GROOMING THE BATTLESHIPS.

PRESIDENT MAY VISIT THE SQUADRON ON THURSDAY.

Admiral Barker Enjoyed Greatly What May Be His Last Cruise—Met a Few Monarchs and Found Our Own Sovereigns Abroad Wild Over the Men-o'-War.

Rear Admiral Barker's bulldogs, the Kearsarge, Missouri, Maine and Alabama, lying off Tompkinsville with the cruisers Minneapolis and Topeka and the yacht Sylph, got a thorough grooming yesterday. The report came to the fleet that President Roosevelt might pay a visit to the Admiral on Thursday on his way from Oyster Bay to Washington.

The seamen who could not get shore leave yesterday were put to work holystoning, swabbing and polishing. There was plenty of work for them to do. The long cruise in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic had left its marks. The speed trial on Saturday blistered the funnels. But for all their dinginess and the absence of fresh paint, the battleships looked so business-like and grim that they brought a thrill of pride to every one of thousands who visited them.

"Our summer cruise was one of the most interesting I ever took part in," said the Admiral last night. "I enjoyed it especially because it was my last, in all probability. The knowledge that I will be retired in March gave me something of the enthusiasm of a midshipman on his first cruise.

"Everywhere we touched the fleet was received with respect and courtesy that was gratifying. Those things are regulated by naval etiquette, of course, but Americans abroad have told me they notice a difference nowadays in the way American warships are welcomed at foreign ports. One thing that affected me, although it was not a new experience by a good deal, was the wild delight with which Americans greeted their country's ships in every port we stopped. Some of them were almost hysterical in their joy at getting a foot on a piece of America. They would lean up against the big turret guns and pat them with a sense of proprietorship that was as touching as it was amusing.

"We had some very enjoyable times entertaining royalty. When we put in at Lisbon, June 6, Charles Page Bryan, the American Minister, gave a grand ball for the officers of the fleet and for the King and Queen of Portugal. King Carlos was enthusiastic in his expressions of friendship for the United States. With several of my officers I breakfasted with him next day at his country place.

"On the night of the Fourth of July we gave a ball on the Kearsarge, lying off Athens. King George of Greece, Prince Andrew and the Princess Alice attended. They had such a good time that it was after 11 o'clock when they left the ship. The King was especially interested in the flagship. He went over her, praising every detail of construction highly. Another thing that seemed to please his Majesty highly was the excellence of the Kearsarge's band. It was explained to him that after the men who are fairly good musicians play together four years they ought to make pretty good music. We gave the King and the royal party a special concert and the band played 'Yankee Doodle' and 'Marching Through Georgia' and 'Dixie' in a way that I'll wager was never heard in Greece before.

"During the cruise in the Adriatic we put in at Fiume. Baron Ervin Rossner, Governor of Fiume, entertained us royally. His palace and gardens were decorated with American flags. I wouldn't have believed there were so many samples of the Stars and Stripes in the Kingdom of Hungary. After a dinner the best opera singers that the Baron could get in Budapest gave us a concert. We had pretty much the same experience in Trieste. Admiral Jadin, who is an old friend of mine, dined us and we dined him. In fact, wherever we went the ships were received with something more than conventional courtesy."

The Admiral has a private opinion that no finer fleet of warships was ever got together than took part in the summer cruise. He was especially pleased with the conduct of the men in foreign ports.

"With something like 4,000 men on board," said he, "it was impossible that all could have leave wherever we went. Information was usually obtained from authorities of a port as to how many men they thought they could take care of. From 300 to 400 seamen were allowed to go on shore and stretch their legs at each port, and the men gave the officers cause to be proud of them. They kept out of brawls, were reasonably sober and returned punctually."

One of the Admiral's Captains said that the character of the bluejacket has changed for the better in recent years. "Take, for instance, the fact that 600 were allowed to go to New York Sunday night," said he. "In the old days we would have been fortunate if 500 of the number returned on time and presentably. As it was, there were perhaps twenty that found the booze too strong to allow of navigation."

Admiral Barker was pleased at the fast time made by the battleships on the way home from the Mediterranean. "We did not crowd speed any," said he, "but we crossed the Atlantic in ten days very easily, making an average of 11 knots in all sorts of weather. The storm off Martha's Vineyard was a splendid test of seaworthiness. It was a bad storm, but the big ships went through it perfectly. I was really surprised at the results of the speed tests Saturday. We desired to test the engines to see how they would operate over foul bottoms. The Kearsarge made 16½ knots an hour, half a knot less than her trial trip speed. The Maine and Missouri did as well, if not a little better, but they did not have much on the flagship, although faster ships. Naturally, that pleased me."

