THE FEELINGS OF A SOLDIER.

PEACE TIME COURT-MARTIAL ABOUT A THEATRE SEAT.

Was It In Accordance With Best Tradition or Conduct Worthy of a Lieutenant in Evening Clothes That He Should Ask a Sergeant in Uniform to Move?

Lieut. Ray I. Taylor of the 125th Company, Coast Artillery, back from two years in the Philippines, and now stationed at tranquil New London, was court-martialled yesterday at the Army Building. It was for requesting a sergeant in a theatre to please to change his seat. This was called in the charge "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline."

As brought out by the testimony the matter amounted to this: There was a show on October 24 in New London, and many officers and rank and file asked for leave. Lieut. Taylor was seated in the parquet with two young women, when Sergt. Patrick Butler in uniform entered and took a chair just in front.

Lieut. Taylor leaned over and said, according to the sergeant's testimony:

"Sergeant, don't you think you'd better change your seat?"

"I turned about," testified the sergeant, "and looked into the face of Lieut. Taylor, my superior officer. I was in uniform and Lieut. Taylor was in evening dress. I was so surprised that I could not reply for several moments. Then Lieut. Taylor again suggested that I might find a better seat in another part of the house."

"Did you have any difficulty in finding another seat?" inquired the Judge Advocate, Capt. Skerrett.

"I did not. I didn't want to make a scene, as there were ladies with Lieut. Taylor; but my feelings were hurt. No, I didn't take it as an order. Still I thought best to regard the request as such, coming from my superior officer, and obeyed."

In his remarks to the Court, at the conclusion of the hearing, the Judge Advocate said that the material facts as stated in the charge having been proved it was for the Court to decide whether the sergeant had been humiliated, "whether, indeed, the act of the accused could have led to any other result." Next, he asked the Court to "consider whether, if the act was thoughtless, it was not, nevertheless, an offence." There were certain customs and traditions of the service respecting the manner of the relations between men and officers, and this accused officer was by his commission made an inheritor of the traditions.

It was to be inferred from the Judge Advocate's questioning that off duty an officer must treat a soldier of his command as one citizen another citizen.

Sergt. Butler testified that next morning he had spoken to the Lieutenant, inquiring why he had asked him to change his seat.

"It was merely a personal request," answered the officer. "You did not have to move; anyway, a soldier in uniform does not look well down front in a theatre."

It was thought that the fact that Lieut. Taylor is not a graduate of West Point, but of Michigan Milltary Academy, might have had something to do with his prosecution. But Capt. R. H. McMasters of the 125th Coast Artillery, who preferred the charge, is not himself a West Pointer. He is a graduate of the South Carolina Military Academy. When called to the witness stand Capt. McMasters said:

"Yes, I was in the theatre at the time—not far away from the sergeant—to the right and back, and saw him get up and go to the other side of the house. At breakfast I first heard talk about the episode. When the sergeant was passing that morning, I asked him about it. He began what I saw was to be a long story. So I cut him off."

Five days later the sergeant made a complaint in writing. When it was made, and the papers had been submitted to Lieut. Taylor, the Lieutenant, according to his Captain's testimony, remarked that he "looked upon it as an impertinence that a soldier should send a complaint to the Captain over the head of the soldier's ranking officer."

He endorsed the papers, however, declaring that he had requested the sergeant to change his seat "for personal reasons," and that he had made it clear to the sergeant that it was merely a request and not an order.

Capt. O. W. Farr of Fort Totten served as counsellor for Lieut. Taylor, and after a recess taken to allow him to consult with the accused the court reconvened and called Lieut. Taylor.

He withstood some gruelling from the Judge Advocate. First he described the theatre affair, his version agreeing with the sergeant's except as to the conversation.

"I asked him, in an undertone, if he would not change his seat. He said he was afraid the box office would not change it, and I said 'Oh, that will be all right. But, anyway, I only ask it as a personal favor.' He hesitated; then he did change it. Next morning he spoke to me, wanting to know why I had made the request. 'Was I drunk?' he asked, 'or disorderly? It hurt my feelings to be asked to change.' 'No,' I told him, 'you were in uniform, and you bore yourself like a soldier. I asked it of you as a favor, for personal reasons.' He afterward told me he had made the complaint on direction of the company commander. When the paper came to me it was indorsed as though the company commander had not directed the complaint. So I told the sergeant he must be mistaken about that. He said, 'Well, that's the way I understood it.'"

"What," inquired the Judge Advocate, "was the personal reason you had for wishing him to change his seat?"

