Croker and the Brooklyn leaders in California.

When asked if he had noticed the bids received by Comptroller Fitch on Tuesday for \$6,000,000 of New York city bonds, Mr. Croker said:

"I did most certainly. It was a splendid manifestation of the popular confidence in the Democratic administration that will take hold on Jan. 1. Before the election men like Pullitzer and the reformers of the Callon were shouting from the housetops that the restoration of Democratic control would work ruin to the credit of the city.

Mr. Croker, through Senator Grady, made public tonight the following letter, which he received from W. T. Stead:

Richard Croker, Esq., New York City. DEAR MR. CROKER: I am sending you this copy of the Lexow report. Of course, it is a very old story to you, but as we had a very pleasant time in hearing your own story from your own lips, I feel sure you will be interested in seeing the way in which the Lexow committee has dealt with the story.

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An Aged Widow Murdered Near Trenton—Door Forced and Her Blood Spattered.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Gunn, a widow, about 75 years old, was murdered at her home in Ewing township, a northern suburb of Trenton, last night. Her body was found about 5 o'clock this afternoon by a grocer's clerk, who called at the house to deliver groceries.

The body was lying in the lower hallway of the five-room house. A towel had been tied over the woman's mouth and she had been suffocated. The body was fully clothed with the exception of shoes. An oil lamp was found on the steps leading to the second floor.

Mrs. Gunn lived alone. Her house is in an isolated portion of the place. Her husband died some years ago, leaving her with a small estate in the little house and a plot of ground. She was supposed to be rich, but a visit to the house today and inquiries made by the detectives showed that she lived in poverty.

LONG TIE-UP ON BROADWAY. One Cable Broken—The Other, Stratched 40 Feet by the Added Strain, Had to Be Shortened.

The Broadway cable road was blocked yesterday morning and part of the afternoon owing to a broken cable on the section of the road between Houston and Thirty-sixth streets. One of the two cables broke at Astor place about 10 o'clock this morning, and after 3 when the road was straightened out.

Milton G. Starrett, chief engineer of the road, explained last night that the break was due to the parting of the cable under too heavy a strain.

ROMANTIC STORY OF THE WAR. New George Francis Saved His Brother from Punishment as a Deserter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania introduced a bill in the Senate today bearing the simple title, "For the relief of George Francis, who served as Harman Francis in Company K, Ninety-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the war."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A new rule that will cause dissatisfaction among the bridal couples and other visitors to Washington, who find the White House so attractive, was posted there today.

FITZHUGH LEE MENACED.

An Infernal Machine Found in the Havana Consulate.

Reports Are Analyzing the Contents of a Tin Can That Was Packed in Cotton in a Box—Bellef That Weyler's Partisans Tried in This Way to Make Trouble for Gen. Blanco.

HAVANA, Dec. 15.—An infernal machine was found this morning on the ground floor of the house in Cuba street which is occupied by the Consulate of the United States. The infernal machine was a box of wood containing matches and cotton, in the center of which was a tin tube about a foot long filled with what appears to be an explosive substance.

The police seized it and the authorities began an investigation. The box had been sent to experts for analysis of the substance contained in the tube. They have not yet made their report.

YON YAYI PAID THE GERMANS. Her Minister of Finance Had to Log the Mass of Gold Up a Ship's Ladder.

Capt. Nyboer of the Dutch West India steamship "De Nassau," which was chartered by the Yon Yayi, was in the harbor of Port au Prince when the German war vessels, Charlotte and Stein, compelled the Haytian authorities to pay an indemnity of \$20,000 for their treatment of the German subject, Lueder.

"HONORABLE SERVICE" ROLL. Mr. Gage Put Aged Clerks on \$900 a Year and Is Accused of Creating a Civil Pension List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Gage's order directing that all clerks in the Treasury Department who have reached the age of 70 years shall be reduced to \$900 a year, has been creating some criticism among members of Congress, and there will probably be an inquiry into the right of the Secretary to establish what some of the critics maintain is a civil pension list.

FLOOD IN THE UPPER HUDSON. Train to Which W. K. Vanderbilt's Car Was Attached Escaped a Landslide in Troy.

TROY, Dec. 15.—The heavy rains of the past twenty-four hours have swollen the Hudson and its tributaries, and much damage is being done along the banks, many of which are under four feet of water.

THE KLONDIKE AMAZES LAURIER.

He Says There is Said to Be a Great Rush From Beyond the St. Lawrence.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier said today that he was amazed at the proportions which the movement toward the Klondike is assuming all over the world. From official information he was of the opinion that the immigration toward the Yukon was largely exceeding any conservative estimate hitherto made.

HEZZARS FOR THE EMPEROR. He Pleads with Delight as He Receives the Plaudits of the Bourne—His Triumphal Entry into Kiel, Where He Goes to Spend His Brother Henry on the Way to China.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The Emperor, accompanied by his third son, Prince Adalbert, started for Kiel, via Hamburg, at 7 o'clock this morning to bid farewell to his brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, who is about to sail for Kiao Choo Bay in command of the additional squadron of German warships assigned to Chinese waters.

BERNHARDT AN ANARCHIST. She Plays the Part of a Working Girl in a New French Drama.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Octave Mirbeau's "Les Nana's Bergers" was performed for the first time to-night at the Renaissance Theatre. Sarah Bernhardt played the part of the heroine, Madeleine, a girl of the working class, who developed into a sort of anarchist of the Louise Michel type.

MARY WEST NOT GUILTY. Indict Foreman of the Jury Pleads with His Fellowes and Secures an Acquittal.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 15.—Mary West, aged 19, who had been indicted for the murder of her father, John West, on Spruce street, on the night of Dec. 4, was acquitted of the charge of murder by a jury this afternoon, after being out nineteen hours. Charles C. Moore, the indicted prohibitionist editor, who was foreman of the jury, was released with the three other jurors.

WAR ON AMERICAN COMPANIES. A Movement to Revolve the Canadian Charters of Two Mining Concerns.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—"The Canadian Copper Company," which is an American concern, and the "Atlantic Iron Company," which is operating under a United States charter, the two companies controlling the output of the nickel and copper mines around Soudby, Ontario, enjoy a special privilege inasmuch as they are exempt on certain conditions, one of which was the obligation to employ a certain number of Canadian workmen.

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FAVAL ENDING OF A PARTY.

Three Men Killed and Two Women Wounded Mortally in Georgia.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 15.—At a party given last night at Jeffersonville at the residence of W. H. Callif, a farmer, three men were killed and two women mortally wounded. The killed were Luther Callif, son of W. H. Callif; Short Griffin, a student resident of Jeffersonville, and Clarence Jones. The woman who was wounded was Mrs. W. H. Callif, the wife of the host, and Mary Petty, the daughter of the Postmistress of Jeffersonville.

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