

AND NOW FOR A GAMBLER HUNT!

JEROME'S CONTINGENT FUND TO BE SPENT ON IT, IF HE WILL.

Comptroller Council So Rules and the Comptroller Promises to Hold Up No More Vice Evidence Bills—Not Easy Though—Expensive to Get Evidence.

District Attorney Jerome may spend his contingent fund in Canfield's, Daly's, Kelly's or Latham's playing rooms, or for any of the more than a dozen or so of the more than a dozen now doing business in New York.

Legal advice to this effect was furnished to Comptroller Grout yesterday by Corporation Counsel Rivers. Mr. Jerome said that there was no conflict between Comptroller Grout and himself over his confidential disbursements, and that the Comptroller simply wanted to get an opinion from the Corporation Counsel to sustain him in paying the claims.

Mr. Jerome said that he would make no further objections to Mr. Jerome's secret service bills. "I would cost \$1,000 to get the evidence against Canfield," said Mr. Jerome a couple of weeks ago in talking about the difficulties to be encountered in closing the gambling houses. Evidence must be secured on which warrants can be issued before raids can be made.

Mr. Jerome was yesterday afternoon asked by the Corporation Counsel to sustain him in paying the claims. Mr. Jerome thought Mr. Rivers was a good lawyer," said Mr. Jerome. "Yes, this will help me in my plans, but I don't care to say what my plans are at present."

It has been customary for the Comptroller to hold up bills for secret service for the Police Department. Comptroller Grout held up bills rendered by a private detective agency for services in the Molinex case, but the bill was paid in time as were the bills of the other agencies.

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An examination of the itemized account attached to the voucher in question shows that it is made up of alleged expenditures for the expenses of the persons, presumably engaged with him in procuring evidence of the violation of the Excise law by a small part of the charges are for meals and carriages, but the larger part of the total is made up of charges for beer, whiskey and other liquors.

In my opinion the amount of the voucher is a proper charge against the city treasury, payable out of the contingent fund of the District Attorney's office for 1902.

In a letter of the date March 2, I discussed a similar question in relation to charges for disbursements of policemen engaged in investigating the city treasury.

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"It might be profitable to engage the services of a corps of expert faro bank players of Pat Canfield's class," said Mr. Jerome. "Then the investigators might come back with money as a member of the committee of 15 did once. In case we win while playing in the city treasury, we will go to the Poor Bureau."

Proprietors of gambling houses and pool rooms said that the District Attorney would be a proper charge against the city treasury. "The District Attorney would be a proper charge against the city treasury," said Mr. Jerome.

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EDITOR WAS WORTH \$50 A WEEK.

Publisher Root Said \$15, but A. Augustus Healy Got a Verdict for \$2,700.

A. Augustus Healy, President of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, secured a verdict for \$2,700 in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday in his suit against the Shoe and Leather Reporter Company for services as editor from March 24, 1899 to Dec. 27, 1900. Mr. Healy was represented by Edward M. Shepard. Mr. Healy testified that after the death in March 1899 of Mr. Bailey, who had been the editor for twenty years, the directors of the company appointed him editor. He visited the office several times each week and wrote editorials at home.

He was asked how much he expected for his work and said that \$50 a week would be a moderate charge. In 1900 the directors adopted a resolution offering him \$1,000 for his work as the editor. He said it did not make much difference to him and agreed to accept it. He did not get the money and the paper passed into the hands of Charles T. Root, publisher, who refused to pay the \$1,000. Mr. Healy said that Mr. Bailey received \$500 a year for his services.

Charles T. Root said he owned two-thirds of the stock. He said that Mr. Healy's editorial work was worth about \$15 a week. Mr. Shepard showed some of the editorials to Mr. Root and asked him if that was his idea of fifteen-dollar-a-week work.

Yes, sir, said Mr. Root. "I can get editorials written for three times as much as Mr. Root said that as a rule editorials did not amount to much anyway and Mr. Shepard remarked: "If that is true then we should have a very good editor."

The jury was out only a few minutes and gave a verdict for \$2,500 and \$200 interest.

APPEAL IN DYNAMITE CASE.

District Attorney Not Content to Let Murray Off on Demurrer.

District Attorney Jerome will appeal from the decision of Justice Lyon of the Supreme Court, which sustained the demurrer to the indictment found against George E. Murray, Chief of the Bureau of Constables, for criminal neglect of duty during the Murray explosion.

