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JOURNEAY & BURNHAM.

Flatbush Avenue, Junction Fulton Street.

Most Attractive Shopping Place in Brooklyn—Prices Always the Lowest.

Big Bargain in Fancy Velvets

Goods Imported to Sell at $1.00 and $1.25 TO GO AT 43 CENTS.

To-morrow we shall place on sale 4,500 yards of Fancy Velvets, including the present fashionable metal designs—some gold, some silver—on black and colored grounds, especially desirable for waists, gowns, children's coats, house jackets, trimmings, etc., style and colorings all very handsome—imported to sell at $1.00 and $1.25; reduced for this sale to **43 Cts.** per yard.

Center Counters, Main Aisle.

Rainy Day and Golf Skirts.

Made to Order in Our Dress Goods Department.

We will make to order in a first class tailor-made manner, any heavy material suitable for Golf and Rainy Day Skirts, which may be selected from our unusually fine collection of these goods, at the following prices, FOR MAKING:

Style No. 1, price $2.75.	Style No. 7, price $4.00.
Style No. 2, price $2.75.	Style No. 8, price $4.00.
Style No. 3, price $3.50.	Style No. 9, price $4.00.
Style No. 4, price $3.50.	Style No. 10, price $4.50.
Style No. 5, price $3.50.	Style No. 11, price $4.50.
Style No. 6, price $3.50.	Style No. 12, price $4.50.

These twelve styles of Skirts will be on exhibition in our DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT, enabling our customers to see at a glance just how the goods will look when finished. You select the material you prefer from our large assortment, paying the usual price per yard, and we tailor it for you in the most approved manner at the prices mentioned above. Orders will be filled in about a week from the time they are placed.

Ladies' Sample Suits.

$17.75 to $30.00 instead of $30.00 to $65.00.

We offer another very choice lot of Ladies' New Suits for Autumn and Winter wear, made of finest cheviot and broadcloth, all silk lined and finished in the best manner—manufacturers' sample suits, made to sell for $30.00 to $65.00, at **$17.75** to **$30.00.**

Forty Rainy Day Suits.

Made of double-faced Oxfords and pebble cheviots, nicely stitched, all sizes, regular $18.50 suits at **$10.75** each.

French Flannel Waists.

25 dozen, all shades, bishop sleeves and plaited fronts, **$2.95** instead of $4.00.

Fine Table Linens.

Another Sale at Special Reduction Prices.

Six hundred dozen Damask Table Napkins, some of them a little stained and mussed, but not really injured.

- ⅝ size, $1.85 and $2.00 goods, for **$1.50** dozen.
- ¾ size, $2.50 and $2.75 goods, for **$2.00** dozen.
- ⅞ size, $3.50 and $3.75 goods, for **$2.75** dozen.
- 4/4 size, $4.00 and $5.00 goods, for **$3.00** dozen.
- 5/4 size, $7.50 and $8.50 goods, for **$5.00** dozen.

A special lot of all Linen Irish Damask Napkins, 15 inches square, 90c. goods for 65c. dozen.

Unbleached Irish Linen Damask, 60c. goods for 45 cts. per yard; 75 ct. goods for 60 cts.

A mixed lot of Bleached and Unbleached heavy Irish Damask, 2 yards wide, $1.25 and $1.50 goods for **$1.00** per yard.

On special tables in Annex, south aisle.

California Wool Blankets.

Lower Than They Can Be Bought Anywhere Else.

As a special in our enlarged Bedding Department, on the Third Floor, we offer fine white wool California Blankets, fresh and new, with wide silk binding, at the following astonishingly low prices, per pair:

10-4 size at $3.75 instead of $5.00.	11-4 size at $6.75 instead of $3.75 and $9.
10-4 size at $5.50 instead of $7.50.	11-4 size at $9.25 instead of $12 and $13.
10-4 size at $7.25 instead of $10.00.	12-4 size at $7.50 instead of $10 and $11.
11-4 size at $4.50 instead of $5.50 and $6.	12-4 size at $10.75 instead of $15.

THE GREATEST OF NATIONS.