"A family party had all that row except the seat he occupied."

"You did not make this explanation on the papers—you merely stated 'personal reasons.'"

"Yes. I thought that was sufficient."

He was asked if he thought it usual for one citizen to request another in a theatre to change his seat for such a reason, and the lieutenant thought that it was. He had no doubt that he himself had so accommodated others. He would always do it for any one who made such a request, especially if it were not a stranger.

"But you knew a stranger was likely to be inserted in the seat vacated, in the midst of the family party?"

"Yes." Then, after more questions he added: "It occurred to me, too, that it would not be agreeable to have the conversation of my friends overheard by an enlisted man in the company."

"Why not an enlisted man as well as by any other?"

The Lieutenant answered: "I don't think as a rule the conditions would be just the same."

Defence resting, the Judge Advocate addressed the court as told at the start. Col. Caziarc of the Artillery Corps, who presided, then asked in behalf of the court:

"Were you, in any sense a member of the party which had the row of seats in front?"

"No, sir," answered the Lieutanant.

"On what principle?" asked Col. Caziarc, "do you ask a citizen to change his theatre seat?"

"No principle, except that one man who knows another may make such a request."

There was a quarter hour consultation of the court. Its findings, which were indicated by its questionings, will not be made public until passed upon by Gen. Grant, commanding the Department of the East.

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PLOT VICTIM, SAYS MRS. COREY

MABELLE GILMAN-COREY PICTURE MAY BE PART OF IT.

Intimated by Friends of Trust President's Wife That Conspiracy Was Hatched to Part Couple—Corey's Sister, Coming From Paris, May Explain It All.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—In her first personal statement to a newspaper representative since she came to Pittsburg a week ago, Mrs. Laura Cook Corey, wife of W. Ellis Corey, president of the United States Steel Corporation, said she has been the victim of a conspiracy in the troubles that have caused the family to separate.

"In a public statement Mr. Corey has said that difficulties have arisen between him and you that are irreconcilable. Is that true?" was the first question.

"I will not speak about that," she said, as a flush came across her face and she showed visible indications of emotion. "The reports circulated about our troubles are preposterous. I have been the victim of a conspiracy, that's all. But our family affairs are none of the public's business. These differences have occurred at various times in families and I cannot see any reason why there should be so much made of this case."

"Will you state the nature of the conspiracy of which you have been a victim?"

"No; as I have said, I will not discuss the matter at all."

"Would you care to state whether or not you believe this conspiracy was formed for the purpose of separating you from your husband?"

"I will say nothing about it whatever."

She would neither confirm nor deny the assertions of her friends that her husband has arranged for an interview with her in New York.

Friends of Mrs. Corey to whom she had gone for counsel declined to throw any light on the assertion that there has been a conspiracy. However, they acknowledge that they have known for several months that Mrs. Corey had taken that view of the situation. They even confessed that Mrs. Corey had a well defined idea as to the plot of which she was the intended victim, but they declined to mention any names.

Those of Mrs. Corey's acquaintances who assert that the publication of a photograph of Mabelle Gilman reclining in her room, showing a portrait of Mr. Corey on an easel in one corner, was the principal reason for bringing about the separation now say that this picture plays an important part in the conspiracy of which Mrs. Corey speaks. It is believed Mrs. Corey thinks others are much more to blame than her husband.

It is reported that Mrs. Elizabeth Riggs, a sister of W. E. Corey, is on her way here from Europe and that she will be able to clear up the conspiracy of which Mrs. W. E. Corey says she is the victim.

Mrs. Corey took umbrage at the brazen publication of her husband's photograph in another woman's apartments, and ever since Mrs. Corey left for Reno, Nev., it has been known that she had been led to believe that her husband and herself were the victims of a plot to separate them and that the publication of this picture was part of the plot.

Mrs. Riggs has been studying music under the same instructor as Miss Gilman, and she is familiar with the episode of the telltale photograph.

Whether they will ever be reconciled cannot be told, but Mrs. Corey has told her friends she is open to conviction, and if it can be proved that her husband has been the victim of a conspiracy she is willing to let bygones go and start anew.

NEW POLICE SQUAD.

Ferryboat One—Mr. McAdoo's Odd Hints About Next Week.

Commissioner McAdoo announced the formation of another squad yesterday. This time it's the municipal ferry squad and is composed of fourteen men. One man will be stationed on each boat of the municipal ferry. During rush hours two men will be on the boats.

