COLOMBIA MAY KILL CANAL.

OUTLOOK, IF NOT HOPELESS, IS NOT BRIGHT, SAYS HERRAN.

He Is Afraid the Congress Will Tinker the Treaty So That It Will Not Be Acceptable Here—The Canal Attorney Thinks the Treaty Will Be Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—William Nelson Cromwell, attorney for the New Panama Canal Company, and Señor Herran the Colombian Minister to the United States, do not agree as to the prospects for the ratification of the canal treaty. Mr. Cromwell takes exception to what he calls the "current reports" with regard to the treaty, and to-night gave out the following statement:

"The Panama Canal Company has not made a proposal to pay $12,000,000 or any sum whatever to the Colombian Government nor to any parties whatsoever in connection with the ratification of the pending treaty.

"Statements to the contrary are absolutely without the slightest foundation. There is no occasion for the consideration of the subject from that standpoint. Colombia has already given full consent to the purchase by the United States. This is a matter of public record.

"The Colombian Congress has just been called in extraordinary session for June 20 to deal especially with the treaty made by its Ministers with the United States, and we have every reason to expect that the Congress will not only confirm the proposals and actions of its President and Cabinet, but also of its Ministers, Silva, Concha and Herran, successively and specifically empowered to negotiate and conclude the pending treaty which is of such vast concern to the Colombian nation.

"In this matter the New Panama Canal Company is not a party. It is a matter between the two Governments, which have already reached an explicit treaty agreement. Up to this hour I have no confirmation of the report that President Marroquin has resigned, but even if it were true, the obligations of Colombia to the United States under the pending treaty negotiations could not be affected."

Minister Herran said to-night:

"While the outlook for the passage of the canal treaty at the extraordinary session of the Colombian Congress, which has been called to meet June 20, are not hopeless, they are certainly not as bright as the friends of the canal could wish. There is a very strong sentiment in Colombia against the canal. It is regrettable that this should be the case, as the construction of the canal by the United States would be of benefit to my country.

"My strongest fear is that the Colombian Congress will tinker with the convention and amend it and change it until it will prove absolutely unacceptable to the United States Government. I am familiar with the situation in both the United States and Colombia, and I, with other friends of the canal, regret the existence of a mistaken sentiment which will do more to prevent the construction of the waterway than anything else.

"The Colombian people believe that the consideration of the Nicaraguan Canal route by the United States Government was merely a ruse, a barefaced bluff, and they scoff at the idea that there was anything more in it than just that.

"The friends of the canal in Colombia, notably Enrique Cortes of the well-known Colombian firm in London of Cortes & Co., have done, and are doing, through their arguments and able writings and by every other means in their power, a great deal to eradicate this false idea. But it is still a fixed belief in the minds of a large portion of the Colombian population.

On the other hand, sentiment in the United States has it that the Colombian Government would jump at $10,000,000, or even a great deal less, in consideration of the great benefit to be derived from the canal, and that the construction of the great waterway would be the 'making of Colombia.'

"It is the existence of this mistaken sentiment in Colombia and the United States that has proved so hard to combat, and has proved such an obstruction to the officials of the two countries who have had in charge the negotiation of the convention.

"There should be no misunderstandings between Colombia and the United States. These two countries should be bound closely, not only by the principle of the great Monroe Doctrine, but also by the bonds of trade and commerce.

"If the canal served no other purpose than to bring the two countries into closer touch, to develop the untouched industries of one, and to broaden the commercial relations and increase the merchant marine of the other, it would have served a worthy purpose and paid for itself in this way alone.

"At present there is not a single line of American steamers running to Colombian ports. The only line that connects the ports of this country with that of Colombia, flies the German flag, while England has five lines, Germany two, France two, Italy one and Spain one.

"It is through the farsightedness and business ability of an American that England practically controls the Colombian trade. A good many years ago, shortly after the independence of the South American republics, an American named Wheelright saw the future in the South American trade and particularly that with Colombia. He came to Washington and asked for a subsidy. It was refused, or practically that, for the yearly amount offered was about $20,000.

"He then went to Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and to New York and endeavored to engage the attention of capitalists. He was unsuccessful and then went to England. The Pacific Navigation Company, formed by him there, controlled this trade from the outset and is still a leading factor in commerce in that portion of the world. I hope to see the great waterway completed and the political and commercial relations of the United States and Colombia grow closer and closer as a result of that bond."