The District Attorney holds that Justice Lyon could not legally sustain the demurrer on any such grounds, and that, as the decision involved an important legal point, he purposes to carry the case to the Appellate Division. If the appeal is sustained Murray will be tried under the original indictment. If the decision of Justice Lyon is sustained the case will be submitted to another Grand Jury, for the very good reason that the District Attorney has no other charges against the defendant to the Grand Jury which would justify the indictment.

REV. DR. TALMAGE BURIED.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Send Wreath of Lilies and Ivy.

The burial of the Rev. T. D. Witt Talmage took place yesterday morning in Greenwood Cemetery, and in addition to the members of the family and a few close friends who accompanied the remains from Washington over four hundred persons were present.

The grave plot, between those of the first and second wives of the dead preacher. There were many floral offerings, including a wreath of lilies and ivy, the offering of the Rev. Dr. Talmage.

Among those gathered around the grave were representatives of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Sunday-School Teachers' Association, the Brooklyn Board of Directors of the Tabernacle, a delegation of fifty from the Christian Herald, and a large delegation from the Bowery Mission.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Suydam of Rhinebeck, N. Y., a lifelong friend of Dr. Talmage, who officiated, made a brief address of eulogy.

JUST DYING TO SEE JEROME.

Little Woman's Long Wait to Tell District Attorney Her Troubles.

A spry little German woman with a new spring hat travelled up and down the corridor in front of District Attorney Jerome's office yesterday afternoon. Her impatience was beginning to manifest itself in several ways when Mr. Jerome stepped out of his office and greeted Col. Partridge, who was waiting to accompany him to the McAdams hearing. When they got in the elevator the woman stepped in and addressed the District Attorney.

"When can I see you? I've been dying to see you for four months, and every time I come up here one of your men gives me a salute that you are busy, and you sidestep. Now, I've got troubles that I want to tell you about."

"See that you're here," said the woman as Mr. Jerome got out of the car.

TO FLY AGAINST SANTOS-DUMONT.

Stevens Will Make His Trials Out Over the Hudson.

Leo Stevens, one of the aeronauts who will compete against Santos-Dumont at the St. Louis Exposition, spent yesterday morning at the old catgut air race track, making a trial flight for his airship. He completed a successful trial flight from the track grounds out over the Hudson to Manhattan. He would be ready to make his first ascension about the middle of June, he said.

Leo Stevens is a professional balloonist, and at the track with him yesterday. Both believe that Stevens's machine is superior to the French shipper's airship. It has wings and is propelled by a single engine, and the air instead of being blown from tubes, is blown to the balloon by two fans which they believe are indispensable to the Santos-Dumont type of machine.

TO MAKE MONEY IN AND SHINE.

A constabulary constable will take a hand in the financing.

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FOUND A CANNIBAL FEAST.

SOUTH SEA STEAMER'S VISIT TO THE NEW HEBRIDES.

Natives of Tanna Island Were Eating Prisoners Captured in a Tribal War—Escape of Missionary Patton—Earthquakes and Tidal Waves Do Damage.

VICTORIA, B. C., April 16.—The steamer Moana, which reached port-to-day from Sydney by way of the South Sea ports of call, brought details of tribal wars, cannibalism, earthquakes, tidal waves and other exciting happenings in the South Seas.

The steamer Moana had just returned to Sydney from the New Hebrides, prior to the departure of the Moana, and according to the report furnished by her purser the steamer's company found on their arrival at Tanna that a big cannibalistic feast was being held by the natives. The natives had secured a number of prisoners in a recent raid on some villages of their rivals, and when the steamer reached port some distance from the native village they were engaged in eating the unfortunates. The passengers and officers of the inter-island steamer did not go to the scene of the cannibal feast, which was still in progress when they left.

The Rev. F. L. H. Patton, the venerable missionary, who has been in the New Hebrides for nearly half a century, and who visited the United States about two years ago had a narrow escape from being killed during one of the forays of the fighting tribes.

In a fight which took place in the bush near the village Tanna, both tribes fighting with knives and spears, fifty-one natives were left on the field dead and a large number were wounded, many being carried off by each party for the feast. Mr. Patton went on the field where the two tribes were fighting and attended the wounded at the risk of his life. He was bending over a wounded native, one of them a woman, when several spears were hurled at him by some of the attacking tribe, but fortunately none struck him. He then left the field and took refuge at Tanna.

Severe shocks of earthquake, which caused high tidal waves, are reported to have caused much loss of life in the New Hebrides group. Missionaries reported that the shocks had caused houses to be overturned and furniture, and that several houses had been split. A large number of the huts of the natives were destroyed, and when the tidal waves came, following the shocks, the waters rose on some of the islands to a height of five feet, swept away many huts and drowned many people as well as causing heavy losses of property.