The Admiral does not know yet which ship of his fleet is entitled to the championship in target shooting off Mememsha Bight, Martha's Vineyard. The umpires have not reported their scores.

"The most interesting feature of the target practice was the night work," said the Admiral. "Night shooting has been somewhat neglected in the navy, perhaps, and it was thought desirable to see just what results could be obtained. The accuracy of the shooting was really astonishing. The ships ran in turn past an illuminated target a mile distant. The Kearsarge ran by the target at ten knots, or a bit more, perhaps, and out of nine shots from the 8-inch guns eight were planted in the target. Few misses were made by any of the ships. The officers and men are awaiting the report of the inspector of target practice, Lieutenant-Commander W. S. Sims, with a great deal of interest. You know there are few things in the navy that cause a keener sense of rivalry than competition in big gun shooting."

Tompkinsville boatmen charge a dollar a trip to the warships and they were fat with money yesterday. Visitors were not allowed on board. The bars will be let down on Sunday, and thousands of visitors are expected.

The seven ships lying at anchor in an oval, all brilliantly illuminated, made a pretty sight at night for folks going to and from Staten Island.

Louis Stoven, able seaman of the Missouri, had shipped more rum than he could stow when the Occidental Hotel refused him a drink on Sunday. He smashed a window and the police got him. When arraigned at the Tombs yesterday he said to Magistrate Mayo:

"Don't put me in the brig, Jack; I'm all right now, bless you, my blue eyed da'lin'."

"He evidently thinks I'm a combination of the master at arms and his sweetheart," said the Judge. "I'll hold him until to-morrow, when perhaps he will be able to navigate."

One of two other sailors arraigned for "intox" said he belonged on the flagship, and his respect for the Court was very evidently lowered when the Magistrate asked which ship that was. The other man was from the Minneapolis. All three were held to allow them to sober up.

JAMESES SUE FOR DIVORCE.

Husband Says He Found Wife in Hotel With Another Man.

Supreme Court Justice Maddox in Brooklyn yesterday, upon consent of counsel, adjourned the hearing of the application for counsel fee and alimony in the case of John Frank James against Florence R. James for an absolute divorce until next Monday. Mr. James is a wealthy real estate operator in Brooklyn. The defendant was formerly an actress and was a member of the Joseph Jefferson company.

Mr. James went to Asheville, N. C., several weeks ago, and by force took his five-year-old son from the mother, who followed her husband and child to New York. Mr. James, a private detective and several newspaper men, who had been let into the secret by the detective, went to the Hotel Normandie, where they alleged that they found Mrs. James and a man named Williams occupying a room. At that time the door was forced open and the detective served the summons and complaint upon the woman.

Mrs. James denies all wrongdoing on her part. She will ask for alimony and counsel fee, and will also put in a counter claims asking for a separation on the ground, of desertion and failure to support.

HOTEL GUEST FOUND DEAD.

James A. Miner, Retired Manufacturer, Had Heart Disease.

James A. Miner, a retired manufacturer and promoter, was found dead of heart disease yesterday afternoon in his room at the Grand Hotel, Broadway and Thirty-first street. Mr. Miner and his wife formerly lived at 101 West Seventy-second street. When their son died several months ago they went to an apartment house, and on Sept. 6 they took rooms in the Grand Hotel. Mrs. Miner went to Hornellsville a few days ago and her husband had planned to leave for Hornellsville yesterday.

The last person who saw Mr. Miner was his business associate, Dr. W. C. Alpers, who had a conversation with him in Dr. Alpers's drug store at 45 West Thirty-first street on Sunday night.

Mr. Miner was vice-president of the Alpers Chemical Company at 4 White street. He leaves two married daughters.

MISS MARINO SLEUTHS.

String on the Milk Bottles Set Out for the Thieves One Night.

By means of a little arrangement of her own, Jennie Marino, 14 years old, living with her parents on the top floor of a tenement at 354 East Twelfth street, secured the arrest of two young boys who had been stealing bottles of milk from the back rooms of the building for the last week.

On Sunday night before Jennie went to bed she tied a string around the neck of a bottle of milk in the kitchen and the other end to the tongue of a small bell hung near her bed. Early yesterday morning the bell jingled. Jennie jumped out of bed, ran to the front window and called to a policeman who had been previously let into the game. When the boys came out with the milk bottles the copper promptly arrested them.

