tieth streets so the passengers probably didn't know what had happened.

In response to the alarm, Hook and Ladder Company 2, from Lexington avenue and Fiftieth street, got there first, and the men mounted the structure with their ladders. Two blows with an axe on the smouldering tie were all that were necessary to put out the fire, but the power was shut off for about five minutes to enable the firemen to make sure that the tie was not blazing under the third rail.

TAMMANY HALL IS STRUCK.

The flagpole on the top of Tammany Hall was hit. The only persons in the building at the time were half a dozen cleaners. Charles F. Murphy had been at his desk in the forenoon, but left at 12:30 o'clock. When he went away all the other Tammanyites departed from the building.

Tom Sharkey was in his saloon across the street when the lightning struck and he hustled out in time to pick up the gilt ball which had surmounted the pole.

A year ago the Tammany flagpole was struck and its ball was dislodged. Sharkey succeeded in capturing it then.

"This means a Democratic victory in November," said Sharkey when he got the second ball yesterday.

The lightning flash was followed by a loud clap of thunder, which startled the employees in the building and others in the neighborhood. The shock was not felt by the audience in Tony Pastor's theatre, on the ground floor. The orchestra was playing a lively tune at the time.

The messenger call wires on the roof of the five story office building at 35 and 37 Broad street were struck by lightning yesterday afternoon. The flash ran down the wires and into a vacant office on the fourth floor, burned out the call box and tore down most of the ceiling. The noise was heard all over the building, but the janitor and tenants failed to learn what had happened until a messenger boy appeared and tried to get into the closed office. Upon investigating, the janitor found that when the call box was burned out the bell at headquarters had rung up the number of the vacant office.

One of the Street Cleaning Department's metallic dump carts in some way became charged with electricity at Fifth street and Avenue D. Charles Sharpley of 209 Avenue C, the driver, rolled off the cart in a hurry and got a sprained ankle. While a Bellevue ambulance was on its way to pick up Sharpley, a policeman hailed it and handed over Jan Farley of 626 East Fourteenth street, who had also fallen from a metallic dump cart at Avenue B and Fifth street.

Downtown the volume of water in the streets was the cause of much annoyance to basement offices. About 2:30 o'clock water began to pour into the basement of the Western Union offices in the Stock Exchange. A new manhole in front of the building gave the surface water entrance to the basement. In a few minutes there were three inches on the basement floor. Manager Tierney sent in a call to the Fire Department asking for an engine to pump the water out. He was informed that he could not get an engine without an order from Chief Croker.

Then Mr. Tierney rigged up a hand pump and organized a force of bucketmen to bale out the cellar. In half an hour Mr. Tierney had the cellar cleared and the manhole plugged.

The Broadway cars, north and south, were blocked at the Murray street switch after the storm. The conduits were flooded and the power shut off. Two wrecking wagons were called and the crews went to work with force pumps. For more than half an hour the wagons towed the cars beyond the flooded section. Southbound cars were switched to the north track until traffic was resumed.

According to the weather bureau 1.68 inches of rain fell, an unusually large amount for a storm that lasted from 2:01 P M to 3:30 P. M.

CHURCH CROSS TOPPLED OVER.

Lightning struck the cross on the steeple of St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, at Hicks and Summit streets, Brooklyn. The emblem, which is six feet high, was loosened from its socket and left hanging. A policeman was stationed in front of the church to warn away pedestrians, as it was feared the cross might fall.

A frame house at Gold and Johnson streets, Brooklyn, was hit and set on fire. The tenants, all negroes, trampled over each other in escaping. As Fireman Edward Flaherty of Truck 53 was carrying a fire extinguisher into the house the tank blew up. He was thrown from his feet and cut severely by the flying pieces of copper. His comrades rushed into the house and carried him out. The fire did little damage.

A flagpole on the cupola of the Clymer street police station in Williamsburg was struck by a lightning bolt and partly shattered. It was the fourth time in three years that lightning has hit the flagpole of that police precinct. The current ran down the telephone wires and stunned Desk Sergeant Cocheu and Policeman Hugh Reynolds, who was at the telephone table. Capt. Holahan, who was in his room, and several policemen on reserve were also shocked.

Four passengers on a Broadway car in Brooklyn were severely injured at Broadway and McDougal street. Henry Johnson, the motorman, was temporarily blinded by a lightning bolt and failed to see the signal of a flagman not to go ahead. Johnson's car, which was running on the wrong track on account of repairs, crashed into a Broadway car coming from an opposite direction. Four passengers were bruised and had to be attended by an ambulance surgeon.

