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Showers to-day; fair to-morrow.

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SUES MRS. EDDY FOR $150,000

MRS. WOODBURY'S LIBEL SUIT AGAINST X-SCIENCE LEADER BEGINS.

Charges That Mrs. Eddy Is Responsible for Her Expulsion From the Parent Church in Boston, and Also Referred to Her as the "Babylonish Woman"—Mrs. Eddy Not Present.

BOSTON, May 29.—In a small and narrow court room, before Judge Charles U. Bell, one of the most erudite Justices on the Massachusetts bench, the libel suit of Mrs. Josephine C. Woodbury against Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, "Mother" of the Christian Science Church and founder of the sect, was begun this forenoon. At the very outset the lawyers who are looking after Mrs. Eddy's interests scored a victory in the refusal of Judge Bell to postpone the trial on account of the absence of "Judge" Septimus J. Hanna, first reader of the Christian Science Church here and editor of several publications issued for the enlightenment of believers in Eddyism.

Frederick W. Peabody, the plaintiff's lawyer, has been searching for "Judge" Hanna for several weeks with the intention of summoning him as a witness in the case, but up to a late hour this afternoon he has been unable to find him. Mr. Peabody presented an affidavit relating to the effort that had been made to secure the presence of the first reader, and asked that the case be postponed, but the court decided that the case must go on without him.

The suit against Mrs. Eddy was brought about Aug. 1, 1899, based on a message she delivered to the Christian Scientists of Boston at the annual communion on June 14 of that year, in which it was said that "the doom of the Babylonish woman referred to in Revelation is being fulfilled." Then followed quotations from the Book of Revelations descriptive of the "Babylonish woman," which Mrs. Woodbury alleges were intended to apply to her, although her name was not mentioned, by reason of which she claims she has been injured to the amount of $150,000.

While the defence admits that the particular address was delivered, as alleged, it is denied that Mrs. Woodbury or any other human being was meant by the term "Babylonish woman," the phrase being used simply to describe a type of sin.

The case is being tried without the presence of Mrs. Eddy, her residence at Concord, N. H., and her advanced age, which is nearly 80 years, having been urged as reasons why she should not be subjected to the fatigue of a long journey. Her deposition has been taken and will be used in the trial.

Mrs. Woodbury instituted other suits, based upon the same article, and at the opening of the case Judge Bell asked if there was any reason why they could not be tried at the same time, but Mr. Peabody objected and was sustained. The suits referred to are: The First Church of Christ, Sicentist, for $100,000; Ira O. Knapp, William B. Johnson, Joseph Armstrong and Stephen A. Chase, collectively, as directors of the church, $50,000; Septimus J. Hanna, $50,000; William P. McKenzie, Thomas W. Hatton and Joseph B. Clarke, trustees and managers of the publication business of the church, collectively, $25,000; John W. Reeder, $25,000; Joseph Armstrong, business manager of the *Christian Science Journal*, $25,000.

A jury was secured quickly. The opening statement for the plaintiff was read and then Mr. Peabody asked that the witnesses be excluded from the court room when not giving testimony, but the Court denied the request. The assertion of Mrs. Eddy that she has received a revelation from God, from which Christian Science resulted, was described by counsel, as was the conversion of Mrs. Woodbury, her joining the First Church of Christ and her expulsion. He told of the communication of Mrs. Eddy to her people and of an article by her which appeared in the *Arena* magazine and connected the alleged libelous words with Mrs. Woodbury by saying that almost miraculous powers had been attributed to Mrs. Woodbury by Mrs. Eddy in the way of causing disease and death at will, which it was said she had exercised.

It was known by all those who heard the message, said Mr. Peabody that Mrs. Woodbury was the person alluded to as the "Babylonish woman," and this will be shown by the witnesses who were present at the reading. It would also be proved that prior to the publication of the libel Mrs. Eddy accused Mrs. Woodbury of possessing the mental power to cause sickness and death.

Ira O. Knapp a member of the Board of Directors of the First Church of Christ, described the organization of the church and Mrs. Eddy's association with it. There is no pastor but Mrs Eddy is pastor emeritus. She has no power to excommunicate members and has not been in the church for several years. The Bible and "Science and Health" were considered the pastor of the Boston church.

William B. Johnson testified that he had known Mrs. Eddy for seventeen years and Mrs Woodbury for several years. He has been a member of the Board of Directors and a clerk of the First Church of Christ since 1892. During Mr. Johnson's testimony another victory for the defence was scored. When Mr. Peabody sought to show by Johnson that Mrs. Woodbury was the woman referred to by Mrs. Eddy in her alleged libelous statement on the ground that Mrs Woodbury had sought and had failed to get admission to the First Church of Christ in 1895, and was afterward admitted and later excommunicated questions along this line were excluded upon the ground that the incidents were too remote from the reading of the message, and it could be shown that Mrs Eddy controlled the action of the church.