SIR ROBERT GIFFEN ON THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Statistics Show This to Be the Most Powerful State in the World—A Century's Marvellous Growth—Only Four Great World Powers at Present—New Markets Indeed.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Sir Robert Giffen, for many years statistician to the British Board of Trade, has the gift, very rare in this country, of making masses of figures interesting and instructive, without straining their significance in any way. This week he spoke at the meeting of the Manchester Statistical Society on the statistical changes of the century. He said:

The population of Europe and of nations of European origin like the United States may now be put at something over 500,000,000. A century ago the corresponding figure would not have been more than about 170,000,000. A French statistician gave the figure in 1788 for Europe alone, excluding the United States, as a little less than 150,000,000. In the century, therefore, Europe and nations of European origin have grown to three times their former numbers, and this without counting the population of Mexico and South America, amounting now to 45,000,000, which ought, perhaps, to be included as Europeanized, though not wholly European in race.

Not only is the century interesting, therefore, as a characteristically statistical century, but the statistics themselves are in the highest degree surprising. For generations and centuries the growth of Europe must have been slow, owing to war and pestilence and the other checks to population of which Malthus wrote, and then all at once, in a single century, we have this sudden multiplication of numbers. The economic development of the people is even more marvellous. Agriculture has extended indefinitely over the new territory, and there have been vast improvements in new and old territory alike; the figures of trade have been multiplied ten times and more; the wealth of the peoples, all told, which would probably not have been reckoned at more than five thousand millions sterling at the beginning of the century, must be reckoned now by tens of thousands of millions.

"It would probably not be far short of the mark to say that while the millions of the advanced portion of the human race have increased in numbers as dese b d, each unit, on the average is two or three times better off than the corresponding unit at the beginning of the period.

"Again, the development is for the most part not uniform among the European populations. It is most marked in the Anglo-American section. The increase here is from a population of not more than about 20,000,000, which was the population of the United States and the United Kingdom together a hundred years ago, to a population of not less than 130,000,000 at the present time."

A great change in the distribution of political power among European nations themselves was also indicated. The existence alone of the United States implied an immense change. Sir Robert proceeded:

"If we consider that an empire like that of Britain had its strength rather diminished than increased by the possession of territories like India, then the United States having a larger European population than that of the British Empire might be considered the most powerful State in the world as far as population and resources were concerned. No doubt Russia had a much larger population but the inferiority of the units was so great that the preeminence of the United States was not in question.

"Germany, Russia and the United Kingdom had all grown, while France and Austria had for comparison remained stationary, so that now the great world Powers were four only—the United States, Britain, Russia and Germany, with France a doubtful fifth. The extent of the revolution that had taken place in a century was evident, and obviously accounted for much that was going on in international politics. If the forces now in existence continue to operate as they had done in the past century for only a few more generations, the close of the coming century must witness a further transformation, whose bearings would be apparent in the life time of some among us.

"It was a reasonable probability that unless some great internal change should take place in the ideas and conduct of the European races themselves the population of 500,000,000 would in another century become one of 1,500,000,000 to 2,000,000,000. The black and yellow races still remaining, as far as one could see, comparatively stationary, this would make a greatly changed world. The yellow peril, for instance, of which we heard so much, would have vanished, because the yellow races themselves would be so much outnumbered. What would be the 400,000,000 of China compared with 1,500,000,000 or 2,000,000,000 of European race?

"Further progress must also be made in the redistribution of power among European nations. International politics would be more and more limited to the affairs of what were already the four great Powers, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany and Russia. The most serious problem would of course be whether the dilemma stated by Malthus and hitherto put aside by the occupation of new lands, would at length become an urgently practical question. It was impossible not to wonder which of the two forces, the growth of population and the increase of the needs of the growing population on the one side, and the growth of invention and mechanical power in supplying human wants on the other side would gain as time went on."

Referring to the desire to secure new markets abroad, Sir Robert Giffen said that the figures with which he had been dealing pointed to quite another source of new markets. Surely there could be no lack of new customers if the 500,000,000 of the advanced races themselves were to be doubled in from thirty to fifty years and trebled or quadrupled in a century.