### FIREBOATS PUMPED WATER

**To Extinguish Blaze When Long Island City Supply Failed.**

The fireboats Abram S. Hewitt and William L. Strong saved a section of Long Island City from a serious fire yesterday afternoon. The water pressure in the street mains fell to such a low state that the engines summoned to fight the fire were almost helpless. This has occurred several times.

The fire was started by lightning striking the varnish works of Smith & Co., on Fourth street near West avenue. Five minutes after the bolt hit the building the entire place was on fire and the workmen had fled. The bolt struck at 2:45 and it was 5 o'clock before the flames were under control. Meanwhile a great column of black smoke rose high in the air and floated northward and across the East River and over Harlem.

For a time it looked as if the fire would spread in all directions, and the occupants of several rows of tenement houses in the vicinity got out hastily. The dense smoke drifted into the houses for blocks around and caused great alarm. The flames were shooting a hundred feet into the air and at times swept down through the street. At one time they leaped half a block to the offices and stables of the Long Island Railroad Express, at Fourth and Front streets. These were badly damaged by the fire.

A dozen times the flames attacked the big varnish works of Calman & Co., adjoining, and the firemen beat them back. The Calman works once before stood a half day of fire as a result of a solid twenty-two-inch fire wall. A similar wall on the other side saved it again yesterday. The roof was badly damaged, however.

Chief Lally, on reaching the fire, sounded a third alarm and followed this with six special calls. The combined effect of all these was to bring all the engines in Long Island City and Astoria and seven from Brooklyn. Added to these were the two fireboats, which, when they got to work, furnished the firemen with the water they could not pump from the street mains. The engines had to seek water from the river also. The effect of two engines pumping on any available main seemed to be to suck it dry within five minutes.

Before the boats arrived it looked as if the fire would take the big Calman works and sweep to the river and into the Long Island Railroad freight yards. When the ample supply of water was obtained the firemen soon beat the fire back into the Smith works and, holding it there, allowed it to burn itself out.

Chief Lally estimated the loss at from $50,000 to $70,000.

### MISS GOULD IN THUNDERSTORM.

**Obliged to Abandon Her Automobile and Take Shelter in a Farmhouse.**

LIBERTY, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Miss Helen M. Gould is resting at the Hotel Wawonda in this village to-night after an exciting experience this afternoon. While on her way from Warwick to Monticello in a big touring car with two women friends she was overtaken by a heavy thunderstorm. The rain came down in torrents and the lightning was incessant.

The road finally became so slippery that the automobile could proceed no further, and it had to be abandoned in the open country a few miles from Monticello. Miss Gould and her friends took shelter in a farmhouse until a carriage could be procured. When the storm passed over she was driven to this village, a distance of about twelve miles. Later the touring car was brought here by the chauffeur.

### WEDS A COACHMAN'S SON.

**Daughter of a Brookline Editor Elopes—Her Parents Forgive Her.**

BOSTON, Aug. 1.—Miss Mattie L. Spencer, a Brookline society girl, daughter of the editor and proprietor of the Brookline *Chronicle*, and Norman L. Crawford, son of the coachman of the Cabot family of Brookline, were married secretly on Thursday of last week. The news did not reach any of their friends until to-day, when it was announced by Mr. Spencer, who declared that he had forgiven the elopers and they would make their home with him.

The bride is 19 years old, while the bridegroom is 20. Miss Spencer has known Crawford for more than a year. On Thursday they went to the town hall in Brookline and obtained a marriage license. Then they drove to the home of the Rev. William E. Whitten in Boston, where they were married. The bride took advantage of the absence of her parents, who had gone to their summer home in Wrentham, where the girl had promised to join them. When she appeared her husband accompanied her, and together they broke the news.

### ROOSEVELT BOYS SEE MOROS.

**They Also Take In the Igorrotes and Do the Pike at the Fair.**

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 1.—Slipping away from people has come to be such a habit with the Roosevelt boys, who are seeing the fair, that they slipped away from L. Watchams, the manager of their hotel, this morning and toured the Terrace unaccompanied. Later they went to the Administration Building and were taken from there to the Philippine reservation by Laurence Grahame, secretary of the national commission.

Dr. W. P. Wilson, chairman of the Philippine exposition board, took them in hand and showed them through the exhibit buildings. They manifested polite interest in the exhibits, but they but half concealed their anxiety to get to the native villages. They wanted to see the Igorrotes and Moros.

Special performances had been arranged in the village of the former tribe and the Moros gave a spear dance for their entertainment and the children dived for coin in Arrowhead Lake. This evening they took in the Pike. Theodore and Kermit seemed to take more pleasure there than any other place in the fair grounds.

### CURACAO'S GOVERNOR HERE.

**Sees New York, but What Has It That His Home City Lacks?**

The Governor of Curaçao came into port yesterday, on the way to Holland. Curaçao is a little Dutch colony, made up of six islands, on the seaward fringe of Venezuela.