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The cruiser Albany has arrived at Villefranche and the training ship Alert at Long Beach, Cal.; the cruiser Newark, flagship of Rear Admiral Sumner, has sailed from Buenos Ayres for Montevideo, the training ship Monongahela from Hampton Roads for Newport and the gunboat Vixen from San Juan for Santiago, Cuba.

The submarine torpedo boats Pike and Grampus were turned over to the Government yesterday by their builders at the Mare Island Navy Yard, California.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The following army orders have been issued:

Second Lieut. Frank Pratt, First Infantry, transferred Company I to Company F.

Leave of absence granted Second Lieut. James R. Moxley, Philippine Scouts, extended to May 15.

Second Lieut. James R. Moxley, Philippine Scouts, honorably discharged, physical disability.

Leave of absence for five days granted First Lieut. John R. Devereaux, Assistant Surgeon.

Brigadier-Gen. Theodore J. Wint ordered to command Department of the Visayas.

Leave of absence for fifteen days from June 15 granted Major Nat P. Phister, Second Infantry, extended two months.

A board of officers to consist of Major William P. Evans, Twentieth Infantry; Capt. Hugh J. Gallagher, Commissary; Capt. Russell C. Langdon, Third Infantry, is appointed to meet at Columbus, O., to inspect and test the Donavin army field cart.

First Lieut. Charles S. Frank, Seventeenth Infantry, from general hospital, Washington Barracks, to Fort Leavenworth.

Leave of absence for two months granted First Lieut. Charles S. Frank, Seventeenth Infantry.

Leave of absence for ten days granted Second Lieut. Lee Hagood.

These naval orders have been issued:

Lieutenant Commander F. H. Bailey from duty Bureau Steam Engineering to navy yard, New York, for duty in connection with fitting out Brooklyn, and in charge steam engineering department when placed in commission.

Lieut. T. P. Magruder, from duty general board, Washington, to Texas, for duty as Flag Lieutenant on staff of Rear Admiral Sands.

Ensign C. Shackford, to Illinois.

Ensign W. V. Tomlin, to Monongahela.

Passed Assistant Surgeon R. K. Smith, resignation accepted.

R. Dykes, appointed Assistant Surgeon.

Lieut.-Col. G. Richards, appointed as Assistant Paymaster in the Marine Corps.

HABEAS CORPUS FOR A GIRL.

Sheriff Looking for Elise Yarrington of Bridgeport—Aunt Took Her Away.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 12.—City Sheriff O'Brien and several assistants are scouring the city to-night trying to find a trace of Elise D. Yarrington, a fourteen-year-old girl. The Sheriff has a writ of habeas corpus, issued by Judge Curtis of the Common Pleas Court, ordering the persons having the girl in their possession to appear before him and show cause why Charles A. Yarrington of Oxford, Conn., should not have the girl.

The writ is directed to Sarah Eckhardt of New York, and it is alleged she has spirited the girl away and intends to remove her from the State.

Yesterday the mother of the girl, Mrs. James Tisdale, died at the hospital in this city after a short illness. Elise's father's name was Daniel L. Yarrington. When she was a baby her mother secured a divorce from Yarrington, and the court granted her the custody of the child. Later Mrs. Yarrington married Tisdale and the child has been with the mother until her illness and removal to the hospital.

A few days ago Charles A. Yarrington of Oxford, an uncle of Elise, came here and prevailed upon the girl to accompany him to Oxford. Mrs. Eckhardt of New York, a sister of Mrs. Tisdale, called here by the illness of her sister, endeavored for several days to get possession of the girl. She has consulted the police here, saying that the mother had expressed a wish to see her child before she died.

Last night the girl was found with Yarrington in this city, and this morning Mrs. Eckhardt took her to see her mother's body. During the morning, on petition, the Probate Court appointed Charles Yarrington guardian of the girl and also of the estate which will come to her from her mother. All trace of the girl is lost thus far, and the guardian fears that Mrs. Eckhardt, or some person acting for her, has taken the girl to New York.

FRESHMEN CAPTIVES MARCH,

Painted in Colors in Fantastic Designs by Sophs.

ITHACA, May 12.—The manœuvres of the sophomore class in connection with the freshman banquet culminated to-night, when the sophs took their freshmen captives out on a parade and marched them to the Lyceum, where the freshies were allowed to feast quietly.

Every freshman who was paroled kept his bond and presented himself for decoration. E. E. Free, one of the principal speakers, and alternate on the Cornell-Columbia debate team, who was one of the first captured, was painted in red, white and blue colors, while the others were decorated in fantastic designs.

