CORTELYOU ORDER IMPOTENT.

NO LAW TO BACK IT; NO MOVE MADE TO OBEY IT.

Statute Gives Secretary No Power Over Steamboat Inspection—Steamboat People Beat New Bill in Last Congress—Loophole for the Slocum's Owners.

Apparently not a move has been made yet toward carrying out Secretary Cortelyou's order for a reinspection of steamboats doing an excursion business in and about New York harbor. The order was telegraphed from the Department of Commerce and Labor on Wednesday to Inspector-General George Uhler, who was in New York that day. So far as could be discovered yesterday, Inspector-General Uhler has not taken the least step toward obeying it.

James A. Dumont, inspector of hulls at this port, in his office in the Federal Building yesterday was asked:

"Has the inspection of steamboats at this port ordered by Secretary Cortelyou begun?"

"I have no official knowledge," was the reply, "that any such order has been issued. All I know is what I have seen in the papers. Since such an order would not well be executed without my knowledge, I infer that the reinspection to which you refer has not begun. It should be borne in mind that the work of this department is governed only by acts of Congress. The laws of the land are our warrants for the performance of our duties."

"Do you mean to say that Secretary Cortelyou had no authority under the law to order a reinspection of the passenger steamers at this port?"

"I do not mean to say anything of the kind," was the reply, "because a statement of that kind might be regarded as a criticism by me of the act of a superior officer. I make no such criticism. All I will say is to repeat that the work of this department is governed entirely by acts of Congress."

There were persons connected with the United States Steamboat Inspection Service at this port who were willing to talk, anonymously, about Secretary Cortelyou's order. One of them said:

"I suspect that the secretary and chairman of the Republican national committee had been advised that it was up to the Washington authorities to do something strenuous about the Slocum disaster, so he issued that order to Gen. Uhler, but, as a matter of fact, the order has absolutely no force.

"Section 4405 of the United States Revised Statutes provides that the ten Supervising Inspectors and the Inspector-General of the service shall meet in Washington on the third Wednesday in January and formulate regulations which, when approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall have the force of law. The Secretary has no more power than the Secretary of the Treasury had. He can approve or disapprove the set of regulations adopted by the Board of Inspectors, but he must approve or disapprove all or none. Secretary Cortelyou tried to remedy this by new legislation at the last session of Congress. The bill, which was drawn by Herbert Knox Smith, one of the legal sharps of the Department, was opposed by certain shipping interests in New York and elsewhere, and it was defeated.

"The Inspector-General and all the other inspectors can twiddle their fingers at the Secretary if they want to, but, of course, they won't. But suppose they tried to execute the order and masters or owners objected, since the vessels had been inspected once this year, what could the inspectors do?"

Thirteen more witnesses were examined before the Federal Grand Jury yesterday in the Slocum inquiry. Most of them were members of the crew, and they all gave testimony before the Coroner's jury. After hearing the last witness, the Grand Jury took an adjournment until next Wednesday.

The United States District Attorney expects to base any prosecution that may follow the finding of indictments on Section 5344 of the Revised Statutes.

When the Federal authorities first read this section they were inclined to believe that the owners could be convicted under it. Now they appear to be a bit doubtful. They say that the owner of the General Slocum is the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, a corporation, and they know of no way the corporation could be tried and convicted under the section.

The authorities have no doubt, however, about the application of the statute to the captain and men of the Slocum, as well as to Assistant Local Inspector Henry Lundberg.

Miss M. C. Hall, bookkeeper for the Knickerbocker Steamboat Company, is still among the missing at the Federal Building. Marshal Henkel's men have not been able to find her anywhere.

CHINESE CONTRIBUTORS.

Learned of Disaster Through Chinese Paper—Modest Over Their Liberality.

The subscriptions acknowledged by Treasurer Jacob H. Schiff yesterday raises the total of the Slocum Relief Fund to $116,162.66. The day's list of contributors includes those who made up the $750 which was taken by a committee of Chinamen to Mayor McClellan's office on Wednesday. There are sixty-three names in the list, several of them being of Chinese organizations. All the money was collected in Chinatown. Ou Chung Lung, the aged purveyor of eccentric meats and groceries dear to the Chinese palate, of 10 Mott street, gave $10. He has been succeeded in business now by John Kee, a younger man, but his sympathies are as active as ever. The On Leong Tong Chinese Merchant Association gave $100. The Chinese Benevolent Association gave the same amount.

