

## HARRIMANSUES IN NEW JERSEY

### NOT TO PREVENT NORTHERN SECURITIES VOTE TO-DAY.

But to Stay the Proposed Distribution of the Assets Pending Return on Monday of an Order to Show Cause Why It Should Not Be Permanently Stayed.

On the application of R. V. Lindabury and W. D. Guthrie, acting for E. H. Harriman and Winston S. Pierce, Judge Albert B. Kirkpatrick of the United States Circuit Court for the District of New Jersey granted a rule last night to show cause on Monday at Trenton why an injunction should not issue restraining the Northern Securities Company from parting with or distributing the stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company which the Oregon Short Line and Harriman and Pierce say was deposited by them upon the formation of the Northern Securities Company.

The order also directs the Northern Securities Company to refrain from carrying out its proposed plan of distribution of Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock pro rata to its stockholders until after the hearing of the arguments on Monday.

The order of Judge Kirkpatrick in no way restrains the Northern Securities Company from holding its stockholders' meeting in Hoboken to-day and voting to carry out the pro rata distribution recommended by the directors.

Since the defeat of the Harriman intervention suit by the decision of the Circuit Court at St. Paul, the Union Pacific interests have been in consultation seeking a way in which a final adjudication on the proposed distribution by the Northern Securities Company could be obtained.

Counsel for the Union Pacific interests said last night that the application had been made to Judge Kirkpatrick to secure this adjudication, and that through this action a determination would be made as to whether the Oregon Short Line would be secured, in accordance with the suggestion of the court at St. Paul. In the proceedings in Minnesota Mr. Harriman and Mr. Pierce attempted to intervene in the case and to get a decree of the Circuit Court that the exact amount of Northern Pacific stock which they had originally deposited for the merger should be returned to them.

It was pointed out on behalf of the Union Pacific interests last night that the present proceeding differed from that instituted by Verner in the State court in New Jersey, inasmuch as Mr. Harriman and Mr. Pierce originally deposited Northern Pacific stock to the amount of \$78,000,000, whereas the Continental Securities Company, Verner's company, brought in an open market its Northern Securities stock after the plan of distribution had been recommended by the directors, and when there was no means of tracing the Great Northern or Northern Pacific stock which it represented.

The affidavits upon which the rule to show cause was granted were filed with Judge Kirkpatrick late last evening at his home in Newark, and were immediately forwarded to the clerk of the court at Trenton. It is understood that the papers rehearse practically the points which were brought forward in the Harriman intervention petition at St. Paul, and, after explaining the method by which the Harriman holdings of Northern Pacific stock were originally deposited, set up the claim that the complainant would be injured by an acceptance of both Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock for substitution under the Oregon Short Line bonds, the security for which is now Northern Securities stock. This substitution, it is alleged, would impair the value of the bonds.

Topics of all the news in the Minnesota suit and the other suit against the Northern Securities Company are among the papers. In explaining the application last night, R. V. Lindabury said that there is no interference with the meeting of the Northern Securities stockholders to-day, nor with any action which they may take on the proposed plan of distribution. The injunction covers only the distribution of the assets of the company, and under the New Jersey laws, where the Northern Securities Company was organized, such a distribution could not be made under any circumstances until fifteen days after it had been authorized by the stockholders. The Northern Securities Company is in control of some 230,000 shares of stock, more than the two-thirds necessary to ratify the pro rata distribution.

Col. W. P. Clough, counsel to the Northern Securities Company, said last night that he had only heard rumors of such an action by the Union Pacific interests and had not been served with it. "We do not know, of course, what the allegations are, but we do not see what suggestion there was in the St. Paul decision in the intervention suit which would lead to the present proceedings. The stockholders' meeting will be held in Hoboken as planned and the proposed pro rata plan will be ratified as recommended by the directors of the Northern Securities Company."

It is understood that proxies for about 1,900,000 out of the 3,950,000 shares of Northern Securities stock are now in the company's control.

C. H. Verner, who has figured recently in many suits against corporations, the most recent being that fruitlessly brought through his Continental Securities Company against the Northern Securities Company to enjoin it from carrying out its distribution plan, filed notice yesterday with Justice Gieseler in the Supreme Court that he would make a motion to-day on a suit begun against the Equitable Trust Company, which is trustee of the Oregon Short Line bonds. The suit, it is understood, is to restrain that company from accepting Northern Pacific and Great Northern stocks in substitution for the present underlying Northern Securities stock.