ACCUSED OF PIANO SWINDLES.

Jeanette Russell Said to Have Disposed of Eight Instruments She Had Rented.

A woman who says she is Jeanette Russell, 28 years old, of 308 Amsterdam avenue, was held in $1,000 bail in the West Side police court yesterday for trial on the charge of grand larceny. The larceny was said to consist in the selling of a piano she had rented from Jacob Brothers at 741 Eighth avenue last April. Her accuser, George Cook, said that the police would find it easy to find several more complainants as the woman had been swindling piano people for some time. The woman had nothing to say to the charge and was led back to a cell in a semi-hysterical condition.

The detectives say she has sold two pianos which she rented from Herbert & Co., two rented from the Steinway Company, and three rented from Wellington & Co. None of the pianos was valued at less than $200. The woman was arrested on Friday night at 161 Lenox avenue.

Audiphone District Messenger Calls.

Announcement was made yesterday that the American District Telegraph Company has decided to adopt the audiphone system in this city. This does not mean that call boxes will be done away with entirely, but that the audiphone will be substituted where it is desired. Already good results are stated to have been obtained from its use in the city, the National Tube Company and the Astor House employing it with satisfaction. It is expected to greatly facilitate the present messenger service. While no charge is made for the call boxes, a monthly rental will be required on the new system.

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TIMELY NEWS IN LINENS.

F. D. Matthews Sons

DISTINGUISHED ARRAY OF Imported Dress Trimmings.

The Confidence which the Public have in this Store is Gained and Maintained by Selling only the Highest Character of Merchandise at the Smallest Possible Prices.

Annual Autumn Furniture Sale.

We have been preparing for some time for an Enormous Autumn Furniture Sale. Renovating and redecorating our third and fourth floors has delayed the sale, but you may reap the benefit of this delay.

Carload after carload of furniture has arrived in anticipation of having this event earlier—result, our floors are overcrowded.

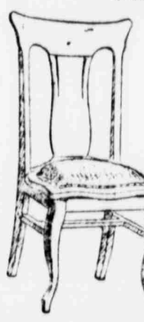
Our prices ordinarily are the lowest, and with the reductions for this sale, our prices are 20 to 40% lower than the same goods can be purchased for elsewhere. REMEMBER, this is not a sale of old or trashy stok, but new, up-to-date first-class furniture—the same as you would purchase in any first-class, high priced furniture store in the country.

This Rocker is all quarter-sawed oak, golden and mahogany finish, piano polished, saddle or leather seats, sale price.

$1.99

200 Couches, every one different colors or styles, wood frames, or with fringe, tufted or plain, upholstered in best manner and guaranteed, covered in plain Tuttian velour or elegant velvets, and you can save from $2.00 to $10.00 according to the prices, which are as follows: **$5.75, $6.75, $7.98, $8.75, $9.98, $10.75, $11.75, $12.75, $13.98, $14.75, $15.00, $16.75, $18.75** and **$19.98.**

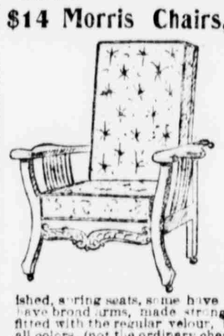
$4.50 Leather Seat Chairs, $2.98.



This Fine Oak Frame Best Leather Spring Seat Chair, quarter sawed oak and polished, only about 100 to go at

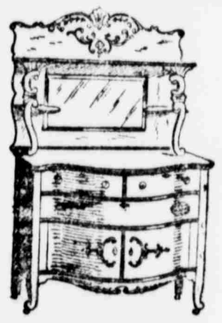
$2.98.

$14 Morris Chairs, $7.83.



200 Morris adjustable reclining chairs, about half the regular prices. There are about 8 different patterns in quarter sawed oak and mahogany finished frames, all piano polished, spring seats, some have claw feet, all have broad arms, made strong and durable, fitted with the regular velour, hair cushions, all colors (not the ordinary cheap-made cushions, but full tufted and stitched orders), the best couch made. This illustration shows one of the style, seven other patterns to go at..... **$7.83**

$25.00 Sideboards, $19.75.



