HUNTING THE 'SKEETER BUG.

DEVOTEES OF THE SPORT TO FORM A NATIONAL SOCIETY.

Preliminary Convention Held Without Interference From the Anopheles or Any of the Allied Tribes of Culex—Meeting Ends in Commuters' Flight.

About one hundred determined foes of the mosquito, and especially of that head devil among insects, the *anopheles*, or malaria mosquito, met yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Board of Trade and Transportation, at Fulton street and Broadway, and set afoot a national organization. They assembled in pursuance of a call issued by numerous distinguished reformers and statesmen to hold "the first general convention to consider the questions involved in mosquito extermination."

When Henry Clay Weeks called them to order, it was noted that nearly all the reformers were present prepared to offer remarks, while the statesmen, without exception, had ducked. The Hon. Franklin Murphy, Governor of New Jersey, who was to have presided, had to attend the Court of Pardons, which can't do business without him. The Hon. John Kean, Senator from New Jersey; the Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, and the Hon. William C. Whitney, an ex-statesman, were all unable to be present, but they sent letters saying that they would stand for being known as anti-anophelists.

Hardly less interesting than the burning words of the speakers, who presented the mosquito evil in all its phases, was the literature that was left lying around the room in the hope that some of it, at least, might not fall upon stony ground. The most graphic contribution to this library of tracts is found on the first page of a pamphlet issued by the Village Improvement Society of South Orange, N. J.

It is a series of three pictures of the same puddle. In the first picture a female mosquito is seen floating airily away in the genial sunshine of a summer afternoon. She has just deposited from 150 to 400 eggs on the surface of the puddle and they are floating, black as night, in the shadow of some rushes. The mosquito has crossed her legs in indolent ease, and as she wings away she casts over her shoulder at her offspring a look of infinite tenderness.

The second picture reads like a theatre programme. It is labelled "Five days later." The plot thickens. Wrigglers or larvæ are plainly visible in the puddle. Some are at the bottom feeding, others are at the top breathing, and the rest are scudding about in between.

By this time it is apparent that the outcome of the drama depends upon whether the sun can dry up the puddle before the wrigglers develop into mosquitoes. Half the water is gone, but the wicked still flourish.

Act III. is entitled "The Mosquitoes Win." It occurs five days after Act II. The puddle has almost vanished, but a cloud of mosquitoes is emerging from it and going forth into the world to follow their mother's example.

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Henry Clay Weeks, in calling the convention to order, drew attention to a fact which is often overlooked—that the anti-mosquito reform has passed beyond the humorous stage. He referred with something like pity to the "benighted writers" who fail to realize that the time for jesting has gone by. It may as well be said that most of the speakers took the same view of the matter. There was very little mirth in the day's proceedings.

Tenement House Commissioner Robert W. De Forest, who presided, tried a light touch or two in introducing what the State Entomologist described as "culologists," but he got mighty little response. Before that Mr. Weeks had headed off the obvious joke about holding an anti-mosquito convention on the coldest day of December by remarking that that was the best time for it, presumably because the mosquitoes couldn't get into the meeting and break it up.

Dr. John B. Smith, the New Jersey State Entomologist, who probably knows more mosquitoes than any other living man, sent in a paper telling about thirty-three kinds that he had had dealings with. Other speakers and what they talked about were Surgeon Preston H. Bailhache, "The Extermination of Mosquitoes in Houses"; Passed Assistant Surgeon J. P. Perry, "The Work of the Marine Hospital Corps"; John Claflin, who told how he and his neighbors had cleared up a bad place in Morristown, N. J.; Dr. William N. Berkeley, "The Exactness of Proofs of Transmission of Malaria"; Walter C. Kerr, "What a Rural Community Can Do"; Dr. E. Porter Felt, State Entomologist, "What New York State Ought To Do"; William J. Matheson, the Father of the Movement on the north shore of Long Island, "How Far Does Extermination Exterminate?" and Spencer Miller, "The Long Distance Theory."

