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Thunder showers and cooler to-day; fair and cooler to-morrow.

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FOUGHT MANIAC IN THE STREET

WITH A REVOLVER HE'D BROKEN UP A CHILDREN'S PARADE.

Fired at Policemen Who Tried to Arrest Him—One Cop's Arm Broken by Other's Club—Children, Running, in Danger From Train—Frightened Women Faint.

A crowd of children, singing and waving flags on their way home from a May party in St. Mary's Park, were parading along St. Ann's avenue, The Bronx, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a middle-aged man, hatless and shrieking like a maniac, rushed out of Southern Boulevard into 138th street waving a big revolver at the trolley cars.

The children were coming from a picnic given by Eugene J. McGuire, Tammany leader of the Thirty-fourth district. Perhaps 3,000 of them had reached the place where the man appeared when the yells of men and women and blasts of factory whistles gave the alarm. The children ran in every direction.

Just then a New York, New Haven and Hartford passenger train was approaching the crossing at St. Ann's avenue and 138th street. The gates had been lowered, but twenty or thirty of the little ones scrambled under them.

The gatemen and several factory employees on their way home from work went head first under the gates or over them after the children. It was a matter of ten seconds, perhaps, but enough for the men to throw the children off the track the best way they could and get off safely themselves. Then fifty or sixty men from the nearby factories massed in front of the gates and held back the children that still kept coming.

The man with the revolver, who was Mark Fox, of 1971 Webster avenue, kept striding along 138th street, pointing the gun at passersby, waving it at the trolley cars, and every now and then giving a yell like a Sioux Indian. A block from Southern Boulevard, Inspector Beasley of the Union Railway Company saw him and whistled until his wind gave out. By that time the crowd had packed the streets for blocks around, nobody wanting to get within range of the waving gun, but everybody stuck in the jam.

Policemen Adams and Thompson of the Alexander avenue station drew their nightsticks and made a rush for Fox. When they were twenty feet away he fired twice, once at Adams and once at Thompson. One bullet went through the hat of Stephen Galesin of 2267 First avenue, and the other bullet grazed the cheek of George Burne, who lives at 10 West 132d street. Both men had pressed in behind the cops when the two jumped for the maniac.

Thompson leaped at Fox and grabbed him by the neck before he could pull the trigger again. He tried to choke him, but the maniac was the stronger. Adams closed in and brought his club down with all the force he could put in his arm. He was excited and missed Fox's head. The heavy night stick struck Thompson's right arm breaking it at the elbow and putting the cop out of the fight. The same blow from Adams club hit Fox's revolver and knocked it to the sidewalk. Fox struck for Adams's face, but the cop swung his stick again, this time felling Fox.

Back in the crowd there was a panic, many thinking that Fox had killed the policeman and was about to plunge through the crowd. Women became hysterical and several fainted.

The passenger train had come to a stop at the crossing and could not move until the children, jammed against its sides, had been taken away.

An ambulance from Lincoln Hospital and a patrol wagon from the Alexander avenue police station had been summoned hurriedly, but the drivers might as well have tried to force their horses through a stone wall as to get through the crowd in a hurry. It was fifteen minutes before the wagons and the police reserves got to the spot where Fox was lying unconscious on the sidewalk and Thompson was almost insensible from the pain of his broken arm. Adams was pretty badly used up himself from his fight.

Dr. LeConte said that Fox had a bad scalp wound and perhaps a fractured skull, and ordered him to the hospital after they got through with him at the Alexander avenue police station.

When the patrol wagon and the ambulance started on its trip to the station house the fears of the crowd had disappeared and anger against Fox got the upper hand. The police said there were 10,000 in the mob that ran after the wagons and massed in front of the police station.

At the station house Fox was revived. He said he was a plasterer, 45 years old, who lived at 1971 Webster avenue. Then he shut up, and the police couldn't get anything else out of him. He acted rationally enough, but absolutely refused to say why he had walked down the street with a loaded revolver.

Dr. LeConte is of opinion that the man is insane, and the police agree with him. At the Alexander avenue station Fox was charged with felonious assault and then taken to Lincoln Hospital for treatment.

It took half an hour after the whole thing was over for the teachers, helped by several hundred factory hands from the De La Vergne Refrigerating Machine Company and other factories in the neighborhood to find all the little picnickers, calm them and get them headed for home. None of the children was hurt, but many were scratched, bruised and in tears because they had lost their flags and candy.

