

BOER BREAKS ISLAND JAIL.

GETS HERE FROM BERMUDA, STOWAWAY ON A BRITISH SHIP.

New Does He Stay or Does He Go Back? Well, It Looks as if He Would Stay—It's Only an Immigration Case So Far—Governor of Bermuda Would Like to Get Him Back—General Plot on Prison Ship to Escape.

After a series of adventures which sound like a chapter out of one of Robert Louis Stevenson's novels, David Stephen Du Plooy, one of the Boer prisoners lately brought from South Africa to Bermuda, escaped from the small island near Hamilton where he, with some hundreds of his companions were confined, stowed himself away in the coal hole of the British steamer Trinidad, which arrived here yesterday afternoon, and is now down on Ellis Island waiting to find out what is going to be done with him.

The Governor of Bermuda cabled to the agents of the steamship line here before the Trinidad's arrival, telling them that "prisoner number 1749" had escaped and was supposed to be on board the Trinidad, and asking that he be "detained if possible."

Du Plooy was detained, but not because of this message. He was detained as are all stowaways until a fine of \$10 is paid, a fine for which the steamship company that brought him here is responsible. When that fine is paid it lies with the Board of Inquiry at Ellis Island whether he will be admitted to the country. The only ground on which by any possibility he might be turned over to the steamship company to be taken back to a British prison is that he is penniless and so theoretically liable to become a public charge. That any such action will be taken is not thought for a moment to be possible. Half a dozen people have already volunteered to pay his fine, and among these many Boer sympathizers here there are doubtless many who will gladly guarantee that he will not have to depend on public charity for support. Besides, Du Plooy is a tall, stalwart young fellow who speaks excellent English and looks as though he would be abundantly able to take care of himself.

The fact that his status under the English flag is that of a prisoner of war is something that does not concern the Washington authorities here. Prisoners of war are not extradited, and the fact that the British Consul here has made no official request that the man be detained. Mr. Thomas Fitchie, the Immigration Commissioner of Bermuda, said yesterday that he had not heard from the British Consul on the subject in any way and that the Board of Inquiry probably would take the case as a matter of immigration and decide upon it today.

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END OF PAY PARK CHAIRS.

COMMISSIONER CLAUSEN WILL REVOKE SPATE'S PRIVILEGE.

Intends to Park the Chairs and Present Them to the Parks for the Exclusive Use of Women and Children—The Story of One More Day of Tumult in Madison Square Park.

President Clausen of the Park Department announced late last night that he will revoke the privilege granted to Oscar F. Spate to keep pay chairs in the park. Mr. Clausen said:

"When I granted the privilege of renting chairs in the park, it was with the understanding that the system was entirely experimental and might be discontinued at any time. When the privilege was granted I was firmly of the opinion, as I now am, that the system would be for the public good, and especially for the benefit of women and children whose means would not permit them to leave the city during the summer, but who would be anxious to use the benefits of the public parks. The Park Department is in receipt of hundreds of letters from ladies and gentlemen commending it for inaugurating the system of pay chairs, but the great public of New York, so far as may be judged by the majority of the great organs of the public, seems to condemn the innovation, and, much as I hold it believed in and still believe in it, I hold it to be the first duty of a public servant to bow to the public will."

"Above all things, I am of the mind that right or wrong, nothing should be done to endanger the public peace, and of course it is needless to say that public property must be held for the use and enjoyment of the people in the parks as a whole. Further than this it is obvious that such tokens as have been witnessed recently in Madison Square, no matter how produced, must be stopped at any cost."

"In this view notwithstanding as I might be an unobscured and even a popular figure, a fair trial of the plan of pay seats is only remains for me to revoke the privilege of the rental chairs in the Park, which shall be done. And for the benefit of the public I propose to purchase the chairs now placed in the park and to present them to the city and to confine their use to women and children."

"Things were very quiet around the chairs in Madison Square until well along yesterday forenoon. A few persons bought tickets and read their papers while a squad of fifteen policemen, detailed from various precincts lloled around and thought they were going to have an easy day. So did Thomas Tully and Beaman, the two attendants who have had all they wanted of trouble since Spate delegated them to guard his green chairs. Their clocks were suddenly started about 11 o'clock when along came two men, one of whom was John P. Kearns of 200 East Ninetieth street. Kearns and his companion walked up to two green chairs brushed the seats off carefully with their handkerchiefs, and sat down. When the attendants came along they refused to pay and told him that he couldn't put them out. Spate's men tried to show Kearns that he was wrong to suppose this and there followed as lively a time as the park has yet seen."