Then Mr. Johnson produced his books and found a record for Nov. 6, 1895. There was nothing in that record, he said to indicate at whose suggestion Mrs. Woodbury was dropped from membership. Witness had received no communication from Mrs. Eddy relative to Mrs. Woodbury's admissions. The question of dropping her from membership in 1895 was not referred to by Mrs. Eddy. The witness said in answer to a question that no questions regarding the excommunication of members were submitted to Mrs. Eddy between April and March, 1896.

The witness said he was familiar with the handwriting of Mrs. Eddy. When a document was shown to him he said he should say it was not in the handwriting of Mrs. Eddy, although the signature was hers. The letter was submitted to attorneys for Mrs. Eddy for examination, after which it was read by Attorney Peabody. The letter was addressed to Mrs. Woodbury and revoked her relations with the church and with Mrs. Eddy. In it Mrs. Eddy complained that she had been unjustly treated by Mrs. Woodbury and quoted from alleged conversations with her wherein Mrs. Woodbury virtually admitted that her conduct in the past had not been entirely blameless. Mrs. Eddy asserted in this letter that she was not responsible for Mrs. Woodbury's dismissal. The letter concluded with the following: "N. B.—

"I w dare you in the sight of God and with your character behind the curtain and your own students ready to lift it on you pursue the path of heresy?"

Mr. Peabody then said that a letter had been sent by Mrs. Woodbury's students asking Mrs. Eddy to "lift the curtain" and offered in evidence several telegrams sent to Mrs. Eddy in reply to her letter, but these were objected to.

Continuing the questioning of the witness Mr. Peabody brought out from Mr. Johnson the admission that Mrs. Eddy had never said to him that Mrs. Woodbury possessed a mental power by means of which she could cause sickness and death. Pursuing another tack in his questioning Mr. Peabody discovered that Clerk Johnson was a Christian Science healer and had an office in Norway street. The plaintiff's lawyer tried to get the witness to say that Mrs. Eddy as President of the Massachusetts Metaphysical College directed the course of instruction there, that since the suit was begun the lecturers had held up Mrs. Woodbury as practising mental science which caused sickness and death, but the questions were excluded.

At 4:30 P. M. court was adjourned until next Monday morning. Mr. Peabody said before leaving the court room that he would pay $250 to any one who could serve a summons upon Judge Hanna in the Commonwealth.

GEN. SAM THOMAS INVALIDED.

Not Likely to Be Seen at His Office Again This Summer.

It was reported downtown yesterday that Gen. Samuel Thomas had suffered a stroke of paralysis on Monday at Agawam, his summer home at Ardsley. At his office, 80 Broadway, his private secretary said:

"Gen. Thomas was threatened with a stroke of paralysis, but he is now greatly improved. We have very encouraging reports from the doctors. In all probability, however, the General will not be at his office to attend to business again this summer."

At Gen. Thomas's country home it was said that Gen. Thomas's attack was of the nature of vertigo.

His son, Edward Thomas, said:

"My father has not had a paralytic stroke, although his condition has caused grave anxiety, as it was feared that the attacks of vertigo that he has had might be the forerunner of a more serious trouble. The first attack he had was eleven days ago, when he was seized with dizziness in his office. As soon as possible he was brought up here. It was hoped that he would not have another attack, but five days ago, just after getting out of his bed from the first attack, he was seized with a similar one and has been confined to his bed since then. He has also suffered with fainting spells, but nothing like paralysis has occurred. It is now three days since he had an attack and in those three days he has been steadily improving and we feel greatly encouraged. His physician, Dr. Chappell, said to-day that he would be able to get out of bed to-morrow and we are in hopes that he will soon be all right, although it will be several weeks, any way, before he will be able to go to the city and it is doubtful if he takes up his active work again even then. Until recently he has enjoyed very good health, but it is believed that his present trouble comes from overwork. He is in his 62d year and of course his present illness has weakened him considerably."

CROWDING SENATOR M'LAURIN.

Summer Campaign Likely to Be Ordered Despite His Poor Health.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 29.—Indications are apparent that an effort will be made to crowd Senator McLaurin in his fight for reelection. Senator Tillman came here to-day and had a conference with Col. Jones, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, and a candidate for McLaurin's seat. They discussed the arrangements for the primary. Earlier in the day Col. Jones, replying to McLaurin's protest against making a canvass of the State in August, told him that the committee would give him a fair deal but that August was the best time for the people to vote.

This evening Tillman gave out a statement in which he spoke of McLaurin's "magnificent egotism" in wishing to fix the time when the people of the State should elect his successor. With Tillman the chairman and all the other candidates favoring a summer campaign the committee will probably order it in August, despite the tacit agreement for a fall meeting. If McLaurin believes his life would be endangered in such a struggle he may decline to make the race or withdraw his resignation.