MOSQUITOES OWN GULF COAST.

They Are Reported to Have Broken Up a Revival and Driven Men From the Fields.

NEW ORLEANS, June 25.—The mosquito which is now worrying the people of New Orleans and the adjacent Gulf Coast generally is pronounced by Dr. Kohnke to be the marsh mosquito, which has not been here for years. It is very large, and though it does not carry disease its bite is much worse than that of the usual variety.

At Pearlington the mosquito is reported to have broken up the Methodist revival meeting, while in St. Bernard parish planters have been compelled to take their laborers from the field on account of the pest. A prominent rice planter of St. Bernard expressed considerable anxiety lest the mosquitoes seriously interfere with the rice crop in that parish, as it is impossible to get laborers to work in the fields while the mosquitoes are as bad as they are now.

The present condition of affairs is the worst ever known in the history of mosquitoes, but the general impression is that it is merely temporary.

THE SARATOGA LIMITED.

This famous train is now in service; leaving Grand Central Station by New York Central, Sundays at 1:40 P. M.; other weekdays at 3:30 P. M.—Adv.

FILIPINOS WIN AT BUFFALO.

A Tout Gave Them a 100 to 1 Shot as a Joke—They Played It to Show, and Won.

BUFFALO, June 25.—The honorary board of Filipino Commissioners, the big guns from the islands whom Uncle Sam pays $17 a day expense money to view the St. Louis Fair and other sights of this strange land, are in Buffalo. They inspected the harbor this morning and will go to the Falls to-morrow.

This afternoon they went in automobiles to the Kenilworth track. It was getaway day there, and a red-haired tout passed the excited little brown brothers Stainbrook, in the fifth race, as a good thing. He then stood aside to observe his joke, for Stainbrook was 100 to 1.

Most of the visitors laughed at the tip, having seen racing in their own and foreign lands, but some of the younger Filipinos hazarded a few dollars on Stainbrook to show. The beast came in second. The lucky ones celebrated after the race. The tout was observed leaning disconsolately on the paddock fence, the winning brown brothers having jeered his request for a bit of the good money.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH BOARD.

It Is to Determine What System Shall Be Adopted by the Government.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The President to-day appointed Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Rear Admiral Henry N. Manney, Brig.-Gen. A. W. Greely, Lieutenant-Commander Joseph L. Jayne and Prof. Willis L. Moore as a board to consider the question of wireless telegraphy in the service of the National Government.

While no announcement was made as to the work to be done by the board, it is understood by officers of the army and navy that it is to determine what department of the Government shall control wireless telegraphy in this country. The departments interested are the War Department, Navy Department, Weather Bureau and Department of Commerce and Labor. Each of these departments is represented on the board, and it is expected that they will include a report on the subject within a short time, which will assist the President in determining what measure of control the Government shall have over wireless telegraphy and what special department shall have charge of this work.

The board will make a thorough investigation of the subject with a view to the adoption by this Government for use by the navy of the most improved system, and at the same time for the purpose of bringing commercial companies under the control and direction of the Government in time of war.

DIPHTHERIA, BUT NO DOCTOR.

Little Girl's Death Without Medical Attention Causes Panic.

Mary McCann, 5 years old, the only child of Mrs. Catherine McCann of 440 West Twenty-eighth street, had a paroxysm of choking at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. She had been ill about a week, but her mother did not know that it was diphtheria. Mrs. McCann called up the Board of Health and reported the case, fearing that the girl's disease might be contagious, and asked that a doctor be sent. She was informed that the board did not supply doctors and was advised to call one herself. No physician was obtained and Mary died at 11 A. M.

Mrs. McCann notified the Board of Health of the child's death. The board notified the Coroner's office, but took no steps to fumigate the house. The neighbors were indignant about the matter last night and expressed a fear that their children would be exposed to diphtheria.

Mrs. McCann says she did not get medical aid because her own physician was out of the city.

ASSASSINATION OF MACK WHITE.

Testimony of a Bloodhound Leads to Warrants for the Arrest of Three Men.

JACKSON, Ky., June 25.—Warrants were issued to-day by County Judge Hargis for the arrest of Chad Salyers, James Salyers and "Little Anse" Short for the murder of Mack White, who was slain from ambush near here on Thursday. Suspicion pointed strongly to these men and this was strengthened by the testimony of a bloodhound, that was put upon the trail, which stopped at the bed occupied by Chad Salyers the night before. The men for whom warrants were issued are trying to escape into Lee county, but will probably be overtaken.