Kearns held on to his chair until it was tipped at such an angle that he had to get out. But he did so only to get into the chair adjoining where the same thing was going through with while a crowd of five thousand persons yelled encouragement. There are forty-six chairs at this place and they were all taken and Kearns played beaming with them, with Kearns as the bag. Men from the crowd who had seized seats during the excitement gave way for Kearns as he came along and told him to keep it up. There were some half-dozens paid attendants quickly ready to get into the chair and stand before they knew it they were the centre of a disturbance that made them leave their seats in disgust.

The police refrained from making arrests and looked on as the game of bean bag went on for an hour. By that time the crowd had become so excited that the police were unable to keep the chairs from being overturned. The police refrained from making arrests and looked on as the game of bean bag went on for an hour. By that time the crowd had become so excited that the police were unable to keep the chairs from being overturned. The police refrained from making arrests and looked on as the game of bean bag went on for an hour. By that time the crowd had become so excited that the police were unable to keep the chairs from being overturned.

A. H. HUMMEL BADLY HURT.

THROWN FROM A CAB IN LONDON AND HIS SKULL IS FRACTURED.

Operation Performed—Doctors Not Sure of His Recovery—Cab Horse Ran Away on Thames Embankment—Young Woman With Him Not Seriously Hurt—Mr. Hummel Was About to Start for Paris on Theatrical Business.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 9.—A. H. Hummel, the well-known New York lawyer, and a young woman were out driving in a brougham today when the horse became frightened and their carriage was upset. Mr. Hummel was dangerously injured.

It was first stated that his companion was Miss Irene Perry, the American actress, but later reports say it was his sister, who accompanied him to London.

The accident occurred on the Thames embankment. The driver was unable to check the horse, but steered him, without coming in collision with anything, until the end of Northumberland avenue was reached. There the animal dashed into the standing cabs, wrecking three of them and overturned the carriage.

Mr. Hummel, who was standing, succeeded in keeping his sister clear of the wreck, but was himself thrown under the carriage.

His skull was fractured, and he sustained concussion of the brain. He was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition. An operation was performed this evening, whether the surgeons are unable to say whether he will recover.

His sister sustained a severe shock, but her condition is not dangerous. The coachman's leg was badly broken. Three children were bruised. Mr. Hummel was about to start for Paris.

Mr. Hummel went abroad recently at the invitation of the French Society of Authors, to assist in formulating proposals by which the piracy of French plays in America could be checked. Incidentally, according to reports, he has been acting as legal adviser for various American stage people who have grievances against their English managers.

RUSIA WOULD END TARIFF WAR.

Will Remove All Discriminating Duties If War on Sugar Is Taken Off.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—The State Department has received a fresh communication from the Russian Government on the subject of the international tariff differences which indicates that there is an apparent desire on the part of Russia to wipe out the record of the last few months and to resume commercial relations on the old friendly basis.

A definite proposition is made in this communication by M. Witte, in which Russia offers to remove all the discriminating duties which that government has recently placed on American hardware, machinery, bicycles and other products, provided the United States Government will take similar action with regard to the countervailing duties on Russian sugar imported into this country.

The matter has been thoroughly considered by the State Department officials and by Secretary Gage, and it is held firmly, and Russia will be so informed, that the Treasury Department is not in a position to abandon the imposition of the countervailing duty on Russian sugar. Secretary Gage holds and believes it to be so understood by the Russian authorities that the matter is not one of his own discretion but that it is a question simply of executing a law of Congress.

The reply to the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs will say that the question of the legality of the countervailing duty is now in the courts and that it is entirely beyond the power of this Government to take any action until the courts shall have reached a decision.

The proposal made by the Russian Government is taken to indicate that a more conciliatory feeling exists on the part of the Russian officials, and the belief is that the prospect of an extensive tariff war between the two countries is more remote than it has been for several months.

OVERBOARD ON A WAGER.

Persons Jumped From the Rhode Island. He Had Held Bet Her to Providence, and He Did.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 9.—There was excitement aboard the steamer Rhode Island last evening off Sandy Point when one of the passengers jumped overboard and another tried to follow.

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Persons jumped overboard the steamer was quickly brought to a stop and a boat was lowered without loss of time. This craft, manned by the Rhode Island crew, was quickly dispatched to the spot where the man was seen to be in the water. The man was rescued and taken to the hospital.

FEAR ANOTHER GALVESTON FLOOD.