It looks as if Senator Tillman wishes to force some such action.

BURGLAR WITH A RECORD AT 13.

He Has Robbed at Least Eight Stores Since He Was 11 Years Old.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., May 29.—Raphael Moffo, 13 years old, is one of the youngest and most daring burglars ever locked up in the Mount Vernon police station. According to his own confession, he has committed eight burglaries, two in one night, and the police say many more will be laid to his discredit. Dime novels, he said, led him to become a burglar.

Moffo was arrested to-night by Detectives Lynch and Gleitzman just after he got off a Huckleberry trolley car coming from Manhattan. He had been to Harlem to pawn a stolen watch. With the money he secured he bought candy and spent 25 cents in riding about New York on trolley cars.

Last night the grocery store of J. B. Koke and the saloon of P. Castelitteo in West Lincoln avenue were both robbed. In Koke's store $8 was taken from the money drawer and in the saloon the burglar got a gold watch, $2 and several bottles of wine. Beneath a rear window of the grocery store which had been forced open with a sharp stone were the marks of a boy's shoe. Detectives Lynch and Gleitzman measured it. When Moffo was arrested it was found that his shoes exactly fitted in the footprints. Then he confessed.

"I had a good time any way to-day," said the boy burglar. "I bought two pounds of chocolate drops and rode all around the city seeing the sights. When I broke in the grocery store, I had my hand on my pistol. It was loaded with blank cartridges and if any body bothered me, I intended to frighten them away. I wouldn't kill any body. I learned all about the burglar business in dime novels."

One of the dime novels found in Moffo's pockets was entitled, "True to His Colors, or the Dynamite Terror of Chesapeake Bay." Moffo enjoys the distinction of being the only boy burglar to whom admission to the Elmira Reformatory and the House of Refuge was ever refused. On Dec. 7, 1898, he pleaded guilty to robbing four stores. Judge Schatz sentenced him to the Elmira Reformatory, but when he was taken there the doors were closed against him, because he was under age. He was then committed to Randall's Island, but was barred from that institution. For nine days the officials tried to find a prison for him, and the Judge then gave him his freedom in custody of his counsel.

Doctor Killed by a Southdown Ram.

HODGENVILLE, Ky., May 29.—Dr. T. A. Bowling, a wealthy citizen of Hammondsville, was killed to-day by a valuable Southdown ram while he was looking over his sheep in a pasture. The doctor was among the flock looking at the lambs when he was attacked by the ram. After the first blow, which sent the doctor to his hands and knees, the ram struck him in the abdomen and knocked him senseless. He was then repeatedly butted on the head and ribs. When assistance reached him he was dying.

Eighty-five Clubs

are within from two to fifteen minutes of the New York Central's Grand Central Station, New York. No wonder clubmen travel on the New York Central.—Adv.

PRESIDENT HOME TO-DAY.

THE M'KINLEY PARTY WILL REACH WASHINGTON THIS MORNING.

Mrs. McKinley Stands the Journey Well and Has a Chat With Her Sister at Canton—The President Greets Friends and Well-Wishers at Many Stations Along the Line.

PITTSBURG, May 29.—The President and Mrs. McKinley and the party travelling with them crossed two States to-day in their journey homeward and will reach Washington to-morrow morning before 8 o'clock. The weather was cool and in this respect the whole five-day trip from the Pacific Coast has been remarkable, and in view of Mrs. McKinley's condition of health the President regards it as providential. Even while crossing the desert plains of Nevada and Utah the invalid suffered no discomfort, for a light rain had preceded the party, laying the alkali dust and cooling the usually torrid air.

Mrs. McKinley passed a restful night and was awake early this morning looking forward to the arrival of the Presidential train at Canton, where she expected to meet her sister for a few minutes, and where she could catch a glimpse from the car window of old neighbors and friends. President McKinley also awoke early and when the train reached Fort Wayne, Ind., at 7:30 o'clock, he promptly stepped down from his car and shook hands with the 200 or 300 persons who had gathered at the station.

The crowd seemed surprised to see the President at that hour. The Presidential train had moved steadily eastward all night with an interruption of only half an hour in Chicago to allow the cars to be transferred from the tracks of the Northwestern road to those of the Pennsylvania. There was only a small crowd to see the train enter Chicago, as the hour was 2:30 o'clock in the morning and the point of transfer had not been known generally.

At Lima, O., the President was surrounded by a crowd of school children as soon as he descended to the lowest step of his car. He shook hands with the children and with about a hundred of the men and women in the crowd. Mr. McKinley remarked that he was glad to get back to Ohio. There were many inquiries for the health of Mrs. McKinley and the President replied to these hopefully.