The assassination had no connection with the feud which embittered this county, and there has been no battle as reported in Associated Press despatches last night. The history of the trouble dates back a year only. Then Chad Salyers, Jr., son of James Salyers, was shot and killed by Mack White and Robert Chaney. White turned State's evidence that Chaney might be convicted. Since that time White has feared that he would be killed for the part he took in the murder. His day came on Thursday, when he was shot from ambush.

WARSHIPS AT CELEBRATION.

Calais, Me., Commemorates the Anniversary of Champlain's Landing.

CALAIS, Me., June 25.—The celebration in honor of the 300th anniversary of the landing of Monts and Champlain was continued here to-day. Exercises were held this forenoon at Doshets or "Neutral" Island by the citizens of St. Croix Valley in connection with the unveiling of a memorial tablet commemorating the settlement.

Addresses of welcome were made by the Hon. Charles E. Swan of Calais, and Mayor A. T. Teed of St. Stephen, N. B., to which the Rev. Henry S. Burrage of Portland, for the Maine Historical Society, and other distinguished visitors replied.

The oration was by the Hon. Joshua L. Chamberlain of Portland. The unveiling of the tablet and a salute by the French, British and American warships concluded the programme.

The party then proceeded to Bay Side, St. Croix, where at noon a brief service was conducted by the Rev. Hunter Boyd. The concluding exercises of the day and of the celebration were held in this city at the opera house. The Hon. B. B. Murray presided and addresses were made by James P. Baxter, Mayor of Portland and president of the Maine Historical Society, and Prof. William F. Ganong of Smith College.

Hot Wave to Last Till Sunday Night.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—The Weather Bureau this morning issued the following bulletin:

"The present warm wave will be broken in the lower Ohio Valley and the western Lake region to-night, in the upper Ohio Valley and the eastern Lake region, Sunday, and in the Middle Atlantic States and western New England by Sunday night, and will be followed by two or three days of moderate temperature."

THREATENED GOV. PEABODY.

LABOR UNION MEN ADVISED HIM TO GET OUT OF CHICAGO.

"For Your Own Safety," They Said, After Presenting a Resolution Denouncing His Acts in Colorado—He Replies Plainly and Does Not Alter His Plans.

CHICAGO, June 25.—Gov. James H. Peabody of Colorado was threatened with violence by three men who forced their way into his room at the Auditorium Annex, while he was making preparations to attend the banquet of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association on Thursday. According to the story told yesterday by the Governor, the men invaded his room just after he had dismissed several members of the Colorado delegation.

The spokesman of the party gave his name as Emil Arnold and said he was publisher of a labor union paper in Chicago. Arnold informed the Governor that he had been delegated by the board of business agents of the Building Trades Council of Chicago to present to him a copy of a set of resolutions denouncing his action in deporting union men from Colorado.

"Well, what is your business with me, gentlemen?" inquired the Governor, after he had glanced hurriedly at the communication.

"That's all," said Arnold. "We just wanted to let you know that we are sorry we are not able to deport you from Chicago, as you did our friends in Colorado. Would advise you for your own safety, however, to get away from Chicago as soon as possible."

Then the Governor of Colorado had something to say.

"I suppose you would like to see me driven out of Chicago; but let me tell you that I shall stay here as long as I have business here," he said. "I came here last Sunday and made all my arrangements to remain until 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, when I expect to take the Burlington train for Denver.

"These resolutions are a pack of malicious lies. At no time since my incumbency as Chief Executive of the State of Colorado have I ever opposed a labor union. But I will say that among the union men in Colorado there are, and have been, a number of dynamiters, anarchists and murderers. If you men and your friends countenance and indorse such methods as those that have wiped out so many precious lives in the mining districts of Colorado, then I must say that you are no better."

The interview was then ended, and the men withdrew as quietly as they entered. The members of the Colorado delegation were in a fighting frame of mind when the Governor told them what had happened. The resolutions referred to were adopted at a meeting of the business agents of the Building trades Councils, claiming to represent 35,000 union men of Chicago.

FREEZE-OUT CHOSE COMPANION.

Trip Around the World Was the Stake Young Baltimore Men Played For.

BALTIMORE, June 25.—Clubmen are still talking of a game of freeze-out played here a week ago, the winner of which became the guest of a young millionaire in a trip around the world.