The parade began at 7:30 o'clock, and the 160 freshmen, led by R. A. Uhlein, whom the sophs selected, marched to the Lyceum, doing the bidding of the sophs. There was no violence, yet there were more freshmen in line than any preceding sophomore class has been able to get together. All Ithaca enjoyed the parade.

KILLED AT "DEAD MAN'S CURVE'.

Man Dragged by a Trolley Car and Frightfully Mangled.

"Dead Man's Curve," on the trestle across Coney Island Creek, on the Culver line, added another to its long list of victims yesterday. Ernest Kennoll, 40 years old, of 162 Hamburg avenue, Williamsburg, was the unfortunate man. He was hit by trolley car 672 of the Coney Island line and dragged fifty feet along the track. He was horribly mangled.

The crew of the car took him to Coney Island, where he was attended by Dr. John W. Pierce. He died within forty minutes. He said he was a carpenter and had a wife and several children. No arrests were made.

KEEPING DOWN BIRTH RATE.

Dr. Curtin Thinks the Modern Physician Contributes Some Influence.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The most interesting paper read before the annual convention of the American Academy of Medicine to-day, was by Dr. Roland G. Curtin of Philadelphia, and dealt with the question of how the modern physician, by high charges, expensive nursing, extensive outfits and by discouraging advice can contribute an influence in decreasing the birth rate.

These officers were elected: President, Dr. John H. Roberts, Philadelphia; vice-presidents, Dr. Thomas D. Davis, Pittsburg; Dr. J. H. McBride, Pasadena, Cal.; Dr. J. T. Searcy, Tuscaloosa, La.; Dr. S. A. Knoff, New York; secretary, Dr. Charles McIntire, Easton, Pa.; assistant secretary, Dr. Alexander Craig, Jr., Columbia, Pa.; treasurer, Dr. E. M. Green, Easton, Pa.

COL. C. A. WOODRUFF TO RETIRE.

His Promotion to Be a Brigadier-General First Announced.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The President to-day declared the promotion of Col. Charles A. Woodruff, Assistant Commissary-General, to be a Brigadier-General and his retirement on July 26. Col. Woodruff's promotion and retirement were ordered upon his own application, after a long service, during which he suffered many wounds, in the civil war and in Indian campaigns.

He was one of the senior colonels of the army who received no Volunteer promotion in recognition of his services in the war with Spain or in the Philippines. At the close of the civil war he was drawing a pension for wounds, but surrendered it and reëntered the service. He was wounded three times in engagements with Indians in 1877.

U. P. INQUIRY TO BE MADE

To See if Sherman Interstate Commerce Act Has Been Violated.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Interstate Commerce Commission ordered to-day that a proceeding be instituted to inquire whether the allowances made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company to Peavey & Co. for elevator facilities at Council Bluffs and Kansas City and the grain rates of the railroad company as affected by this service are in violation of the Sherman Interstate Commerce act.

Venezuela's Claims Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—United States Chargé Russell at Caracas has informed the State Department that the Venezuelan Government has appointed Dr. José de Jesus Paul as the representative of Venezuela on the mixed commission which is to consider the claims of the United States against Venezuela. Dr. Paul is also a member of the commission that is considering the French claims.

The Nashville Ordered to Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The gunboat Nashville, now at Boston, was ordered today to relieve the cruiser Atlanta at Santo Domingo City, where the recent political disturbances have made the presence of an American warship necessary. The Atlanta will return home.

The Plague Spreading in China.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Consul-General McWade at Canton cabled the State Department this morning that the bubonic plague is spreading rapidly among all the towns and villages west of the Canton River.

Shaw Back in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Secretary Shaw returned to-day from his trip to Louisiana, where he went on private business. He expects to meet President Roosevelt in Iowa the latter part of this month.

Aphthous Fever in Argentina.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The State Department has been informed by a despatch from Buenos Ayres that aphthous fever, and not cattle plague, has broken out in Argentina.

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COUNTRY STOREKEEPERS WILL REJOICE AT NEW ORDER.

Bristow Abolishes the System of Notifying Business Houses of Establishment of New Rural Routes and Names of Patrons—Payne Approved Practice.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, who has charge of the investigation now being made into the alleged post office scandals and who was recently placed in charge of the free-delivery division of the Department, following the suspension of Supt. Machen, issued an order to-day discontinuing the practice of sending to business firms throughout the country daily bulletins of the establishment of rural routes and the names of carriers appointed.

This action was taken because it was believed that the sending of these bulletins to manufacturing plants and mail-order concerns in the big cities was in the nature of discrimination against local industries in the rural communities.