The Governor's name is worth a separate paragraph. It is O. J. de Jong van Beer en Donk. He gets that name from an old Dutch family, which has been accumulating it for seven centuries. Last night the Dutch colony fell upon Mr. de Jong et al. and showed him the bierstubes and the roof gardens and Broadway.

Several visitors called at his hotel while he was out, and the bellboy who goes through the corridors calling out the names of those who are wanted complained that he had sprained his voice. When Mr. O. J. de J. v. B. e. D. got back to the hotel he was interviewed.

"What do you think of New York?" was, of course, the first question.

It was up to the Governor to say: "I am amazed at the splendor of your beautiful city," or something like that, but he didn't. He said:

"Oh, it's pooty good."

"Must be a great change to come to a great city like New York after the loneliness of Curaçao," said the interviewer.

"Oh, I don't know. There's more than a thousand people in Willemstad, besides the blacks. Do you know more than a thousand people? Well, then, why do you want a million more people around you that you can't know?"

"But the life, the bustle, the movement!"

"Well, we have four steamers every week. That's enough excitement."

"But the amusements—the theatres."

"We have two shows a year in Willemstad," said the Governor. "Who wants to go to a show more than twice a year?"

"How are the prospects in Curaçao?"

"Good."

"Do you want any more settlers?"

"No. We want rain. Lots of rain. That is all I know that I care to tell."

### HOTELKEEPERS SWINDLED.

**Gave Money to Men Who Promised Immunity for Selling Liquor in Asbury Park.**

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 1.—Albert C. Minzer, an expert accountant formerly employed by A. C. Twining of this city, and Edward J. Hanley were arrested to-night charged with extorting money from hotel proprietors of Asbury Park under the promise of immunity from interference in the illegal sale of liquor. The money, they said in at least one case, was for men higher up, naming Mayor Tenbroeck and County Prosecutor Andrew A. J. Stokes as the men to whom the graft was destined.

They were arraigned before Justice John A. Borden, and partially confessed, declaring that the men whose names they had used knew nothing whatever of the matter. The complainants against the men were George Ward, proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, and Mrs. Frost of the Hotel Lafayette. Ward gave Hanley a check for $25, which was cashed at the Seacoast National Bank.

Mrs. Frost sent her check for a like amount to Mayor Tenbroeck, and the investigation that followed resulted in the arrest. Both men were held under bail.

Mrs. Frost swore that the men had represented to her that the county authorities were about to descend upon her house, but if the money was forthcoming they would arrange that it be called off. The prisoners were held in $500 each for the Grand Jury.

**Fatally Stricken on Trolley Car.**

Mrs. Susan Bowen, 73 years old, of 3805 Prospect street, Seattle, Wash., and her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Shepard, also of Seattle, who had been visiting relatives at 293 East Sixteenth street, Flatbush, left the latter address early last evening, intending to take a Fall River boat. Mrs. Bowen was stricken with apoplexy on a Flatbush avenue car when it reached Seventh avenue. Harold Crane, her nephew, and Mrs. Shepard assisted her to a drug store, where she died.

**Fornes Signing Bonds Now.**

President Fornes of the Board of Aldermen became Acting Mayor yesterday. Mayor McClellan is away for a month. Mr. Fornes was occupied all day signing bonds, except for a short interval when he presided over a meeting of the city's banking commission to determine the list of depositories, and to fix the rate of interest for August, September and October. The only change in the list of banks was the substitution of the Coal and Iron National Bank for the Eastern Trust Company. The rate of interest was fixed at 2 per cent.

**Big New Downtown School.**

Plans have been filed for a new five story building for Public School 38, to occupy the block on the west side of Clarke street from Broome to Dominick streets. It is to be 169 feet front and 158 feet deep, and the cost is estimated at $270,000.

## BLAST SHAKES THE STREET UP

### ROCK FLIES THROUGH HOUSE WALL, TENEMENT STAGGERS.

**All the Glass Falls Out of All the Windows and All the People Tumble Out Into the Street After Tumbling Down to Inquire if the World's End Has Come.**

A dynamite blast on a vacant lot competed with the thunder in The Bronx yesterday afternoon, rocked a five story flat building at 3 Beekman avenue, broke most of the windows in the neighborhood and brought scores of scared people out of their homes on the run.

Mamie Fahey was playing a piano in her cousin Rody McLaughlin's house at 9 Beekman avenue, on one side of the vacant lot, when a rock came through the side of the house, passed over her head and on through the parlor wall into the dining room. Margaret McLaughlin was sitting at the dining room table. The rock dropped within three feet of her chair, pitching her head first on the floor. Thomas McLaughlin, who was asleep upstairs, fell out of bed. The McLaughlin house wasn't much to look at when the rock finished its course. Parlor and dining room were masses of plaster, dirt, broken furniture and shattered china.