This full swell Quarter Sawed Oak Front Sideboard, 76 inches high, 44 inches wide, 28x16 French Bevel Plate Mirror, only

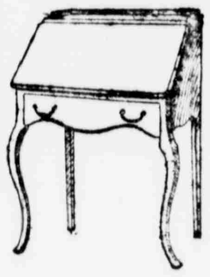
$19.75.

$23.00 Office Desks, $17.50

This High Roll Large Roomy Solid Oak Office Desk, 4 feet wide, 4 feet 4 inches high, made to sell at $23.00 special price.

$17.50

$10.00 Desks, $6.75.



Our line of Desks this season is unsurpassed, they are absolutely none better made, but the prices are 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. less than any one charges for equally well made desks. All oak and enameled inside and out. Piano polished, quarter sawed, golden oak and mahogany finish, $10.00 kind, **$6.75.**

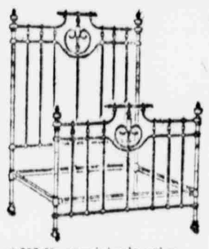
Parlor Suits and Odd Pieces.

There is nothing sold in furniture where there is more deception than in upholstered goods. We buy from the most reliable and best makers, who stand ready to guarantee every piece. Therefore you need not be afraid to buy even the lowest priced article which commences at **$9.98** for a three-piece suit, and **$19.98** for a five-piece suit.

2,000 Parlor and Library Tables.

This seems an enormous quantity of Tables, but as you see our assortment of 300 different patterns with our surplus stock of 1700 you will agree we buy in quantity to save 40 to 50 per cent. You can find here all sizes, all styles, all colors and all prices, from..... **55c.** to **$60.00**

White Enamel and Brass Beds



50 Beds at less than half regular prices. They are steel tubing which make them very smooth, white enamel finish, elaborately trimmed with best French lacquered brass, one and one-quarter inch posts, heavy fillings, extra high head and foot, made to sell at $28.00; special sale price..... **$14.75**

$7.00 Steel Swing Springs, $4.75.

500 Steel Springs, woven wire with helical springs on each end, which makes it doubly elastic and durable, has high corners, so wire will not rest on side rails made to sell at $7.00, sale price..... **$4.75**

$20.00 Hair Mattresses, $13.75.

Secured 10,000 lbs. of No. 2 black S. A. hair to be made up in hair mattresses, all sizes and all kinds of best tickings as follows:

4 ft. 6—40 lbs.	$13.75
4 ft.—35 lbs.	$12.00
3 ft. 6—30 lbs.	$10.50
3 ft.—25 lbs.	$9.00

500 lbs. white Live Geese Feathers: 85c. kind..... **69c**

1,000 Feather Pillows, 22x28 Pillows, $1.00 kind, **69c**; 22x28 Pillows, $1.50 kind, **98c**; 22x28 Pillows, $2.00 kind, **$1.35**; 24x30 Pillows, $3.00 kind..... **$1.95**

CARPETS.

The demand grows and the carpet store keeps step. Manufacturers who want the money more than they do the goods enable us to give you these unequaled bargains.

Bigelow, Lowell, Hartford and Alex. Smith's Ex. Axminster: 3,500 yards, regular prices $1.15, $1.40, $1.60 and $1.75 a yard; priced to sell quickly at **89c., $1.10, $1.20 and $1.25** a yard

Wilton Velvets, finest made, regular value $1.50..... **$1.10** a yard

Ton Wire Brussels, are the best, regular 90c..... **70c.** a yard

Some Very Fine All Wool Ingrains, for..... **55c.** a yard

Straw Mattings, just a few rolls remaining; to assist their departure for the season, you will find prices very attractive, if you are looking for this line of goods.

