DOCTOR SHOT HIS LANDLORD.

LATTER DRUNK AND INSULTING, THE PHYSICIAN SAYS.

Arlington Abused His Wife, Then Forced His Way Into Dr. Cronk's Rooms—The Doctor Was Caring for the Child of the Arlingtons, With Whom He Boarded.

Dr. Harrison Taylor Cronk shot his landlady's husband, Frederick Arlington, in the house in which they lived, 206 West Eleventh street, just as the day was breaking yesterday morning. Mr. Arlington, if the physician's statement to the authorities is in accordance with the facts, had been out pretty much all night, and was in a state of general and particular indignation against the whole world.

Dr. Cronk, who went to the police after the fight and asked them to arrest him, told the story when he was brought before Magistrate Pool in Jefferson Market court. He said that he had boarded with Mrs. Arlington for several years and occupied the ground floor of the house as sleeping room and office.

The Arlingtons' eleven-year-old boy has an abscess on his jaw, and the doctor said that he had been treating the boy for some time. The boy had been sleeping in the doctor's office on a lounge so that the doctor could look after him at night.

Yesterday morning the doctor said he heard Arlington come in. It wasn't necessary to strain his hearing any to catch the echo of the footfalls either, the doctor intimated.

Then he heard Arlington saying things to Mrs. Arlington. Dr. Cronk apparently had no feeling about eavesdropping, for his own name was prominent in Arlington's remarks. There were very emphatic assertions which made the physician indignant. They seemed to make Mrs. Arlington indignant, too.

Then the little boy came running into the physician's bedroom.

"Papa's drunk," he said, "and being awful mean to mamma. I'm scared."

"You stay in here and go to sleep," said Dr. Cronk. "He'll sober up all right and he won't do any harm either. You go to sleep and forget all about it."

The words were hardly out of his mouth, the physician said, when Arlington came plunging through the open door through which the boy had come.

"You in here, doctor?" he yelled.

"Yes," replied the physician, "I'm in here and you aren't coming in. This is my room. Get out." He tried to close the door in Arlington's face, but Arlington got a grip around his neck and they tussled.

They fought all over the room, in the dark, Dr. Cronk said, rolling across the sick boy once or twice in their struggle. When the doctor found that Arlington was beating him, and that they were within reaching distance of the physician's revolver, which was under his pillow, it seemed to him time to stop the fight. He said that he reached up for the revolver, fired one shot into Arlington's leg to disable him and then threw the revolver to the other side of the room. Dr. Cronk said that the shot seemed to sober Arlington at once. He said that Arlington immediately became apologetic and said: "I guess I've made an ass of myself, haven't I?"

Dr. Cronk made Arlington as comfortable as he could, called an ambulance from St. Vincent's Hospital across the way and then went to the Charles street station and gave himself up. When Magistrate Pool heard the story and the station detectives said that it seemed to be all true, he paroled Dr. Cronk in the custody of his counsel, Col. James McClellan, formerly one of Col. Asa Bird Gardiner's assistants in the District Attorney's office.

Dr. Cronk is in the employ of the Health Board and is an assistant to Dr. Blauvelt.

C. P. HUNTINGTON ESTATE SUES

To Establish Title to Land on Which S. H. Kneeland Borrowed $700,000.

Arabella D. Huntington and Charles H. Tweed, executors of the will of Collis P. Huntington, are suing to recover $700,000 which Mr. Huntington lent years ago to his friend, Sylvester H. Kneeland. Isaac E. Gates, an executor of the will, is named as a defendant because it was to Mr. Gates, who was Mr. Huntington's right-hand, that Kneeland made the deeds to property in Yonkers and Greenburgh to secure Mr. Huntington for the loans.

The property to which the Huntington executors now seek to secure clear title is practically unimproved. It consists of about 250 acres in Westchester and New York counties. Mr. Kneeland bought it many years ago to hold for speculative purposes. He was a large operator in Wall Street. He borrowed money from Mr. Huntington, giving for security the Westchester property. Mr. Gates, who acted for Mr. Huntington in these transactions, said yesterday:

"The security was not in the form of a mortgage, which might now be foreclosed with fewer legal complications. Mr. Kneeland gave a deed of the property to me for a nominal consideration, and certain papers were written by Mr. Kneeland to Mr. Huntington stating that the property thus conveyed was to secure him for these advances from time to time, which, with interest, now amount to about $700,000. Although the deed was made to me, I was acting merely as trustee for Mr. Huntington. This action is necessary to establish the clear title of the property and I am made a defendant because of my relation to the deal, which I have explained."

Executor Charles H. Tweed said: "The executors felt it necessary to bring this action as Mr. Kneeland is unable to pay the principal of the loan and has defaulted in the payment of the interest."