High Wind Driving Gulf Water Over a Large Section of the City—Great Alarm.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 9.—A high wind which sends the Gulf water high upon the island is causing much alarm here to-night. The Weather Bureau has hung out storm signals to warn shipping of the danger from the gale and the vessels in port are taking every precaution.

The wind has driven the water of the Gulf across the lately devastated district and is now, at midnight, encroaching on the residence district of the city. The trains to Houston early in the evening carried a large number of people out of town. While none expressed any fear of a repetition of last September's storm, they declared they could sleep easier away. The general alarm is evidenced by the constant inquiries coming by telephone to the Weather Bureau office and the offices of the newspapers.

Reassuring answers are given from both places and every effort is being put forth to quell the panic, but if the wind does not die down by morning the water will probably be over the greater part of the island, including the business district. The wind is blowing about thirty-five miles an hour.

BARBER'S FRIENDS AFTER KEIFFER.

Offer to Pay Expenses if Clergyman Will Sue Mrs. Barker.

At a well-attended meeting of the Thomas G. Barker Defence Association, held in Fraternity Hall, Arlington, N. J., on Monday evening, a committee was instructed to prepare an open letter to the Rev. John Keiffer, reminding him of the sworn evidence against him given by Mrs. Barker at the trial of her husband and urging him to sue Mrs. Barker for defamation of character so that the doubt now troubling the community may be removed.

MRS. MARTHA PATTERSON DYING.

Andrew Johnson's Daughter, Care Mistress of the White House, Passing Away.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 9.—Mrs. Martha Patterson, the only surviving daughter of President Andrew Johnson, is dying at her home in Greenville, Tenn. Reports are at Knoxville to-night said she could not possibly live out morning. Mrs. Patterson is in her seventy-third year, having been born in Greenville, Tenn., on Oct. 25, 1828. She was born in a little one-room log cabin, which stood almost in sight of her present home. She lived in the same town during her early life, and married Judge Thomas Patterson. She has two children, a son, Andrew Johnson Patterson, and a daughter, Belle. Her husband has been dead many years.

She was the eldest daughter and the confidante of her father in all his political struggles and was mistress of the White House during his term in the Presidency. She is a woman of commanding intellect, but for past twenty years has lived a quiet life, being especially noted for her work among the poor. She is a member of the Methodist Church and has been an invalid for several months. She recently made her home with her son. She is almost idolized by the people of Greenville.

MISSING GILA MONSTER CAUGHT.

Terrier Pup Discovered the Escaped Lizard and North Cambridge Is Happy.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 9.—A little terrier pup is now the hero of North Cambridge. Yesterday afternoon he discovered the missing gila monster near the edge of a field, and today the venomous lizard is in captivity. For almost a month the residents of Mount Vernon street and neighborhood have lived in constant fear of the lizard, which escaped from the keeping of William Dyer, a young mining engineer, who brought home two of them for the Harvard museum.

BLOW TO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Richmond's Board of Aldermen Declines to Extend Its Franchise in That City.

RICHMOND, Va., July 9.—The Bell Telephone Company, which has long been in a legal controversy with the city to continue to operate its plant here, was defeated in the Board of Aldermen to-night by a vote of 7 to 5. The board decided to lay the Bell petition for a franchise for thirty years on the table until after the decision of the United States Supreme Court, in which is now pending the case of the Bell Telephone Company against the city to run it out of the city. For years the Bell company has been fighting the city which gave the Richmond Telephone Company, composed largely of local capital, a franchise several years ago.

SALOON DUPE BOTH DEAD.

Ithaca, N. Y., Gambler and New Mexico Bad Man Kill Each Other at Santa Fe.

SANTA FE, New Mexico, July 9.—Harry Daley of Ithaca, N. Y., and J. Aris were playing a game of seven-up in the Oxford saloon this morning when they quarreled over the one-dollar stake. Both pulled revolvers and began firing and both died within a few hours of their wounds. Daley was a professional gambler and came here for his health.

MIMIC WAR AT NANTUCKET.

8000 MARINES HURRIEDLY FORTIFY COATEZ HARBOR AGAINST ATTACK.

North Atlantic Squadron Supported to Have Been Driven Into Nantucket Harbor by a Hostile Fleet Fortifications Thrown Up Ships Going to Attack the Place Later.

NANTUCKET, Mass., July 9.—It is evident that the plan to have the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron go to Boston for coal has been changed and instead the war drill is being carried on vigorously. The landing of the men from the vessels at Coatez Island continues. About 2,000 marines are now ashore, and their tents cover a large area of hills of Coatez, which is a strip of land separating the sea from Nantucket Harbor. The clusters of tents are about half way between Coatez Island and the southwest end of the island, and Great Point light, at the other end.