On the other side of the vacant lot is the five story flat building. Mrs. Louis Blash and her three children were looking out of a window when the dynamite let go. They were thrown back to the floor and a two-year-old baby in a high chair was thrown to the floor. Mrs. J. F. Downey and her children, who live on the second floor of the building, were thrown down.

Practically every window pane in the building was shivered, and a number of people were cut by glass.

Mrs. Anthony Huffman, who keeps a bakery at 873 East 141st street, was waiting on a customer. Broken glass from the windows of the bakery cut her arms and face, and the bakery shelves spilled pies and cakes all over the floor.

The policemen who got there first saw an Italian making off from the vacant lot with a coffee bag over his shoulder. They arrested him and found that he had twenty-eight pounds of dynamite in the coffee sack. He was locked up for carrying dynamite without a permit.

It was found that workmen employed by Contractor Alfred Marrich and Under Foreman James Kinglisce had set off a blast on Saturday afternoon, drilling eight holes for the purpose. When the explosion came it was supposed that all the charges had gone off. Yesterday new holes were drilled and properly covered, but the police think that one of the charges placed on Saturday did not explode and was set off, uncovered, when the new blast exploded.

Marrich and Kinglisce were arrested, charged with careless blasting. Three Italian workmen were locked up, charged with carrying dynamite without permits.

### CHRISTINA MEYER FOUND.

**Girl Bormann Is Accused of Abducting in a Frisco Lodging House.**

Christina Meyer, the young girl who ran away from her home at 259 Ninth avenue, about a month ago, has been found in a lodging house in San Francisco. Shortly before she left Fred Bormann, a clerk employed in her father's store, disappeared, leaving his wife and three children penniless. At the time the girl disappeared her father missed $40 from the cash drawer. The girl went West and joined Bormann. The latter came back to this city and was arrested last Saturday.

### EX-GOV. PATTISON DEAD.

**Leading Pennsylvania Democrat Succumbs to Pneumonia Attack.**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 1.—Robert E. Pattison, ex-Governor of Pennsylvania, died as his home in Overbrook at 6.35 o'clock this morning, of pneumonia. He did not become seriously ill until Saturday, and grew steadily worse yesterday.

Toward dawn the former Governor made a last fight for life. He gained strength enough to half raise himself and ask his son, Robert E. Pattison, Jr., for a glass of water. The young man complied with his father's request. Just as the former Governor raised the glass to his lips death came. Mrs. Pattison was prostrated when told of her husband's death, as was his daughter, Miss Lavina Pattison.

Robert Emory Pattison was born in Quantico, Somerset county, Maryland, in 1850, and was the son of a Methodist minister. His father was called to Philadelphia when his son was six years old. From there the elder Pattison followed the circuits of his church over the greater part of Pennsylvania, so that the boy was educated in many schools. Finally he graduated from the Philadelphia High School, and, giving up a chance at college and the ministry, he entered the law office of Lewis C. Cassidy.

Admitted to the bar in 1872, he began to mix in politics at once. Three years later he made an unsuccessful attempt at the Democratic nomination for clerk of the Quarter Sessions. Again, in 1877, he appeared before the State convention as a candidate for nomination as Auditor-General.

Pattison was a man of attractive personality, and while he had not learned the art of political manipulation, he was working up a big personal following. His friends got him the nomination for City Controller in the election of 1877. It was a Democratic year in city politics, and he was elected by a good majority. He was returned for a second term, and ran so far ahead of his ticket that he was in line for the Gubernatorial nomination. The convention met in 1882, and he was nominated after a hard fight. There was a split in the Republican party that year. Pattison slipped in between the two factions and was elected.

Pattison had a turbulent first term. Some of his own partisans were turned against him because they thought that he was too kind to the Republicans in his appointments. His Legislature was Republican and was at loggerheads with him during two stormy sessions. He vetoed bills by the hundred. Many of them were passed over his head. His most lasting work was done in the cause of ballot reform.

Upon his retirement he went back to the law and to business. He became president of a city bank and held a few minor appointments. But in 1890 his personal popularity got him the nomination for Governor again. He was elected by a good majority. In 1892 he was boomed for the Presidential nomination, Tammany standing as his sponsor. Cleveland was too strong, however, and he failed. He was out of the Governor's chair for another term, and then in 1902 ran against Pennypacker. Although he lost, Pattison made a hard fight, and the work of that campaign broke down his health.