Mr. Verner's contention is that as a holder of the Short Line bonds he would be injured if such a substitution were made, and this he believes is about to be effected through an agreement by the Union Pacific interests and the Equitable Trust Company to accept the Northern Securities plan of liquidation.

## FIGHTS HARRISON'S WIDOW.

### Son of the Late President Objects to a Wall Papering Bill of \$125.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 20.—The management of the estate of the late Benjamin Harrison came up for discussion in the Probate Court this morning on exceptions to the report of the Union Trust Company, trustee under the Harrison will for Mrs. Harrison and her daughter Elizabeth.

Gen. Harrison provided that the trustee should pay into a fund of \$125,000, to be maintained for the benefit of the widow, Mrs. Mary Lord Harrison, and her child, certain stocks and bonds. In the exceptions filed by Russell B. Harrison and his sister, Mrs. McKee, it was urged that the aggregate value of the stocks in question should be based upon the present market value of the stocks rather than on their original cost to Gen. Harrison. Much of the stock has largely appreciated in value since the Union Trust Company came into possession of the securities.

Another exception filed by Russell B. Harrison was to a bill of \$152 for papering the Harrison residence, at 1211 North Delaware street. It was asserted by Col. Harrison that the account was exorbitant, that too expensive wall paper was used and that only a "reasonable portion of the same should be paid out by the trustee," the balance to be met by Mrs. Harrison out of her private means.

Col. Harrison's objections to the size of the wall papering bill were met by a suggestion from Judge Walker that wall paper at \$2.50 a roll was certainly not an excessive price for paper for residences in the neighborhood in which the Harrison home is situated.

Judge Walker overruled the exceptions as filed by Col. Harrison and children against the wall paper bill and took the rest under advisement.

## MCARENEN-MURPHY HOW TO END?

### Brooklyn Democrats Say It Will—Cheerfully Antagonize Leader On.

Some of the leading Democrats in Brooklyn were confidently predicting yesterday that the hostilities between Senator McCarren and Leader Charles P. Murphy of Tammany would end in a compromise, and that no further attack would be made on the former's leadership of the Kings county organization.

It seemed to be agreed on all sides that McCarren had strengthened his political prestige by his management of Judge Parker's candidacy both before and at the Albany convention.

Herman A. Metz, president of the newly organized Brooklyn Democratic Club, gave a private dinner to Senator McCarren on Tuesday night, in special recognition of his mastery leadership of the party in Kings county. President of the Borough Martin W. Littleton said he was in cordial sympathy with McCarren in his defense of Brooklyn's autonomy and Comptroller Grant landed him as an ideal political leader.

Senator McCarren professed the utmost confidence that Judge Parker would grow in strength all over the country, be nominated in St. Louis, and be triumphantly elected.

## NURSE'S SUIT FOR \$10,000.

### Dr. Moak of Brooklyn Has Check for That Sum Against Estate of Albany Millionaire.

ALBANY, April 20.—An attempt to collect a check for \$10,000 against the estate of the late millionaire lumber merchant, Ezra G. Benedict of this city, who died in September, 1902, by Harris Moak, a young physician of Brooklyn, is being aired in the Supreme Court here.

Benedict was in failing health for a number of years before his death, and Moak was employed by him in the capacity of nurse and masseur. Moak alleges that on Sept. 5, 1901, Benedict gave him a check for \$10,000 on the Chase National Bank of New York City. About ten days after the check is alleged to have been given, Moak presented the check at the bank, but payment was refused.

When the will was probated Moak presented the check to the executor, and payment was again refused, it being alleged that the check was void and fraudulent. Moak then began action to recover the money and the case came to trial to-day.

While attending Mr. Benedict during his last illness Moak studied medicine between times and has since been admitted to practice as a physician.

## BLUEJACKETS' GRUB WAS POOR.

### Mess Officer at Brooklyn Navy Yard Suspended—Authorities Investigating.

An investigation into the conduct of the mess fund at the marine barracks at the navy yard, Brooklyn, has been going on for three days under the direction of Major Lane, United States Marine Corps inspector at Washington. Prior to the formal investigations now under way a preliminary one was held by Col. Goodrell on the complaint of the men that their food was neither so good nor so plentiful as that which they had been accustomed at other posts. First Lieut. Howard H. Kipp, U. S. M. C., who was in charge of the mess, and Private St. John, his assistant, and the cook, were suspended.