At Crestline Mrs. Hay left the party to go to Cleveland, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Myron T. Herrick. The President escorted her to the Cleveland train, which was standing on the opposite side of the station.

The Presidential train passed through nearly all the cities and towns of Ohio without stopping, but at each station there was at least a small group of people who shouted their greetings as the train swept by with the President standing on the platform of the last car. At 3 P. M. the train reached Canton and remained there for half an hour. The group of 200 persons at the station were personal friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley. Judge William R. Day, former Secretary of State, and several other distinguished citizens of the town, entered the President's car and chatted with him for a few minutes, and then Mr. McKinley emerged and descending the steps of the car shook hands with the others of his old neighbors and friends.

There were many inquiries for the health of Mrs. McKinley, and the President told them something of the extreme anxiety that he had passed through in San Francisco and of his present belief that Mrs. McKinley in a short time will recover her full strength. While the President was chatting outside the car, Mrs. Barber, the sister of Mrs. McKinley, had gone inside to visit for a few minutes with the invalid. Miss Mary Barber, the niece of Mrs. McKinley, will continue on the journey to Washington, and as soon as her aunt is able to travel will return with her to Canton for the summer.

The Presidential train reached Pittsburg soon after 6 o'clock, and after a brief stop continued toward the Capitol.

The President will attend the Memorial Day exercises at the Arlington National Cemetery to-morrow in all probabilities, if Mrs. McKinley continues well.

GEN. HARRISON'S ESTATE.

Appraisers Fix the Value of the Property in Indiana at $350,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 29.—The report of the appraisers appointed to determine the value of the real and personal property of the late Benjamin Harrison was submitted to the Court this afternoon. The real estate is valued at $184,500 and the personal property at $170,025. This sum includes only the property in this county, that in New York not yet having been appraised. Several items are put down in the appraisement as worthless. Among them are $500 worth of stock in the Lake Cities Electric Railway Company, one share in the Indianapolis Commercial Club, worthless as an asset because not transferable; one note for $5,000 signed by the General's brother, J. S. Harrison; a contract for royalty on his book, "This Country of Ours," and a note for $9,000 signed by Joseph A. Waymyre.

DENOUNCED UNIONS; FOUND DYING.

Death of Murge After Saloon Row Leads to Three Arrests.

After being unconscious for seventy-two hours, John Murge of 326 River street, Hoboken, died in St. Mary's Hospital in that city yesterday morning. Robert Ross of 116 Fourteenth street, David Knickels of 1232 Park avenue, Hoboken, and another man, whose identity the police refuse to disclose, are locked up in Police Headquarters on a charge of murdering Murge.

According to the police, Murge, Ross, Knickels and some other men went into Busch's saloon at 1400 Washington street on Sunday morning at 2 o'clock and, after several drinks, began to argue about strikes and labor unions. Murge is said to have declared that he did not believe in labor unions, that he had been a member of one, but had left it, and would never join another, as the one he had belonged to had brought him a lot of trouble.

His companions resented Murge's sentiments and as the language was becoming strong the saloonkeeper ordered them all out. Some minutes later Murge was found unconscious on the sidewalk. He did not regain consciousness.

Prolong Your Life by Exercise,

but prevent sore muscles by use of Pond's Extract.—Adv.

Myles Standish Ginger Ale.

Your first bottle wont be your last.—Adv.

A VICKERS-CRAMP DEAL OFF.

The Bethlehem Steel Company Refuses to Continue Present Negotiations.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—President Robert P. Linderman of the Bethlehem Steel Company said to-day:

"Negotiations for the sale of the Bethlehem Steel Company to the Vickers-Maxim-Cramp combination, so far as the Bethlehem people are concerned, are at an end."

A stockholder said:

"We decided to break off the negotiations to-day when the other side undertook to impose some new conditions which we did not choose to consider. We will make no advances."

It is said here that there is every prospect that the Vickers-Cramp directors will make another offer for the Bethlehem stock and that it will probably come through Thomas F. Ryan of the Morton Trust Company of New York or Mr. Browne of London.

SMART BOY AS A CRIMINAL.

Youth With Advanced Ideas as to Stealing May Have Come Here With His Booty.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—The police here think that Samuel Robley, a youth of 18, who, they say, robbed Dr. Samuel B. McDowell of diamonds valued at nearly $8,000 and $410 in money, is in New York. The boy is bright, and as the police have no photograph, and he is a student of crime with original ideas, there is more reason to believe that he will get out of the country than be captured.

Mrs. Robley, the boy's mother, is Dr. McDowell's housekeeper, and Robley lived at the house and had access to every room. Dr. McDowell, in conversation with Captain of Detectives Miller to-day, recalled that several times Robley had talked in his office about the lack of intelligence shown by thieves. On one occasion he said:

"They are a stupid lot of fellows. The first thing they do is to rush to a pawn shop with their booty. That's where they give themselves away. Now, I think a pawn shop is a penny trap useful to the police for catching thieves. The police are slow and ignorant. They can only catch a lot of stupid ones who give themselves away. I'll bet I could fool them."