It was learned at the Department to-day that for a long time it has been the custom to send out between three and five thousand of these bulletins each day. Many complaints have reached the Department from country storekeepers, who said that the practice, in connection with the posting in the free-delivery offices throughout the country the names of patrons living along the routes, was ruining their business.

Postmaster-General Payne has held that the latter practice is justifiable in order to prevent confusion, and has refused to act on the many petitions received by him to discontinue the posting of the names of patrons.

The objection to this custom is based on the fact that representatives of the big mail-order concerns copy these lists and send catalogues and advertising literature broadcast throughout the rural communities and deprive the general stores and local industries of a large source of revenue.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Wynne, under whose jurisdiction the free-delivery division remained until a few days ago, expressed surprise to-day when told of the order issued by the Fourth Assistant. Mr. Wynne said that had he known that thousands of letters were sent out daily under the Government frank to business firms throughout the country he long ago would have taken the action that Mr. Bristow did to-day.

Orders were issued to-day suspending the orders already issued for the establishment of free-delivery routes, which were to have taken effect before July 14. These new routes number between 300 and 400.

This action was taken in order to enable the new officials of the free-delivery service to investigate the needs and the necessities for the establishment, which cannot be done before the time heretofore fixed for commencing operation. It is understood that the suspension will be only temporary in those cases which are shown to justify the establishment of routes.

SAW LOST DAUGHTER IN DREAM.

The Girl Soon Came to Call and Was Accepted by the Family.

BALTIMORE, May 12.—Three dreams corroborative of one another in every essential detail have helped to convince Mr. and Mrs. Jasper W. Clark of 513 East Montgomery street, that in the person of Miss Ethel Clark they have found a daughter who was kidnapped by a tramp eighteen years ago. The young woman is also positive that she has found her parents.

Mrs. Clark attributes the return of her daughter and her identification to dreams and a novena, which Roman Catholic nuns offered to St. Anthony of Padua for the return to her parents of the stolen girl.

"You see, it was this way," said Mrs. Clark to-day, "a few nuns called here the Friday previous to last Good Friday and asked for alms. I gave them a small sum of money and asked them to pray that my daughter be restored to me. This they promised to do. One of them assured me that if the girl was alive she would be revealed to me. Soon afterward Marion Amanda—that is my daughter's right name—appeared to me in a dream, wearing precisely the same dress, hat, gloves and every article of attire, and looked for all the world as she appeared when she walked into my house on last Thursday. I knew then that she was alive. This belief was further confirmed when I saw her in a dream on two subsequent occasions, when she also wore the identical clothes which she had on last Thursday.

"The moment she came in the door I threw up my hands and asked: 'My God, Marion, are you coming before me just as I dreamed of you?' The poor child immediately told me that she felt she was at home, and the resemblance which she bears to me and to the other members of my family, taken together with the dream and her own recollection of where we lived when she was kidnapped, leaves no room for doubt that she is my lost daughter."

Miss Clark says she was raised in an orphan asylum in Washington and came here three years ago to take a place in a shirt factory. A month ago she learned that Mrs. Clark was looking for her daughter and she called upon her. She cannot explain how she retained her name.

DROWNED MAN W. P. LOUGHLIN.

Body Identified by Brother in Brooklyn Morgue—Missing Since April 15.

John Loughlin of the printing firm of Loughlin Bros., 128 Maiden lane, Manhattan, who lives at 1380 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn, visited the Brooklyn Morgue last night and identified the body of the drowned man found at the foot of Sullivan street on Monday last as that of his brother, William P. Loughlin, who disappeared on April 15.

William P. Loughlin was 23 years old and lived with his widowed mother, his brother John and three sisters at the St. Mark's avenue house. He was employed as a bookkeeper by Mills & Gibb at 462 Broadway. He drew his salary on April 15 and then went to West Broadway and Grand street to participate in a joke that the other young men in the establishment were playing on a fellow clerk.

Loughlin, his friends said, had three or four glasses of beer, but as it was unusual for him to drink he became unsteady on his feet. Two of his friends walked with him to the Bowery and Grand street, and, at about 8 o'clock that evening, he bade them good night and started down the Bowery toward the Bridge. That was the last time he was seen alive.

Loughlin was a graduate of St. Peter's Academy and was a member of the Ennis Club of the Eastern District. He belonged to several Catholic Church societies. His family sent a good description and a picture of him throughout the country and offered a reward for information regarding him.

WE GO TOO FAST A PACE.

HOW WE WEAKEN THE HEART AND CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.