The men said the coffee was unfit to drink and the food generally was of the poorest quality, although the caterers received a larger sum at this navy yard than at any other in the country for the maintenance of the men. The price paid in Brooklyn is 18.67 cents per day per man, while at the Norfolk yard it is only 18 cents.

## BOY ADMITTED IN THE RIVER.

### Boat He Was Playing in Got Loose—Rescued by a Police Launch.

Ten-year-old Frank Newman of 2412 First avenue was playing in a rowboat at 124th street and the Harlem River yesterday afternoon when the boat got loose and drifted into midstream and down the river.

Frederick Byron of 485 Pleasant avenue heard the boy's cries and ran to the subway station of the harbor police at the foot of East 124th street.

Roundsman Whittlauffer started out in a launch and reached the rowboat just in time to get it out of the way of a railroad transfer boat.

## DEWEY POT WINE AND GRAPE JUICE

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## APRIL SNOW BLANKET SPREAD

### IT COVERS THE COUNTRY FROM EAST TO WEST.

Six-inch Fall in Parts of Kentucky—Work on the World's Fair Stopped by a Similar Fall—Severe Storm in New York State—Sleighting in New England.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Heavy storms prevailed in several States in the Middle West to-day. Reports tell of much damage to fruit and early spring products. Railroad and street car traffic was impeded and telegraph and telephone communication was interrupted.

EVANVILLE, Ind., April 20.—Four inches of snow have fallen in southern Indiana and damage to orchards, gardens and farms will be heavy.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 20.—A severe snow and sleet storm swept over western and southern Kentucky and the mountain region to-day. From one to six inches of snow is reported from thirty-two scattered counties. In southern and western Kentucky fruit was killed and early garden truck was buried under snow. It has been thirty years since so severe a storm was reported thus late in April.

ST. LOUIS, April 20.—A heavy snowstorm prevailed from 1 until 11 A. M. to-day, during which time six inches of snow fell. Traffic on the Eads bridge was interrupted for several hours and street cars ran irregularly in the early morning. The snow was wet and heavy.

The Filipinos and Cliff Dwellers from Arizona at the world's fair at first were delighted with their first sight of snow, but after stepping outside their quarters a few moments they were glad to return inside their dwellings.

All outside work on the fair grounds was suspended, greatly retarding road making operations. Extra men will be put on and day and night forces set to work with a view to catching up and getting the driveways ready for opening day. The weather conditions caused the abandonment of ball games at the two parks and closed one of the racetracks.

BOSTON, April 20.—Northern New Hampshire and Vermont are buried in snowdrifts to-day. It snowed all day in Littleton, N. H., with 14 inches already on the ground. Groveton reports 20 inches. Berlin 18, Bethlehem 16, and Franconia 12. In North Field, Vt., snow fell in night, and by morning seven inches had fallen, a high wind sent the mercury to the zero point and piled the snow in huge drifts. The sleighing is excellent.

At Barre, Vt., early risers found fully a foot of snow on the ground and for the second time within a week the city has excellent sleighing. In Montpelier, Vt., ploughs and scrapers were hastily taken from storage this morning and put into commission. There was a snowfall of about equal depth the night of April 15 and the double portion is something for which even the oldest inhabitant has no parallel record.

## BLIZZARD UP THE STATE.

RUFFALO, April 20.—Midwinter conditions again prevail to-day in western and central New York. A snow storm, the third in four days, broke over the city late yesterday afternoon and continued throughout the entire night. Several times during the night the storm assumed the proportions of a blizzard, and the snow, which was fine and dry, was drifted high by the strong winds which prevailed about midnight.

It is the worst April weather Buffalo has experienced since 1874. The ice is still heavy in the lake and there seems little prospect that navigation will open by May. ROCHESTER, April 20.—A blizzard struck Rochester and the vicinity last night, and raged all night. It came from the north-west and was accompanied by heavy snow which fell to a depth of five inches on a level and drifted badly in places, making traffic on steam railways difficult, delaying trains two or three hours and crippling city and suburban trolley lines.

SYRACUSE, April 20.—A winter storm is raging in central New York. It has been snowing almost steadily for twenty-four hours, but the snow is light and has not blocked transportation to any extent. The wind has been blowing from the north-west at the rate of 36 miles an hour, and there are 4 inches of snow on the ground.

OGDENSBURG, April 20.—About eight inches of snow fell last night. Snow fell also to a depth of from three to eight inches at Tupper Lake, Malone, Saranac Lake, Watertown, Hammond, Hewellton, Gouverneur and in other towns. Cold weather prevailed in all these places, the thermometer registering about 24 degrees.