It is said that Robley went to New York several weeks ago and that while there he made arrangements to dispose of the diamonds of which he had for some time known the hiding place and that he was at the time accompanied by a woman. This woman is known to the police of both this city and New York, and it is through her that it is hoped to capture the boy. He has been quite a traveller, having sailed as cabin boy to Cape Town and other South African places. A year ago he rounded Cape Horn, sailing in a similar capacity. He has also made several shorter voyages. He is a well-formed chap, small for his age, with fair hair, blue eyes, a prominent nose, rather poor teeth. Though small in stature he is a very muscular, is a fine gymnast and an expert juggler.

NON-UNION MEN BEATEN BY STRIKERS.

Riot Call Sent In in Indianapolis to Protect Men Who Choose to Work.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 29.—The non-union employees at Chandler & Taylor's foundry and machine shops were assaulted late this evening by a gang of striking union men as they left the shops, and the police had to respond to a riot call. Michael McNulty was knocked down by the strikers, kicked and beaten and his injuries are so serious that they may be mortal.

The employees were just leaving the shops at Washington avenue and McNulty and two others were considerably in advance of the large body of workmen. As they emerged from the gates the strikers set upon them with stones and clubs and before McNulty could retreat to his companions he was struck on the head with a stone and then with a club which brought him to the ground. Several of the strikers began kicking him and the non-union men advanced to his rescue and attacked the strikers. A battle with stones and bricks followed, but the strikers retreated as the non-union men advanced. When the police appeared upon the scene the strikers fled.

This is the fourth attack which the union men have made on the Chandler & Taylor employees. Usually they are on their guard, but this afternoon were taken by surprise, as they have not been attacked for several months.

SURPRISING RUSH TO CAPE NOME.

Not Enough Steamers to Carry the Passengers or Freight Offered.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 29.—The magnitude of the rush to the gold fields of Nome, which is now on, is proving a great surprise to the transportation companies and outfitters, who did not expect anything compared with it and now find themselves unable to accommodate thousands who are clamoring for passage and supplies.

At least a dozen steamers and as many sailing craft are scheduled to sail within a week, all crowded to their full capacity and applicants for passage and freight are turned away daily. An effort is being made by old-established lines to secure additional steamers to help them out. Every country and nationality appears to be represented, but a majority of those now here spent last year in the mines and are returning confident of success.

WHY NOT PRINT 'EM IN ADVANCE?

Miss So-and-So, Vaudeville, Going to Be Poisoned by Her New Stationery.

Just about this time, it was said in theatrical circles last night, you may expect an especially new advertising dodge in favor of a well-known vaudeville singer. The dodge was being cooked up last night by those who believe that something new is needed besides the stealing of jewelry and all that sort of thing. The aforesaid vaudeville singer is to receive a package of very fine stationery, the mucilage on the envelopes of which is to be poisoned, and this lady is to touch her lips to the mucilage when she uses the first envelope—then comes the scene, and after that the newspaper "ad."

So look out for it and rejoice if you see it printed in THE SUN.

FOUND BURIED GOLD.

Man Tearing Down Old Port Richmond House Came Across a Secret Vault.

In tearing down the old Hatfield homestead in Richmond avenue, Port Richmond, Staten Island, yesterday afternoon, Melvin E. Wygant found in the cellar a vault made of old marble tombstones in which was a quantity of gold coin and bullion gold. There were a number of witnesses to the uncovering of the buried gold and wild stories spread of the finding of a vast fortune. Mr. Wygant admitted last night that some gold had been found but he said the amount was not large. The latest date found upon any of the coins was 1866.

It's Good for the Baby, Too.

Pond's Extract cools and comforts the little body.—Adv.

White Label Guinness Stout.

A good bracer.—Adv.

LEGISLATIVE TRICK OUT.

WIDENER AND ELKINS ON THE OCEAN; QUAY MACHINE PLOTS.

Before the Magnates Were Out of the Harbor a Bill Was Rushed Out Repealing Street Car Laws in Pennsylvania—Johnson Syndicate Said to Have Arranged a Deal.

HARRISBURG, May 29.—The surprise of this session of the Legislature came to-day. All Senators training with the Quay machine were hurriedly sent for so as to be present at the session of the Senate called for 3 o'clock this afternoon. A game was to be played. Shortly after the session opened Senator Emery of Mercer arose and read in his place a bill which practically repeals all laws covering street railways, and blazes the way for the provisions of the Focht bill. The Focht bill gives the right to new street railway companies to construct their roads overhead or underground as they desire.