S. Nelson Perin, Jr., son of the late railroad magnate, decided to spend the next eight or ten months encircling the globe, but as he did not care to travel alone he concluded to invite one of his friends to go with him. The selection of that individual proved a puzzle.

His most intimate friends were Gilbert Rieman and S. Blount Mason, Jr., young clubmen, either of whom would prove a jolly companion. He determined that one of them should go, but not caring to make the selection he decided upon a game of freeze-out between the pair.

Perin invited them to his house one evening, dealt out poker hands, stacked a pile of chips before them and told them to get started on the game.

"The man who busts the other," he said, "goes with me around the world; the other stays home."

At the start all the luck came Mason's way, but after an hour's play Rieman drew three of a kind. He sat back with a comfortable feeling and raised the bet.

Mr. Mason responded by going him one better. Each raised the other for a while, until finally Mr. Rieman thought it the part of prudence to call. He did so and the lucky Mr. Mason laid down a full house.

Rieman had but two chips left. Just then the fickle goddess deserted Mason and everything came Rieman's way. He scooped in one pot after another and got a series of pat hands. At the end of two hours play Mason staked his last chip—and lost.

"Congratulations, old boy. I wish you as good a time as I expected to have myself."

Mr. Perrin and Mr. Rieman left Baltimore about a week ago. After stopping at St. Louis and Denver they will sail from San Francisco for Honolulu.

CONFERENCE ON SUBMARINES.

Secretary Moody Will Leave the Question of Purchasing Them to His Successor.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Secretary Moody, Assistant Secretary Darling, Representative Hill of Connecticut and Mr. Whitney, representative of the Lake Submarine Boat Company, had a conference late yesterday afternoon in regard to the plans for the purchasing of submarine boats for the navy.

Mr. Hill, whose district includes the city of Bridgeport, where the Lake boats are made, wanted to know what money would be available after July 1 for the purchase of submarine boats and what the disposition of the Department would be toward purchase of Lake boats.

Before giving assurances on this point Secretary Moody inquired of the Lake representative if they were responsible for the rumor that they had charged the Navy Board of Officers who conducted a test of submarines some time ago with having acted dishonestly in their investigation.

Both Mr. Hill and Mr. Whitney disavowed any such charge, but they wanted the report printed in full.

Secretary Moody refused to make the report on submarines public, because it contained information of a military nature which he believed should not be published. He also decided that he could reach no decision as to the purchase of submarines under the appropriation for the next fiscal year because that appropriation is not now available. The decision practically leaves the question of submarines to be determined by Paul Morton, the new Secretary of the Navy.

GO TO HEWETT'S

When Old Wine or Grape Juice are needed. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 135 Fulton St., N. Y.—Adv.

BARGAINS IN HEIRESSES.

"Labby," in "Truth," Says a Brisk Business Is Done in London Society.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, June 25.—Referring to the suit of Miss Hermon, a spinster, with a small annuity, who sued a matrimonial agent last week for the return of her deposit, because he had not carried out his agreement to provide her with a husband, Mr. Labouchere, writing in *Truth*, says:

"I happen to know that there is in London at the present time at least one little ring on the fringe of society doing a brisk business in this line.

"They do not run a paper and publish advertisements. Their business within limits is bona fide enough. They get hold of an heiress, American or otherwise, and have touts and hunting parties in search for such bargains. Payment is based on results.

"The faithful introduction is brought about most delicately, maybe at a dinner at the Carleton or a party at Ascot, or Henley. The bargain herself is probably quite unconscious of what is going on, though the bargain hunter, of course, is in the know. Many people are often concerned in the transaction before it is completed, among whom the commission is divided on terms agreed on."

MISS LEISHMAN TO WED A COUNT.

Marriage Contract With Count Louis De Contaut-Biron Signed in Paris.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, June 25.—The civil marriage contract between Martha, the daughter of John G. A. Leishman, American Minister to Turkey, and Count Louis de Contaut-Biron, a cousin of Count Boni de Castellane, who married Anna Gould, was signed at 64 Avenue Bois de Boulogne to-day in the presence of Gen. Porter, the American Ambassador, members of fashionable American society, innumerable descendants of the Crusaders, the Rochefoucaulds, the d'Uzes, Luynes and many of France's best known families.

The Sultan sent the bride the grand cordon of Chiffvat, set in diamonds, rubies and emeralds; the Pope an autograph portrait, Mr. Andrew Carnegie a silver service the father a diamond tiara and the mother a pearl collar. The civil marriage will take place on Monday and the religious ceremony will be solemnized on the following day.