Mr. Gates was asked if the land was worth the $700,000 Mr. Huntington had loaned on it. He said:

"Long, long time ago, when I went to school I studied 'Webster's Speller.' I remember a sentence which said: 'A piece of cloth, if good, is worth what it stretches.' That is true of this land."

The suit was brought at White Plains. Mrs. Huntington is now at her home at Throg's Neck.

PRAISE OF THE LATE A. S. ARIAS.

Dr. Felix Adler Speaks of the Dead Merchant's Integrity and Chivalry.

Dr. Felix Adler spoke yesterday morning at the funeral services for A. S. Arias, the Venezuelan commission merchant who killed himself on Monday night just after having celebrated his fifty-fourth birthday. Dr. Adler was an intimate friend of Mr. Arias and had known him for many years.

"If there were any elements of my dear friend's character," he said in his eulogy, "that were more striking than the others I should select two for especial praise. One was his integrity. I don't think that anybody could have known him without being impressed with his perfect honesty in every particular of his life.

"And then he was chivalrous to a knightly degree. He would have rather seen his trust abused than not have trusted his fellow men. He would rather have been wronged than to have done a person the wrong of thinking that he was not to be trusted. This is a quality that I have observed before in the best of the Spaniards, and Mr. Arias possessed it in the fullest degree. He was highly honored by the Spanish-American residents of this city, and his life may remain as a memory to all his friends, who may be true to him by remembering all the good that he did in his lifetime."

There were no other ceremonies. The service was held at the home of Mr. Arias's son-in-law, B. S. Romero, in the Graham Court, at Seventh avenue and 116th street.

MAY NOT PROSECUTE MR. GERRY.

S. P. C. A. Agent in Yonkers Investigating His Arrest for Driving an Injured Horse.

YONKERS, June 4.—The arrest of Robert L. Gerry, when he was driving the coach Pioneer from Yonkers to Hastings last week, is still under investigation by the New York office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The horse complained of was a roan pole horse and was hitched at Getty Square, Yonkers. Before being put in the coach with the others, the animal was examined by Agent Garnjost of this city, and was seen to be all right.

When the coach arrived at Hastings Agent Herbert of that village ordered the horse retired because he found two sores under the collar. Garnjost has since explained that the sores were fresh ones and were evidently caused by the forward horse hurling mud which lodged under the collar of the roan, chafing the skin.

Garnjost says that the system has been an admirable one. About thirty-six horses were used between Kingsbridge and Ardsley, of which eight were at Yonkers. C. J. Whitaker, for many years a head coachman in the Vanderbilt family, had direct charge of the horses and employed the men to look out for them.

A veterinary surgeon went out ahead of the coach every morning and examined the horses all along the line, returning ahead of the coach also. If anything was wrong with any horse he was laid aside and not used. On the result of Garnjost's investigation will depend whether or not the prosecution of Mr. Gerry will be continued.

WATCHING THE SUBWAY TREES.

Commissioner Willcox Warns Contractors That They Must Not Be Injured.

Park Commissioner Willcox decided yesterday to take action against the Rapid Transit Subway contractors, who, it was reported to him, were inflicting injury upon the trees along the borders of the trench. Private Secretary Thompson was instructed to notify the contractors that they would get into trouble if they did not obey the city ordinances in reference to the trees just the same as other people.

Mr. Thompson visited J. C. Rodgers & Son, who have charge of the subway work from 116th street to Lenox avenue, John Shiels, who is in charge of the work along Broadway from 104th street to 125th street, and L. B. McCabe, who has the contract on Broadway north of 131st street. He told them that they must remove immediately the ropes and wires which were fastened to the trees or he would obtain a summons for their appearance before a city Magistrate.

They promised to carry out the instructions. He told them that he would return in a few days to see if they complied. He reported to Commissioner Willcox that not only had workmen tied guy ropes and wire hawsers to trees, but they had heaped stones up against the trunks of trees, bruising the bark.

CALLS VACCINATION ASSAULT.

Father of Girl Pupil Has Principal and Health Board Doctor in Court.

Willis J. Walsh, a contractor of 397 Hancock street, Brooklyn, caused the appearance yesterday in the Gates avenue police court of William R. McAndrew, principal of Public School 44, at Throop avenue and Madison street, and Dr. Edward L. Bedford, an inspector in the Department of Health, on charges of assault in the third degree. Walsh alleged that on May 7 his daughter, Irene, 6 years old, who was a pupil in the kindergarten of the school, was forcibly vaccinated by Dr. Bedford at the direction of Principal McAndrew.

Walsh informed Magistrate Furlong that his daughter on returning home from school on May 6 told him that all the children in the school would be vaccinated unless they could produce a physician's certificate showing that it had already been done. Walsh said his daughter had been vaccinated by the family physician and as soon as possible he got the certificate and hastened to the school only to learn that his daughter had been vaccinated.