The great surprise was in the secrecy of the movement, no person knowing what the leaders had in hand before it was sprung this afternoon. It could not be done earlier, it is learned, as the whole thing would possibly have been checked by the Widener and Elkins syndicate of Philadelphia, but both Widener and Elkins sailed from New York this afternoon for Europe, and they scarcely got out of the harbor before the bill was sprung on the Senate. The bill is general in character and will apply to all municipalities and wherever street railways are in operation.

Both the Focht bill and the Emery bill were reported out of committee shortly after being introduced and were read for the first time to-night. They will be on the second reading to-morrow and passed finally in the Senate on Friday, and orders will be given to rush them through the House next week. The introduction of these bills is the sole topic in the hotel corridors and streets to-night. Many declare that the Johnson syndicate, which attempted to enter Philadelphia this year, is at the back of the movement and has enlisted the machine managers in its aid and that in a short time the entire street railway system of the State will be within its grasp. Senator Focht has given out a statement, in which he says that the bills will undoubtedly be passed.

The bills were prepared with great care and it is said one purpose is the construction of an elevated railway on Broad street in Philadelphia. In certain places the bills are regarded as "scarecrows" in retaliation for P. A. B. Widener's alleged opposition to Senator Quay's reelection. Gov. Stone, Senators Quay and Penrose and other party leaders have been in conference at the Executive Mansion since yesterday, and the bills introduced this afternoon are believed to be the result of their meeting. A possible development of the situation will be a fight over the State ticket next year and a possible changing of slated candidates.

There is no doubt that those in charge of the elevated legislation waited until Widener and Elkins were well out of the country. Those who are back of the bills say they will certainly be sent to the Governor. The Johnson syndicate is believed to have a large hand in what is now going on. It has designs on a network of street railways between New York and Philadelphia and in and about the country surrounding Philadelphia. It is understood that all sorts of trolley combinations will be formed after the passage of these bills. Pittsburg and other large cities of the State are to be included in the plan of operations.

SHAREHOLDER QUESTIONS LIPTON.

Impression That Yachting Is Taking Too Much of His Time From His Business.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 29.—The annual meeting of Lipton, Limited, was held at noon to-day. Sir Thomas Lipton was cheered as he took the chair to preside. He said the profits for the year had been £183,263. The results were not as bright as he would have liked. This was because the cost of producing and placing on the market many of their goods had greatly increased and the raw material was dearer. Notwithstanding this the company maintained its policy of keeping down the retail prices. The report was adopted and a dividend of 10 per cent. declared.

One of the shareholders present arose and said that there was an impression that Sir Thomas had not paid enough attention to the business of late.

Sir Thomas replied: "When you shareholders take a holiday all the world does not know it." He added that he had never sold a share in the company and that he now owned 400,000 ordinary shares, 500,000 of the preferred shares and about one-half of the debentures.

LAST NORWEGIAN NOBLE DEAD.

Hereditary Nobility Was Abolished in That Country in 1891.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CHRISTIANIA, May 29.—By the death of Baron Wedel of Jarlsberg Norway has lost the last of her nobles. Hereditary nobility as an institution was abolished in 1891. Baron Wedel was a distinguished naval officer.

CIRCUS BY WELLESLEY GRADUATES.

Will Give a Show in Fitchburg, Mass., to Raise Money for a Scholarship.

FITCHBURG, Mass., May 29.—The newly organized Wellesley College Club, whose membership comprises fourteen former Wellesley students, will give an amateur circus here on Saturday, June 8. The object of the club in holding the circus is to raise funds with which to meet the expenses of sending deserving Fitchburg women through Wellesley. The ultimate object is to establish a scholarship, but as this requires $5,000 they do not expect to accomplish their purpose this year.

The circus will offer all the attractions and features of the regular professional circus, but only local talent will take part. There will be two canvas arenas, one with a seating capacity of 600 where the main show will be given, and the other with a seating capacity of about 300 for the usual side shows. John T. Burke, a well-known amateur actor, will manage the circus. The head clown will be John M. Edmunds, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., and Henry C. Patch, a young society man will be ringmaster. A street parade will be given. The parts which the college graduates will undertake have not been announced as yet.

Cylinder Head Bowled Over a Flagman.

While the New York express on the Pennsylvania Railroad was approaching the Chestnut street station, Newark, last night the right cylinder head blew out of the engine. The heavy disc bounded along the platform and had almost spent its force when Flagman James Riley got in its way and was knocked down. He was only slightly bruised. The train limped into Jersey City with one cylinder.

Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver.

Colorado Springs, Ogden, Salt Lake, Deadwood and other Western points will be made during June and July by the Chicago and North-Western Railway. The Pioneer Line. Full information at North-Western Line Office, 461 Broadway, New York.—Adv.

NEW PLANET DISCOVERED?