At the store of Wing Wo Chong, at 34 Pell street, a clerk said: "Yes, I jus' get him this."

He showed a receipt for $50 signed "Jacob H. Schiff, secretary Slocum Relief Committee." Kwong Tai Chong, who keeps a tea store next door, sent $10, and Soy Kee at the corner of Mott and Pell streets, on the other side, gave $20. The Lun Gee Tong Chinese Grand Lodge of Masons, at 6 Mott street, contributed $50.

All of the contributors were extremely reticent about their good deeds.

"This all ri'," they would say, gazing at the list of contributors. "Why you want know mo' for? Ev' store give someteen'."

"How did you learn about the disaster?" they were asked.

"We know Chinese paper, *Refo'm News*. Know anyhow. Yes, you fine Tuck High topside stair. My boss no here. Bimeby come back. No here now. You wanta spik Eng', coma tomollow morn'. Yes, Slocum telluble. Too bad."

Give Up Their Outing.

The barge excursion which the Civic Club gives annually to the women and children of the Twenty-first ward has been given up this year out of respect to the sufferers of the Slocum disaster. Resolutions to this effect were passed last night and it was voted to apply the excursion funds to the relief of those residents of the Twenty-first ward who had been left in need by the disaster.

Miss Leary's House to Be Remodelled.

Miss Annie Leary's residence, at 1082 Fifth avenue, is to be enlarged and remodelled. A two story and basement rear extension is to be erected to permit the addition of a ballroom, a breakfast room and a conservatory, the latter to have an ornamental dome. The plans were filed yesterday.

Five Points Children See Dreamland.

One hundred and fifty children from the Five Points House of Industry, 155 Worth street, went to Dreamland, Coney Island, yesterday as the guests of the managers of the place, starting from the Battery on the steamer Dreamland.

MINISTERS' STOCK DEALS.

Two Methodist Clergyman Suspended Because They Speculated.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 1.—According to the verdict of the ministerial committee of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, which tried the Rev. W. F. Corkran of South Bethlehem, Pa. and the Rev. C. S. Baker of Asbury Church, Wilmington, it is an offence against the Methodist Episcopal Church rules for a minister to engage in stock speculations on margins. The committee this morning returned the following verdict against Baker:

Charge 1—Specification 1: Conducting gambling operations through a firm of brokers in Baltimore and other similar stock concerns. Verdict, guilty. Specification 2: A confession practically admitting gambling. Verdict, guilty.

Charge 2—Fraud. Specification 1: Selling and attempting to sell stocks of a doubtful character; using misrepresentation in order to induce purchasers. Verdict, guilty, not of fraud, but of high imprudence and unministerial character.

Charge 3—High imprudence and unministerial conduct. Specification 1: Negotiations and transactions concerning the sale of stock of Standard Telephone Company of Crisfield. Verdict, guilty. Specification 2: Questionable business relations with a firm in Baltimore. Verdict, guilty. Specification 3: Engaging in secular pursuits while receiving sufficient salary for legitimate needs. Verdict, guilty. Specification 4: Engaging in secular pursuits of a questionable character and exploiting a stock of a questionable and even doubtful character. Verdict, guilty.

He is hereby suspended from exercise of ministerial functions and privileges until the next session of the Wilmington Conference.

This verdict will be reviewed by the Conference, which meets in March, 1905.

The charges against Mr. Cochran were similar and his trial, held this afternoon, lasted but a short time and he was found guilty and was suspended.

MOB AFTER HIM.

Deputy Sheriff Saves Man, Who Is Accused by Young Girl, From Angry Farmers.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., July 1.—After being roughly handled by a posse of residents of Pleasantville and Valhalla, who tried to drag him away from a deputy sheriff, Mark Ferrino, who, it is alleged, attempted to assault the daughter of a Pleasantville farmer, escaped possible lynching by the officer, who forced his way through the crowd, jumped in a closed rig and ran a team of horses to the White Plains jail.

Ferrino was employed by Jackson Hall, a well to do farmer of Pleasantville. He was accused of attacking Miss Annie Hall, the fifteen-year-old daughter of the farmer, in the barn on the farm on Thursday evening.