When Mr. Matheson told of finding mosquito larvæ in the water of a well 110 feet deep and having a temperature of 56 degrees, a low murmur of horror ran from lip to lip, and a scientific person from New Jersey threw up his hands and exclaimed "Gracious!" The incident was seized upon as showing the insidious character and fiendish persistency of the baneful bug.

Major Gorgas told how the yellow fever mosquito was crowded out of Havana. Some other gentlemen sent in papers, which were read, and several eloquent reformers butted in and took so much time that, finally, as the commuters who composed the bulk of the audience began to disappear, Henry Clay Weeks asked "leave to print" for his paper, and got it.

The convention had previously authorized its chairman to appoint a committee of ten, who are to call another convention to form a national anti-mosquito society, if they see fit. Nobody seemed to doubt that they would do it.

STRAW MAN CONFESSES TOO MUCH

Accusations by Hero of 174 Worthless Bail Bonds Discredited.

Herman Froelich, the man arrested last week for perjury in giving straw bail in police stations, principally the Fifth street station, had offered a confession to Assistant District Attorney Miner, head of the bail bond department. In it certain East Side business men are accused of offering straw bail and of having a straw bail system in operation, in which, it is understood, Froelich says certain police sergeants were mixed up.

The confession was made on Saturday night in the Tombs to Mr. Miner, who has since been looking it up. He has found that the citizens mentioned by Froelich have acted as bondsmen only for personal friends and have good security and he has been unable to corroborate at all any of the statements made by Froelich imputing criminality. Mr. Miner says that he has found that Froelich himself has been on 174 straw bonds.

The District Attorney says that the investigation so far shows only that Froelich has apparently made a "confession" to save himself without involving any other really guilty person.

SHE NEEDN'T PAY TAXES TWICE.

City Employee Stole Them the First Time and City Collected Again.

A jury in the Supreme Court decided yesterday that the city could not compel Mrs. Wilhelmina E. Lehmicuhl to pay her taxes twice over. The first time she paid them the clerk in the Tax Department who took the money put it in his pocket and gave her a forged receipt.

Mrs. Lehmicuhl paid $126 in taxes and got a receipt for the money from a clerk called Conlan, who was sent to Sing Sing for issuing false receipts and appropriating taxes. Mrs. Lehmicuhl received a second tax bill from the city, which she paid under protest. She then sued the city for the $126 and got a verdict yesterday.

"A Notable Collection."

The William Erastus Tefft collection of Theatrical Photographs and Bills of the Play and Dramatic Literature, now on exhibition at the New York Art Galleries, 2 West 28th street, to be sold at auction by order of the executors of the late Mr. Tefft, Stern & Rushmore, Attorneys. Sale commences Thursday, December 17th, at 3 P. M. Exhibition open evenings.

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MRS. PARKER TO BE RETRIED.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE ON THE FORGERY CHARGE.

Prosecuting Attorney Offers to Imitate the Contested Signature as Well as Parker Did, but the Court Won't Let Him—"Bluff," Says Woman's Lawyer.

The trial of Mabel Parker, the pretty young woman who was charged with forgery and uttering forged checks, resulted in a disagreement of the jury yesterday. Report from the jury room said that the jury stood seven to five for conviction.

There are several other indictments against the young woman. It was said at the District Attorney's office yesterday that she will be tried again as soon as possible on the indictment which has resulted in the present mistrial.

Assistant District Attorney Train made what his opponent, Mr. Le Barbier, called "a stupendous bluff" in summing up the case for the people. The jury, notwithstanding Mr. Le Barbier, got noticeably interested, and Mabel herself was in a highly flushed and agitated state before the incident closed.

Mr. Train, in commenting on the evidence of James Parker, Mabel's morphine-using husband, said that simply because Parker proved himself a passable forger of the name "Alice Kauser" on the stand he was not necessarily the one who committed the crime for which his wife was on trial. Said Mr. Train:

"James Parker has had five months in which to prepare to present his imitation of Alice Kauser's signature. He had nothing to lose by confessing the forgery. He has already pleaded guilty to uttering forged checks and a term of imprisonment stares him in the face. By confessing, he may let his wife out. Considering the five months in which he has had time to practise that signature, I do not feel that his work is remarkably close to the original.