LYONS, N. Y., April 20.—A blizzard struck here last night. Six inches of snow fell and the thermometer dropped from forty above to four above. The snow drifted, making country roads impassable. Along the lake coasts and boat houses were washed away. Atodus Point the Government pier and breakwater are in bad shape. Greatodus Bay is lined with wrecks of docks, boat houses and small craft.

BALLSTON, N. Y., April 20.—This morning the mercury registered sixteen degrees below the freezing point, killing all early vegetation. It has snowed hard all day and is still snowing to-night.

RICHMOND, Va., April 20.—Frost has caused widespread destruction in Virginia. Peach and cherry crops are said to be practically ruined and even the tobacco plant beds have been frozen. Ice has formed in the Northern Neck an inch and a half thick.

BRUNSWICK, Tenn., April 20.—A snowstorm prevailed over this region this afternoon, producing a fall of three inches. Much damage will result to fruit, market gardens and early farm crops. Trains from western North Carolina and eastern Kentucky are delayed.

## COALING STATION IN THE ALUTIAN ISLANDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—A coaling station is to be established in the Alutian Islands by the United States Government. The navy collier Saturn, which has been lying in port since December, has received orders to proceed with a cargo of 4,300 tons of coal to the island of that group, where the coal will form the nucleus of supply that will be always available for vessels of the United States.

## MONOPOLY IN LABOR CHARGED.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20.—Application was made to the Circuit Court to-day by employers for a temporary injunction against the Carpenters' District Council of United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Officers of the organization are charged with endeavoring to create a monopoly in labor.

## CAR WENT ON OVER HER.

### Then She Tumbled Out and Helped Revive a Companion Who Had Fainted.

A young woman crossing Broadway at Thirtieth street last night fell in front of a northbound car just as the between-the-acts crowd was leaving Wallace's. The car went over her, there was a second of horrified silence, and then two women screamed and fainted. Jeremiah Murphy, the policeman, brought them up, and still within half its length, the girl crawled out from under the car unhurt except for a slight cut over the right eye. She had been shoved along in front of the wooden fender which scrapes along the pavement just in front of the wheels.

She said she was Lottie Vaughn of Ogdenburg, one of the women who fainted. The policeman, brought her up, and still within half its length, the girl crawled out from under the car unhurt except for a slight cut over the right eye. She had been shoved along in front of the wooden fender which scrapes along the pavement just in front of the wheels.

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## CATTLE FENCES TO COME DOWN.

### President Roosevelt Says the Law for Public Lands Must Be Obeyed.

OMAHA, Neb., April 20.—President Roosevelt has withdrawn the last prop from beneath the Western cattlemen, and has notified them that he will not interfere with the removal of the ranch fences from the public lands of Nebraska and Wyoming. Cattlemen are disheartened over the result and say they will fight the ruling no more.

W. A. Paxton, one of the largest individual cattle raisers in the State, returned from Washington to-day, where he had gone as an emissary of the ranchers to make an appeal to the President in behalf of the industry. Mr. Paxton says:

"I failed. The President told me he could do nothing. I presented the case as it is and gave him a good idea of the disastrous consequences which will follow the enforcement of the law. He said the law was to be stood out of business. He says it means a reversion to the open range of years ago and the employment of ten times as many cowboys as now."

## NEWSBOY HANDBOOK BROKE.

### One Killing Did Up the Firm—Assets \$32; Liabilities \$60.

Isay and Cincinnati ran a handbook among the newsboys at the Bridge all last winter. Isay couldn't read or write, but was quick at mental arithmetic, while Cincinnati knew how to wield a pencil, and wrote them then they threw. Isay made the bets and Cincinnati recorded them. He likewise pocketed the cash.

The firm prospered until the opening of the local season, when the newsboys began to hit the book hard.

About a week ago the newsies made a killing. "Nigger from the arch" put \$1 on a 7 to 1 shot for five and \$1.50 for a place. The horse won. Others got aboard the good thing, and when the shot was called the firm had more than \$90. All they had to meet this with was about \$27 they had taken in that day. Flight followed the wreck, and the newsies have been looking for them ever since. Besides "Nigger from the arch," other heavy losers are "Little Nigger" and "Old Sol."

## JURY TO TRY ABEL.

### Miss Anderson in Court—Defendant's Father With Him.

The trial of James Nelson Abel, who was accused of masquerading as "J. Ogden Goetz," began before Recorder Coff in General Sessions yesterday and was adjourned until to-day after a jury had been chosen.