At the last Democratic national convention, where he received a complimentary vote for President, Pattison's health gave way, and he came home with an illness from which he never recovered. He was an earnest Methodist all his life. His one hobby was horses.

**Obituary Notes.**

Peter J. Mulholland, one of Dunkirk's foremost citizens, died yesterday at the age of 54 years. He is survived by his wife and two brothers, Richard and Francis. Mr. Mulholland had lived in Dunkirk fifty years.

Anthony Weyer of Chicago, whose blacksmith shop at Canton, Ohio, William McKinley used to visit when a boy, died suddenly in Valparaiso, Ind., yesterday, while on a visit to his wife's grave. He was 90 years old.

M. Lajeunesse, father of Mme. Albani, died at Chambly, Quebec, yesterday.

### BLOW TO SCOTCH FREE CHURCH.

**House of Lords Sustains Small Minority to Prevent Property Transfer.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—An extraordinary situation has been created by a decision of the House of Lords rendered to-day. Four years ago a majority of the Free Church ministers in Scotland decided to amalgamate with the United Presbyterians, but a stern, unbending minority of twenty-four refused to budge.

The majority declared their intention to transfer all the property of the Free Church to the United Presbyterians. This property consists of nearly 1,100 kirks and their manses, many colleges, innumerable mission halls and large reserves of money. The faithful twenty-four followers of John Knox fought for the property in the Scottish law courts, but lost.

Undaunted, however, they collected funds for an appeal to the House of Lords, which has reversed the former decision, and the triumphant twenty-four, who are chiefly ministers in remote parts of the Highlands, gain control of cash to the amount of at least $10,000,000, let alone control of the church.

This success was never considered possible, and it has come with dazing suddenness upon Scotland. The import of the judgment is that hundreds of thousands of people will be without churches and several hundred ministers will share in their misfortune. The Free Church proper is composed of some 4,000 or 5,000 people, who now find themselves heirs to hundreds of churches and millions of money.

### TIBETAN TSONDU APPEALS.

**Asks British Not to Go to Lhasa, but They Will Proceed.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

CHUCKSAM FERRY, Tibet, Aug. 1.—Col. Younghusband, the leader of the British expedition, received a letter yesterday under a white flag from the Tsondu, or National Assembly, of Tibet, praying him to refrain from proceeding to Lhasa.

This was the first letter ever received by the British from the Tsondu, which is supreme in secular matters.

Col. Younghusband replied that his force must now proceed to Lhasa, but it would leave as soon as a convention was signed.

### MERRY DEL VAL SUSTAINED.

**Sacred College Approves His Course in Rupture With France.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

ROME, Aug 1.—THE SUN correspondent was informed by a Cardinal to-day that the Sacred College unanimously approves the action of Cardinal Merry del Val, as Secretary of State, in the rupture between the Vatican and the Government of France. It was learned that Cardinal Vives y Tuto advised the Pope to excommunicate Premier Combes, but that more prudent counsels prevailed.

Mgr. Lorenzelli, late Nuncio at Paris, arrived here to-day, and drove at once to the Vatican.

### LETTER FROM ANDRE.

**Bottle Containing Message From the Lost Explorer Picked Up.**

*Special Cable Despatch to* THE SUN.

CHRISTIANIA, Aug. 1.—Two private telegrams from Finaes, Finland, to two newspapers here say that the captain of a vessel from Tromsoe has found a letter in a bottle, dated 1898, written by André, the explorer, who sought to reach the North Pole in a balloon and was lost.

### BIG WHOOP-UP FOR TAGGART.

**Indianapolis Democrats to Have a Great Demonstration for Him To-night.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.—The plans for the reception to National Chairman Taggart were completed to-day. Taggart will reach here from French Lick at 6:40 o'clock in the afternoon, and the Democracy of Marion county and of some other parts of the State will be at the station to meet him.

In an open carriage he will be placed at the head of the parade. The hosts will follow him up Illinois street to Washington, east on the south side of Washington to New Jersey, back to Meridian street on the other side of Washington street, around the west side of the Circle to Market and thence to Tomlinson Hall. The parade will be in five divisions, each preceded by a brass band and all the Democratic clubs in the city will be in line.

Chairman O'Brien of the State committee will preside, and speeches will be made by Mayor Holtzman, United States Senator Bailey of Texas and former Senator Charles A. Towne. In a sense the reception will be in the nature of a campaign opening. There will be plenty of red fire and enthusiasm.

### GARRETT FOR CONGRESS.

**Well Known Maryland Man to Be Nominated by Republicans To-day.**

BALTIMORE, Aug. 1.—Robert Garrett of the noted family of railroad men and financiers and the crack American athlete who won the discus throw at the international games at Athens, Greece, a few years ago, will be nominated for Congress by acclamation to-morrow at Aberdeen, Md., at the Republican convention of the Second Congress district.