"As I left my home this morning it occurred to me that I might easily learn that signature. I practised it on the elevated train coming down town and five minutes after I reached my office. I am prepared to sit down here and in your presence and from memory alone, make a better forgery of Alice Kauser's name than did Jim Parker."

Mr. Train sat down, pulled back his right sleeve, grasped a pen and began to write. Mr. Le Barbier's huge bulk rose into the air with wonderful alacrity. He objected, he said, to the introduction of exhibits into the case which were not in the evidence. Mabel Parker, leaning forward in her chair, grasped at her counsel's coat tails, whispering, "Don't let him do it! For God's sake, don't let him do it!"

When Mr. Le Barbier had finished his objection, Mr. Train turned on him and with sarcastic intonation asked:

"Are you afraid?"

"Afraid!" snorted Mr. Le Barbier. "It's just a bluff."

"If it's a bluff," said Mr. Train, "withdraw your objection and let me write this signature!"

Mr. Le Barbier did not withdraw the objection. The Court sustained it. Mr. Train seemed to think that he had made his point, however, for he closed soon afterward, devoting a few minutes to Mr. Le Barbier's characterization of Mabel as "a little wounded dove" who, as Mr. Train said, "had been fluttering around the Tenderloin for some five years or more."

SAYS POLITICIAN GOT $100.

But Did Not Obtain a Place for an Aspirant for a Clerkship.

Eugene Ameli, who for many years has been active in Republican politics in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, was arraigned yesterday in the Ewen street police court, Williamsburg, before Magistrate O'Reilly on a charge of grand larceny by accepting, it is alleged, $100 from John Cooney of 165 Monitor street on a promise to obtain for Cooney a clerkship in the post office.

Ameli was formerly the Republican leader of the Fourteenth Assembly district. His downfall as leader came two years ago when he was defeated at the polls for City Magistrate by William Brennan, who was later unseated by a decision of the Court of Appeals.

Magistrate O'Reilly released Ameli in $500 bail. The matter will be presented to the Grand Jury.

COTTAGES FOR THE AGED.

Folks Lets Contracts for Three for the Colony at Staten Island.

Commissioner of Charities Folks has awarded the contracts for the erection of the first three cottages of the new colony for the aged and infirm on Staten Island. The colony will occupy forty acres of land adjoining the New York City Farm Colony, formerly the Richmond County Poor Farm.

The new colony will receive able-bodied inmates, while the infirm and helpless will be left at Blackwell's Island and Flatbush. Around each cottage will be a plot of ground on which the inmates can work.

Two of the cottages to be built at once are for women and will accommodate thirty, while the third is for aged couples and will have room for twenty.

THREE DIE OF PNEUMONIA.

Northrup's Widow and Her Sister Expire Three Weeks After His Death.

UTICA, Dec. 16.—Three weeks ago Milton M. Northrup, one of the wealthiest citizens of this city, died after a few days' illness with pneumonia. To-day Mr. Northrup's widow died at her home here after a three days illness, while in an adjoining room her sister, Mrs. Harvey O. Barker of Horseheads, N. Y., passed away an hour later. Both Mrs. Northrup and Mrs. Barker, like Mr. Northrup, were victims of pneumonia.

Mrs. Barker came to Utica at the time of Mr. Northrup's death and remained to visit her sister. With Mrs. Northrup she was taken ill on Sunday, and though the two sisters were dying in adjoining rooms neither knew of the critical condition of the other.

Three Men Drowned.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Three men were drowned in Massena at 7 o'clock this morning, just outside of the intake of the power canal in the St. Lawrence River. The dead are George Moffatt, William Wilkinson and an Italian whose name could not be learned. The men were in a small boat which capsized in the swift current. They were carried under the ice and drowned before assistance could arrive.