GIRL DRINKS ACID.

Her Sweetheart Unable to Tell Why She Committed Suicide.

Kate Joyce, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mary Geston of 533 West Fiftieth street, Manhattan, committed suicide, late on Sunday night, in a furnished room at 36 Throop avenue, Brooklyn, by drinking carbolic acid. She had been unable to get along with her stepfather and left her home several times. Kate went away a month ago and boarded with a girl who worked in a silk mill at Broadway and Myrtle avenue, where Kate was employed. This girl got Kate the furnished room in the Throop avenue house. The Joyce girl had been keeping company with a clerk named George Waldron.

On a table in the room was found a note which read:

TESSIE—Please send for George at once, as Stockton street, near Marcy avenue. Don't, please, let anybody know what has happened, but wait until he comes. Your friend,
KATIE JOYCE.

The police took charge of the note and sent after Waldron. He could not explain why the girl had committed suicide.

DEAD WITH HIS STENOGRAPHER.

Schall's Family Had Opposed His Marriage With Miss Gotwalt.

YORK, Pa., Sept. 19.—Miss Nettie Gotwalt, a stenographer, and Michael Schall, a wealthy manufacturer, and formerly the employer of Miss Gotwalt, were found dead in the woman's apartments in a boarding house in this city this morning. They had been killed by inhaling illuminating gas.

All the jets in the room had been opened. Miss Gotwalt was lying on a bed and Schall's body was in a chair. Schall was the manager of the Keystone Farm Machine Works here, and was a large stockholder in the concern.

Letters were found in the room announcing the intention of the two to commit suicide because the opposition of Schall's family prevented their marrying. Schall was about 40 years old and the woman was 33.

MISSING MAN A SUICIDE.

Hurd Disappeared on Sept. 10—Killed Himself at Savannah.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Clarence Hurd, a merchant of Newburg, N. Y., who had been missing, committed suicide in Savannah, Ga., yesterday. The news was received to-day by his mother, who lives in South Eighth avenue, Mount Vernon. The message received by Mrs. Hurd was sent by the Coroner at Savannah and did not tell how her son took his life.

Hurd was 38 years old and had a wife and children living in Newburg. He was suffering from asthma, which compelled him to give up his business. The air of Newburg did not agree with him and he came to Mount Vernon to visit his mother. On Sept. 10 Mrs. Hurd reported to the police that he was missing. She is at a loss to know how he reached Savannah, as she says he took no money when he went away.

Took Gas, but Won't Die.

Thomas Anto, 23 years old, attempted suicide, yesterday morning, at his home, 443 Tenth street, Brooklyn, by inhaling gas through a rubber tube. He was unconscious when discovered by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Canoli, who summoned an ambulance and had him removed to the Seney Hospital. He will recover.

Brooklyn Drug Clerk Kills Himself.

Wilbur Ackerson, a drug clerk, 29 years old, committed suicide, early yesterday morning, by shooting himself in the head at 60 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, where he lived with his wife and child. He was subject to epileptic fits, and despair of recovering his health drove him to the act.

Free Delivery Routes Equipped With Cyclometers.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The Post Office Department has equipped about a hundred free delivery routes with cyclometers and intends extending their use to other routes in the near future. The purpose of using the cyclometer is to obtain accurate measurements of the distance actually travelled by the carriers. The recorder is connected with a fifth wheel, like a bicycle wheel, which is attached to the axle and runs underneath the vehicle.

Chestnuts Ripe in Jersey.

The chestnut is not seen upon the street as yet, but the crop in New Jersey is already being gathered. The burrs are open and Jersey boys are happy. The crop is of the average and the nuts are free from worms. The first frost of the season visited the State on Thursday last.

WATCHING FOR FILIBUSTERS.

UNCLE SAM ON THE ALERT AT REQUEST OF HONDURAS.

Lieut. Faget Shuts Up His New Orleans Recruiting Office, Where He Was Advertising for a Force to Be Uniformed Like the United States Infantrymen.

The customs authorities at this port were notified a few days ago to be on the watch for a filibustering expedition headed for Honduras. The notice came first from the State Department, and then from Salvador Cordova, Consul-General for Honduras.