The girl says she went out there to feed her kitten, when the Italian sprang upon her and threw her to the floor. She fought desperately and managed to break away from him. Then he ran away. Her cries attracted her father and he hurriedly organized a posse of farmhands and neighbors, some of whom were armed with shotguns. The Italian ran to Hawthorne, four miles away, where he boarded a Harlem Railroad train. Members of the posse got on the same train at Pleasantville and dragged Ferrino off the train at Valhalla, where a large crowd of farmers had gathered.

Constable Stone attempted to take Ferrino away and the crowd surrounded him with cries of "Lynch him!" They almost tore the prisoner's clothing off in the struggle to get him.

THE SEAGOERS.

Dr. Delafield, John A. McCall, Gen. Woodford and Archbishop Keane Off to Europe.

The steamship Vaderland, sailing this morning for Antwerp, will take among her passengers:

Dr. Francis Delafield, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Deshon, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Phelps, John A. McCall, Capt. T. W. Moore, U. S. A.; J. K. McGowan, Charles W. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Onativia, Robert T. Paine and Miss Paine of Boston, Prof. J. M. Baldwin of Princeton, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar B. Ward of Newark and Walter J. Towne of Providence.

On the Koenigin Luise, sailing for Genoa via Gibraltar and Naples, are:

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Carpenter, Bishop A. C. Hall, H. R. Pyne, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stetson, J. E. Stillwell and Col. Charles A. Larendon of New Orleans.

The Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka, sailing for London, will have on board:

Gen. and Mrs. Stewart L. Woodford, Rear Admiral W. K. Van Reypen, John M. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Washburn, Col. C. H. Jones, Dr. Lucy R. Bliss, J. G. Coleman, D. C. MacLaren and the Rev. Bernard Schulte.

On the Hamburg-American liner Patricia, for Hamburg, are:

Archbishop John J. Keane, George A. Rowell, Richard Webber, Dr. McCluney Radcliffe, Robert McClure, Dr. A. H. Funke.

The Furnessia, for Glasgow, has on board:

Prof. John Morris, Waldemar Von Schubert, J. P. Hegeman, Samuel Smythe, Dr. Colin Smith Carter and the Rev. S. L. Morris.

DIVORCES THE J. G. UNDERHILLS.

Final Decree for Which Woman Is Waiting in London Signed Here.

Supreme Court Justice Gildersleeve signed the final decree yesterday divorcing Mrs. Grace K. Underhill from John G. Underhill, a real estate operator. The interlocutory decree was signed in March. Meanwhile Mrs. Underhill has been in Europe, anxiously awaiting the final decree, as she intends to marry, so it was reported yesterday, Tomasito Onatavia, a Florentine merchant. Both Mrs. Underhill and Onatavia are at present in London. The news of the entry of the final decree was cabled to her yesterday by her counsel.

This is the second time that John G. Underhill has been divorced. His first wife, Esther H. Leonard, a niece of Bishop Leonard of Ohio, got her decree on June 22, 1902. Four days later Underhill married Grace Knight, daughter of the general manager of the Bell telephone system in Texas. She had been educated for the stage.

Mrs. Underhill No. 2 sued for a separation about a year after her marriage, alleging that her husband still loved his first wife. This suit was discontinued on the payment, as it was reported, of a lump sum in lieu of alimony, and later the divorce action was begun.

PICKED UP LOOSE POTATOES.

Magistrate McKean Wouldn't Hold Little Girls for Larceny.

Marion Crespon, 12 years old, of 29 Renwick street, and Maggie Britton, two years younger, of 99 Laight street, were in the Children's Court yesterday morning, charged with larceny by George Earle, a stevedore who works for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at the foot of Laight street. On Thursday, while Earle was rolling some barrels of potatoes from a truck to a steamer, the head of one came off. The two little girls thought the potatoes were public property, and lost no time in gathering the materials for a heartier meal than their families often enjoy.

The stevedore called a cop in haste and entered a complaint of petty larceny. He was in the Children's Court yesterday. Justice McKean didn't exactly uphold the girls' idea of the loose potatoes being public property, but he refused to entertain Earle's complaint, and turned the girls loose.

Mother and Daughter Drowned.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., July 1.—While fishing on Hubbardton River at Benson today, Mrs. George Knowles and her young daughter were drowned by the capsizing of their boat. Mrs. Knowles, with her daughter and a Miss Montenay, was fishing. In some way the skiff was overturned. Mrs. Knowles and her daughter sank immediately, but Miss Montenay caught hold of one of the abutments of a nearby bridge and was rescued by men who were attracted to the place by her screams. The bodies of Mrs. Knowles and her child were recovered.