Employers to Fight Labor in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—An organization of employers to battle against union labor was formed at the Mechanics, Dealers and Lumbermen's Exchange last night. The organization is the first of that kind here, including only those engaged in the building trades. It is understood that it will be extended so as to include all employers of labor. The association is known as the New Orleans Employers' Association, Chapter No. 1.

WON'T STAND FOR A BOYCOTT.

JERSEY CITY'S POLICE CHIEF WARNS UNION HATTERS.

Says He'll Have Officers on Hand to Protect Men Who Want to Work for the Mark Davis Company—What the Chancery Court Said in a Similar Case.

Abraham Davis and Louis Ruskin, who were arrested on Tuesday while doing picket duty in front of Mark Davis's Sons & Co.'s new hat and cap factory in Ninth street, Jersey City, were arraigned as disorderly persons in the First Criminal Court in that city yesterday. The firm had appealed for protection against the activity of members of the United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers' Union.

When the factory was opened representatives of the union called on a member of the firm and wanted him to sign a $10,000 bond agreement to conduct a union shop. The company had had strike troubles in its Manhattan shop, so it refused to sign the bond. The following day the shop was placed under the union's ban.

Capt. John F. Kelly of the Second precinct told the court that the pickets were loitering in front of the place. He advised them to move on and warned them not to interfere in any way with the men who were at work. The pickets consulted a walking delegate who was standing near by and then took up their former positions in front of the factory. Their arrest followed.

Samuel Davis, one of the firm, testified that the prisoners openly made memoranda of the names of the employees as they left the factory. He declared this to be intimidation.

Police Justice Hoos decided that the prisoners hadn't annoyed anybody, as they hadn't stopped or accosted the firm's employees on the public street. He could find nothing in the testimony to show intimidation and dismissed the complaint.

As the pickets were about to leave the pen Chief of Police Murphy entered the courtroom and addressed them as follows:

"I don't know how much of a case has been made against you men, but I want to tell you a few things before you go. You are in a town now where the people believe that any man who wants to engage in honest employment shall be properly protected. We keep that kind of protection on tap all the time.

"No matter what you think of Jersey justice, take my advice. So long as this man comes to this city and gives employment to several hundred men he'll get protection. If you try to annoy him or interfere with his business there'll be a policeman within call, and if you accost or interfere with the men who want to work you'll be arrested and brought down here again."

Justice Hoos advised the complainant to apply to the Court of Chancery for an injunction to restrain the strikers from interfering with his business and his employees.

Chief Murphy said last night that he will have two or more men in full uniform on guard until the strike has been declared off.

"I believe," he said, "in preventing the commission of a crime or a breach of the peace or any disorderly act and the police on duty at the hat factory will do so. Therefore, if the pickets or strikers loiter around, interfere with or intimidate the men who are at work, they will certainly be arrested."

There has been a disposition on the part of the Justices of the police courts to deal gently with the pickets and strikers who are brought before them. The Justices make no secret of the fact that they prefer to have the Court of Chancery adjust the difficulties between employers and strikers.

Vice-Chancellor Pitney decided in a case where members of a union were restrained from interfering with an employer in the conduct of his business that:

First—All sorts of laborers may lawfully combine and form unions for their mutual benefit and they may use all lawful means to promote their own interest, being careful in so doing not to infringe on the rights of others.

Second—One lawful means to that end is the refusal to work on terms offered by the employers.

Third—An unlawful means is to hinder or prevent others from working for an employer under such terms as they shall see fit.

Fourth—One means of such hindering and preventing is in various ways to render it either difficult or uncomfortable for such willing workmen so to work. This is an unlawful means.

Fifth—Another unlawful means in common use is to hinder or prevent willing employees from working and to compel employers to accede to terms which they would not otherwise adopt is the boycott in its various forms.

FIST INITIATION.

How the Plasterers' Laborer's Union Has Persuaded Italian Rivals to Come In.