The Daily Tension of Modern Life Denounced by a Physician Before the American Therapeutic Society—Give Up When You Are Sick, He Says.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The American Therapeutic Society, now in fourth annual convention here, spent to-day's session in discussing "The Strenuous Life." The principal paper on this subject was read by Dr. Oliver T. Osborne of New Haven, Conn., and was received with interest and attention. Dr. Osborne said in part:

"Several cases of late years have been at work to produce all sorts and kinds of neuroses of the heart or debility of the heart muscle, and to hasten that degeneration of the circulatory system that comes normally only late in life.

"The principal causes of this ever-increasing cardiac and arterial weakness are the high tension of our daily life, the nervous strain of some of our pastimes, as bicycling and automobiling in cities, and not the least cause is the constantly and recklessly increasing consumption of coaltar products for the relief of pain, whether for the omnipresent headache or for simple neuralgias.

"We hardly realize this daily tension and its effect on our hearts unless we analyze it. We rise on time in the morning, whether by an alarm clock, by the call of a servant, or by habit, eat breakfast, and read the papers on time, a clock in every room, and a watch frequently in our hand. We then, on time, meet office and outside engagements, college appointments, consultations, always and constantly carefully predicting the amount of time that will be required and timing the next engagement by this decision.

"We then carefully subdivide this time, and note by our watches exactly how long we can discuss a subject. An appointment kept by the other party even one minute late makes us restless.

"During the day we rush up long flights of stairs or take elevators that go up with a rush and stop with a plunge. If we drive, either horse or automobile, by the carelessness and haste of bicyclists or pedestrians our hearts stop, jump or receive the vasomotor contraction check from the sudden anxiety lest we do an injury.

"If we are in a car or vehicle managed by some one else we often receive the same real or needless shocks to our nervous systems or hearts. If we are ailing we slight nature's signal to relax, and still keep up the pace. If we are actually sick, unless we are seriously ill, we fight and wrestle with the disease, whatever it may be, instead of calmly giving up and allowing the disease to be temporary master of the ceremonies.

"A calm mind and heart will allow nature to expel the disease, if acute, and will mitigate or obstruct chronic disease until the last rampart is taken and the last gun fired.

"You have only to change the subject of the above sentences to describe the lives of most men and women of our rapid age and country. Even the school children, and I might say the young children, see too much, do too much, are amused too much, receive too much, compete in school too much, are taught too much, are awake too much for the welfare of their nervous systems."

Dr. J. N. Hall of Denver scored certain physicians heavily for recommending the altitude treatment to their patients without a thorough examination of symptoms. During his twenty years' experience, he said, he had examined many patients who supposed they were suffering with tuberculosis, who were really suffering from asthma, heart disease or chronic bronchitis, while certain patients with advanced lung trouble, he declared, must have been sent to the high altitude with the positive knowledge on the part of the physician that they could not live a month.

The use of the X-ray in the treatment of cancer was discussed by Dr. Robert Rayburn of Washington, D. C., and Dr. W. H. Wiley, chemist of the Agricultural Department, emphasized the necessity of having some efficient general and official supervision over drugs for the purpose of guaranteeing their purity and strength. Dr. Wiley made the statement that the manufacturers of patent medicines should be subject to the same supervision as druggists or saloonkeepers.

NO ALIMONY FOR MARQUEZA.

Private Agreement of Separation of No Binding Force.

Zona Amelia dos Santos cannot collect her bill for $1,813 in unpaid alimony against her divorced husband, Roderigo, Marquez dos Santos, according to the decision of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, because the court considers the practice of drawing up articles of separation between husband and wife to be against public policy.

The decision was rendered on the husband's appeal from a judgment his wife obtained in the City Court, after she had successfully sued him for a divorce. She got a judgment on the ground that he had failed to pay her $100 a month according to articles of separation drawn up between them some years ago, when he agreed to pay her that amount as long as she remained unmarried, lived with her mother and behaved herself. When she got her decree of divorce later there was no provision in it for alimony and she tried to collect on the separation agreement.

The Marquez dos Santos opposed her suit on the ground that the separation agreement was void, as having been made without consideration. Justices Truax and Giddersleeve, in reversing the City Court judgment, say that it is a well-settled law in this State that articles of separation between married persons, by which one agrees to pay the other alimony, are against public policy and cannot be enforced.

LICENSE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Many Cities and Towns Vote "Wet" Under the New Law.

MANCHESTER, N. H., May 12.—The first vote on the license question under the new Local Option law in this State was taken to-day, and unexpected license sentiment developed in the smaller towns as well as in the cities. Manchester went license by 4,124 majority, Concord by 600 majority, Nashua by 1,500 majority, Laconia by 600 majority.