About six weeks ago the Government of Honduras was informed that one Lieut. Faget, connected with the State militia of Louisiana, was conspiring at New Orleans with intent to filibuster. He opened an office in New Orleans and asked for able bodied American citizens plucky enough to take risks for big money. He made no bones about giving out details. The men were to receive $40 a month, with a bonus on leaving and a big one on completing their work. The promoters of the scheme, Faget said, had established a fund to provide for the families of any members who were hurt or killed.

It was further given out that the filibusters were to be armed and uniformed so as to resemble as nearly as possible United States infantrymen. The expedition was to leave in three sections, from New Orleans, Pittsburg and New York. Regarding the destination Faget said:

"It is three days journey by water from New Orleans."

That describes either Honduras or Nicaragua. The Government of Honduras became interested and looked into the matter further. They found that Faget had told prospective recruits that he was going to the strip of disputed territory between Honduras and Nicaragua.

This dispute over territory is now under arbitration. The doubtful strip is mostly held under lease by an American promoter named Dietrich. Several years ago he got a mining and timber concession from Nicaragua, which included, besides much recognized Nicaraguan land, the doubtful land, or most of it. His lease recognized the territorial dispute, and it was provided that if Nicaragua won, this lease would hold good on the doubtful as well as on the certain territory. Faget would not say whether he was working for Dietrich.

"I'm going down there and there's millions in it," was all the answer he would give.

So, the State Department was notified, and an order went forth to all parts that a watch was to be kept for filibusters. At the same time the Secret Service took Faget in hand so successfully that he closed up his office and suspended operations. He notified his recruits that the whole thing was off for the present.

"I don't want to get arrested before I leave port," he said. "But I'm going. When you're wanted I'll call on you."

So far, it is said, the Honduran authorities have been able to find no confirmation of Faget's statement that expeditions are being collected in Pittsburg and New York. Nevertheless, in order to be on the safe side, Consul-General Cordova notified the Customs officers here to watch for suspicious characters dressed to impersonate United States infantrymen.

Mr. Cordova admitted yesterday tha he has been hunting filibusters.

"Faget's object is a mystery," he said. "There may be a bluff somewhere. It seems very foolish of him to recruit as openly as he did if he really intended to take an expedition to Honduras. It does not seem likely to me that Dietrich is back of this. In the first place, he isn't that kind of a man. In the second place, if Honduras wins, he could probably get from the Honduran Government the same concession he has from the Nicaraguan. It would be to our interest. It has been suggested that Dietrich wants these men as a guard to keep order in case Honduras wins. I don't believe that. The Honduran Government stands ready at any time to guard that territory for him. It is more likely that Faget has some scheme of his own to make money by seizing a strip of the disputed territory.

"The State of Honduras is peaceable, and there is not the slightest sign of a pending revolution. Gen. Bonilla's Government is well established. The last election occurred a year and a half ago and the next is two and a half years hence. In Central America revolutions occur at the time of an election or just after. That alone proves that Faget is not the agent of a revolutionary party. The State Department has been very good about helping, us and I think that we have Faget squelched."

SOMNIG, HE BANE SLEEPY.

Took His Nap on a Window Ledge 256.8 Feet Up in the Air.

Oscar Somnig bane sleepy, or so he said. He disturbed the peace of mind of less imperturbable New Yorkers by going to sleep yesterday on a window ledge on the nineteenth story of the American Tract Society Building. Mr. Whitefield Sammis was sitting in his office on the fourteenth floor when a man stepped in and asked:

"Any one asleep on your window sill?"

"I haven't noticed it," said Mr. Sammis, wondering whether the man was insane or only a new kind of book agent. The caller explained that he was a reporter and that some one was asleep on a window ledge a mile or so up, and that he—the reporter—was looking for him. Mr. Sammis was anxious to see a man who slept on window ledges at that altitude and took his aneroid barometer upstairs. The man was finally found on the nineteenth floor, 256.8 feet up. The window of room 1,917 was the one which he had selected to go to sleep outside of, but the door to it was locked. The explorers went into the next office, and when they announced their mission the young lady stenographer was scared 'most to death. Climbing out on the ledge the reporter succeeded in reaching the sleeper, one of whose arms was dangling in space. After crawling inside the empty office the reporter grabbed his legs and waked him.

"What do you mean by loafing that way?" demanded the reporter, seeing that the man was a window cleaner.

"I bane sleepy," said Oscar, apologetically.

"I bane by picnic yesterday."

The news had spread about the building by this time and had reached the ears of the head porter. He came hurrying upstairs but found the window cleaner hard at work and uncommunicative, and let him work.