Committees of the Employing Plasterers' Association and the old Plasterers' Laborers' Union composed chiefly of Irishmen, were appointed several weeks ago to settle a feud between that union and the Italian laborers' organization by amalgamating the two unions. Members of both were employed indiscriminately at $3.25 a day, the union plasterers having been made to agree to work with members of either organization.

Since the harmonizing committees were appointed the members of the old union have practically settled the question of amalgamation in the manner made famous in the case of the iron workers by Sam Parks now of Sing Sing. The Italians have been thrashed by the Irishmen until all but a small faction have joined the old union.

The method has been simplicity itself. The rival unionists have been working together on the same buildings. For an Italian to refuse to join the old union meant fight when work was over. The next day the Italians, by the strenuous process adopted overnight, would be found to have been surely interested in the old union.

James Thompson, president of the Employing Plasterer's Association told a SUN reporter last evening that his committee favored recommending that the remnant of the Italian Laborers' Union join the old union.

"We don't care which we employ," he said; "but one thing the old laborers have learned and that is that they are confronted with a stronger organization than their own—that is, by the Building Trades Employers' Association. Formerly the laborers quit work at 5 o'clock, and if a load of mortar came they let it remain out all night. Now they have to take it in before they go. It was time to call a halt on the union. If they work on the Saturday half holiday now they have to do it on straight time, not double time, as in the old days."

TO DELEGATES' EXPENSES, $1,600.

Brewers' Union Wants to Know How Four Men Spent So Much in Twelve Days.

Brewers' Union No. 1 of this city is not satisfied with an item in the report of the convention of the International Brewers' Union held in Boston recently to the effect that the expenses of four delegates to the convention were $1,600. This means $400 a man for a convention which lasted twelve days. The union decided yesterday to write to the executive board of the International Union asking for details of these expenses.

Wouldn't Take Lower Wages; Mill Closed.

DERBY, Conn., Dec. 16.—The Sidney Blumenthal & Co. silk and velvet mills were closed to-day indefinitely, throwing 250 persons out of employment. Business in the silk and velvet line is so poor that the company informed the employees that they must either accept a cut of 12½ per cent. in wages or the mill would be closed for three months longer. The employees declined to accept the cut and the mill was closed.

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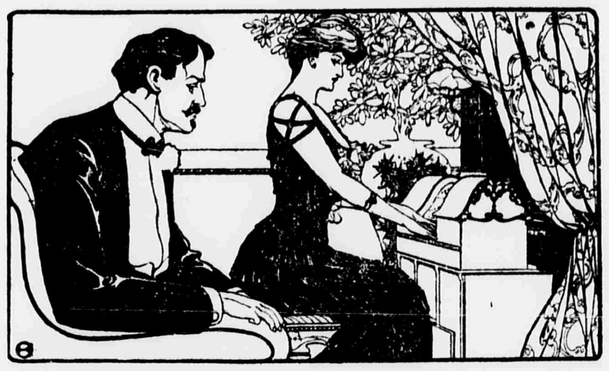

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NO CLUE TO THE DYNAMITERS.

POLICE AND EMPLOYERS ARE AT WORK INDEPENDENTLY.

Employers Seem to Hope That Some One Will Squeal—No Further Outbreak Feared—Iron League Has Done Nothing With the C. F. U.'s Appeal for Peace.

So far the police have not made much headway in finding out the persons responsible for the dynamite explosions in the Broadway Tabernacle building, at Fifty-sixth street and Broadway, and the new Acker, Merrall & Condit building, in West Forty-third street, on Sunday morning.

Capt. Handy of the West Forty-seventh street station, who has had all his available men working on the case since last Sunday, said that he wouldn't made any predictions. "I'm not going to make any promises," he said, "and not fulfil them. The case is a difficult one, but we are making some headway."