ROYAL WILTON AND AXMINSTER RUGS, 36x63 INCHES, AT **$5.98**

All Wool, Reversible Smyrna Rugs,

18x36 inches, at	75c.
36x54 inches, at	$1.50
30x60 inches, at	$1.75
36x72 inches, at	$2.50

LINOLEUMS, Oil Cloth, Coca and Rubber Matting, large variety, prices low.

BOOKS.

In order to make room in our Book Department for the Holiday stock, we offer on Monday the following copyright books slightly shop worn:

The Orange Girl, by Sir Walter Besant.
Dross, by Henry S. Merriman.
Ione March, by S. R. Crockett.
Knights of the Cross, by H. Sienkiewicz.
Black Douglas, by Crockit.
Valley Path, by Will Allen Dromgool.

Amelia Barr's novels, such as Between Two Loves, Bernicia, Friend Oliver, The King's Highway, etc., all copyright books; publisher's price, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00; our price, to close out..... **39c**

The Little Minister, green room edition, publisher's price, $1.50; our price, illustrated..... **98c**

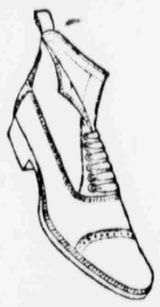
The Little Minister, 2-volume edition, illustrated; publisher's price, $2.00; our price..... **$1.98**

Persons desiring our new Fall and Winter Catalogue, kindly notify us by postal or otherwise.

FULTON STREET, GALLATIN PLACE, LIVINGSTON AND SMITH STREETS, BROOKLYN.

Women's Patent Leather Shoes, at $2.95 a Pair.

These shoes are made of best French calf patent leather, in button and lace, with welted and stitched soles, cloth and kid tops. The toe-shapes are the round and narrow bull dog, both very popular fall styles. In material, workmanship, fit and service they equal shoes sold in exclusive stores at $4.50 and $5.00 a pair; sizes are 2½ to 7, widths, A, B, C and D..... **at $2.95 a Pair**



Men's Shoes at $2.95 a Pair.

Our line of Men's Shoes at $2.95 a pair are a combination of the best materials, newest styles and fine workmanship, they are comfortable, perfect fitting and every pair is warranted to give splendid service. They are as good as any shoe you would pay $4.00 for, and better than most of them at that price. We have them in patent leather, enamel, box calf, vici kid and wax calf, with hand-welted double or single soles, all on the best fall lasts, all styles and sizes..... **at $2.95 a Pair**

CUSTOM TAILORING.

FOR A LIMITED TIME WE WILL MAKE

OVERCOATS, TO ORDER, $13.50.

RAGLANS, TO ORDER, $15.50

For the usual $22.00 and $25.00 kinds.

A practical demonstration of what we mean by SMALL PROFIT.

This is undoubtedly the greatest custom tailoring offer ever made in this Borough. No matter whether you are easy or hard to fit, we'll fit you perfectly either in the popular box, the staple shaped coat, or the new swell Raglan. Over 40 different all-wool overcoatings to choose from, including Vicunas, Friezes, Meltons, Kerseys, Whipcords (fancy back), and Coverts, in Oxford and Cambridge grays, black, blue, seal and olive brown and tan, they will be tailored in excellent style, have guarantee satin sleeve lining, extra grade of Italian cloth body lining and fine velvet collars, for any size up to and including 44 chest or waist.

OVERCOATS, $13.50. RAGLANS, $15.50, extra large sizes at a slight advance. Samples of cloth given for comparison.

We have made unusual preparations for this event, and prompt deliveries are assured.

BOYS' CLOTHING.

They're of such exceptional value that half a day's selling will undoubtedly see them gone. Of all wool frieze and heavy twill overcoating, splendidly made, ages 8 to 15, stylishly cut and worth $5.50, here Monday at **$3.98**

ALL-WOOL REEFERS, AT $3.98,

of blue chinchilla, fast color, made double-breasted to button close to neck; to state that a Chinchilla Reefer at this price is all wool is a broad assertion, but these POSITIVELY ARE, ages 3 to 8, at..... **$3.98**

SILVER WARE.