Dr. Bedford and Principal McAndrew declared that the child consented to be vaccinated. Both pleaded not guilty and the case was set down for hearing on June 17.

SAW CHURCHILL IN SHARKEY'S.

The Accused Policeman Objected to Others Talking to Women.

The trial of Sergt. James Churchill before Deputy Commissioner Thurston at Police Headquarters was continued yesterday. Policeman Grey of Inspector Cross's staff spent the greater part of the day in the witness chair under redirect examination by Assistant District Attorney Sanford. Grey testified to having seen Sergt. Churchill in Sharkey's cafe on Fourteenth street, and said he also met him on the street three times during Grey's trips over the Fifteenth precinct getting evidence.

"Policemen Kline and Thiel and myself," said Grey, "were talking to two women on the Bowery when Churchill came up and said: 'It's pretty hard for me to keep these women off the Bowery when you fellows entertain them.'"

The witness also quoted Churchill as saying: "There's people around here ready to swear your life away."

The hearing will be continued on Friday morning.

FATHER AND TWO SONS DROWNED

Their Skiff Was Capsized by the Shifting of a Heavy Box.

ISLIP, L. I., June 4.—Death has marked the efforts to get the Lorillard cottage on the country estate of W. Bayard Cutting ready for G. Cobart Ward and his bride, who are expected to occupy it on their return from their European trip. A Mester crossed the lake yesterday to Mr. Cutting's place in a small boat to get a heavy box. He took his two little sons with him. While returning, the box shifted, skiff capsized and the father and sons were drowned. Their bodies were recovered.

Fresh Air Home for the "Submerged."

MONTCLAIR, N. J., June 4.—The new fresh air home in Grove street was formally opened this afternoon. It harbors half a dozen students from Felix Adler's School of Ethical Culture, 109 West Fifty-fourth street, New York. They came here under the care of Prof. Richard. Among the ladies present were the President of the society, Mrs. Robert H. Dodd, and Mrs. C. W. Anderson, treasurer. The plan is to bring out different groups of the "submerged" classes of the metropolis during the summer.

Contractor on Explosives Commission?

Representatives of the Contractors' Protective Association and of the General Contractors' Association waited upon Mayor Low yesterday to ask for the appointment of one or two of their number upon the Municipal Explosives Commission. The Mayor said he would consider the request and asked the delegation to submit a list of six names.

Rockefeller Fellowship for Dr. Richards.

Dr. A. N. Richards, assistant in the department of physiological chemistry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been appointed to a research fellowship in the Rockefeller Institute for his recent investigations in the field of physiological chemistry.

Clock Falls in Front of the Astor House.

A street clock fifteen feet high on the sidewalk in front of the Astor House was struck by a truck yesterday afternoon and fell across the sidewalk with a crash. A big piece of the sidewalk to which the big clock was fastened was torn up. The clock was owned by J. Ehrlich, and had been a well-known timepiece for years.

BARRED BY DOCTORS' CONGRESS

PAPERS BY DR. C. C. CARROLL EXCLUDED BY VOTE.

Clark Bell of the Medico-Legal Society Retired as Secretary and Treasurer of Tuberculosis Congress—Complaints That Medical Profession Stands Aloof.

"The veterinary aspects of tuberculosis" were, according to the programme, the subject for consideration before the American Congress of Tuberculosis at its last session yesterday at the Hotel Majestic, but that was not the uppermost subject.

At the opening of the afternoon session it was voted to strike out the papers of Dr. C. C. Carroll, from the report of the congress. Dr. F. Paschal of San Antonio, Tex., arose waving one of Dr. Carroll's printed pamphlets entitled, "Health Is Wealth," which he said was of such a character that he could not as a physician stand for Dr. Carroll's recognition by the congress. The motion was put to a vote as a point of professional ethics and it was unanimously agreed to exclude Dr. Carroll's papers.

The Committee On Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year brought in a report in which Dr. George Braun of Georgia and Dr. P. H. Bryce of Toronto, Ont., were named for Secretary and Treasurer in place of Clark Bell, the present holder of both offices.

Ex-Coroner Moritz Ellinger, an officer of the Medico-Legal Society, of which Mr. Bell is the organizer, rose to move that Mr. Bell be retained in office.

Dr. William Oldright of Toronto, who had nominated the new Secretary, got up to explain his reasons. He said:

Since this congress met here, and in fact long before this, it has been noticed that gentlemen prominent in the medical profession in New York have not concerned themselves with the affairs of the society. This state of affairs was very noticeable. It was ominous. It was felt that something was wrong. In fact, a reorganization was considered necessary. I nominated Dr. Bryce only after reasons had been urged. What those reasons were you may have already some inkling of from the proceeding which opened this afternoon's session. Personally I feel that we are indebted to Clark Bell to the highest extent, but I feel that we would all regret that this association should be severed from the medical men of New York.