It was learned yesterday that the employers are making an investigation on their own hook. Their hope seems to be to get some one to "squeal." Private detectives have been hired in addition to the ones posted at the buildings, and they are doing nothing else but trying to get some trace of the men responsible for the explosions. If they have succeeded in learning anything definite the employers are not telling.

Just at this time, when so many structural iron workers are trying to get into the new New York Housesmiths' Union, the private detectives seem to feel that if a disgruntled workman is responsible for the explosions somebody will tell.

The Employers' Association as a body is not making any investigation, but the Iron League is supporting the work of the individual employers by offering rewards.

C. E. Cheney, secretary of the Iron League, said yesterday that he didn't expect that an attempt would be made to make any trouble just at present. He thinks that with the lighting up of the buildings at night and the extra precautions taken in the daytime no one would be foolish enough to try any dynamiting.

Mr. Cheney said that no action had been taken on the communication from a committee of the Central Federated Union asking for a conference with the employers toward the recognition of Sam Parks's old union.

"The new union," said Mr. Cheney, "has two men for every job, except in certain branches. Within the last week there have been 700 applications from members of the old union for admittance to the new one. The new union only meets once a week, and the applicants have to go before the examining committee, so it takes some time."

There was a fire yesterday morning on the third floor of the new *Times* building, at Forty-second street and Broadway. The straw packing in a lot of terra cotta blazed up, and before the fire was put out it had done about $2,000 damage. Supt. Mayer said he thought the fire had been started by sparks from a forge.

The joint executive committees of Local No. 2 of the iron workers and the International Association met yesterday at the Ashland House and passed a resolution to offer an independent reward of $500 for the conviction of the parties causing the explosions. This will be submitted for ratification at the meeting of Local No. 2 to-morrow night.

MINERS IN LEGISLATION.

President Fahy Says They Have Secured a Foothold at Harrisburg.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Dec. 16.—President John Fahy of the Ninth district of the United Mine Workers, at the annual convention in session here, surprised the delegates by saying that the mine workers have secured a foothold in the State legislative halls at Harrisburg. He said inferentially that the miners should not vote for any candidates at the general State and county elections whom they did not have reason to believe were favorable to organized labor. He declared that unionism should be placed above all other issues.

President Fahy said that the organization has succeeded in having the wages of the miners increased 33 per cent. since 1900 and deplored the fact that the annual report shows that there are many men who are taking no interest in the organization and who are behind in their dues.

Convicted Prisoner Weds in the Tombs.

Harry Wilinsky, alias Williams, a prisoner in the Tombs, was married yesterday by civil contract to Miss Stella Hamilton. Williams was convicted last week of stealing a pocketbook from Albert B. Hilton and will be arraigned for sentence to-day in the General Sessions.

GO SLOW WITH S. I. FERRY.

This Administration to Have No Chance to Begin the Improvement.

Mayor Low will not see the city committed to the municipal Staten Island project in his term. On Comptroller Grout's motion the Sinking Fund Commission yesterday called on the Dock Commissioner to present the specifications and form of contract for the building of the new ferryboats. Without larger slips and terminals the new boats would be useless.

Alderman McCall said: "I will not vote for this thing until I know that the city will operate the ferry instead of leasing it after it has bought it."

"I am going to look into this whole matter before I approve of it," said Comptroller Grout. "This scheme to spend $5,000,000 in buying the ferry and of running it at a yearly loss of $500,000 is too big to pass upon without considering carefully, and I must be convinced of the necessity for this expenditure before I vote for it."

Commissioner Hawkes intimated that he had enough money to begin work, but Mr. Grout, with some asperity, told him that he could not use money which had been voted for dock improvements to carry out ferry improvements.

"I am led to understand by the Corporation Counsel that the Dock Board can legally transfer money from one account to another," Mr. Hawkes said. "Perhaps it would be as well to get a written opinion from him on the matter."

"I would not be guided by such an opinion," Mr. Grout answered. "I would certainly ask the courts for a ruling if the Corporation Counsel rendered an opinion of that kind."

DRUCKER WAS NOT KILLED.