KAISER TOASTS KING EDWARD.

He Says the Aim of the German Fleet and Army Was the Maintenance of Peace.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

KIEL, June 25.—At a banquet given aboard the imperial yacht Hohenzollern to-night, the Kaiser, in toasting the health of King Edward, welcomed his first visit aboard a German warship when, as the ruler of a great maritime nation, he had come to partake in the sport of yachting.

The German fleet, Emperor William said, was the youngest creation among the world's fleets and was an evidence of the rennaissance of German naval power, due to the resurrection of the German Empire by William the First. Its aim, like that of the German Army, was the maintenance of peace, which everybody knew was King Edward's constant endeavor, as it was his own. The Kaiser concluded with a laudatory reference to the memory of Queen Victoria.

King Edward in reply thanked the Emperor for his friendly words. He said he was glad to be able to pay a visit at a time when he was usually busy at home. He was glad of the occasion for seeing how yachting had developed in Germany and renewing the friendly relations of the two houses. He declared that he was deeply moved at the Kaiser's reference to his (King Edward's) efforts to preserve peace and concluded by saying:

"May our two flags in the distant future, even as now, float together in upholding peace, not only in the interests of our own, but of other nations."

PALMA TROPHY ON WAY BACK.

British Rifle Association Informed That It Is Going to England.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, June 25.—The National Rifle Association has been informed that the Palma trophy has been despatched to England by the American National Rifle Association.

An intimation has also been received that whenever another international match shall be arranged the American National Rifle Association will send a team.

A match is impossible this year, as the Bisley programme is full.

FINNS CELEBRATE IN SILENCE.

Speeches and Songs Prohibited at the Annual Midsummer Festival.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

STOCKHOLM, June 25.—The annual national midsummer Finnish festival was held to-day on Avasaxa Hill, from which the midnight sun is visible. The festival was attended by a vast concourse of people.

The police prohibited speeches, songs and music because of the affliction under which Finland is suffering in the death of Gov. Bobrikoff. A servant girl was arrested for too openly rejoicing over his assassination.

RISKED LIFE TO SAVE BROTHER

Small Girl Nearly Drowned in Attempt—Two Sisters Dared Double Rescue.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 25.—Fannie Curran an eight-year-old girl, risked her life this morning in trying to save her six-year-old brother, Johnnie, from drowning.

The children ran away from home to play on the beach. Johnnie took off his shoes and stockings and waded in the water up to his knees, near Heins Pier. The youngster fell in a hole and screamed to his sister, who ran to his aid. He took hold of her hand and pulled her in.

Their cries were heard by a number of bathers, who hurried to the spot. The first to arrive were Mabel and Hazel Leyer, two young sisters from Germantown, Pa. The girls plunged in after the children, who were locked in each other's arms. They were struggling in the water trying to get the tots out, when two life guards arrived and took all four out of the water.

Fannie and Johnnie were unconscious and the two girls who made such an heroic attempt to save them were exhausted. The life guards labored for an hour over the children before they could be sent home.

Summer Schedule of the Long Island Railroad, with increased train service, will take effect June 26th.—Adv.

JUSTICE H. B. BROWN MARRIES

SLIPS VERY QUIETLY OFF TO CROSSWICKS, N. J.

Bride Is a Widow and Is Reported to Be Very Much Younger Than He—He Is 68—Plans to Retire in Two Years and Then Going to Devote His Time to Enjoyment

TRENTON, N. J., June 25.—Justice Henry B. Brown of Michigan, a member of the United States Supreme Court since 1890, surprised many of his friends to-day when he and Mrs. Josephine Bunting Tyler, née English, were quietly married at Crosswicks, a small hamlet about eight miles from this city.

The ceremony was performed by Bishop Scarborough of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, and the only witnesses were the two sisters of the bride, and an aunt, Miss Bunting, by whom she was given away. Justice Brown is 68 years old. The bride is very much younger.

Justice Brown had taken every precaution to see that his approaching nuptials should be kept an entire secret, and while he had asked the Bishop, a close personal friend of himself and his bride, to perform the ceremony, it was under the strictest pledge of secrecy.

Bishop Scarborough said to-night that so far as he knew only one other person had been let into the secret, Justice Brown's secretary in Washington, whom he had promised to notify as soon as the ceremony had been performed. Within two hours after the telegram had been sent conveying this information, Justice Brown had a score of congratulatory messages from his friends at the capital.