It had been expected that most of the smaller places would go no license, but it was a great surprise that a large number of towns throughout the State voted for license.

A large part of New Hampshire will now be legally "wet" for the first time in fifty years.

The law goes into effect on May 19. The prices of licenses vary from $1,200 to $2,500, according to the population of the city or town. A State Board of Commissioners has power to refuse licenses where they are hurtful to the public welfare, and to regulate the liquor traffic in hotels.

Woman's Body Found in East River.

The body of a woman evidently about 40 years old was found, badly decomposed, in the East River off North Eighth street, Williamsburg, yesterday morning. The woman was dressed in a black taffeta silk waist, a rainy-day skirt and a heavy black chinchilla coat. No marks on her clothing gave a clue to her identity. The body was taken to the Morgue.

Vice-Chancellor Grey Reappointed.

TRENTON, N. J., May 12.—Chancellor Magie announced to-day the reappointment of Martin P. Grey of Camden as a Vice-Chancellor for a term of seven years. Vice-Chancellor Grey was first appointed in 1896 by State Chancellor McGill. He is a Republican and a brother of former Attorney-General Samuel H. Grey.

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TO IMPROVE MANILA HEMP.

ACTION URGED BY DEALERS HERE AND IN MANILA.

If Recommendations Are Followed, Adulterated Hemp Will Be Seized and It Will Be Made a Penal Offence to Mix Genuine Hemp With Other Fibres.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Inferior quality of Manila fibre received from the Philippines for more than a year past seriously threatens the hemp industry of the archipelago, and steps are being taken by the United States Government, in conjunction with the Philippines Government, to regulate the quality of the output.

Some time ago complaints were received at the War Department from the leading cordage people of this country, and a signed statement was laid before the Secretary of War. It was said in this letter that the hemp fibre received from the Philippines contained a large amount of wheat fibre, with nothing to indicate the weak spots, as the color was uniform.

The Manila merchants proved equally anxious to secure some remedy for the evil, and at a meeting with the Philippines Secretary of the Interior they asked for legislation to govern the hemp industry. The Philippines Commission referred the matter to T. H. Edwards, expert in charge of fibre investigation, and his report, which has just been received at the War Department, was sent to-day to Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Edwards says:

"With a ruined market, the hemp industry will die a quick and natural death. With an assured market it may be expected to keep pace, if not lead, the agricultural development of the islands."

The Philippines Commission has not determined what regulations can be enacted which will prevent the exportation of hemp of inferior quality. The Manila merchants who deal in hemp fibre have urged upon the Secretary of War and Gov. Taft the adoption of stringent measures. They ask the Government to declare adulterated and fraudulent all hemp fibre containing an excess of pith; also to prohibit the use of toothed knives in the cleaning of hemp.

They also ask that the persons having these toothed knives in their possession be punished by the Philippines authorities; that the Government prohibit hemp cleaners from leaving hemp trees uncleaned more than twenty-four hours after they are cut down, so as to prevent the putrefaction of the fibre.

It is recommended that the Government employ inspectors in the hemp districts, and that a month after the enactment of such regulations the Government confiscate and destroy all adulterated hemp in the islands.

It is also recommended that it be made a penal offence to mix hemp fibre with other fibres or any substance which would decrease its quality and value.

GEORGE A. KOLB HEARD FROM

Missing Manager of the Marine Engineers Wires From San Francisco.

The wife of George A. Kolb, the missing business manager of the Marine Engineers, Benevolent Association, received this telegram from him yesterday:

Notify Murphy that I will be home as quickly as possible. All is well now.
GEORGE.

The telegram was sent from San Francisco. The Murphy referred to is Danie Murphy, assistant business manager of the association, and Mrs. Kolb immediately notified him of its receipt.

Mrs. Kolb, who had been hopeful since her husband disappeared, that he would be heard from alive, believes that the message is genuine and that he started home immediately after sending the despatch. She thinks he will arrive home on Saturday.

"But I can't see what took him to San Francisco, because I know he did not have sufficient money to get there unassisted," said Mrs. Kolb. "I still believe he was kidnapped. I hardly know what to think of his words, 'All is well now.' It shows that he has been in some kind of trouble."

As Kolb used to live in San Francisco, it was suggested that he wandered there while his mind was temporarily affected by the strain of the strike which he conducted for the marine engineers.

Kolb was last seen here on the afternoon of May 4, when he left his home, at 321 East Thirty-fifth street, saying that he was going to Greenpoint and would return in the evening for dinner.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—George A. Kolb, the business manager of the Marine Engineers' Association, appeared in San Francisco yesterday. Kolb was discovered at a telegraph office just as he was about to send a telegram to his wife to tell her of his safety.