Abel is on trial for forgery in the third degree in having signed the name of J. B. Van Every, vice-president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, to a letter introducing "Big Ben" Benson, a well-known character, to the good looking telegraph operator at the Grand Hotel. He has secured a \$75,000 verdict against Abel in an undefended breach of promise action.

Miss Anderson, dressed all in black, was in court yesterday. The defendant who looked very boyish, was accompanied by his father, James Abel, of Waco, Tex., and his lawyers, Jesse Stearns of this city and John M. Parker and Martin Lynch of Owego.

## NORDICA CASE UP TO-DAY.

### One of the Attorneys Involved May Throw Some Light on the Suit.

Herr Doehme's motion to prevent Mrs. Nordica from entering a final decree in her suit for an absolute divorce from him will come up for argument before Justice Davis in the Supreme Court this morning.

Ever since Henry Doehme's counsel, George G. Hastings, attacked the jury verdict decree obtained from Justice Bischoff on Jan. 29 there have been rumors that interesting revelations might be expected upon the argument of the motion. It has been said that a rich New Jersey man has more than a passing interest in the progress of Mrs. Nordica's suit, and that another wealthy man would like the case wound up without further publicity.

The name of one of both of these men may, it is said, be brought into the proceedings to-day, when one of the attorneys in the case, who has been charged with causing the interesting revelations, may be expected to throw some light on the case. Mr. Hastings said yesterday that if Doehme's motion be denied to-day an appeal will be taken at once.

## BELLEVUE DOCTORS MADE ILL

### TWO DOWN WITH CONSUMPTION AND OTHERS FEAR IT.

Hard Work, Overcrowded Wards and Unsanitary Conditions the Cause—Dr. Macdonald's Condition Grave—He Left a Sick Bed to Take Others' Places.

It became generally known at Bellevue Hospital last night that two members of the hospital's staff of surgeons have been stricken with tuberculosis since the first of the year as the result of the crowded condition in the hospital and the extra work which has devolved upon the staff in consequence. Other members of the staff are fearful that the present conditions may produce an epidemic of the disease which may rival the typhoid fever epidemic of 1883-84, when fourteen internes were taken ill and six died.

Dr. Robert S. Macdonald, head of the fourth surgical division, showed symptoms of the disease in January, but after remaining in bed a few days was obliged to take his place at the head of his division on account of the illness of several of his associates. This week he was advised by members of the visiting staff to give up his duties and go to bed. He has a reputation in the hospital and among the physicians as a working hard to conquer the tuberculosis germ. His associates are gloomy over the outlook for his recovery.

Dr. Macdonald is a graduate of Cornell University. He took his degree from the Cornell medical college in 1902. He would have finished his internship at Bellevue in June. His home is in Ontario.

Dr. Brayton H. Whitbeck, a member of the same surgical division as Dr. Macdonald, developed symptoms of tuberculosis in March and, after consulting physicians, was advised to get the best treatment immediately. He is now at Dr. E. L. Trudeau's sanitarium at Saranac Lake. Dr. Whitbeck was graduated from Harvard in 1890. While in school he was a student on the "hardy" crew. He got his diploma from the College of Physicians and Surgeons last year. His home is in Syracuse, where his family is socially prominent.

In addition to these cases of tuberculosis, a dozen other doctors have been ill this winter and spring. Several cases of appendicitis were brought on by the worn-out condition of the doctors.

The hospital authorities have been absolutely helpless to afford relief to the doctors. The doctors' quarters are overcrowded now, and largely on that account the staff has not been increased in late years, while the number of patients has almost doubled.

"This thing has got us all worried," said one of the doctors last night. "We've got to keep ourselves in as nearly perfect physical condition as possible, or our weakened constitutions will take on most any kind of germ that comes along."

"Our rooms are so small and stuffy that with four men in some of them the tuberculosis germs is most likely to cause us to get sick before we had gone into the hospital. We have been unable to get the outdoor exercise we should."

Sickness has also cut down the staff of nurses this winter. Several deaths from pneumonia have occurred.

## POURED BLISTER STUFF ON HIM.

### "Fun" With a Boy in a Drug Store Followed by Chase and Arrest.

A boy jumped off a Broadway car at Forty-seventh street last night and chased a young man who had jumped off ahead of him. The boy was screaming and apparently in pain. Policeman Lynch gathered the two in, and then the boy, who said that he was Frank Vanderhoff, 15 years old, living in the Newton Hotel, at Ninety-fourth street and Broadway, told his story.