Mr. Ellinger's motion was lost. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as nominated by the committee as follows:

Honorary President, Dr. H. D. Holton of Vermont. President, Dr. Daniel Lewis of New York. First Vice-President, Dr. J. A. Egan of Illinois. Second Vice-President, Dr. Frank Paschal of Texas. Third Vice-President, Dr. I. H. Barrick of Toronto. Fourth Vice-President, Dr. A. Walsh, New Hampshire. Fifth Vice-President, Dr. Romula of Guatemala. Secretary, Dr. George Braun of Georgia. Treasurer, Dr. P. H. Bryce of Toronto.

The congress embodied its conclusions as to consumption in a series of resolutions urging the health authorities "to disseminate correct information as to the manner in which this disease is produced and the means to be employed in its prevention," calling upon the national, State and municipal governments to enact rational methods for the prevention of tuberculosis and recommending the establishment of institutions for the care of indigent consumptives. It was further resolved that there should be State and municipal supervision of public conveyances to suppress spitting, and that appropriations should be requested for the "publication and distribution of literature as a means of education in the prevention of the spread of tuberculosis." Finally "that all cases of tuberculosis should be reported by the attending physician to the Health Boards for the purpose of the disinfecting of houses occupied by consumptives."

DR. HIRSCH'S SUNDAY VIEWS.

Report That New York Rabbis Have Expelled Him Because of Them.

CHICAGO, June 3.—The Rev. Dr. Emil Hirsch, rabbi of the Temple Israel Congregation, said last night that he is not at all disturbed by a report from New York that the Rabbinical Association of that city has adopted resolutions declaring him no longer a follower of the faith. Dr. Hirsch added:

"I may be a traitor to God, but if I am it is because the members of the New York Rabbinical Association know God's business better than God does himself. Any resolution which they may adopt expelling me from Judaism will be of no more effect than if they adopted a resolution expelling President Roosevelt from the human race.

"I was in New York last week and was told then that early this week I would be declared no longer a Jew, but the information did not worry me in the least. The only thing the New York rabbis can do is to prevent me from occupying their pulpits, and I am just conceited enough to believe that they will be the losers if they do.

"If the New York association has just become aware of the fact that I do not believe that the Jewish Sabbath is ordained by God they are very much behind the times," said Dr. Hirsch. "The abandonment of the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath and the substitution of Sunday as a day of worship are by no means a new subject among us. My own father, who was a rabbi, wrote and published a pamphlet as long ago as 1846 advocating the ideas which I am now carrying out. My own position has been well known for twenty-two years both on that subject and on many others.

"The suggestion that I am about to establish a separate church of my own is ridiculous. The fact that I hold services on Sunday does not make me a Christian, nor does it in the least affect either my belief or that of the thousands of Jews who believe as I do."

Rabbi H. Pereira Mendes of the Shearith Israel Synagogue, who is President of the Association of Orthodox Rabbis in the United States and Canada, said last night that he had not heard that Rabbi Hirsch had been expelled from any association of rabbis. He did not know of a New York Rabbinical Association.

TOO RICH TO SUE OR BE SUED.

That's the Comment of Rival Lawyers in the $240 Case of Starr vs. Hay.

Theodore B. Starr, the jeweller, brought an action in the Yorkville Municipal Court yesterday as administrator of the estate of Theodore B. White, his uncle, against Rosalie Hay, the owner of the house at 121 Madison avenue. The suit was for $240 for alleged damage to the furniture and books of the late Mr. White, who had lived in the Madison avenue house. The complaint declared that workmen were sent into the house to do repairing before the lease had expired and had damaged the property by moving it around.

Former Assistant District Attorney Philip Carpenter appeared for the plaintiff, and while the case was on trial said:

"I am surprised that a person possessing such wealth as this defendant does, should come into court to resist the payment of such a small sum on a just claim. I am informed that she is a millionairess. And her counsel, Brother Norwood, is reputed to be a millionaire."

"I am no less surprised that a millionaire such as the plaintiff is reputed to be, should bring an action for such a small sum. We are here on principle to resist what we consider unjust," rejoined Lawyer Carlisle Norwood.

"You are in good company, gentlemen. The foreman of the jury, Charles F. Bigelow, has the reputation of being a millionaire," remarked Justice Herman Joseph.

"It would appear that the stenographer and I are the only poor men in this case, for I have heard it said that his Honor is rated a millionaire," said Mr. Carpenter.

When the plaintiff's testimony was in Justice Joseph announced that there was no proof that the money value of the property had been depreciated by the workmen and he dismissed the case.

NAVAL WAR COLLEGE OPENS.