"The same thing happened about two years ago," said Mr. Sammis, "but how a man can sleep on the edge of nothing twenty stories from the ground beats me."

HIGHWAYMAN DIDN'T GET MUCH.

Ran Away After Knocking Man With $200 in His Pocket Insensible.

John Lenahan, a contractor, who lives in Main street, Union Hill, was waylaid near his home early Sunday morning by an unidentified man. The highwayman struck him on the head with a blunt instrument and ran away, leaving the contractor insensible in the road.

When Lenahan reached home he found his watch and chain, some jewelry and $200 in money in their proper places. He believes his assailant was too scared after he felled him to go through his clothes.

Business Troubles.

A creditors' petition in bankruptcy has been filed against E. C. Foerster, manufacturer of silk goods, with an office at 415 Broadway. The creditors are Perier & Co. of Paris, $3,040; London and Hanseatic Bank of London, $3,945; both being for goods sold to the Slatington Textile Manufacturing Co., of which Mr. Foerster was treasurer, and Morimura Arai & Co., $3,490, on a note of the Slatington Textile Manufacturing Co. Indorsed by Mr. Foerster.

Albert Riekers, grocer at 968 East 161st street, Bronx, has made an assignemnt to Herman Both.

BRAVE PHILIPPINE SOLDIERS.

List of Those Distinguished for Conspicuous Gallantry and Bravery.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Major-Gen. Wade, commanding the Philippines, has published to the troops in the islands the following names of enlisted men distinguished for especially meritorious acts or conduct in the service:

Christopher Robson, late corporal, Company E, Thirtieth Infantry, United States Volunteers, for distinguished bravery in an engagement with the enemy near Rio Maasin, Tayabas, Luzon, Aug. 4, 1900.

William Kelleher, while serving as sergeant, Company G, Twenty-seventh Infantry, for conspicuous gallantry in action near Bayang, near Lake Lanao, Mindanao, in attempting, under heavy fire, to force an entrance at the gate of Fort Panddpatan, May 2, 1902.

Baldomero Alvarez, while serving as first sergeant, Forty-third Company, Philippine Scouts, for gallant and meritorious conduct in an engagement with insurgents at Catarman, Island of Camiguin, May 13, 1903, where, with only nine scouts, he met a sudden, well prepared and savage attack of 100 bolomen, and by his gallantry, presence of mind and coolness saved his small command from utter destruction, inflicted heavy loss upon the enemy and dispersed the rest of the band.

Samuel S. Hafer, while serving as sergeant, Company C, Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, for distinguished gallantry at the assault on Fort Bacoloda, Lake Lanao, Mindanao, April 8, 1903.

Nicolas Napolis, while serving as sergeant, Thirty-first Company, Philippine Scouts, for distinguished gallantry in action at Jovellar, Albay, Luzon, July 15, 1903.

Henry H. Sacknus and Ewing Wright, while serving as privates, Troop C, Sixth United States Cavalry, for commendable bravery in charging through the enemy's lines under heavy fire and bringing assistance to besieged comrades at Talisay, Luzon, March 29, 1901.

"THE LORD HATES A LIAR."

Significant Sentence Painted on Pension Commissioner Ware's Door.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Commissioner of Pensions Ware, whose administration of the affairs of his bureau has been remarkable for its originality, has added one more unique official act to the long list of them. Some time between half-past 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and 9 o'clock this morning the sentence, "The Lord hates a liar," in big, square letters, heavily outlined in black, was painted on the door of the Comsioner's reception room.

Mr. Ware said this morning, when asked about the new decoration, that he was "too busy to talk." The clerks in the bureau were not, however, and the fate of many an old soldier hung in the balance to-day while employees of the office debated whether the Commissioner intended the sentence merely as a bit of his own original and copyrighted philosophy, an intimation to visitors that the distance between the Commissioner's reception room and his Satanic Majesty's ante-chamber was not great, or a warning to his subordinates that the tenure of public office is brief and uncertain and that the chances of official longevity are not enhanced by a forked tongue.

The knowing ones in the Pension Bureau think that the Commissioner will explain his views on the subject in a chunk of Kansas poetry before very long. According to one authority the same maxim is painted on the walls of Mr. Ware's office in Kansas.

AHEAD OF THE PRESIDENT.

Cabinet Members and Other High Officers Hurrying Back to Their Desks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—In anticipation of the return of President Roosevelt to Washington next Thursday, Cabinet members and other high officials of the Government are hurrying back to their desks, and before the end of the week the city will have resumed a considerable part of its winter activity.