Quadruple-plated Cake Baskets, burnished finish, floral border, regular value $3.00; special..... **$2.25**

Quadruple-plated Sugar and Creamer, gold lined, burnished finish, fluted design, beaded edge, special..... **$1.49** each

Quadruple-plated Butter Dish, glass drainer, highly burnished, floral border, regular value $3.75; special..... **$2.39**

Quadruple-plated Fruit Stand, with beautiful tinted dish, regular value $3.75; special..... **$2.25**

Quadruple-plated Condensed Milk Holders, Colonial style, highly burnished, beaded edge, with bottle, regular value $2.50; special..... **$1.50**

Quadruple-plated Chocolate Pot, fluted design, newest shape, regular value $3.48; special..... **$2.25**

Quadruple-plated Colonial Candlesticks, beaded edge, regular value $1.50; special..... **98c**

Quadruple-plated Salt Cellars, pierced silver, with ruby, green or blue glass linings, regular value $1.39; special..... **98c**

SILVER WARE.

Quadruple-plated Napkin Rings, pierced silver, regular value 98c.; special..... **48c**

Silver Ware—Centre Aisle.

Special, Rogers', sale of Spoons, Forks and Knives, shell pattern, A1 plate:

Teaspoons, set of six, **48c.**; Dessert-spoons, set of six, **98c.**; Table-spoons, set of six, **$1.10**; Medium Forks, set of six, **$1.10**; Medium Knives, set of six..... **$1.13**

Rogers' Solid Nickel Silver, non-tarnishable Spoons and Forks:

Teaspoons **4c.** each; Table-spoons, **8c.** each; Medium Forks, **8c.** each; Medium Knives, good wearing quality, **12½c.** each; Fruit Knives, good wearing quality, **12½c.** each.

Silver-plated Nut Picks, sets consisting of 6 picks and cracker..... **35c**

Nickel-plated Nut Picks, sets, 6 picks in box..... **12c**

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CAPT. HALL ACCUSED OF COWARDICE.

Charges by Minister Conger Against Commandant of Marines at Pekin.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Serious charges against Capt. Newton H. Hall of the United States Marine Corps, who was second in command of the Marine guard of the American Legation in Pekin during the two months' siege of that place, have been made by Minister Edwin H. Conger. Minister Conger filed the charges with Major-Gen. Chaffee when the latter reached Pekin with the international relief force. He alleged that Capt. Hall had not properly attended to his duties in connection with the defence of the legation, and reflected on Capt. Hall's courage and soldierly conduct.

Gen. Chaffee made an inquiry into the charge and in his report on the subject, received by the War Department a few days ago, he recommended that no further proceedings be taken, a virtual acquittal of the marine officer. The War Department sent the papers in the case to the Navy Department, which has declined to let the matter rest with Gen. Chaffee's report.

Yesterday the Assistant Secretary of the Navy referred the case to Brig.-Gen. Heywood, commandant of the Marine Corps, with instructions to make a full investigation. This action was taken in order that all the circumstances connected with Capt. Hall's alleged conduct may be placed on record and the officer cleared of the charges or brought to trial. It is understood that Capt. Hall has asked for a court of inquiry.

Minister Conger virtually charged Capt. Hall with cowardice. His allegations show that there were dissensions in the Pekin legations during their siege, that added to the peril of the situation in which the foreigners were placed. Mr. Conger alleged that he had requested Capt. Hall to hold a portion of the wall near the American legation, a strong strategic position, and that Capt. Hall declined to do so and withdrew his men, although it was demonstrated that the wall could be held against the Chinese. Another allegation is that Capt. Hall had declined to do other military duty in the defence of the legations, on the ground that it was impossible to do it, and that Russian troops then undertook the service and performed it successfully. Mr. Conger makes an additional charge that Capt. Hall refused to let two of his marines, who volunteered for the duty, go to ascertain some valuable military information.

While the report of Gen. Chaffee is not obtainable, it is inferred from the nature of his recommendation that he was of the opinion that Mr. Conger's charges were not justified.