The wedding took place at noon, and at 2:30 Justice and Mrs. Brown started for Atlantic City, where they will spend their honeymoon.

In discussing his future plans Justice Brown said that he would retire from the bench two years hence, and that it was his intention then to go abroad and travel, and have a good time generally. He had known Mrs. Tyler for many years, she being a cousin of his first wife, and a frequent guest at his home in Washington. Neither has any children.

Justice Brown was most exacting about the arrangements for the wedding. He came to Trenton yesterday afternoon and planned all the details, even to the selection of the particular kind of carriages in which he was to be driven to and from Crosswicks and that in which the Bishop should ride. To inquiring friends here he merely announced that he was attending to a little matter of business.

Associate Justice Henry Billings Brown was a widower, his wife having died three or four years ago. He was 68 years old last March and has been on the Supreme bench since 1891. He was threatened recently with total blindness, but he underwent an operation which restored his sight.

All his colleagues on the Supreme bench have gone on their annual vacations except Justice McKenna, but to none of his friends, so far as can be ascertained, did he give any intimation of his intentions to marry again. When he left here yesterday it was supposed he was going to his home in Detroit.

SPANKED THE MUD-THROWER.

Automobilists Give the Leader of a Lot of Stone Throwing Boys a Licking.

Half a dozen small boys yesterday amused themselves by pelting passing automobiles on the Boulevard near the Morris Canal bridge in Bayonne, N. J., with stones and mudballs. Every time they hit the mark and the occupants of the autos showed any disposition to resent the bombardment the boys scooted down the hill to the towpath and hid in the bushes.

As a large red machine containing three men and three women came along from Jersey City the boys shouted with glee and prepared to fire an unusually large amount of ammunition. A red headed boy, the leader of the gang, as the auto came near, yelled:

"Soak it to 'em, fellers, good and hard." He led the attack with a large mudball; which landed on the left cheek of a slim man with side whiskers, who sat on the rear seat. In a moment the machine was stopped and the slim man sprang out and gave chase. He was a fine sprinter and caught the red headed leader of the gang by the nape of the neck just as the boy was making for the towpath.

Then the red head demonstrated his unfitness to be a leader. He bawled and cried as the slim man dragged him back to the auto. The men and women in the machine smiled and held a consultation as to what to do with the boy. The party was in a hurry and decided not to waste time handing the boy over to the police and unanimously agreed that the boy should be spanked.

The slim man, whose side whiskers still bore traces of the mudball, was delegated to perform the spanking. He did so cheerfully. Taking the boy across this knee as he sat on a stump of a tree he spanked him where it hurt most until his arm tired and the boy begged for mercy and swore he would never throw another mudball or stone at an automobile. When released with a final whack the red headed boy made for the towpath and the auto continued its trip with the six occupants smiling and the slim man separating his side whiskers from the remnants of the mud ball.

COLD WATER MILES BOOM.

The General Can Have the Prohibition Nomination if He Wants It.

CHICAGO, June 25.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles has been urged to become the Prohibition candidate for President by Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the national committee of the party. This surprise came out to-day when Mr. Stewart made public a copy of a letter written by himself to Gen. Miles last April.

It is further declared on high authority that Miles will be the nominee if he will accept the place. This news caused a sensation in political circles, where up to this time the story that the former field commander of the army might be the choice of the cold water convention has been regarded as a joke.

John G. Woolley, the party candidate for President in 1900, and Alonzo E. Wilson, chairman of the Illinois executive committee, are also booming Gen. Miles. Gen. Miles has not yet made known his wishes in a definite manner, but conferences with the party leaders have not led them to discontinue efforts in his behalf. It was predicted to-day by several leaders that he would lead the Prohibition ticket in the coming campaign.

ACTOR MACDOWELL A SUICIDE?

He Writes to the Coroner That He Intends to Kill Himself and Disappears.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Melbourne MacDowell, husband of the late Fanny Davenport, who has just closed a disastrous engagement here, sent a letter to the Coroner to-day, saying that he intended to commit suicide. This is the letter:

Coroner Leland:

DEAR SIR—If anything should happen to me you can blame my managers for the way they had the *Examiner* hound me. Now I am down and out, with no chance to leave Frisco. I have been drinking of late, I admit, but they are at fault. They have also caused three of my best friends, members of company, to turn against me,—Elliott, Quillan and Miss Fuller.