Mr. Garrett was raised a Democrat, but the free silver heresy that developed in the party a few years ago drove him to the Republicans, and he will be the standard bearer of that party in the Second district.

Mr. Garrett is a Princeton graduate, a member of Troop A of the Maryland National Guard and during the days following the big fire in Baltimore did soldier duty in the burnt district. He was a candidate for the Legislature last fall, and although he was defeated he made an aggressive campaign and gained a host of friends.

In the nomination of to-morrow it will be a case of the honor seeking the man.

### IN TOW OF FIVE COPS.

**"Billy Jones of 37, 38 and 39" Dragged to the Tenderloin Station.**

"Billy Jones of 37, 38 and 39," as he described himself at the Tenderloin police station, startled the Broadway crowd in the vicinity of Thirty-first street last night by giving vent to warwhoops.

The crowd followed him to Sixth avenue and Thirtieth street, where Policeman Reid started to take him in tow. Billy declined to be towed, however, and lay down on the sidewalk. As he was more than six feet high and weighed at least 300 pounds it took five cops to drag him half a block to the station.

There he was searched and letters were found on him addressed to William Howard, Imperial Hotel. Billy declined to tell whether he was Howard or not, so the five cops locked him up for safe keeping.

**Woman Killed by Brooklyn Trolley Car.**

A woman who was crossing Third avenue at Fifty-fourth street, Brooklyn, was knocked down by the fender of Hamilton avenue car 1213 last night. After rolling off the fender she fell under the car and was crushed to death. She seemed to be about 60 years old. She wore a black sateen skirt, a light dotted shirt waist and a brown chip straw hat trimmed with tea roses. The motorman, Michael A. Smith of Broome street, this city, was arrested.

The woman was identified at the Morgue as Jane D. Meade of Cross River, Westchester county

## HILL AND M'CARREN IN CONFAB

### W. F. SHEEHAN AND CORD MEYER WERE THERE, TOO.

**The Man From Wolfert's Roost Had Happened to Drop Into Town on Law Business—Remarks That He Survived Two All-Night Jobs Fatal to Ex-Governors.**

David B. Hill came down from Albany last night and went to the Hoffman House. Senator McCarren and Cord Meyer, chairman of the Democratic State committee, who were dining together at the Hoffman House, heard, as they were leaving the hotel, that he was there and went back and had a conference with him lasting until midnight. There is little doubt that the effort to set aside Senator McCarren as chairman of the executive committee was the subject they talked of. W. F. Sheehan, also was there.

Mr. Meyer denied emphatically last night that there was any foundation for the reports that it had been planned to increase the number of executive committeemen in order to outvote the McCarren men at the meeting of the committee when it elects a chairman.

When Mr. Hill was seen he got off his stock phrase that he had come to New York "to attend to law business." He could not even guess who might be the Democratic nominee for Governor. Commenting on the futile efforts, so far, of Secretary Woodson to obtain satisfactory headquarters for the national committee, Mr. Hill said he thought the problem could be solved by renting a private house, as was done in the campaign of 1892.

Mr. Hill remarked that while framing the St. Louis platform he had sat through an all night session which ex-Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania, who died yesterday, also attended. "I also sat through an all night session at the Chicago convention of 1896," he said, "with the late Gov. William E. Russell of Massachusetts. Gov. Russell, like Gov. Pattison, went home and died within a few days from pneumonia."

Mr. Hill expects to return to Albany to-day.

### HOPPER-ABRAMS CONTEST.

**Tammany Leader's Lieutenants Charged With Threatening Storekeepers.**

The followers of Lewis A. Abrams, who is making a fight to take the Tammany leadership in the Thirty-first Assembly district from Isaac A. Hopper, claim that Hopper's men are threatening the storekeepers who permit Abrams's lithographs in their windows. They say that Hopper, being the Superintendent of Buildings, has the chance, if he were so disposed, to make trouble for everybody who puts up Abrams's pictures.

A week ago Abrams's lithographs could be seen in dozens of show windows in the lower part of the district, but since Hopper's men have been around most of them have disappeared. S. Gluck, who keeps a fish market at 1736 Madison avenue, says that some of Hopper's men went into his place and tried to pick a fight with him because he had one of Abrams's pictures in his window. He told the men the picutre wouldn't come down, and that he wasn't afraid of anybody hurting him.

Isaac A. Hopper said that if any of his men were going around in the manner described, it was the first he had heard of it. He has given no such orders as Abrams says have been given. One of Hopper's followers said last night that perhaps some of their boss's men might be going around trying to induce the storekeepers to take out Abrams's pictures, but they were doing it out of their loyalty to Hopper and not because of any orders that had been given.