Postmaster-General Payne, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling, Assistant Secretary of State Loomis and Rear Admiral Converse, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department, resumed their duties at their respective Departments this morning, and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock is expected to arrive by to-morrow morning.

Secretary of State Hay and Secretary of War Taft are expected by the end of the present month, and in the absence of important national matters abroad it is expected that the features of the Presidential campaign will come in for considerable discussion by the President and his advisers.

CAPT. KIRKPATRICK'S TRIAL.

Found Guilty of Entering a Private House in Manila and Demanding Drinks.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Papers in the court-martial of Capt. Thomas J. Kirkpatrick, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., recently tried by court-martial at Manila, have been received at the War Department. Capt. Kirkpatrick was charged with having forcibly entered a private residence in Manila and demanded drinks while in an intoxicated condition and wearing his officer's uniform. He was also arrested by the police and sent to the lockup. He was found guilty by the court-martial and sentenced to lose five numbers in his grade.

In reviewing the sentence, Major-Gen. Wade says the great leniency shown by the court was hardly justified, even by the previous efficient record of that officer, the evidence showing that Capt. Kirkpatrick conduct was more culpable than was shown by the judgment of the court.

Panama Will Surrender the Chicago Bank Thief.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Henry Haas, the absconding employee of the National Corn Exchange Bank of Chicago, who escaped to Panama with $20,000 of the bank's money, will be returned to the United States, although the extradition treaty between the Republic of Panama and the United States Government has not yet been ratified by the Senate. As an act of comity, however, the officers of the Panama Government have decided that Haas may be returned to the United States without waiting for the purely formal act of ratification.

Senator Gorman's Son-in-Law Files a Petition in Bankruptcy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Richard A. Johnson, a well known stock broker of this city, to-day filed a petition in bankruptcy, placing his liabilities at $400,000 and assets at $300,000. During the Northern Pacific corner several years ago he failed for something like the same amount, but subsequently settled up with his creditors and resumed business. He is a son-in-law of Senator Gorman of Maryland.

Army and Navy Orders.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—These army orders were issued to-day:

Major Alfred S. Frost, retired, detailed for recruiting duty at Springfield, Ill., relieving Capt. Frederic H. Sargent, Eighth Infantry, to join his company.

Majors Jefferson R. Kean and Ogden Rafferty, Surgeons, detailed to represent the medical department of the army at the thirteenth annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States at St. Louis, Oct. 10 to 15.

Lieut.-Col. William W. Wotherspoon, Fourteenth Infantry, detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps, vice Shaler, promoted and ordered from Fort Leavenworth to this city.

The retirement from active service of Col. John R. McGinness, Ordnance Department, is announced.

Capt. Henry B. Dixon, Ninth Cavalry, detailed to fill a vacancy in the pay department.

These navy orders were issued:

Lieut. J. T. Bowers, to Naval Academy.

Lieut. H. C. Poundstone, from navy yard, New York, to treatment in Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs.

Lieut. J. K. Robison, Naval Hospital, New York, to home and two months' leave.

Passed Assistant Surgeon H. C. Curl, from the Boston to Isthmian Canal Commission.

Acting Assistant Surgeon W. N. McDonnell, from naval recruiting station, Baltimore, to home.

Paymaster J. Brooks, from the Marblehead to the Ohio.

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Horses Pulling It Dash Down a Hill at New Brunswick—Nobody Hurt.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Sept. 19.—Four big horses ran away down the steep Highland Park hill and across the Albany street bridge into the city this afternoon, dragging a seven-ton boiler. The boiler was being taken to the Baldwin street freight yards from the Rockspring Brewery at Highland Park. It took over two hours to load it on the truck at the brewery. When the top of the steep Highland Park hill was reached the men on the truck stopped the team and got out to brace up the truck, so it would not move down the hill too fast. A whiffle tree chanced to strike the heels of one of the wheel horses, and they plunged forward.

Once started, it was impossible to stop the team. The horses dashed down onto the bridge, while people who saw them rushed on ahead, warning everybody to get out of the roadway. Fortunately the drawbridge was closed and there were no trolley cars on the bridge to complicate things. The great boiler went across the bridge almost as swiftly as a railroad train, swaying fifteen feet in the air and threatening every moment to overturn.