HUSBAND STRUCK HER DOWN

SEQUEL TO MRS. ABRAMSON'S CHARGE AGAINST GIRL.

"Little Duchess," the Wronged Wife Says, Wrecked Her Home and Stabbed Her With Hatpin—Ready Cop's Vigorous Action on Brutal Assault in Street.

"She stole my husband's love and when I tried to get my husband to leave her and come home with me last night she became furious at me for interfering and stabbed me with her hat pin."

Mrs. Robert Abramson of 225 East Twenty second street stood on the bridge in the Yorkville police court yesterday and accused Mamie Smith of 414 East Twenty-third street of wounding her in the hand. Mrs. Abramson held a baby in her arms and another child clung to her dress.

Abramson is an electrician employed in the tunnel which is being constructed from the Battery to Brooklyn. He has a salary of $30 a week. His wife says he left her and their two children in Stamford, Conn., a year ago and came to this city. According to her story, he became infatuated with the Smith woman, who is known along Third avenue as the "Little Duchess." The Little Duchess has been picked up by the police for loitering several times and the last time was placed on parole.

Father McMahon of the United Catholic Charities advised Mrs. Abramson to appeal to the womanhood of Mamie Smith to release the man from his infatuation. The wife did so, but the other woman only laughed at her, and on last Monday night went to the man's home and said she wanted him to take a walk with her. Mrs. Abramson declared in court that when she objected, Mamie Smith picked up a bottle of carbolic acid that was on a table and threw the contents at her.

"Robert told me he was going back to work last night," the complainant continued. "I followed him and saw him meet this woman. When I asked him to go home with me, this woman pulled my hair and then stuck her hat pin in me. She was going for me again when the policeman arrested her. My husband is her slave."

"Where is that man? Why is he not here?" demanded Magistrate Pool.

The complainant said her husband was not in court. The Magistrate issued a subpœna for him and adjourned the further hearing until to-day. He held the Smith woman in bail for assault.

Mrs. Abramson, as soon as she left the court room, started to look for work. With the two children, Ethel and Jennie, 3 and 2 years old, she went to a number of women and explained that unless she could secure work or a promise of work she would be evicted on Monday from her neat three room home.

Meantime Abramson had heard of the subpœna issued for him and in company with a woman whom he called Maud he started on a hunt for his wife. He came upon her at 4 o'clock just as she was leaving the house of Mrs. Bernstoff at 214 East Nineteenth street. Abramson walked up to his wife and exclaimed:

"You will get a subpœna for me, will you! I'll sic Maud on you."

With that he hit his wife, who had one of the babies in her arms, a blow in the face, knocking her down. "Maud" vanished at the first sign of trouble.

Policeman Muller of the East Twenty-second street station was only a short distance away. Rushing up he felled Abramson with a blow and then took him to the station house, lodging a charge of assault against him.

ROWDY WITH BIG SYRINGE.

Drenched Trolley Passengers, Thomas F. McAvoy Among Them—Caught.

Deputy Police Commissioner Thomas F. McAvoy was smoking a cigar on the rear end of an Amsterdam avenue trolley car the other night when at 133d street a stream of water caught him full in the face, ruining his collar, shirt bosom and temper.

He sprang off the car to catch the water squirter, but it was no use. Then he made a few inquiries of the street car men and found out that some hot weather joker had been giving trolley passengers a free shower bath every night at Amsterdam avenue and 133d street.

The Deputy Commissioner called up Police Captain McGlynn and told him to make it his particular business to bring the joker in. McGlynn's sleuths sleuthed but the squirting expert kept out of the way.

Wednesday night Mr. McAvoy, again spick and span in evening clothes, was going home on a trolley car when, at the same corner, he got another drenching. A lady on the car whom he knew arose in great agitation at the moment of his own bitterness and exclaimed:

"Oh, my new hat!"

Last night three ordinary looking fellows, whom only five men in seven would have taken for detectives, lolled about on the damp corner. At 10:30 a northbound car stopped. A young man, laughing heartily, ran alongside and sent a stream of water into the car from a big horse syringe. The three loungers grabbed him. He was Frank E. Shuckman, 20 years old, of 498 West 133d street, employed in a drug store at Amsterdam avenue and 133d street.