"We don't need to do that," he said, "because we shall beat Abrams to a standstill without resorting to any such methods. Abrams is a good fellow, but he is not strong enough to be leader of this district. I like him personally, but he doesn't stand a ghost of a show to beat Hopper."

Abrams's friends take just the opposite view of the situation. They say he is making a house to house canvass, and the way he is winning over Hopper men will be shown at the polls on primary day.

### TO BID FOR QUAKER VOTE.

**Democrats Propose to Use Roosevelt's Writings Against the Friends.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The Democratic campaign managers want the Quaker vote and they propose to get it by turning certain words of President Roosevelt against him. There are 10,000 Quaker, Dunkard and Mennonite votes in Indiana alone. Of course, there are many also in Pennsylvania, but the Democrats will hardly think of carrying the Keystone State for Parker.

The basis of the campaign to capture the Quaker vote is found in extracts from Roosevelt's speeches and writings. For many weeks the Democratic leaders have been industriously reading Mr. Roosevelt's books with the object of finding campaign material. It was found that in his life of Thomas H. Benton Mr. Roosevelt made the following remarks:

"Hamilton Shollop was no mere creature of fancy; on the contrary, he flourished rankly in every town throughout the Mississippi Valley. But, after all, this ruffianism was really not one whit worse in its effects than was the case with certain universal peace and non-resistance developments in the northeastern States. In fact, it was more healthy.

"A class of professional non-combatants is as hurtful to the real healthy growth of a nation as a class of fire eaters; for a weakness or folly is nationally as bad as a vice, or worse; and in the long run a Quaker may be quite as undesirable a citizen as a duellist. No man who is not willing to bear arms and to fight for his rights can give a good reason why he should be entitled to live in a free country."

It is expected that the Quakers and other peace loving sects will hardly relish these words of the President. Normally, 75 per cent. of the Quakers are Republicans, but the Democratic managers hope to turn these to Parker.

### NOTIFIERS SUMMONED.

**To New York Aug. 9 and to White Sulphur Springs Aug. 19.**

Secretary Urey Woodson of the Democratic national committee issued yesterday the call to the committee which is to notify Senator Davis, to assemble at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Aug. 19.

The committee which tells Judge Parker of his nomination has been summoned to meet in this city on Aug. 9, the day before the date fixed for the notification ceremonies.

It has been suggested to Chairman Cord Meyer of the State committee that the journey to Esopus could be made pleasanter in this hot weather if the notifiers were taken up on a chartered or borrowed yacht. Mr. Meyer said last night that the idea was an extremely good one and that if he could carry it out he would.

**Wigwam's Banner Is Up.**

Shortly before noon yesterday a large banner was stretched across Fourteenth street in front of Tammany Hall. The portraits of Parker and Davis occupy the upper part of the banner, while space has been left underneath for adding the names of the candidates on the State ticket. Inside the hall a large painting of Judge Parker has been hung, while workmen were employed yesterday in erecting a scaffolding for a huge transparency, which will cover almost the entire front of the building.

**Gov. Odell to Come to This City To-day.**

ALBANY, Aug. 1.—For some reason Gov. Odell is not going to New York city until the 8 o'clock train to-morrow morning. It had been expected that the Governor would leave here this morning with his family for their summer cottage at Monmouth Beach, N. J.

The Governor was not at the Capitol, and at the Executive Mansion a telephonic inquiry brought out the response that the Governor was "not in."

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## ONE VISITOR TO ROSEMOUNT.

### E. S. RAPALLO OF THIS CITY CALLS ON JUDGE PARKER.

**E. C. Wall of Wisconsin Expected Before Thursday—Richard Olney Invited to Come and Will Do So—Nothing Known of a Visit From Grover Cleveland.**

ESOPUS, Aug. 1.—Judge Parker had one visitor to-day. The newspaper correspondents did not come within speaking distance of the caller until he had returned to the West Shore station from Rosemount after a talk of an hour or more with the nominee. Then the visitor modestly declined to give his name, referring that and the subject of his call to Judge Parker. It came out that the visitor was E. S. Rapallo, the New York lawyer who wrote the letter inviting Judge Parker to meet Charles F. Murphy and Mayor McClellan at a private dinner to be given before a reception at the Democratic Club. Mr. Rapallo is a son of Judge Rapallo, an old friend of Judge Parker.

There will be more important callers at Rosemount this week. E. C. Wall, the Wisconsin rival of Judge Parker at the national convention, is expected before Thursday. Senator P. H. McCarren of Brooklyn, whose previous visit was in the company of Bourke Cockran and August Belmont, is likely to come again this week. He and the Judge may talk about the chairmanship of the State executive committee, although the Judge does not want it thought that he is meddling with the State organization. Richard Olney has been invited to call and he will be here, but the time of his coming is not known. Rosemount has not heard of a call from Grover Cleveland, in spite of rumors that he is coming in a few weeks.