Mr. Garvan Could Find Nothing to Support Murphy's Story.

District Attorney Jerome announced yesterday that his office had dropped the investigation of the death in Bellevue Hospital of August Drucker. He gave out this report, made to him by Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who had charge of the investigation:

It was claimed by one Murphy, now in the Tombs awaiting trial upon a charge of petit larceny, that he witnessed violence to Mr. Drucker, the night of his death, by nurses in Bellevue Hospital.

Murphy is an alcoholic and has a long criminal record, and I have been unable to find any corroboration whatever of his statement. Mr. Drucker was picked up by the police on Forty-second street, he was searched in the police station at the Grand Central, and no property was found on him with the exception of a gold chain and 63 cents in money; he was examined by the physician at the station house and sent to Bellevue Hospital as insane; he was there examined by the physician in charge, who pronounced him to be suffering from acute alcoholism and placed in the alcoholic ward.

All my investigations in the case show that Drucker received the best of treatment from the time that he was picked up on the street until the time of his death. I have been unable to discover any evidence outside of Murphy of any violence offered to Mr. Drucker, and, further, I have been unable to discover any evidence that the diagnosis of the physicians or the treatment by the physicians in Bellevue Hospital was erroneous or careless. The physicians' diagnosis of the disease was meningitis caused by alcoholism, and no facts are now revealed which tend to show that was not the real cause of death.

Mr. Drucker's body has been interred and I find no suspicious circumstances justifying the county in expending money to exhume the body.

It was said last night that Coroner Jackson, who has been investigating the case, might have the body dug up and see if there's anything in it.

Divorce Rather Than Drive Mules.

Mrs. Fredrika Rubright of 219 Lock street, Newark, has applied to the Chancery Court for a divorce, her chief complaint being that her husband, Robert Rubright, a canalboat captain, forced her to drive the mules on the towpath. She was willing to do this at times, she said, but when her husband ordered her out of bed in a drenching rain to drive the mules she could not stand it.

Annex to the Publishers' Big Building.

The fourteen story publishing building to be erected for the Publishers' and Printers' Realty Company in West Thirty-eighth street at a cost of $1,600,000, is to have a thirteen story annex, to cost an additional $300,000, to be built in Thirty-seventh street, in the rear of the main building. The latter has a frontage of 250 feet. The annex will be 50 feet front. The plans were filed yesterday.

Cornell Club Takes a New House.

The Cornell University Club, now at 49 West Forty-third street, has leased the four story private dwelling at 58 West Forty-fifth street for a new clubhouse. Extensive alterations and additions will be made to it before the club moves in.

STOWAWAY BOBS UP AGAIN.

JAMES, FROM SANTO DOMINGO, THE GUEST OF UNCLE SAM.

He's a Small Negro Who Got Caught Last Year, Then Sailed Away and Has Turned Up Twice Since—Ætna's Skipper May Have Another Big Board Bill to Pay.

An ebon West Indian boy, all a-shiver in summer clothes, went into the Barge Office yesterday, and, after thawing the chatter out of his teeth and revealing a smile of large beam, said he would like to get back to the iceless land of perpetual revolutions, meaning Santo Domingo.

Chief Dobler of the boarding division at Ellis Island, recognized the boy as a stowaway who had spent most of last winter at the island. The boy grinned acknowledgment when Chief Dobler recalled the incident. He spoke English in a dialect made up in parts of Santo Domingo French and Afro-American English, but quite intelligible to an American.

He is James Vallat, aged 16, of Macoris. He stowed away aboard the little American schooner Ætna at Macoris last year. The skipper discovered him and put him to work. He sneaked off the schooner when she docked, found the climate too raw and turned up at Ellis Island. Meanwhile the Ætna had sailed. She is a sort of a tramp fore-and-after, and she didn't get back to this port until three months later.

The skipper found a large board bill from Uncle Sam waiting him, also an order for the immediate transportation of James to Macoris. The skipper paid the bill and took James aboard. The Ætna wasn't bound for Macoris. The skipper apparently decided to get back a part of the three months board bill, and engaged James as ship's boy at $10 a month.