When he had gone into the drug store at Eighty-fourth street and Amsterdam avenue and the young man had been chasing, Howard Wooten of 182 West Eighty-fourth street, followed him in. Wooten said:

"Here's where we have some fun," and poured something from a bottle down the boy's back.

The boy whirled around the store in great pain, and Wooten ran out and jumped on the car. The boy followed him.

Wooten was looked up on a charge of assault. The boy was sent to Roosevelt Hospital, where the doctors said that they didn't know what had been poured on his back. His face was burned and they kept him at the hospital.

## "NEGRO MILLIONAIRE" ROBBED.

### Wyer Wilkins, Bootblack Monopolist of Philadelphia, Held Up Here.

Sidney Faulker, a negro, was looked up in the West Thirty-seventh street station last night on the charge of assaulting and robbing Wyer Wilkins, who is described as the "negro millionaire bootblack" of Philadelphia.

According to the police, Wilkins, who has the privileges for bootblack stands in all the hotels in Philadelphia, came to this city on Monday to hire bootblacks, because most of his employees deserted him when racing began at Benning.

Wilkins told the police that he spent Monday night with Faulker and that when they started home Faulker hit him on the back with a blackjack. Wilkins told the police that when he came to his watch and \$150 were gone.

Wilkins returned to Philadelphia and last night Detective Sergeants Kerr and Kuhne saw Faulker in Thirty-eighth street, near Ninth avenue. They chased him into a tenement house, where he surrendered after a fight.

## EASTMAN NOT YET IN SING SING.

### Deputy Sheriff Lets Him Stay in the Tombs to Wind Up His Business.

Monk Eastman was to have gone to Sing Sing yesterday, but didn't. Warden Flynn of the Tombs, where Eastman is still locked up, said that the prisoner was on his way to the wagon when a message from the Sheriff asked that he be held for a while.

Sheriff Erlanger said he had given no such order, but that Deputy Sheriff Kelly, who has charge of taking prisoners from the Tombs to Sing Sing, might know something about it.

Kelly did. He explained that Monk had some business affairs to wind up and had asked as a special favor to be kept in town a couple of days more. "I didn't see any harm in that, and I let him stay," said Deputy. "But I'll take him up on Friday sure."

## MUSKRATS FLOOD A MINE.

### They Cause a Narrow Escape of 100 Miners From Drowning.

CARBONDALE, Ill., April 20.—Muskrats came near causing the death by drowning of 100 miners employed in the Old Equality mine, one of the oldest shafts in the State, to-day. The rodents had burrowed around the shaft and the river bank until the water from the Saline River found an entrance into the mine.

The men were at work in the lower level when the discovery of the inflow of water was made and the alarm given. The work of rescue was at once begun, but before the last load of miners could be lifted from the pit water had reached the necks of the men. The volume of water pouring in was constantly growing larger.

It is estimated that it will take a week or ten days to pump the water out and close the crevice burrowed by the muskrats.

## NEW BIG ASTOR HOTEL.

### To Be Built, It Is Said, Facing the Proposed Pennsylvania Arcade—Site Bought.

John Jacob Astor took title yesterday to the property at 225 to 241 West Thirty-fourth street. It was gathered together about a year ago by the City Real Estate Company. The real owner was then said, but without confirmation, to be Mr. Astor. The property faces the proposed Pennsylvania arcade, and will, it is understood, be used as a site for a big hotel.

## TIBETAN FORT BLOWN UP.

### British Find Room Containing Scores of Human Heads.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, April 21.—A despatch to the Times from Gyantse, Tibet, reports that the fort there has been blown up because it overlooked the residence of the British mission under Col. Younghusband.

Among the strange discoveries made in the fort was a room containing scores of human heads, some of which had been recently severed.

This points to regular executions by the Tibetans, notwithstanding the well known Buddhist prohibition against the taking of life.

## CHLOROFORMED THE MAYOR.

### At Wallington and His Wife and Stole All Their Silverware.

PASSAIC, N. J., April 20.—Burglars entered the home of Mayor Thomas H. Collins in Wallington last night, chloroformed the Mayor and his wife and got away with about \$200 worth of silverware. The Mayor woke up about 6 o'clock this morning with a severe headache. He noticed that his wife was sleeping unusually sound and aroused her with difficulty