It is at this place that the base of supplies for the future work is to be established, and from this centre the work of fortifying the harbor and of placing mines for the defence of the fleet which, according to the plan of operation, is supposed to have been driven into Nantucket sound by a pursuing enemy, is to be carried on.

No time has been lost by the men on shore. The vessels did not arrive until a week yesterday. The landing was begun during the afternoon. Men and tents, stores, ammunition, were brought ashore. Camp was established at once, and from that time there has been no cessation of work. All night the boats were kept moving from the ships to the land and back again. The stores of food, clothing, and other material for defence, rapidly increased. This morning when the townspeople began to enter the town of Nantucket, the island was alive with men having every appearance of being under the stress of impending attack.

Today the efforts were directed mainly to the work of fortification, that of transportation having been nearly completed. The marines have attacked the Nantucket coast, and the lower stretch of Coatez and trenches and embankments have grown rapidly until it has become apparent that the town of Nantucket will be well defended from the hostile vessels which are expected to rush toward it and the fleet which its harbor may threaten. In connection with the work of fortifying Coatez, both the outer and inner harbors of Nantucket are to be mined. This work has not been undertaken, but it will probably be done at night, when movements cannot be observed. All the secrecy of actual warfare is being observed by those on shore, and while the general plan of the manoeuvres is understood, the details cannot be divulged. It is known that the fleet of torpedo boats will depart from these waters while the work ashore is going on, sailing away to sea. Possibly the larger vessels may take this movement as an opportunity to go to Boston for coal.

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PETER F. MEYER ARRESTED.

Didn't Have His Dog in Greenwich Registered—Constable Talked Back to Him.

GREENWICH, Conn., July 9.—Peter F. Meyer, partner of Richard Croker, may have been doing some business in Greenwich, but he has desisted to do so for some time, because of the action taken against him today by prosecuting Attorney James F. Walsh, Solomon G. Wilson, Ritch and Knapp and Constable James J. Fisher. Constable Fisher arrested Meyer today, but he did not intend to house his five dogs, as every one of his neighbors had done, and was ready to contest the legality of the old law. A warrant was given to the constable today and he was told to arrest Mr. Meyer. He did his duty, however.

HOT POOL VICTIMS WILL RECOVER.

Mrs. Zabriske and Her Daughter Were Not Dangerously Scalded.

Mrs. Zabriske, 65 years old, widow of the late John Zabriske, one of the best-known residents of Flatbush, and her daughter, Louise J. Zabriske, who fell into a boiling spring in Yellowstone Park on Saturday, were not dangerously scalded, according to a telegram from the post surgeon received on Sunday by Mrs. Zabriske's son, Dr. John B. Zabriske. Mrs. Zabriske and her daughter started West on an express train the same afternoon.

MURPHY WANT REMIND IT.

His Order That People May Sleep in the Parks at Night to Stand All Summer.

Police Commissioner Murphy was asked yesterday if he intended to revoke the order, issued during the hot spell last week, allowing the people to sleep in the parks at night. Somebody told him that only the bums and hoboes were taking advantage of the permission.

ADAM'S BULL PUP.

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Mr. Burnett, and the best is none too good for your food.

For its strengthening quality of Anthon's, see JAMES'S EXHIBITION, 100-101.

CHINESE WANT \$300,000 INDEMNITY.

Claims Against Government for Alleged Injuries at Butte, Mont.

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PROPOSED LAKE STEAMSHIP RACE.

Lines From Chicago to South Haven Want a Brush—Each Side Talks Money.

CHICAGO, July 9.—The two South Haven steamer lines made a great show today of their anxiety for a race and it is probable that a race will be arranged for the place. The Chicago Transportation Company came forward with a certified check for \$1,000 on the boat that its steamer Easton could beat the Peacock of the Dunkley line.

It is \$5,000 or nothing with us, said Mr. Daley. We cannot afford to lose a race for we could not carry any passengers that day. If the Williams line wants to race for \$5,000, it will be ready for business.

The terms of the challenge are simply that the Easton can beat the Peacock on the trip from Chicago to South Haven in any kind of weather and that the wager shall be given to any party which the Dunkley company may suggest.

Saratoga, the new suburb of New York, can be reached in 15 hours by the New York Central's "Saratoga" express, the first trip in being the Atlantic Hudson River—Ad.