There is excitement in Queensland as a result of the transfer of the pearl industry carried on by the Queensland companies to the Dutch flag as a result of the restrictions imposed by the Commonwealth. The principal trouble is the drawing of the color line and the immigration restrictions.

In Torres Straits the largest employer is James Clark & Co., who have 550 men. They complain of the Federal laws for a white Australia, which prevent them importing divers from Japan, Malaya and the Malay Peninsula as heretofore. These people largely have carried on the trade in Queensland waters, and without them the industry would be largely crippled. The harvest annually represents over \$1,000,000, from which the Government has a revenue of \$100,000. There was an agreement between Queensland and Australia allowing 200 Japanese to enter. The Australian Government has to continue this or the pearl fishery will transfer to Maranko, in Dutch New Guinea, 100 miles from their Thursday Island station.

The Dutch Government is offering every inducement and has established a station with weekly communication with Thursday Island. As the pearl fishing is done outside the three-mile limit the pearl fishers are able to work under the Dutch flag without hindrance. The Dutch have unrestricted trading and fishing privileges at a nominal license and have placed the gunboat Amroet in communication between Maroko and Thursday Island.

The steamer, Mauroto, at Sydney from Samoa, reports the destruction of a missionary vessel at the island of Savali, Sandwich group. The Rev. J. E. Sweet, one of the missionaries, was killed, and several natives were sailing the vessel to Matautu and the vessel was caught in a storm off the rockbound coast. The natives refused to work the vessel and ran her in and endeavored to jump to the reef, telling the missionary he could make the waters still or walk on them as he had taught them. The Dutch struck the reef and turned turtle. The missionary was saved by the natives.

Bubonic plague was still raging at Sydney when the steamer left, and there were campaigns against rats brigades being formed to clean up the city. Within two weeks prior to the sailing of the Moana on March 25 there were fifty rat deaths, and at Brisbane there were seven deaths and one death in the same time.

ASSEMBLYMAN ADLER VERY ILL.

Due to Over-Exertion in Trying to Get His Butler Shop Bill Passed.

Assemblyman Charles S. Adler of the Eighth district has been seriously ill for a week at his home in Forsyth street. His illness was brought on, according to his physicians, by over-exertion.

The Assemblyman worked hard in the closing days of the legislative session to secure the passage of his bill to enable butchers to keep their shops open for a few hours on Sundays. The bill was defeated by a vote of the Senate. He has had several hemorrhages. For a time his life was despaired of.

By the advice of his physicians he will soon start on a health trip to California. He expects to be a candidate for Congress next fall to succeed Henry M. Goldfogle.

CHASE FOR A BUCCLE THIEF.

State Two Wheels From the Same Man Within Six Months.

Joseph Schwarzer, a plumber of 3063 Park avenue, left his bicycle in front of his house last night and half an hour later a man jumped on it and sped away toward Third avenue. Schwarzer and a crowd of small boys on bicycles chased the thief to 16th street and Third avenue, and the bicycle was recovered. The thief was a man of about 25 years of age, with a mustache, wearing a dark suit and a hat. He was seen by a crowd of small boys on bicycles who chased him to 16th street and Third avenue, and the bicycle was recovered.

The thief said he was George Wickard. The police say he has never been convicted of any crime, but a neighbor, Joseph Schwarzer, said he knew him. He is probably responsible for a number of bicycle thefts recently reported in the News.

TO EXHIBIT EAST SIDE ART AND ANTIQUITIES.

The directors of the Educational Alliance at East Broadway and Jefferson street will give an exhibition of East Side art and antiquities at the next meeting of the club, which will be held at the Educational Alliance on Monday evening, April 21, at 8 o'clock.

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U. S. MAY USE DOCK BUILDERS.

Trial Ordered in Case of Brooklyn Navy Yard Dry Dock No. 2.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals handed down yesterday a decision for the Government in a preliminary proceeding in its suit against the contractors who built the famous dry dock No. 2 in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

This dock was built in 1896 by contractors Thomas and Augustine Walsh. It was the largest timber dry dock ever built in this country, and the contract price approximated \$400,000. John D. Crammins was a surety to the extent of \$95,000 on the contract.

The dock was tested and passed by the Government inspectors, but in 1894 when the battleship Massachusetts was docked, a dangerous leak developed. Investigation, which was continued for some time, showed that the specifications had not been lived up to in the sinking of the necessary piles.