Capt. Chadwick on the Strategic Position This Country Should Occupy.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 4.—The Naval War College was opened formally to-day, the address being made by its President, Capt. French E. Chadwick. Besides the officers who compose the class there were in attendance a number of army and navy officers and several summer residents. Among them was Rear Admiral Stephen B. Luce, the father of the Naval Training Station and of the War College.

Capt. Chadwick spoke of the vital importance to the Government of the general staff of the navy, which is composed of the office of Naval Intelligence, the War College and the General Board. He dwelt on the necessity of the study of military history. He held that no nation can continue great in comparison with other nationalities unless it maintains a somewhat equal increase in population and has a good coal supply, the latter being the great basis of mechanical energy. The possession of such a wide extent of cheap coal must necessarily carry the United States to the forefront as a manufacturing power and, consequently, into the front rank of influential nations.

Capt. Chadwick said that it is likely that wars hereafter will be commercial wars, and that it is therefore necessary for the navy to study their possibilities and to prepare for them. He held that it is the greatest commander who does by strategy what another would do by the expenditure of blood, and that it is the true strategy of this Government to place the United States in such a position as to be able to command peace.

FIGHT AGAINST AUTO SCORCHING

Reckless Indifference to Others' Rights Must Be Stopped, Says J. B. Backus.

The Executive Committee of the Committee of 50 which is trying to prevent raising the speed limit for vehicles in the city streets, will hold a meeting this evening at the Bar Association. The officers of the committee think they will win in their fight.

President Cantor of Manhattan will attend the meeting this evening. J. Bayard Backus, chairman of the Committee of 50, in speaking of its work, said yesterday:

"You might really call the Committee of 50 a Committee of Public Safety. It is composed of citizens so well known that it is needless for me to say that they are actuated simply by a desire to protect the people of New York from a spirit of recklessness and lack of consideration, which seems at present to be on the increase.

"The committee as a committee is not opposed to automobiles, but it is opposed to the streets of this city being used with an utter disregard for the rights of others by some automobilists who seem to have more money than brains, and who seem to be possessed of an absolutely selfish disregard for others. This has got to be stopped. There are many automobilists who do try to be considerate of others' rights and who endeavor to obey the law. No one is opposed to these latter, but wishes them every success in their legitimate pleasure.

"As soon as the Committee of 50 was formed, the West End Association offered its assistance and support, and the two organizations have all along been in thorough accord. It may be found necessary later on to urge further legislation at Albany if the committee is unable to secure the proper relief in any other way."

FREED FROM SCAMP HUSBAND.

Mrs. Russell Found That Russell Was Meredith the Blackmailer.

The marriage of Elizabeth and Edward J. Russell in Hoboken on Nov. 21, 1896, was annulled by Justice Truax yesterday in the Supreme Court because Russell had concealed from his bride that he had been sentenced to State prison under the name of Edward Meredith for an assault on Phil Daly in connection with an alleged attempt at the badger game. After the marriage the defendant was arrested, it is alleged, for attempting to blackmail Lawyer Almet F. Jenks, now a Justice of the Supreme Court in the Second Department, and was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

SURROGATE GLASS'S DECISION.

Occasional Intoxication Does Not Disqualify a Man for Administrator.

SYRACUSE, June 4.—Surrogate Edgar Glass to-day decided that occasional intoxication does not disqualify a man for an administrator and that the law means habitual drunkenness.

Objections were filed to William and Robert McClure as administrators of the estate of their mother, Mrs. Mary Ann McClure. William McClure testified that he got drunk as often as he felt like it, adding: "I don't deprive myself of any of the luxuries of life." Robert McClure swore that he drank and would like to see any one that didn't. Surrogate Glass allowed them to act.

JEWS KEEP OUT SYNAGOGUE.

Buy Church Orthodox Congregation Bid For—Feared for Nearby Property.

The syndicate of Greenpoint business men, members of the Reformed Jewish congregation in Noble street, who bid $13,500 for the property of the old Union Avenue Baptist Church in Manhattan near Meserole avenue, $500 more than a party of orthodox Jews offered for the property, has acquired the church at its price.

The object of the syndicate in outbidding their orthodox brethren was to prevent the property from being turned into a synagogue. The members of the syndicate do business near the church and they feared that if a synagogue were established it would depreciate property in the neighborhood. The syndicate will try to resell the property.

FIGHT OVER TROLLEY FARE ENDS

Union Railway Gets a Franchise for a Link to White Plains.

TUCKAHOE, June 4.—The Union Railway Company, which for two years has been prevented from connecting its lines between the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle with the county seat at White Plains, was granted a franchise to-night at the meeting of the Tuckahoe Town Board. The delay has been caused by a contention over fares. The town officers wanted a five-cent fare to New York, which the company declined to give. The compromise reached to-night permits the company to charge 10 cents to New York, and 5 cents to any place in Westchester county.