At the West 125th street police station he denied having played the trick before. He was locked up.

BACK TO CASTLE WILLIAMS.

Cavalry Prisoners in Officers' Clothes Fail to Escape From Governors Island.

John Napp and James Donavan, cavalrymen who have been confined as prisoners in Castle Williams, on Governors Island, tried a bold plan of escape from the island yesterday morning and had their trouble for their pains.

Napp and Donovan had only two months more to serve and were permitted to go about the island, although forbidden to leave it. Both got tired of waiting for the time when they could see New York. Yesterday morning they raided the quarters occupied by Lieut. Mason of Company F, Eighth Infantry, and Lieut. Christie. Napp helped himself to Lieut. Mason's new serge suit and completed the costume by donning a pair of his patent leather shoes, a négligé shirt and a Panama hat. Donovan put on a light check suit belonging to Lieut. Christie, and a pair of tan shoes, openwork stockings and a straw hat.

Attired thus the prisoners sauntered slowly down to the dock, each of them smoking a cigarette. Nobody recognized Napp and he got aboard the ferryboat all right. Donovan wasn't so lucky. While he was waiting for the next boat, Color Sergeant Bruen came along and raised his hand to salute him, thinking he was Lieut. Christie. When he saw who it really was he seized Donovan and marched him back to Lieut. Christie's quarters, where he made him exchange garments again. A telephone message was sent over to this side and Napp was caught as he strolled off the ferryboat. He was taken back to the island and also made quick shift in clothes.

Both were placed in cells again.

Dined in Memory of San Juan.

The veterans of Company M, Seventy-first Regiment, New York Volunteers, according to their annual custom, celebrated the anniversary of the battle of San Juan Hill last night with a banquet. They gathered in the Café Boulevard. The company, which was disbanded on its return from the Spanish war, suffered the heaviest losses of any company in the battle. It had five men killed and seventy-three wounded. Capt. Hutchinson, at present of Company F, who was a First Lieutenant of Company M, presided.

Large Turtle Caught in Raritan Bay.

Edward Aurnack, a fisherman, of Keyport, N. J., caught yesterday what is said to be the largest turtle ever caught in Raritan Bay. It weighed more than 400 pounds. This morning he caught another, weighing over 200 pounds.

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TRACKED WIFE TO KILL HER.

GEORGE LESTER MAY DRIVEN TO FURY BY DRINK.

Follows Wife Who Refused to Live With Him to Her Home, Shoots Her From the Foot of the Stairs and Rushes Upstairs to Finish the Work—His Suicide.

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 1.—Little was talked of here to-day but George Lester May's murder of his wife last night and his suicide. Mrs. May had attended religious services at the Auditorium. She returned to the home of her parents, with whom she had been living since her separation from her husband nearly two years ago, about 10 o'clock. May was lurking near the house. He concealed himself in the shrubbery as she passed. Then he followed her into the house. She went to the second floor with her four-year-old son, and had stopped at the head of the main stairway to take off the child's coat when her husband burst in the front door.

Without a word May raised his revolver and fired a shot, which struck his wife in the shoulder. She turned screaming and ran into a bedroom. Before she could close the door May, who had come up the stairs two steps at a time, was in the room. Seizing his wife about the neck he forced her head back and as she opened her mouth to scream he jammed the muzzle of the revolver into it and fired.

Then as the woman staggered down the stairs and fell dead across the threshold, he walked over to her dresser and, standing before the mirror, put the muzzle of the pistol in his own mouth and shot himself. In all this time it is said he had not uttered a word.

The Mays were married in Brooklyn six years ago. Two years ago they separated, the young wife returning to the home of her parents because of the dissipated habits of her husband. May strove to effect a reconciliation in vain. Of late he had been without employment. He worked in Asbury Park two years ago and came here hoping to get work. Mrs. May heard of his arrival on Tuesday. She met him a day later. He again renewed his efforts at reconciliation, and when his wife refused to listen to him he threatened to kill her.

Mrs. May went before Justice of the Peace Moran of Neptune township yesterday and asked that her husband be apprehended, declaring that she feared for her life. The Justice promised to have May arrested to-day and she returned home.

When May heard that a warrant had been sworn out for his arrest he bought a flask of whiskey with the last money he had.