Report That One Has Been Seen From the Goodsell Observatory.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 29.—It is reported from Faribault that the observers at the Goodsell Observatory have discovered a new planet. No details can be secured from there to-night.

LAYS HIS MEN OFF ON FULL PAY.

Pork Dealer Will Divide With Employees Money Saved by Three-Months' Shut-Down.

Edward Schickhaus, a Newark pork dealer who has a large shop in Commerce street adjoining Centre Market, sprang a surprise on his employees yesterday. He succeeded his father in the business and employed a permanent force of a dozen men the year around, augmenting it to 25 or 30 in winter as occasion demanded.

The temporary men had been dropped from the payroll one at a time and consternation seized the dozen permanents yesterday when Mr. Schickhaus called them together and said: "My men, I propose to give you all a long vacation this summer. I need one myself and I know that you need one, too. Business falls off during the summer and is carried on at a loss, as you all know. I propose to close up the shop on Friday for three months. We will open again on Sept. 1." The men looked worried. Then Mr. Schickhaus said: "I propose to pay you all full wages during the vacation." Mr. Schickhaus said yesterday that he felt sure that he would save money by closing for the three hot months and that it was no more than fair to share the saving with his employees.

KILLED HERSELF IN CHURCH.

Young Woman Commits Suicide Because She Failed to Pass Examinations.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 29.—Miss Agnes Long, a prepossessing young woman of Sycamore, Howard county, went to the Methodist church in that place last evening, presumably to practise on the organ. She was the organist at the church. Several hours later she was found kneeling beside the minister's chair, upon which her head had fallen. A revolver was lying by her side. She had shot herself through the heart. In a note found on the organ she had left directions regarding her burial, naming the organist, the minister who should conduct the funeral services and the singers.

She had failed to pass in all her studies at a recent examination and this is the assumed cause of her suicide.

WHEN A WIFE MAY USE FORCE.

A Maryland Justice Says She May Compel Her Husband to Go Home.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 29.—In the Circuit Court here Judge Stake decided that a woman had the right to use as much force as possible—not merely moral suasion—to make her husband return to his home if she found him on the street with another woman, that a husband had no right to be loitering about the streets when his presence was required at home. The case in question was that of Nannie Curtis, colored, on appeal from Justice Hoffman for assault upon her husband and disturbing the neighborhood. The woman contended that she was trying to get her husband home at the time of the alleged assault and disturbance.

Judge Stake declared her not guilty of the things charged.

CAPT. KILLILEA IN A BAD WAY.

Laid Up in a Los Angeles Hospital With a Gangrened Foot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 29.—Thomas Killilea, formerly a police captain in New York and described here as a capitalist, was removed to-day to the Pacific Hospital, where he is to undergo an operation for gangrene, his left foot, as the result of a severe injury being in a deplorable condition. The attending physicians fear that he will not survive. In company with his wife Killilea has been touring California. He returned from Catalina Island in order to obtain medical attention.

Capt. Killilea was retired, at his own request, on Feb. 19 last. He is 63 years old. His last command was the Old Slip station.

Texas Loses In Her Standard Oil Case Prosecutions.

DALLAS, Tex., May 29.—The State was defeated to-day in the anti-trust suits against four agents of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company which have been on trial for several days before at Waco. Judge Scott this evening instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal and the prosecutions against the agents were dismissed. The defeat of the State to-day was a general surprise and an acquittal of Mr. Pierce is also looked for.

Oil Gusher Struck in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, May 29.—An oil gusher was struck to-day at a depth of 1,128 feet on Terrebonne plantation, five miles from the town of Houma, the seat of Justice of Terrebonne parish.

Another Victim of Christian Science.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., May 29.—Coroner Smith was called to Chenango Forks to-day to investigate the death of Mrs. Charles Ockerman of that place. He found that her death was due to Christian Science treatment. She was taken ill a week ago and refused medical aid, relying on the statement of two Christian Scientists that she was not ill. This morning she found herself unable to keep up any longer and suddenly passed away. Coroner Smith found that she had been suffering from acute pneumonia, brought on by lack of proper treatment, she having received no medical attention. He will endeavor to fix the responsibility upon the healers.

Mrs. Gibson to Be Head of Fiske Hall.

Mrs. Charles H. Gibson, widow of former United States Senator Gibson of Maryland, has accepted the post of head of Fiske Hall, Barnard College, and will enter upon her new duties about June 15, when Miss Susan G. Walker will leave, she having held the place for the last three years. Miss Walker is the daughter of Rear Admiral Walker (retired), and she has accepted a place in the West Side University Settlement work, about to be established. Mrs. Gibson has been assistant to Miss Walker for a year.

Toledo Has a Church Trust.