The Government sought to recover \$171,000, but Judge Lacombe held that the fact that the Government inspectors had tested and passed the dock precluded recovery. The court's opinion, Judges Wallace and Townsend of the Court of Appeals hold that the unauthorized deviations, no matter when discovered, formed a sufficient ground for action, and that Judge Lacombe erred in failing to let the jury decide on the question of fact involved. A new trial is ordered.

CREMATORY A WHITE TEMPLE.

Not Neighbors but "Religious Influences" Mr. Windmuller Says, Attack It.

With regard to certain protests against the establishment of a crematory in Long Island City, Louis Windmuller, who is one of those interested in the enterprise said yesterday:

"This protest does not come from people who live near the crematory. It comes from certain religious real estate dealers who have property near the crematory. The people who live near the crematory realize that it is going to be a most attractive place and will enhance the value of neighboring property. It will be a beautiful white stone temple and will have a park around it occupying a whole city square. The foundations are all in and the building will be finished before long and will be a most beautiful sight to the neighborhood."

"That country in which the crematory is being built was formerly known as 'the village of the dead.' It was a village of the dead, and it is now a village of the living. I remember going over it as a member of the Grand Jury, twenty-five years ago. It was little worse than 'than it is now.'"

HOUSE OF BISHOPS MEETS.

Session Held in Cincinnati—Two New Members Present.

CINCINNATI, April 16.—The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church held its first session in the parish house of Christ Church on East Fourth street, to-day. Bishop Tuttle of Missouri, the senior Bishop presided, assisted by Bishop Dudley of Kentucky. Bishop Hare of South Dakota and Bishop Vincent of this city celebrated communion.

Bishop Dudley was chairman of the House of Bishops presided at the executive business session. The Rev. Frank H. Nelson of Christ Church was made assistant secretary by the Bishop. Other members present were Frederick W. Keator, Bishop of Olympia, and the Right Rev. Dr. Frederick Burgess, Bishop of Long Island, took seats for the first time. Nominations for Bishop of Salina, Kan., and Honolulu, Hawaii, were made, but not published, also for Bishop of Porto Rico. The selections will be made to-morrow.

There were forty-nine members present besides Bishop Kinsolving of Brazil, who is not a member of the House and not elected to a vote.

SUES FOR IMPRISONMENT.

Man Sent to Jail Wants Connection to Pay Him \$50,000.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 16.—Charles F. Ebel of 111 Spring street, Middletown, Conn., who was defended on the charge of attempted murder in 1897 by Prentice W. Chase of this city and was imprisoned from June 16, 1899, till Oct. 15, 1900, has started measures preparatory to bringing a suit for \$50,000 against the State of Connecticut.

Ebel has taken up a writ, containing the terms of his claim against the State and his reasons therefor and has requested that Mr. Chase serve the attachment at his home in Middletown. The writ is for \$50,000, and Ebel says that he was unlawfully imprisoned, "as a result of defending his life against a criminal, who had attempted to murder him." Mr. Ebel says that he was the man who was assaulted.

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AS TO SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION.

Strong Opposition From the 27th District to 10-Mile Auto Running.

The Republican Club of the Twenty-seventh Assembly district is strongly opposed to the extension of the speed limit for automobiles, and has adopted a resolution to that effect. The club has adopted a resolution to that effect.

BOBBY AT A FINE-THIN ENDED.

Accident on East Broadway—Bobby White and the Bicycle.

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ELIGIBLE LIST WAS ALTERED.

FORGERY AND BRIBERY LAID TO CIVIL SERVICE CLERK.

He's C. J. Fitzgerald, a Tammany Man—From What Was Holahan's District—Wycokoff Made a Fireman—Alleged Cost \$175—Fitzgerald Under Arrest.

Erasure and alteration of a civil service eligible list by a Tammany clerk of the Tammany Municipal Civil Service Commission and taking a bribe of \$175 from Gerhard Wycokoff to get him appointed a fireman, are the charges on which one of Maurice J. Holahan's constituents in the Twenty-fourth Assembly district was arrested last night.

It is Charles J. Fitzpatrick of 217 East Fifty-seventh street. He was arrested upon warrants issued by Justice Mayer of Special Sessions, upon charges of forgery and bribery and was held in \$5,000 bail on each charge. His father went to the Criminal Courts Building, but could not produce a bondsman, and the son was locked up for the night in the Tombs.

For a year and a half Fitzpatrick was a clerk under the Board of Public Improvement, which Holahan was President. Prior to that time he had been a clerk for the Civil Service Commission, having in charge the records of the physical examinations of candidates for appointment to the police force and fire department.