When questioned about his departure from New York, Kolb said he remembered nothing about it until he reached El Paso. He can give no explanation of his disappearance, but his friends think that his mind gave way under the strain of work. He left this morning for the East.

STICK TO 15 CENT BEER.

Majority of the Liquor Dealers' Association Stand by the New Price.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' Association, which recently voted to increase the price of beer from 10 to 15 cents a pint and to abolish free lunch, held a long meeting in Terrace Garden yesterday. Reports from the forty-one locals showed, according to President Fritz Lindinger, that about 80 per cent. of the members of the organization are living up to the 15-cent beer rule and that only about half the members have abolished the free lunch.

Some of the liquor dealers present wanted to go back to the old price for beer, but the majority were against the suggestion.

President Lindinger said after the meeting that the fact that there were a good many members who had not yet fallen in line with the 15-cent beer and the no-lunch rules was not to be wondered at. "It took us two years to get the price from 8 cents to 10 cents a pint after the Raines law was passed, and it will probably take some time now."

A CENTENNIAL IN CHEMISTRY.

The Verein Deutscher Chemiker Keeps Liebig's Memory Green.

The Verein Deutscher Chemiker celebrated the hundredth birthday of Justus von Liebig with a dinner at the Chemists' Club, 108 West Fifty-fifth street, last evening. The speakers told of incidents in the career of the German master chemist. Among those who spoke were Prof. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins University, and Prof. William H. Brewer of Yale. About 300 were present.

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PASTOR FIGHTS SUNDAY BALL.

The Rev. George R. Stair of Brooklyn Says It Disturbs His Services.

The Rev. George R. Stair, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Brooklyn, who caused the police of the Fifth avenue station to stop the Tierney Association baseball team from playing near his church on Sunday last, declared yesterday that he would fight all attempts to play in the future.

"The game played on Sunday, within the precincts of a church, is a violation of the Sunday law and a desecration of the Sabbath," he said.

"A crowd of from 1,500 to 3,000 gather and there is shouting and other noise. They say they play simply for recreation, but the game seems to be supported by the man Tierney, who keeps a saloon where the association has its headquarters.

"If Catholic priests gave their consent to the game on Sunday afternoon it is because they do not have a service at that hour. I understand an injunction is to be asked for, restraining the police from interfering. I will fight such an injunction."

The Tierney Association has spent several hundred dollars laying out the ground and the members say they will fight for the right to play.

CRAZY AUTOMOBILE'S RUN.

Cuts Wide Swath Through the Streets of Alexandria, Ind.

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., May 12.—The gasoline tank of William Gordon's automobile exploded yesterday while the machine was going forty miles an hour. The owner jumped and alighted in a soft place, escaping injury. The machine took fire and increased its speed. It kept in the road, but zigzagged about. It ran half a block on a sidewalk and then started after the principal of the school, who grabbed the limb of a shade tree and swung himself clear as the car passed snorting with pain. The machine then crashed through a fence and climbed a grape arbor. It backed up and jumped into the street again just as the fire marshal came up in his red buggy. The marshal lashed his horse, but the motor car had the lead through the business section. Finally the automobile ran against a drinking tank and stopped. The flames were then extinguished. The loss is total.

FATAL ROW OVER ICE ROUTE.

Kreite Hit Pelzer and the Latter Struck His Head When He Fell.

Ernest Pelzer, an ice man, of 103 Amsterdam avenue, died yesterday morning in Roosevelt Hospital from a broken skull received in a fight on Monday afternoon. Henry Kreite, another ice man, of 697 Tenth avenue, was arrested for the assault. He was arraigned in the West Side police court and remanded to the custody of the Coroner.

Kreite told the police that Pelzer had formerly had his ice route and was jealous of his success. Finally on Monday morning, Kreite said, Pelzer struck him. Kreite hit back and when Pelzer fell he struck his head on the pavement.

Kreite was taken to the police court on Monday, and several persons who saw the fight testified in his behalf. Magistrate Hogan discharged him, but the police arrested him again after Pelzer died.

MOVED AND LEFT BABY BEHIND.

Year-Old Infant Was Uncared for Until the Neighbors Found It.

John and Bridget McKenna were arraigned yesterday before Magistrate Tighe in the Butler street court, Brooklyn, on a charge of deserting their one-year-old daughter Ella, leaving her, as alleged, uncared for for nearly twelve hours in the apartments on the third floor of the tenement house at 413 Third avenue, which they vacated on Monday morning. The cries of the infant attracted the notice of Mrs. Brown, who lives on the second floor, and the police were notified. The baby was placed in the care of the city nurse.