The leaders turned into Peace street, where the roadway is only twelve feet wide. They made the turn neatly, bringing the truck around on two wheels without so much as touching a curb. The turn checked the speed of the truck and the horses slowed down. The leaders broke away from the wheelers, ran about half a block and stopped of their own accord.

It was found that practically no damage had been done. The truckmen were able to resume their journey immediately.

TESTING TUNNEL CABLES.

Great Strain of Electricity Put on Them for an Hour at a Time.

To safeguard the tunnel from dangers of fire from the electric wires, the officials of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company are making a series of tests of the cables carrying the currents. The fires which have occurred in the tunnel have been mostly caused by these tests and have thus served the purpose of revealing the spots that need safeguarding. The tests which are now being made consist of sending high alternating currents through the cable for a period of an hour. General Superintendent Hedley says that if a cable stands this test it will stand forever the ordinary currents which will be required for the operation of the tunnel trains.

"The insulation of these cables," Mr. Hedley said yesterday, "is a layer of rubber covered by linen, then asbestos, and then with a final covering of lead sheets. Every inch of the cable will be thoroughly tested before the public is allowed to enter the subway, although it is not thought that there would be much danger to passengers from a defective cable. Still every precaution will be taken to prevent the possibility of danger, and the tests which are now being made will find out the weak spots which may exist."

$20,000 TO MUSIC UNIVERSITY.

Mrs. H. K. Sheldon Makes Donation in Memory of Her Husband.

Mrs. Henry K. Sheldon has donated $20,000 to the association for promoting the foundation and endowment of a university of music in Brooklyn, in memory of her late husband. The managers of the association have made arrangements to open the vocal department of the university this winter under the direction of Mme. Amelia Jaeger, ample funds to inaugurate this branch having been secured. The vocal department will include the study of French, German and Italian, and all the other requirements of a thoroughly equipped school of music. The full course will extend over four years.

AFTER RETURNING DRESSMAKERS

Customs Service Has Held Up $5,000 Worth of Gowns Pending Inquiries.

As a result of the great inpouring of cabin passengers from Europe, the customs officers are particularly busy just now nullifying the efforts of the homecomers to evade duties. It is understood that the law division of the Custom House has under way investigations directed against certain returning dressmakers—who, as a class, are habitual offenders—of San Francisco, Detroit and this city. Importations valued at about $5,000 are detained pending the result of the inquiry.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The gunboat Helena has arrived at Canton, the collier Alexander at Cavite, the tug Pontiac and the gunboat Hist at New York, the collier Leonidas at Port Royal, the collier Marcellus at Lambert Point, the battleships Kearsarge, Alabama, Maine and Missouri, the cruiser Minneapolis and the training ship Topeka at Tompkinsville, and the gunboat Elcano at Kiukiang.

The monitor Arkansas has sailed from Hampton Roads for Crisfield, the tug Alice from Norfolk for Tangier Sound, and the cable ship Iroquois from Midway Island for Honolulu.

Fraud Order Against a Canadian Loan and Savings Company.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—An order has been issued denying the use of the United States mails to La Compagnie de Pretet d'Epargne (the Loan and Savings Company) of Montreal, Canada, on the ground that it is engaged in conducting an enterprise for the distribution of money prizes by lot or chance within the prohibition of the anti-lottery laws. Postmasters are directed to issue no money orders payable to the company or its officers and to return to the senders or the dead letter office all letters addressed to it.

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TROLLEYS ON NEW BRIDGE.

Objections to Temporary Contracts to Be Heard on Thursday.

Mayor McClellan will have a conference on Thursday with the representatives of the Allied Boards of Trade of Brooklyn to discuss the contracts the city has made with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Metropolitan companies for the running of trolley cars over the Williamsburg Bridge.

The Brooklyn men who asked for the conference contend that the contracts are illegal for the reason that the right to run cars over the bridge ought to be treated as a franchise and should have the consent of the Aldermen and Board of Estimate. However, the initial arrangements will be only temporary. Commissioner Best has merely made plans for the running of cars over the bridge until such times as the two railroad systems of Manhattan and Brooklyn can arrange for a permanent plan for the interchange of traffic. Commissioner Best thinks he has the power to make a temporary contract of the kind he has made. If the contract, which can be terminated on a few months notice, is not interfered with there will be trolley cars running over the bridge by about Nov. 1.

TO BELLEVUE TO MARRY.

Chinaman Entertains a Lofty Ambition Raised to the N'th Power.

A Chinaman dressed in all the finery that a well-to-do laundryman can afford pattered into Bellevue Hospital yesterday afternoon chattering sixteen to the dozen and waving a sheet of paper above his head.