Capt. Hall entered the Marine Corps in September, 1891, through the Naval Academy and became a Captain on the increase of the corps in 1899. He was born in Texas and was appointed from that State. He went to the naval station at Cavité in December, 1899, on the expiration of a sea cruise, and was sent in the Newark early last summer to Taku. When the foreign Ministers in Pekin called for guards for their legations, Capt. Hall went to the Chinese capital with the marine detachment of fifty-six men under command of Capt. John T. Myers. Capt. Myers was wounded in the defence of Pekin and then attacked with typhoid fever. Capt. Hall succeeded him in command of the American marines and served through the siege of Pekin.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Important Changes Made in the Operating Department.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Railway has issued an order making important changes in the operating departments. Frank S. Gannon, Third Vice-President and general manager, will have five chief assistants, as follows: William H. Peddle, assistant general manager, Washington, D. C.; James H. Barrett, general superintendent of transportation, Washington, D. C.; Joseph H. Sands, general superintendent Eastern district, Salisbury, N. C.; John A. Dodson, general superintendent Western district, Chattanooga, Tenn.; David W. Lum, engineer of bridges and buildings, Washington, D. C. The offices of general superintendent of maintenance, assistant general superintendent of maintenance, assistant general superintendent and superintendent of track, bridges and buildings are abolished.

William H. Green has been appointed an assistant to the general manager, to take charge of the United States mail service and other departments. Operating divisions have been established at Washington, Danville, Charlotte, Richmond, Norfolk, Asheville, Savannah, Charleston, Knoxville, Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile and Louisville.

Mrs. Reilly and Her Husband Surrendered to the British Authorities.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—A warrant for the surrender to the British authorities of Kate T. Reilly and her husband, Thomas Reilly, arrested in New York on their arrival there from Ireland, has been sent by the Secretary of State to the British embassy in Washington. The Reillys are from Glenamoddy, Ireland, where the woman was sub-postmistress. It is charged that she embezzled about one hundred pounds of Post Office funds and that her husband was an accessory to the crime. The couple were committed for extradition in New York by United States Commissioner Alexander.

THE YANGTSE VICEROYS.

Reports That They Were to Be Removed Are Denied by Li Hung Chang.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Reports reached the State Department several days ago that the Chinese imperial authorities intended to remove the pro-foreign Viceroys of the Yangtse province. These reports caused some concern in Government circles as they indicated an intention on the part of the Throne to placate the Boxer element. It was through the efforts of Yangtse Viceroys that southern China was kept from joining in the anti-foreign movement and the President and the Secretary of State had no doubt that the removal of the powerful allies would be followed by an uprising of a more serious character than that recently suppressed in the north. Although doubting the reports, Secretary Hay informed Minister Conger by telegraph of their circulation and directed him to protest vigorously against any such action if it were contemplated. An answer from Minister Conger, received at the State Department this morning, said that he had been assured by Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace plenipotentiaries, that there was no truth whatever in the reports.

A telegram was received at the State Department to-day from W. W. Rockhill, the President's special commissioner to China, confirming the report of the suicide of Yu Hsien, the anti-foreign Governor of Shansi, who was down on the list of the Powers for severe punishment. Mr. Rockhill's despatch was sent from Shanghai. The reason of his return there from Pekin is not known.

Copies of the notes to Great Britain and Germany in response to the invitations of those Governments to affirm the principles of the Anglo-German agreement concerning China were mailed to President McKinley at Canton by Secretary Hay last evening. They will be reviewed by the President and then returned to the State Department for final drafting and presentation to the British and German representatives in Washington. The third section, which has been construed in some quarters as containing a threat against any nation attempting to violate the integrity of China, has not been interpreted by the German and British governments in as clear a manner as the United States desires, and the American answer will, it is understood, be noncommittal in regard to it. Certainly this Government will not commit itself to the alleged principle or purpose of the third section.

Secretary Long Starts for Colorado.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Secretary Long left Washington this evening for Colorado Springs. He will be absent about ten days and will make half a dozen political addresses in Nebraska and Colorado. The Secretary was accompanied by his son Pierce.

NEW TYPE OF TORPEDO BOAT.