S. William Briscoe, First Assistant Secretary of the present Municipal Civil Service Commission, was charged with the forgery charge. He accused Fitzpatrick of having altered and forged a certain entry in the records of a physical examination of a Department candidate.

Martin J. Whalen, a clerk of 242 West 112th street, accused Fitzpatrick of having accepted a bribe of \$175 from Wycokoff to get him appointed a fireman. Wycokoff has the job.

Messrs. Briscoe, Wycokoff and Whalen went with Assistant District Attorney Thorne before Justice Mayer last evening and swore out the warrants. Sergeant Langan of the Criminal Courts squad sent Policeman Eugene O'Sullivan to serve them.

After his arrest Fitzpatrick said that there was nothing to the charges and that he didn't know how much of a bribe he was offered. He said that he had been in the year he has been running a physical culture school at Broadway and Fifty-seventh street. To judge from his attire he was a hard picker. He was dressed in very ragged clothing when arrested.

One of the accusations against Mrs. Mary C. Gilbert, who was charged with receiving a charge with taking \$50 from a detective on promise of getting him made a policeman, was that she said the eligible list was altered to get such aids as to put star-routed candidates near the top.

ENGLITES BET ON REFORMER.

'Twas Only a Horse, but His Name Queered the Gang—May Kill Sentman.

A supposed sure-thing tip on a horse at the races at Aqueeduct on Tuesday reached Essex street early that day and the Englights, who played it for all they could command, were in deep mourning yesterday as a result.

Cross-eyed Sentman brought the tip over from the Bowery and with his eyes bulging from suppressed emotion beckoned the short-haired sports into the rear of the short-haired Smith Hotel.

"Say, fellows," he said, "I got distraught from der Sullivan's. It can't lose. Put all your money on Reformer in the last race."

"I don't like the name," said Joe Levy, the Duke of Essex street. "But I ain't plavin' names. Dis is a reformer man and everyting is fixed ter have dis horse win. I got dis right. Der racketeer guy ain't goin' ter pull out wid dis administration. In order ter stand in dey is goin' ter let Reformer win. If Tammany Hall was in power den I would bet my shirt on Col. Mike Padden, but no Tammany horse kin win dis year. It's like pickin' up money, ain't take it from me dat I got it straight from der Sullivan's."

On this assurance the crowd was satisfied and preparations to plunge were soon under way. Those who had no money panted their overalls and jewelry.

George Simons, remarking on the beautiful weather, got a loan of \$2 on his coat and waistcoat. Julius Lehman, head tender in the Silver Dollar Hotel, exchanged his new trousers for a pair of overalls and raised \$1 to bet.

"It will only be until to-night," he pleaded in extenuation of his rashness. A number of others pawed articles of furniture, and somebody stole five razors from Pete the barber, who blames the horses for his loss.

The money was placed in a pool and entrusted to Cross-eyed Sentman. He made sure that he placed the money a certain consisting of Diamond Charlie Solomon, "Black Sox" Levy and Fred Paul and sent him to the track.

On Tuesday night when the news reached the East Side that Reformer came in sixth in the last race there were demonstrations of grief and indignation deep and loud. Sentman has not been seen around his usual haunts since then. He may be killed. The only consolation the losers got from the lawyer yesterday were these words:

"It serves you boys right for gambling. You should never meddle with a reformer. The Fulton is sunk at will by fifty tons of water forced into her compartments by Whitehead torpedoes at the bow."

FULL RESIGN, SAID SWANSTROM.

Alternative, Begin the Tunnel to Brooklyn—It Will Be Begun.

President Swanstrom of the borough of Brooklyn has threatened to resign unless provision was made this year for the \$5,000,000 worth of bonds necessary for the building of the new East River tunnel to Brooklyn.

It seems that Comptroller Grout urged that the construction of the tunnel should be delayed for a year and that the money should be devoted to other improvements. Mr. Swanstrom refused to listen to the suggestion. Ultimately, as a way out of the difficulty, the members of the board decided to have left it to Mr. Swanstrom to determine whether or not the new tunnel should be built at the expense of halting up the improvements needed in the several boroughs.

To this proposition Mr. Swanstrom replied that while he appreciated the needs of the borough, he felt that it was imperative for the prosperity of Brooklyn to delay the construction of the tunnel until the year rather than be a party to delaying it to would resign.

The outcome will undoubtedly be that provision will be made for the building of the East River tunnel this year.

MEN MOTHER-IN-LAW FORSHORE.

Wife Went Back to Her Mother's Household—May's Attention.

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