Notify J. L. Hart of my difficulty and Dave Wise, Columbia Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y. May God bless you.

MELBOURNE MACDOWELL.

Inquiry at the Windsor Hotel brought the information that Melbourne MacDowell had left the hotel this afternoon and had not been seen since.

NAN PATTERSON WILL TELL

What Happened in the Cab—Brother-in-Law Morgan Smith Heard From.

Counsel for Nan Patterson, who is under indictment for the murder of "Cæsar" Young, said yesterday that they had received word from J. Morgan Smith, Miss Patterson's brother-in-law, that he would be ready to appear as a witness for Miss Patterson whenever required. According to Miss Patterson's counsel, J. Morgan Smith is not in hiding, but is unwilling to be a witness for the prosecution. Mr. Smith is under subpœna and efforts made by the District Attorney to find him have been futile.

Miss Patterson said yesterday that she felt that she could convince a jury and the public that she is innocent. She said that she would tell at the proper time what happened in the cab when Cæsar Young was shot.

"CLOSE' EM UP"—CHIEF MURPHY.

That is, the Places Where Groceries and Dry Goods Are Sold on Sunday.

Chief of Police Murphy of Jersey City issued a general order yesterday instructing policemen to see that every grocery, dry goods, hat and men's furnishings store in that city is closed to-day. A complaint was made to the chief by union clerks employed in the four lines of trade that many of the storekeepers were persistently keeping open on Sunday.

The clerks will have a lot of spotters out to-day looking for storekeepers who try to do business on the sly. The police will not interfere with cigar stores, candy shops and other places which have done a flourishing business on the Sabbath day for many years. The chief said he intended to close only the businesses against which complaints were made.

THE FAIR REALTY IN FRISCO.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Demands $2,800,000 for Her Share.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—The realty holdings of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., in San Francisco are not to be taken over by a syndicate of local capitalists, which contracted to purchase the interests of Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs. The negotiations fell through because the valuation of $2,800,000 that Mrs. Vanderbilt had fixed was regarded as too high, and Magee & Son, to whom control of the property was given, will now offer it for sale in individual pieces. Mrs. Vanderbilt stipulates that the price in the aggregate must equal the sum she demanded from the syndicate for her holdings. The properties include buildings in the wholesale district, flats and houses in residential sections and retail stores and office buildings.

FIRE ENGINE RUNS AN ORGAN.

Alderman Pressed It Into Service When Water Pressure Fails.

CHICAGO, June 25.—But for the timely assistance of a passing fire engine the audience assembled in the First Presbyterian Church in Austin at the graduating exercises of the Austin Grammar School last night would not have heard the strains of the organ.

When the organist started to play the processional the keys did not respond to his touch, and it was found that the water pressure was too low to furnish power to operate the organ. Alderman Hunter, who was in the audience, discovered the predicament of the organist. He hurried outside and, hailing a passing fire engine which was returning from a fire, he pressed it into service to pump water in order to secure the pressure required to operate the organ.

25,000 AGE PENSIONERS.

Officers of the Pension Bureau Think They Will Not Exceed That Number.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—According to a table prepared at the Pension Office today, the "unknown army" of veterans eligible for pensions under the "age pension order" will not number more than 25,000. It was estimated by members of Congress and officers of the Pension Bureau at the time the law was passed that the "unknown army" would number not less than 150,000 men. There have been very few applications for pension under the "age order," and it was said to-day by an officer of the Bureau that there are not more than 20,000 veterans of the civil war now living who are not on the pension rolls.

BRUCE MUST STAND TRIAL.

Maryland Court Decides He Must Go to Jersey and Face Bigamy Charge.

BALTIMORE, June 25.—Thomas Bruce, who is wanted by the New Jersey authorities on the charge of bigamy, must go back to that State for trial, under a decision handed down by Judge Morris to-day in the Federal Court. The writ of habeas corpus sued out by Bruce was dismissed and the petitioner remanded.

The charge against him is that he married Miss Mary Cecilia Hannon in Newark on March 11, 1897, while his first wife, Miss Louisa Howard, whom he married at Richmond, Va., on Nov. 12, 1879, was still living. He was indicted by the Grand Jury of Essex county, N. J.

Bruce is 47 years old and is a mining expert and geologist.

Twelve hours New York to Toronto via New York Central's Empire State Express and Niagara Navigation Company's boat across Lake Ontario.—Adv.

TOGO HITS HARD.