By the early evening he had drunk him, self into a fury. He watched his wife come out of her home, at 79 Pilgrim Pathway, and was seen following her through the unlighted streets of Ocean Grove a little later. He did not enter the Auditorium after his wife, but returned to a dark spot opposite her cottage and waited for her return. Neighbors saw a man lurking about, but no one warned the police.

May was entirely without money and, although he wore a new suit of clothes, the pitiful makeshifts in his other clothing disclosed his poverty. He had been here nearly a week, and it is supposed that he slept out of doors and got his meals where he could. In his pockets was found nothing but a nearly empty bottle of whiskey.

Mrs. May was well known among the best people of Ocean Grove. She was 26 years old, tall and a brunette and was accounted a beautiful woman. Two years ago May came down with her and found employment in Asbury Park. He gave up his place in August, leaving an ugly reputation behind.

May was the son of George W. May of 591 Bedford avenue, Williamsburg, who for years has looked after the estate of his father on the east side of Manhattan. Lester, as the dead man was known to his friends, was about 27 years old.

LITTLE ELEPHANT, BIG TORTOISE

Fellow Passengers on the Ark Belgravia, With a Few Pythons and Things.

The smallest elephant that ever crossed the Atlantic was a passenger on the steamer Belgravia from Hamburg, which docked yesterday at Hoboken. She is a lady and her name is Gunda. She's going with her mother to the New York Zoological Park.

Little Gunda is only 23 inches high. She was born in Hamburg on May 10. She and mamma were both mighty glad when she got off the ship last night.

Gunda was put in a crate which was loaded on an express wagon just as a little dog would have been. Her mother was hitched to the wagon and as they drove to the Pennsylvania ferry they created a lot of interest.

A fellow passenger with Gunda and her mother was a giant tortoise. The nearest guess the press agent could make of the tortoise's age was "over 300 years." The tortoise weighs 300 pounds and can carry several men on its back. It was captured in the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean.

Louis Schlange, a sailor, thought he'd like to play with old Mr. Tortoise on the way over. He is now minus the index finger of his right hand. The tortoise with a lot of smaller ones is going to St. Louis. In the same consignment are a few pythons. Contrary to the custom of ocean-going pythons, they did not get loose on the voyage and any story that one of them ate three sheep on the way over was only verified by their press agent.

In addition to Mrs. and Miss Gunda, the Zoological Park's consignment included four female aoudads, three snow leopards, six antelopes, seven seals and two mouffion. The Central Park Zoo gets seven eagles and nine vultures.

Going to Open the Summer School.

The Rev. Dr. D. J. McMahon, president of the Catholic Summer School of America and pastor of Epiphany Church, starts at 9:45 o'clock this morning with a party of friends from the Grand Central Station to open the thirteenth session of the summer school at Cliff Haven, N. Y.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Plans were filed yesterday for a new five story school, 200 feet front and 94 feet deep, with an extension, to be built on Prospect avenue from Ritter place to Jennings street in The Bronx. It is to cost $200,000.

Schedules in bankruptcy of the Edward J. Merriam Company, wholesale paper dealers at 28 Beekman street, show liabilities, $97,019, and nominal assets $47,710, in addition to 688 shares of stock of the Broadway Magazine Company on which no value is placed.

AUTO WRAPPED IN FLAME.

Mr. Phipps's Machine, Set on Fire by Gasolene at Long Range, Won't Go To-day.

A big touring car owned by Henry C. Phipps, the steel man, was badly damaged yesterday morning by fire and it won't be shipped abroad to-day, as was intended. The automobile cost $10,000 and the damage to it will cost fully $2,000 to repair.

The ocean liners require that automobiles for shipment be cased. Mr. Phipps's car was standing in Thirty-ninth street, near the southeast corner of Seventh avenue, and the man in charge of it opened the plug of the gasolene tank to clear it. The gasolene trickled into the roadway and, by way of the gutter, to Seventh avenue.

There is no sewer opening on this corner, and the gasolene flowed around it and down the west gutter on Seventh avenue. Twenty feet from the corner, on Seventh avenue, stood a man lighting a cigar. He flicked the burning match into the stream. The fluid took fire instantly and the blaze travelled back over the course of the gasoline.