Supt. Rickard, failing to understand the chatter, got possession of the sheet of paper. It read:

"Wants to marry American girls."

"How many do you want?" asked the superintendent.

"Whole lots," answered the Chinaman.

Supt. Rickard then tried to tell him that he could find a bunch of marriageable girls in the psychopathic ward, and sent him there. The doctors couldn't learn anything about the man except that he was Gee Yen Ying, a Philadelphia laundryman, who came here yesterday to find a wife. He had evidently told his story to some layman, who had diagnosed his case correctly when he advised him to go to Bellevue.

OFF GO THEIR HEADS.

Street and Water Board's Axe Is Working Overtime in Jersey City.

The Democratic Street and Water Board of Jersey City, which was restored to office by the courts, chopped off the official heads of 167 more city employees at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon. All those dismissed were appointees of the ousted Fagan board. Many of them were laborers who had been put to work by committees without the sanction of the board as a whole.

The Democrats filled fifty-two places. Robert B. Coar was reinstated as water purveyor. The Republicans summarily bounced him and didn't name any successor. Mr. Coar had been in the service of the city for about thirty-eight years when he lost his job.

The Democrats are having a hard time in making a slate that will be satisfactory all around. They can not find enough jobs to go around, and Leader Bob Davis has his hands full.

THIS THIEF HAD SOME FEELING.

Found $280 of a Family's Hoard and Took Only $190.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Sept. 19.—A considerate burglar visited the house of A. J. Faulkner, in John street, early last night. He entered the house while the family was away and pried open a box in a bureau drawer containing $280. He took $190 of this and left the rest where he found it.

The police say that they have no clue to the thief. Entrance to the house was gained through the window on the second story, which was forced open.

Halifax Has Another Big Fire.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 19.—For the second time in four days the waterfront of Halifax was this morning visited by a serious fire. The fire of last Thursday destroyed property valued at $300,000; that of to-day caused a loss of $200,000. Some dynamite in the burning warehouses exploded, but no one was hurt.

Three Brothers in Jail.

Three brothers were sent to jail for fighting by Magistrate Higginbotham in the Gates avenue police court, Brooklyn, yesterday. The prisoners were Otto, James and Frank Johnson. The policeman who arrested them said they were pummelling each other at a terrific rate when arrested.

CITY FATHER HELD.

Voll Is Charged With Extortion by Woman Saloonkeeper.

Mrs. Julia Meyer, a saloonkeeper at 88 Garden street, Hoboken, and her bartender, Robert Henn, who made affidavits in the Recorder's Court on Saturday accusing Herman Voll, a member of the Hoboken Common Council, of accepting $50 to fix up things so she wouldn't have any trouble in getting her license, were arrested yesterday on a charge of perjury preferred by Voll. The pair were originally locked up for violating a city ordinance by selling liquor without a license. They related the details of the alleged extortion and were allowed to go. Mrs. Meyer refused to make a formal complaint against Voll. She said she didn't care to prosecute him.

She changed her mind yesterday when taken to court and charged the Councilman with extortion. Voll was held by Recorder Edward R. Stanton to await the action of the Grand Jury. He was released in $500 bail.

Voll said there was absolutely not one word of truth in Mrs. Meyer's story that she paid him $50. He asserted he didn't receive any money from her except such as he collected from her as an agent of the brewery with which she dealt.

Mrs. Meyer and Henn repeated their story of the alleged extortion. The woman said Voll came to her saloon after she made her original affidavit and said: "What have you done? Look at the trouble you got me into. You have ruined my life. I want you to take back what you said to-day in court."

Mrs. Meyer and Henn were unable to get bail on the perjury charges and were remanded. They were sent back to cells.

SUBWAY MOTOR JOBS IN DEMAND.

Four Times as Many Elevated Men Want Them as There Are Places to Fill.

Physical examinations of applicants for places in the subway will begin some time this week, and as there are at least 5,000 applicants for 2,000 jobs, it will take a long time to make the selections.

How many elevated railroad employees have applied for subway jobs will not be known for a day or two, but it was learned yesterday that more than four times as many have applied to be motormen as could be appointed even if all instead of only half the jobs were reserved for the elevated men.

Assistant Superintendent King of the Interborough told a SUN reporter last night that the only motormen from the elevated road who had applied for transfer to the subway were extra men or young men with night runs who wanted day work and would be sure to pass the physical examination.

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