The parents were hunted down on Monday night and locked up in the Fifth avenue station. Magistrate Tighe held them for trial in the Court of Special Sessions.

The Weather.

The change in the atmospheric conditions over the country yesterday was slight, save that the low pressure area which had been hanging over the Southern States for several days was drawing to a focus and forming into a storm in the lower Mississippi Valley, with a trough of depression extending northward over the Central States to Lakes Superior and Michigan. Throughout this belt the weather was cloudy and showery and similar conditions spread eastward over the Southern States to the coast of Georgia. The rainfall was generally less than one inch.

Fair weather continued in the middle Atlantic and New England States and the lower Lake Region and in the Rocky Mountain district.

The temperature changes were slight, except that it was cooler, with frost reported in South Dakota and Nebraska.

In this city the day was fair; slight change of temperature; wind fresh northeasterly; average humidity, 64 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M. 30.37; 3 P. M. 30.43.

The temperature yesterday as recorded by the official thermometer is shown in the annexed table:

	1903.	1902.		1903.	1902.
9 A. M.	61°	54°	6 P. M.	64°	57°
12 M.	68°	62°	9 P. M.	60°	53°
3 P. M.	68°	59°	12 Mid.	58°	54°

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, fair to-day and to-morrow; colder to-morrow in interior; light south winds becoming northwest.

For New England, fair to-day and to-morrow; colder to-morrow in northwest portion; fresh south winds.

For Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia, fair to-day and to-morrow; light, variable winds.

For New Jersey and Delaware, fair to-day and to-morrow; light, variable winds.

For western New York, fair to-day, probably showers to-night along the lakes; fair and cooler to-morrow.

LIEN ON C. F. MURPHY'S HOUSE.

Dispute Over a Bill for Painting and Decorating It.

Henry J. Schreiber, a painter and decorator, has brought suit in the Supreme Court to foreclose a mechanic's lien on the premises at 305 East Seventeenth street, belonging to Charles F. Murphy, the Tammany Hall leader. Schreiber says that Murphy owes him $512, the unpaid balance of a contract by which he says he agreed on Aug. 21 last to paper, paint and decorate the house for $1,600. He filed the lien on Dec. 31 last, through his counsel, F. F. Eisman.

The house is one which, it is said, Mr. Murphy bought and intended to move into on returning from his honeymoon in the fall of last year. Through his lawyer, Charles P. Dillon, Murphy denies that he owes Schreiber anything, and sets up that he made a contract for the renovation of the premises with one Nathaniel Fernbacher, who must have sublet the contract to Schreiber. Murphy says that he has paid for all the work done on the house. Justice Leventritt put the foreclosure suit on the preferred cause calendar yesterday.

MRS. MOREY-HOBBY'S COW AGAIN.

Excuse That She Owns Coney Island Doesn't Serve Her This Time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Morey-Hobby of West First street, Coney Island, was arraigned in the Coney Island court yesterday on a charge of permitting her cow to roam at will and to destroy the lawn and gardens of the Rev. P. V. Van Buskirk, pastor of the Gravesend Reformed Church. In default of $300 bail, which she refused to allow her husband to give, she was committed to Raymond Street Jail for a hearing to-morrow.

Mrs. Morey-Hobby has been arrested many times for violating a city ordinance in permitting her cows to roam at will over Coney Island. She invariably gives as an excuse her affirmation that she holds the original deeds to much of Coney Island. The courts have hitherto been lenient, but it is said the Magistrates are getting tired of the threadbare excuse and it is now proposed to give her a lesson.

SAVES TWO MORE LIVES.

Mate Burke Hauls Out a Would-be Suicide and a Rescuer.

Michael Burke, mate of the Department of Correction's boat Minnahannock, who already has two medals for life saving, rescued Isaac B. Reed, 73 years old, an inmate of the Almshouse on Blackwell's Island, and Charles Wilson, a trusty prisoner, from the East River yesterday afternoon.

Reed attempted suicide by leaping from the Blackwell's Island dock just as the Minnahannock left. Wilson and Burke plunged in after him together. Wilson reached the old man first, but received a blow from Reed's fist which left him helpless. Burke managed to get Reed to the dock and then turned his attention to Wilson.

Fireproof Paddock for W. G. Brokaw.

GREAT NECK, L. I., May 12.—In the rebuilding of the paddock on the estate of W.