To Form a Massachusetts Society Here.

Steps were taken at a meeting held on Wednesday afternoon toward forming a Massachusetts Society of the State of New York. A temporary organization was effected, Herbert L. Bridgman being appointed chairman and Frederic M. Dowd, secretary. Letters of indorsement were read from a number of prominent citizens of the Bay State, including Congressman Henry F. Naphen, Elihu B. Hayes and others.

Arrangements were made for another meeting to be held at an uptown hotel on June 17, Bunker Hill Day.

Spruce Cabin Inn Burned.

SCRANTON, Pa., June 4.—Spruce Cabin Inn, the most famous hunting and fishing resort in the Pocono Mountains, was burned to the ground on last Thursday night. There were fifty-five guests in the inn. The fire started on the roof and had burned through to the upper floor before it was discovered. Then came a great scrambling to save life and property. The building was dry and burned like tinder.

Buck—Gould.

PADUCAH, Ky., June 4.—Miss Mira R. Gould of Paducah was married to Capt. L. Lefferts Buck of New York city at Grace Episcopal Church. Bishop T. U. Dudley of Louisville officiated. Miss Gould comes of one of Paducah's oldest families. Mr. Buck is the engineer of the Williamsburg Bridge in New York.

SAVES MANY CHILD LIVES.

PRAISE FOR NATHAN STRAUS'S PURE MILK DISTRIBUTION.

Dr. Lederle to Ask for a City Appropriation to Extend the Good Work—Effect of Its Installation on the Death Rate at the Randall's Island Refuge.

The establishment by Nathan Straus of depots where pasteurized and modified milk may be obtained for children has given such wonderful results in preventing disease and lowering the infant death rate that President Lederle of the Board of Health is going to ask that an appropriation be made by the city whereby the work can be extended by establishing many more such depots, especially during the summer months.

In addition to opening fourteen depots in the city this year, Mr. Straus has provided the tenement house corps of the Health Department with tickets that will procure milk at any of the depots. When an inspector finds a case of sickness in which improper milk is being fed to a child he is authorized to give one of these tickets to the family so that they can secure pure milk free of cost during the entire summer. Upon the notification by any physician of a similar case, Mr. Straus will furnish tickets free. At any of the stands the milk can be purchased for a cent a glass, which does not nearly cover the cost.

During last summer Mr. Straus distributed 533,507 bottles of pure sterilized milk among the poor in the tenements. In addition, millions of single glasses were sold at the booths at a maximum cost of one cent a glass.

The effect on the children's lives of this sterilized milk distribution is best shown by these Health Department statistics:

In 1895 1,216 children were treated in the Foundling Hospital on Randall's Island, and of these 511 died, a price age of 42.02. In 1896 1,212 infants were treated, of whom 474 died, a percentage of 39.11. In 1897 1,181 were treated, and 524 died, a percentage of 44.36.

In 1898 Mr. Straus finally prevailed on the Charities Department to allow him to establish a Pasteurizing plant on Randall's Island. In that year of 1,284 children treated only 255 died, a percentage of 19.80. In 1899 of 1,097 treated 269 died, a percentage of 24.52. In 1900 of 1,084 treated 300 died, a percentage of 27.68. In these two years there was an epidemic of measles in the hospital, or the death rate would have been much lower. Last year 1,028 children were treated and only 186 deaths resulted, a percentage of 18.09.

President Lederle of the Health Department said yesterday that Mr. Straus's milk distribution was one of the grandest charities that this city has ever known. By giving to poor, sick children pure milk thousands of lives were saved each year, Dr. Lederle said.

Dr. Lederle is also looking sharply after the dealers in poor and adulterated milk. Under Tammany, milk and other food stuffs were inspected by single inspectors who were detailed in certain districts. In this way much carelessness resulted, and in some instances protection money is said to have been paid by small dealers who were selling impure articles.

This system has been changed by Dr. Lederle. Squads of inspectors are now sent out from the Health Department, and the inspection is conducted in a manner similar to a raid. In this way the dealers are caught unawares and many of them have been rounded up.

OPHTHALMIA IS CONTAGIOUS.

Must Be Reported by Doctors—Schools Found to Be Badly Infected.

The Board of Health, at its regular weekly meeting yesterday, declared ophthalmia, both acute and chronic, to be a contagious disease. Under this decision, physicians will be required to report promptly to the Department of Health all cases of the disease that they may find. The Board of Education will also be asked to lend its aid toward stamping the disease out of the public schools, where it is now prevalent. If necessary the Bureau of Contagious Disease will keep the afflicted pupils out of school until they are cured.

The action of the Board of Health was the result of a recent investigation made in some of the public schools by members of the New York County Medical Society.