Test Made in the Model Tank at the Washington Navy Yard.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—A test was made in the model tank at the Washington Navy Yard to-day of a model of a new type of torpedo boat. The vessel is a combination of some of the features of the submarine boats and ordinary torpedo craft. All the vitals are below the water line and the small surface of the vessel showing above the water is protected by cellulose, a material which expands on contact with liquids and stops leaks. The test was very favorable to the invention, the only objectionable features being the low speed developed, fourteen knots, and a very perceptible wake. It is claimed that the vessel can be seen only at close quarters. There will probably be another test after an attempt has been made to so rearrange the boat to meet the objections made by the naval experts. The inventor is a New York man named Berger.

Movements of Naval Vessels

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The training ship Topeka has arrived at Lisbon, the gunboat Yankton at New York and the tug Massasoit at Key West. The torpedo boat Rodgers has sailed from Newport for the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and the gunboat Wilmington from St. Vincent for Teneriffe.

The gunboat Frolic, which will go to the Asiatic station, was placed in commission at the Norfolk Navy Yard yesterday.

Receipts of the Philippine Treasury for August.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The receipts at the Philippine treasury for the month of August, 1900, were $934,561, of which $821,494 were from customs, $8,030 from the postal service, $38,659 from internal revenue, and $56,388 from miscellaneous sources. The receipts for the corresponding month of 1899 were only $52,193.

New Stone Dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—The Navy Department to-day selected a site for the stone dry dock at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, for the construction of which Congress appropriated $1,000,000. The site is that near dry dock No. 2, selected by a board of naval officers. One member of the board recommended that the Cob dock be selected as the site.

Assigned to Admiral Dewey's Staff.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27.—Commander Raymond P. Rodgers has been assigned to duty on the staff of Admiral Dewey as a member of the General Board of the Navy. Commander Rodgers has just returned from China, where he commanded the gunboat Nashville.

BROOKLYN FIREMEN BALKY.

They Refuse to Contribute to Democratic Campaign Fund.

A month ago the Willoughby Street managers in Brooklyn, as is usual in every campaign, called for "voluntary" contributions from the firemen both active and retired on pensions to defray the expenses of keeping the Democratic banner to the front in the borough. The responses were fewer and more insignificant than in any previous campaign, and some of the men kicked and declared that they didn't propose to put up a cent, as it was their purpose to support the Republican candidates from top to bottom this year. The Democratic managers, however, didn't give up the effort to get the firemen's money, and appointed Thomas F. Nevins, the ex-fire chief, who is drawing a pension of $3,000 a year from the city, to try and loosen their pursestrings. The result was the distribution of this circular letter among the members and ex-members of the department:

"The Committee on Finance directed on behalf of the Finance Committee of Kings county to respectfully appeal to you for a subscription to meet the legitimate and necessary expenses of the coming political campaign in the county of Kings. The committee is anxious that our county should make the best possible showing in the results. Our expenses to produce such results will necessarily be large, covering expenditures for public meetings, printing, distribution of documents, circulars, &c., all of which must be met by voluntary contribution, and amounts however small will be appreciated. Money or check may be made payable to the undersigned, receipt of which will be duly acknowledged. Respectfully,

"THOMAS F. NEVINS,

"168 Montague street, corner Clinton."

Mr. Nevins admitted yesterday that he had made the appeal and also that the responses so far were very few and far between. A veteran fireman said: "I don't blame Nevins in trying to help his old political friends, but he wont get much of our stuff. We are opposed to Tammany and the Willoughby Street machine and will knife the ticket."

Navy Yard Notes.

The cruiser Atlanta, Capt. E. C. Pendleton commanding, left the navy yard in Brooklyn for the Tompkinsville anchorage yesterday morning. She will have an official trial trip on Monday. The Naval Board of Survey and Inspection will be on board during the trip.

Rear Admiral Norman H. Farquhar, commanding the North Atlantic squadron, transferred his flag from the cruiser New York to the battleship Kearsarge yesterday. The officers and crew were drawn up on the quarter-deck when Admiral Farquhar came on board. As his flag was hoisted the regulation salute was fired.