Last July, James says, he found himself in New York again, with the skipper owing him $25. He asked for money to buy shoes and the skipper laughed heartily and remarked that a Santo Domingo nigger had no right to wear shoes. James thereupon said mutinous things, and the skipper, who wore large and heavy shoes, planted one of them under James's taffrail, and James again discovered New York.

It was warm, and as he really didn't need shoes, he set out barefoot to hunt a job. He got one and then others that lasted him until the other day. He hadn't enough money to buy warm clothes, and, as he had heard "there was going to be more fighting down in Santo Domingo," he thought he would ask to be sent back so he could be a soldier. He didn't care much on which side he fought so long as he had some fighting to do. The skipper of the Ætna, which sailed hence for Wilmington on Sunday, will be requested again, with firmness, when he next comes to this port, to take James back to Macoris and pay for his keep while he may be here. And if the Ætna shouldn't come back to this port? Well, the caterers at Ellis Island are willing, if Uncle Sam pays the bill, to keep on forever filling James's healthy smile.

TICKET CHOPPER ARRESTED.

Accused of Stealing Tickets on the Thirty-fourth Street Ferry.

Henry Vandam, 21 years old, of Whitestone, L. I., was arrested last night in Long Island City by Detective Sarvis of the Long Island Railroad Company, on a charge of stealing ferry tickets. Vandam was a ticket chopper in the Thirty-fourth street ferryhouse in Manhattan.

Detective Sarvis says that the stealing has been going on for some months and that about $300 worth of tickets had been taken and that $5 worth of tickets was found on Vandam. The detective says that Vandam's plan was to put his hand into the ticket box and prevent tickets thrown into it from slipping down.

Vandam was arraigned before Magistrate Smith, but the latter said it was a case for the Manhattan courts.

Six Men on a Towboat Drowned.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—By the sinking of the towboat Mamieom of the Dixon Transportation Company at Lake Concordia, near Natchez, Chris Martin, the white fireman, and five negroes, all of New Orleans, were drowned. The boat was swamped. She was overloaded and the high wind drove the water over the hull, filling it.

Time Wasted Quizzing Talesmen.

One juror in a perjury trial was selected in one hour and three minutes in the General Sessions yesterday. Judge Cowing said that too much time was taken up inquiring into the past histories of talesmen.

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INSANITY SOON LEFT HER.

Woman Arrested for Shoplifting Raves for a While, Then Quits.

Rose Meenagh, a woman sleuth employed in a Broadway store, arrested a woman who had stolen a number of small articles and hidden them in her fur muff yesterday. Miss Meenagh turned her prisoner over to a man detective, but went along to the Tenderloin station as the complainant.

There the prisoner said she was Mrs. Annie Donnelly of 20 Warren street, Jersey City. As soon as she gave her pedigree she began to act queerly.

"Ha! ha! Why did I do it?" said the prisoner. "I, a woman with plenty of money and property. I must be insane. The devil is in me, I'm insane."

Sergeant Boettler said that he thought he would send for an ambulance. She began to cry then and begged him not to call an ambulance. She said there was nothing the matter with her and from that on she acted as if her last statement was true.

Ferryboat Sinks Copper-Laden Lighter.

The West Shore ferryboat Kingston, bound down North River from Weehawken to the foot of Franklin street, hit, off Twenty-third street, yesterday morning, the steam lighter Columbia, belonging to the United Metals Company of 11 Broadway, and sank her. The lighter was laden with 200 tons of copper. The skipper and his crew of four men got aboard the Kingston while the boats clung together. Nobody was hurt.

Crane Company to Distribute $250,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The Crane Company will distribute this year the largest Christmas gift among its employees it has ever made. It will amount to about $250,000 and will be divided among 5,000 men and women before Christmas Day. The gift will be divided between the employes in the ratio of time worked during the year.

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