In a recent investigation in Public School 1, 201 cases of communicable eye disease were found, being 19.2 per cent. of those examined. Of these 201 cases, 130 were pure trachoma and 71 incipient trachoma and conjunctivitis. Of the trachoma cases 66 were of the most severe type. In Public School 75, at 25 Norfolk street, 114 cases of communicable eye disease were found, being 15.5 per cent.

The subject will be discussed to-night at the meeting of the medical society, when a paper will be read by Dr. Richard H. Derby. Dr. Derby submitted yesterday to the Health Board the report of Dr. C. Cole Bradley, who has been making an investigation in the schools. The report said in part:

In School 1, which is equipped with shower baths, the number of cases was noticeably less in the classes where such baths were frequently used. The practice of having the children bring their own towels (frequently old rags) appeared to be decidedly dangerous, considering the homes of these children and the great amount of contagious disease other than that of the eyes in that section of the city.

In School 75, the system of double and quadruple desks is to be deprecated, owing to the proximity of the children and their tendency to use pens, pencils and rulers commonly.

It appears to me that the remedy for such conditions is simple. If the Health Board would treat the public schools as it does the public institutions for children, insisting on a monthly eversion of lids by the medical inspector, the work of such inspector being verified occasionally by an ophthalmologist, the conditions would be greatly improved.

The Weather.

The low pressure areas which were over the northern part of the country on Tuesday were drawn into one storm centre, which was passing off the New England coast yesterday and its place in the upper Mississippi States and Lake regions was occupied by an area of high pressure. This change caused a general fall in temperature in nearly all districts, except a part of the Middle Atlantic States.

Brisk to high southwest to northwest winds prevailed over the Middle Atlantic and New England coasts. The weather was fair, except for thunder showers in Montana, the Dakotas and in scattered places in Kansas, Missouri, the Lake regions and New England.

In this city the day was fair and slightly cooler, highest temperature 82 degrees at 2 P. M.; wind brisk southwest, average humidity 52 per cent; barometer corrected to read to sea level at 8 A. M. 29.78, 3 P. M. 29.77.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, and also by THE SUN'S thermometer at the street level, is shown in the annexed table:

	—Official—		Sun's		—Official—		Sun's
	1902	1901	1902		1902	1901	1902
9 A. M.	75°	67°	76°	6 P. M.	79°	72°	80°
12 M.	81°	75°	79°	9 P. M.	69°	74°	75°
3 P. M.	81°	76°	80°	12 Mid.	65	68°	68°

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, fair to-day and slightly warmer, except in extreme south portion; fair to-morrow with cooler in extreme south portion; fresh north winds.

For New Jersey, fair to-day and to-morrow, with cooler on the coast; light to fresh north winds.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh north winds.

For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, fair to-day, partly cloudy to-morrow; light north winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair to-day and to-morrow; light to fresh north winds.

For western New York, fair to-day; probably showers and warmer to-morrow; fresh north winds.

Thursday.

Every Locality Offers Some Real Estate Advantage.

Westchester county as a dwelling spot has many attractions. See Sunday's SUN.—Adv.

N. Y. UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Degrees in Art and Applied Science Awarded to Many Graduates.

New York University held its seventieth commencement of the University College and School of Applied Science yesterday in the college auditorium at University Heights. There was a large attendance. Music was furnished by the Seventh Regiment Band. These degrees were awarded:

Bachelor of Arts—D. A. Craig, H. S. Long, E. Vandiver, J. S. Schultz, F. C. Woodside.

Bachelor of Philosophy—B. C. Allen, F. F. Albee, W. F. Bonning, C. S. Carpenter, Clayton G. D. Hadley, J. Kohn, H. Schegel, J. B. Weisinger, J. Wolff.

Bachelor of Science—A. A. Epstein, J. M. Wandenoff, C. E. Walker, W. S. Wilkins.

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering—A. A. Agromonte, W. L. Boyer, F. L. Coffin, Jr., J. W. D. B. Gould, A. Kohn, C. G. Scribner, C. I. Thorne, W. F. Weidenger.

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering—F. D. Bryhee.

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering—L. S. Blunt.

The degree of Civil Engineer was given to R. W. Gey, C. Hyatt, D. H. Ho, N. F. Turner, F. M. Thorburn, G. A. Vollmar, C. Woodward, and these prizes were announced:

German prize, J. L. Allen; Hebrew, G. D. Hadley; Butler, Lincoln W. Hanning; James Gordon Bennett prize, C. S. Carpenter; Butler Classical Fellowship, J. Kohn; Sandham Oration prizes, Lasher and W. Orr; F. C. Gibson prize, J. Kohn; W. A. Cox, Jr., prize, W. B. Fryer; Samuel Deneen Fellowship, A. A. Agromonte.

Dr. W. A. Martin, formerly President of the University at Pekin, made a short address.

LAND ASSURED TO COLUMBIA.