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 29.—The Church Trust, or Federation of Churches and Christian Workers of this city has been fully organized, a constitution and by-laws adopted and officers elected. An active campaign is to be started at once, covering the entire city, with a personal appeal to every house to attend church, it doesn't matter which one. Next in order will be a reformation in salaried church officers so far as it can be done.

No, Now, the Subway Bond Isn't Lost.

Somebody fooled several of Wednesday's newspapers with a story that the $4,000,000 bond given by the Subway Construction Company was missing from the Comptroller's office. As might perhaps have been surmised, it wasn't.

New Train to Buffalo and Chicago.

On June 2 the Lehigh Valley Railroad will put on a new fast daily train to Buffalo and Chicago. Leave New York 10:00 A. M., arrive Buffalo 9:20 P. M., Chicago, 11:50 A. M. Elegant new equipment. The latest improvements in car building. New office 1323 Broadway.—Adv.

KAISER TOASTS FRANCE.

TWO FRENCH OFFICERS AT THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE GUARDS.

Their Reception by the People Welcomed as a Happy Augury of Future Relations Between the Two Countries—Kaiser Refers to China and the Withdrawal of Troops.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, May 29.—The Emperor's annual spring review of the Second Brigade of Guards, which is always an important function locally, assumes wider interest this year owing to the presence of Gen. Bonnal of the French Army and his aide, Col. Gallet, as his Majesty's guest.

The Emperor has been markedly attentive to the French visitors since their arrival at Potsdam. They accompanied him to the Templehof field to witness the review and rode with him at the head of the colors. The various military attachés attended in their official capacities. Gen. Bonnal was heartily greeted by the crowd of spectators.

At a luncheon given after the review the Emperor made a speech in which he said that this was a very important day, as an understanding had been reached with China which made the conclusion of peace and the withdrawal of the troops possible. He referred to the numerous congratulations he had received from the Powers, and read a telegram from the Czar thanking him for the great service he had performed in the Chinese affair and eulogizing Field Marshal Count von Waldersee.

Continuing, the Emperor said: "The Brigade of Guards enjoys the honor of the presence of two gallant French officers among them for the first time in many years, as also for the first time French and German soldiers have fought shoulder to shoulder for civilization against a common foe in faithful and loyal brotherhood. I hail the fact with great satisfaction. I drink to the health of the two gallant officers and their glorious army."

The reception of Gen. Bonnal and Col. Gallet is a general topic of conversation, and the newspapers welcome it as a happy augury of the future relations between the two nations.

COMBINE AGAINST US WOULD FAIL.

British Would Enter No Trade Alliance Dictated by Fear of Our Competition.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 30.—The *Times*, commenting upon the outcry in Germany and Austria against American competition and the appeals of their newspapers for a combination against it, recalls the failure of Napoleon's attempted "Continental system" and says that "if this system failed when applied with the remorseless energy and undivided power of Napoleon it would hardly have much prospect of success in the hands of our old friend, the concert of Europe.

"But if there is one thing more certain than another about the fantastic notion it is that the concert could not possibly be got to adopt it. If by any conceivable infatuation any or all the Continental Powers were to combine for such an end the British Empire would leave them to their fate and continue to trade with its American kinsfolk. Our interests, traditions and inclinations all dictate that course to us.

"With the markets of Great Britain and her colonies remaining open, the suggested world boycott against America does not wear a very hopeful aspect. The scheme is preposterous and impracticable on its face, but the articles which propose it deserve attention as a revelation of the acute continued jealousy and fear of American greatness and prosperity which prevail in central quarters on the Continent."

THE UNITED STATES "EMPIRE."

London "Chronicle's" View of the Supreme Court's Decision.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, May 30.—The *Chronicle*, commenting upon the United States Supreme Court's decision in the Porto Rican cases, says:

"A second empire has been born from Anglo-Saxon stock. Henceforth there will be American subjects as well as American citizens. To many minds the new departure will seem a descent from the old lofty American ideals. On a broader view we see an expansion of a well-ordered Government and the extension in due time of reasonable liberty. The sovereignty conferred by the Supreme Court's judgment, although technically irresponsible, is a moral responsibility of the kind Mr. Gladstone recognized when he spoke of the British Empire as a trust and function given by Providence. It is in such a spirit, we may be sure, that the United States will administer its empire."

The *Morning Leader*, Radical, declares that the Supreme Court's decision is a revolution that overturns the very basis of the Declaration of Independence. The United States are now about to tax Porto Rico much as King George taxed them. They have thrown aside completely the old dogma about the natural equality of man. France, after all, has been truer to the Republican ideal, for even Algiers and Tonquin are departments sending Representatives to Paris. The Anglo-Saxon race no longer leads in the matter of freedom.

BABY'S SCRATCH KILLS MOTHER.

Erysipelas Follows and Proves Fatal Within a Week.

The girl baby of Mrs. Mary Hemmerich