Drives the Russian Fleet Back to Port Arthur.

ONE BATTLESHIP WAS SUNK

Prince Uhtomsky and 750 Men Were Drowned.

Attempt of the Russian Ships to Escape Repulsed, With Slight Losses to the Mikado's Fleet—Entire Naval Situation Changed, However, by the Fact That Russia Again Has a Strong Fleet Available for Service and That Port Arthur Must Be Watched to Prevent Its Getting to Sea—Ultimate Capture of the Stronghold Will Likely Be Delayed—Japanese Advance Toward Mukden Continues, With Numerous Skirmishes—Oyama Reports a Victory.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

TOKIO, June 25.—Admiral Togo has sent a report on the naval engagement off Port Arthur last Thursday, when one Russian warship was sunk and two others were damaged in an attempt of the Russian fleet to escape from the harbor. The report follows:

"On receipt of a message sent by wireless telegraphy from a picket ship off Port Arthur, at 11 A. M. of June 23, that the enemy's fleet had emerged from the port, I advanced to meet them with all my fleet except vessels on special mission.

"The enemy consisted of six battleships, five cruisers and fourteen destroyers, which apparently attempted to move southward, but at nightfall they stayed outside of the port.

"That night a majority of our destroyers and torpedo boats attacked the enemy's fleet outside of the port and sank at least one battleship of Peresviet type and damaged seriously one battleship of Sevastopol type and one of Diana type, which were towed into the port the next morning.

"On our side the wardroom of the destroyer Shirakumo was damaged and three men were killed and one surgeon and three men were wounded. Torpedo boat Chidori received one shot in the aft engine room, but there were no casualties. Torpedo boats 64 and 66 were slightly damaged."

NAVAL SITUATION CHANGED.

LONDON, June 25.—The news of the sortie of the Port Arthur fleet and its repulse by the Japanese greatly astonishes Europe. It is announced as a signal Japanese success. So it is, but it is a success against an enemy supposed to have been already quite *hors de combat*.

The fact that the Russian Admiral was able to send out a fleet of six battleships and five cruisers in mobile condition alters the whole naval situation. The Russian assertions that the damaged warships of the Port Arthur fleet had been completely repaired have been received in Europe with entire incredulity, for this truly wonderful feat has been accomplished, according to Admiral Togo's own report, and the Russian position is now much superior, even after the damage inflicted in Thursday's attack, to the most favorable estimates of European observers.

There remain four battleships and four cruisers in condition for service, and they are able to leave Port Arthur at will instead of being bottled up, as their opponents believe.

This means a new problem in the Japanese campaign against Port Arthur. Admiral Togo's fleet will be unable to co-operate with the troops in the final assault on that stronghold, for he must expect to find a formidable Russian fleet arrayed against him in the open sea. When the crucial moment comes, there is small doubt of his ability to defeat his enemy, but the Japanese task has become much more complicated and difficult.

The battleship Peresviet was of the same type as the Pobieda, which was reported disabled by a torpedo on April 13, the day the Petropavlovsk was destroyed. The Sevastopol is in the same class as was the Petropavlovsk. The Diana was a sister ship of the Pallada, which was torpedoed in the first attack Admiral Togo made on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and has not appeared since, except occasionally in Russian despatches as to the progress of the repairs upon her.

The Peresviet was a ship of 12,674 tons. She was 434 feet in length, 71 feet 9 inches beam and had a draught of 26 feet. She carried four 10-inch and eleven 6-inch guns, besides twenty 12-pounders and twenty-six small quick-firers and machine guns. She also had six torpedo tubes. Her best speed was 18 knots. Her complement was about 750 men. She was launched at St. Petersburg in 1898.

The tonnage of the Sevastopol is 10,960. She is 367 feet 6 inches in length and has a beam of 69 feet and a draught of 26 feet. Her armament is four 12-inch and twelve 6-inch guns, besides a number of 6 and 1 pound and twelve smaller quick-firers and six torpedo tubes. Her complement is 900 men.

The Diana is a protected cruiser of 6,630 tons. She is armed with eight 6-inch and twelve 12-pounder guns, eight smaller quick-firers and two torpedo tubes. She carries a crew of 625 men.

GEN. STOESSEL MAKES SORTIE.

Leaves Port Arthur With 7,000 Men—They Drive Him Back.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

ROME, June 25.—A despatch from Chefoo to the *Agenzia Stefani* says Gen. Stoessel