Every day the candidate's mail bags bring from the crossroads post office scores of letters from Democrats, and some from Republicans, promising support. One man who voted in favor of sending the convention's telegram in answer to Judge Parker's gold message now writes to the Judge that he left St. Louis with the idea that Parker had made a mistake. He expected to find the same sentiment in his home town, but he didn't, and he is glad that he voted the popular way. Many of the letter writers are Democrats who were not in sympathy with Bryan, and who write to assure the nominee that they will not be lukewarm this year. Most of them avoid the direct statement that they did not vote for Bryan, knowing that Judge Parker was regular enough to vote for the Nebraskan.

So far, the number of letters from Republicans and former Democrats has not been large enough to indicate any great realignment in favor of the Democratic ticket.

No one has yet applied for a federal job, but the Judge has received several letters from Democrats who feel that they could be of great assistance to the national committee at so much per diem.

The absence of callers allowed Judge Parker to spend a good part of to-day in his ryefield. He pays close attention to the farm, although it was expected that his brother Fred would take charge of these details. The boss farmer bothers the Judge as of yore, and if a cow goes dry or a wagon wheel is broken the Presidential candidate is begged to come off the veranda and have a look.

Judge Parker has finished the draft of his speech of acceptance and is revising it.

### CONVENTION DATES SETTLED.

**Tammany's a Week Later Than the Republican—Odell Coming To-day.**

The Republican county committee will meet next Tuesday to issue the call for the fall primaries. Aug. 30 will be the date. It has also been decided to hold on Sept. 6 the Assembly district conventions for the selection of delegates to the State convention at Saratoga on Sept. 14. The Congress conventions will be held on Sept. 19, the Senate conventions on Sept. 21 and the Assembly conventions on Sept. 23.

The Tammany general and executive committees will also meet on Thursday to fix the dates for their conventions. The dates will be a week later than the Republican dates.

Assistant Secretary L. A. Coolidge of the Republican national committee opened yesterday the suite of fifteen rooms in the Metropolitan Life Building, 1 Madison Square, which the committee has rented for its Eastern headquarters. The "opening" amounted to nothing more than the unlocking of the doors. Many of the rooms are not yet furnished. Rooms have been assigned to Chairman Cortelyou, Treasurer Bliss and the members of the executive committee who will be in this city. Mr. Cortelyou is expected back from Chicago on Wednesday and Thursday will organize the speakers' bureau and start the literary mill. Lafayette Gleason of Delhi, who will have charge of the speakers' bureau, arrived yesterday. Col. W. C. Plummer was the first applicant for a job. He has been a spellbinder for a quarter of a century. He was engaged for the campaign and in a week or two will be sent out to talk to the rural voters.

Governor-Chairman Odell will be here to-day. He has summoned the State committeemen of Manhattan, Kings, Queens and Richmond to meet him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel at noon. It is expected that he will repeat to them the little piece he related to the up-country members last week, that while he had for six months past favored the selection of Mr. Root as candidate for Governor it was apparent that Mr. Root could not be induced to run.

### EUGENE F. O'CONNOR QUITS.

**Resigns From Civil Service Commission to Become a Congress Nominee, Maybe.**

Eugene F. O'Connor, Republican, of Brooklyn has tendered his resignation as a member of the Civil Service Commission to Mayor McClellan, by whom he was appointed at the beginning of the year.

Mr. O'Connor served one term in the State Senate. It is believed he sees a probable opening for a Congress nomination this year. It has long been his ambition to serve as a Representative in Washington.

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### CANNON STOPS IN INDIANA.

**Wanted to Make Sure That There Wouldn't Be a Party Row There.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 1.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon stopped here for a couple of hours on his way home from Washington this afternoon and was in conference with Congressman Hemenway and local politicians of prominence. He said that he had missed his train, but he appeared to know that Mr. Hemenway was in the city, and as soon as the Speaker reached the Columbia Club he had the Congressman looked up and other Republicans called in.

All of the men present were supporters of Mr. Hemenway for the Senate as successor to Fairbanks, and the subject of his chances was discussed with much interest. Mr. Cannon had been informed of Hemenway's clean sweep in this city and had also read Gov. Durbin's appeal for harmony. He was assured that no factions were likely to be created and that the State would certainly give President Roosevelt a majority and return a Republican Legislature.

Men who attended the conference say that Mr. Cannon had been misinformed in some particulars regarding conditions here and that he seemed very much