Details of the Purchase of South Field Till the University Needs It.

The New York Hospital has accepted the offer made by the friends of Columbia University to purchase the two blocks of land known as South Field, in front of the university. The price to be paid is $1,900,000, partly in cash and partly by mortgage. The subscribers to the purchase are:

James Stillman, H. McK. Twombly, Edwin Gould, George Foster Peabody, James Speyer, Stuyvesant Fish, Archer M. Huntington, Isaac N. Seligman, Samuel Thorne, D. Willis James, William E. Dodge and Mrs. Henry Villard.

The New York Realty Corporation, which had previously endeavored to acquire the property, withdrew in favor of the university. The title will pass on Oct. 1, and it is the intention of the subscribers to give the university an option to purchase the property at cost within a year from that date, their purpose being to secure ample space for the future educational development of the university. They are not seeking to buy the land as an athletic field, although there will be no objection to its use as such until it is required for more important purposes.

The particular use to be made of the property must depend largely upon the amount which the university can raise by gift to enable it to exercise the option and to erect such buildings as may be most needed.

BATHS FOR STREET CLEANERS.

Weather and Dr. Woodbury Didn't Wait for the Sinking Fund Commission.

A few weeks ago Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury asked leave of the Sinking Fund Commission to lease additional floor area at the quarters at 1886 Second avenue for bathrooms for the men of that section. As the commission did not seem to be in a hurry to act upon the application, Dr. Woodbury went ahead and occupied the additional space.

The Sinking Fund Commissioners pointed out to him yesterday that he had no right to do this. He replied that no lease had been entered into and that the city was in no way liable.

"That is not the point," said Comptroller Grout. "A head of department cannot be permitted to occupy premises just as he thinks fit."

Dr. Woodbury replied that the extra rent was only $10 a month, and that a bath for the men in this kind of weather was worth the money.

The commission approved the execution of a lease. Mayor Low told Dr. Woodbury that he must not do it again.

After the Commissioner had left the meeting it was suggested to him that the providing of baths for the "white wings" was something of a novelty.

"Well, my Johnnies will have baths, anyway," Dr. Woodbury responded.

POLICEMAN HURT CHASING AUTO

Anderson's Horse Slipped and Fell on Him, Breaking His Leg.

An automobile hansom operated by William Wallace, who lives at 428 West 125th street, was passing up the East Drive in Central Park yesterday at what Mounted Policeman Dennis Anderson thought a speed of twelve miles an hour. The policeman chased the machine, but where the driveway crosses the entrance from Fifth avenue at Seventy-third street his horse slipped and fell with the rider underneath. Anderson's left leg was broken. Policeman Hogan stopped the automobile and arrested Wallace. In the Yorkville police court he was held in $300 bail for examination to-day.

WON'T GO TO FISHER'S ISLAND

So the Thirteenth Decides; That Is, Unless Its Subsistence Is Paid.

The officers and privates of the Thirteenth Regiment, heavy artillery, in Brooklyn, have voted against the proposition to accept transportation from the Government to Fisher's Island for the army and navy manœuvres on condition that they pay for their subsistence while in camp. There were not more than fifty or sixty men willing to accept the proposed terms. Col. Austen said that the regiment would tender its services to the Government, but that it would not go to camp unless the State or Federal Government furnished the cost of subsistence.

SHE SHOT TO MAKE HER BOSS PAY

Tailor's Helper Wanted Her Money to Back a Sure Thing at the Races.

Hannah Foster, 25 years old, of 147 Degraw street, was before Magistrate Naumer in the Myrtle avenue court in Brooklyn yesterday charged with firing three shots at Antonio Maio, a tailor, by whom she was employed. None of the shots took effect.

The young woman said Maio owed her three months' wages and that she fired the shots to scare him into paying her. She explained that she wanted the money to invest in a sure thing at the Brooklyn race track. She was remanded.

Accused of Robbing Fellow Y. M. C. A. Members.

Roscoe Norton, 19 years old, of 326 Ninth avenue, a member of the West Fifty-seventh street branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, was arrested yesterday charged with stealing jewelry from the lockers of his fellow members. It was charged that in two months he got away with four watches, two chains, a diamond locket and a pocketbook containing some money. Norton was arraigned yesterday in the West Side police court and Magistrate Barlow held him in $500 bail for trial.

Boy Singer's Father Bankrupt.

John G. Gulick, a dentist of 134 Broadway, Brooklyn, who resides at the Barfelden apartment house, Riverside Drive and Ninety-fourth street, and is the father of Earl Gulick, the boy singer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy here with liabilities $5,172 and assets $57. His debts were contracted chiefly in 1900 for borrowed money, photographs, costumes, coal, advertising, decorating, vocal lessons, &c. He owes George C. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria, $257 for hire of a ballroom.

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