Meantime the man in charge of Mr. Phipps's machine had left it, with the gasolene still flowing from the tank. The blaze reached the starting point in a jiffy and leaped to the tank of the automobile. There was a slight explosion and the entire machine was wrapped in flames.

There are a score of automobile storage places near, and employees from these descended on the burning machine with fire extinguishers. They were not making much headway, however, when several men from Engine 26, in West Thirty-seventh street, responded to a still alarm with axes and picks. They got to work on the burning automobile, and while they soon put out the fire they did most of the damage. They flushed the tank with water and ripped the rear of the machine apart. While they were working two of the tires exploded.

ARMED PARSON TO SING SING.

He Encountered a Pawnbroker and the Result Is a Year in Jail.

"Ah'm agwine to Washington an' get justice," said the Rev. Sidney Smith, a colored minister from Mississippi as he was led out of Judge Newburger's court yesterday to serve a term in Sing Sing. The Rev. Mr. Smith was angry.

"I doan think much o' dis No'the'n idea o' justice," he said.

He came to town a short time ago and a few days of sightseeing swept away his bank roll. But he had a loaded revolver left and he went up to see Frank D. Nicholson, a pawnbroker in West Forty-eighth street.

"Ah want $2 on dis heah gun," said the parson.

"It's loaded," said the pawnbroker, looking over the revolver. "I'll give you a dollar."

"Two or nuthin'," said the belligerent parson, pointing it at the pawnbroker's head. The pawnbroker yelled for help and a policeman arrested the belligerent. When he was arraigned before Judge Newburger yesterday, Capt. Canton, the prisoner's counsel said:

"This man is a minister of the Gospel. In the South people are allowed to carry revolvers. This gentleman meant no harm.

"He had no right to point a revolver at the complainant," said Judge Newburger. "I sentence him to not less than one year and not more than two years."

Mr. Smith had to be shoved out of court.

MAJOR BINGHAM A GENERAL.

Will Be Placed on the Retired List With the Rank of Brigadier.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Major Theodore A. Bingham, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., who was hurt recently at Buffalo, where he was in charge of river and harbor improvements, and was obliged to have one of his legs amputated, was to-day ordered before a retiring board.

It was announced at the War Department that when the board reports Major Bingham will be placed on the retired list with the rank of Brigadier-General.

Major Bingham was Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds in Washington during the McKinley and part of the Roosevelt administrations, and had charge of all social functions at the White House.

BUFFALO, July 1.—"By gad, but that's good," was all that Major Bingham could say when the news was first imparted to him at the General Hospital this afternoon that he had been promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General.

The message was conveyed to Major Bingham by his nurse, who received it just as she was preparing him for a trip to Grand Island, where he will remain until he regains his strength. Major Bingham has not been out of the hospital since he was received there, and the prospect of getting out made him as happy as a schoolboy with an unexpected holiday. The news of his appointment capped the climax.

New Chief of Education in Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The President has appointed as Commissioner of Education in Porto Rico Dr. Roland P. Falkner, at present Chief of Division of Documents, Library of Congress, vice Dr. Samuel McCune Lindsay, who has resigned, his resignation to take effect on Oct. 1. Dr. Falkner is 38 years old, and was graduated in 1885 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—These army orders have been issued:

First Lieut. Alvan C. Gillem, Fourth Cavalry, from recruiting service, to Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

A retiring board is appointed to meet at Camp George H. Thomas, Ga., for the examination of First Lieut. Solomon L. Jeffers, Seventh Calvalry.

Major Henry F. Kendall Twelfth Cavalry, to report for examination to a retiring board appointed to meet at San Francisco.

First Lieut. Lloyd L. Fristle, Philippine Scouts, to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to duty with recruits, and thence to the Philippines.

First Lieut. Albert B. Henderson, Assistant Surgeon, is retired.

These navy orders were issued:

Commander J. F. Parker to Naval Station, New Orleans, as captain of the yard.

Commander L. C. Hellner to duty as Assistant Inspector of the Thirteenth Lighthouse district, Portland, Oregon.

Lieutenant-Commander W. D. Caperton to Narragansett Bay, in attendance upon the course of instruction at Naval War College.

Lieutenant-Commander H. A. Field to Schenectady, N. Y., for duty as inspector of equipment.

Lieutenant-Commander W. F. Worthington detached bureau of steam engineering, to Naval Academy, Annapolis.

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RAWSON TWINS CHASE HOBOES

BOTH SIDES EXCHANGE SHOTS IN RUNNING FIGHT.

Redoubtable Constables, Aided by a Citizen Posse, Drive Away Gang That Had Held Up a Young Woman—High Private Says a Tramp's Shot Struck Him

HILLSDALE, N. J., July 1, 1904.—The quiet town of Hillsdale has been overrun for the past month by a gang of a dozen hoboes of a desperate character, and on Thursday evening five of them engaged in a gun fight with a posse of Hillsdale citizens who were bent on ridding the town of them. The posse was led by A. W. and A. E. Rawson, known to fame as the Rawson twins, constables of Hillsdale, and Justice A. F. Taylor, a local lawyer. Christopher Deis, one of the posse, says he was shot in the arm, but he won't show his wound.

The Ranson twins, like real live constables, were hanging round the Manor House, a local hotel.

Suddenly they heard screams in the distance. It was lodge night hereabout and the local celebrities about the hotel were preparing for some initiations, so they didn't trust their ears quite. But when two little boys came running to them and told them that Hecla Arnold, who was homeward bound from the Manor, was held up by five men, one of whom was a strapping negro, they immediately abandoned all idea of the initiation, organized a posse and chased the bandits.

The bandits made direct for the Green Woods, firing a score of shots as they ran.

The twin constables drew their six-shooters and answered the fire. The negro in the party was seen to fall, but he was probably not killed. Christopher Deis, of the posse, says he received a flesh wound in the left arm. There are those, however, who smile at his statements.

The constables say there has been a veritable reign of terror—for Hilledale. Strapping hoboes have broken in upon lone and defenceless women and asked for "handouts" and sandwiches and they announced beforehand they wouldn't saw wood.

Citizens of Hillsdale have had various set-tos with the hoboes. Last Monday the twin constables chased a party of them to a silk mill about a mile away, and there, too, some shots were exchanged. The night watchman, Wannick, of the silk mill, reported to the Rawson twins that he was held up last night by two men and that he fired at them.

The influx of tramps, according to the Rawson twins, is due to the building of the Wood Cliff reservoir. The laborers of all nationalities are paid every two weeks and then some of them throw up their jobs and become wanderers.

GETS MEDAL AFTER 40 YEARS.

Reward Comes Late to Sailor Who Distinguished Himself in Civil War.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—John Hayes of Muscoda, Grant county, Wis., wrote to the Navy Department the other day that he had heard recently that a general order, issued Dec. 31, 1864, directed that a medal of honor be awarded to "John Hays," coxswain, for personal bravery on the Kearsarge in that vessel's successful action with the Confederate cruiser Alabama off Cherbourg, France, in the civil war.

"Now, sir," said the writer, "I was the only John Hayes on board the Kearsarge at that time, but I have never received a medal."

Hayes said also that he was nearly 72 years old and unable to work, but received a pension of $12 a month. The old man enclosed his enlistment and discharge papers, and with these to help them the Navy Department officials identified the John Hayes of Muscoda with the "John Hays" of the Kearsarge. They found the medal, too, its once bright ribbon faded and its metal tarnished.

The medal was mailed to Hayes to-day. In the letter of transmittal he was told that $100 went with the medal and that he could get the money by making formal application for it.

Movements of Naval Vessels

WASHINGTON, July 1.—The gunboat Bancroft has arrived at Puerto Plata; the battleships Kearsarge (flagship of Rear Admiral Barker), Alabama, Maine and Iowa and the collier Abarenda at Piræus; the destroyer Perry at Hoquiam.

The cruiser Atlanta and the gunboats Castine and Marietta have sailed from Gibraltar for Santa Cruz, Canaries; the gunboat Newport from San Juan for Puerto Plata; the refrigerating ship Glacier from Guantanamo for New York, and the gunboat Villalobos from Yochow for Hankow.

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NEW CABINET MEN TAKE OFFICE.

Moody Sworn in as Attorney-General and Morton as Secretary of the Navy.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—William H. Moody was sworn in at the Department of Justice this morning as Attorney-General to succeed Philander C. Knox, and Paul Morton took the oath of office as Secretary of the Navy.

There was little formality, but the bureau chiefs in each department were introduced to the new officials. Victor H. Metcalf was sworn in as Secretary of Commerce at the White House late this afternoon.

All the old and new members of the Cabinet who are in Washington attended