The Commissioner was asked when he would announce a decision in the recent trial of Sergeant William J. Eggers.

"There is a question of law involved, and I may not announce a decision until next week," he answered.

"Does that mean that you will remain after January 1?"

"I have nothing to say," he answered with a broad smile.

Pointing to a scalp hanging to the chandelier, he said rather pointedly:

"Anyway, gentlemen, the hair is evidently growing on the dead one. Good morning!"

GIRL KICKED AND BEATEN.

Two Boys Insulted and Abused 16-Year-Old Freda Ehrlich in Lexington Avenue.

Freda Ehrlich, a pretty sixteen-year-old German girl, living at 304 East Seventy-third street, was brutally kicked and beaten by two boys at Seventy-seventh street and Lexington avenue last night while returning to her home. Policeman Fox of the East Sixty-seventh street station found her half conscious on the sidewalk. He summoned an ambulance and the girl was removed to Bellevue Hospital.

There she told the doctors that two boys, one in long trousers and the other wearing knickerbockers, had accosted her as she walked along Lexington avenue and insulted her. The girl says she threatened to call a policeman, and then the boys set upon her, knocking her down and kicking her as she lay on the sidewalk.

Detectives from the East Sixty-seventh street station are trying to find the girl's assailants.

The Weather.

The storm area which was central over Oklahoma and northern Texas on Wednesday had moved yesterday to the middle Mississippi valley, bringing with it rain into the Mississippi and Tennessee valleys, the east Gulf and south Atlantic States and snow into Iowa and Wisconsin. Unsettled conditions prevailed east of the Mississippi River, except on the north Atlantic coast. There was rain in Washington, but elsewhere in the West the weather was fair.

It was colder at most points west of the Mississippi valley, while in the East it was generally warmer.

In this city the day was fair and warmer after the dissipation of heavy fog and frost in the morning; wind light easterly; average humidity, 71 per cent.; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.88; 3 P. M., 30.21.

The temperature yesterday as recorded by the official thermometer is shown in the annexed table:

	1905.	1904.		1905.	1904.
9 A. M.	35°	45°	6 P. M.	48°	32°
12 M.	43°	40°	9 P. M.	46°	24°
3 P. M.	51°	35°	12 Mid.	42°	23°

Lowest temperature, 34°, at 2:10 A. M.

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

For eastern New York, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania rain to-day; fair and colder to-morrow; brisk to high southeast winds, becoming northwest to-morrow.

For western New York, rain to-day; colder and cloudy to-morrow, with snow in north and west portions; high south winds, becoming northwest to-morrow.

For New England, rain to-day colder and probably fair to-morrow, except rain or snow in north portion; increasing south winds, becoming high and shifting to west to-morrow.

CUBAN TOBACCO DAMAGE HEAVY.

Loss Through Unseasonable Rains Put at Over $5,000,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—Owing to the reported heavy damage to the tobacco crop in Pinar del Rio by unseasonable rains, the Government recently instructed the Mayors in that province to report on the crop situation.

Returns from nearly all the districts have been received. It is roughly estimated that the loss exceeds $5,000,000. The officials report that with seasonable weather the loss may be repaired in regard to the quantity, but that it is unlikely the quality of the crop will be good, as tobacco must now be planted and gathered later than usual.

VATICAN'S VINDICATION.

Expected That Church's Side of Separation Will Make Good Impression in France.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Dec. 28.—The statement was made to-day by a cardinal that the Pope is hopeful that the publication in France of a résumé of the White Book, issued by the Vatican on December 26, will create a favorable impression and a conviction that the Vatican was not to blame for the separation of Church and State. Copies of the book have been sent to the heads of States throughout the world.

WIN $1,200,000 IN LOTTERY.

Residents of Barcelona and Havana Split Up Christmas Prize.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—The drawing in the great Christmas lottery resulted in nine-tenths of the first prize amounting to $1,200,000, being won by a number of residents of Barcelona owning tenths and smaller shares of the winning ticket. One-tenth goes to Havana.

Ambassador White's First Reception in Rome.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Ambassador Henry White's first reception, held yesterday, was a great success. A thousand guests were present. The King and Queen were absent, owing to the arrival of Nicholas I., Prince of Montenegro, who will spend New Year's in Rome, but they were represented by the King's Master of Ceremonies.

Mohammedan Revolt Feared.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—Political circles here are discussing the probability of a general rising of the Mohammedan population of the Caucasus and of Western and Central Asia.

ETHAN ALLEN DEAD.

Descendant of Revolutionary Notable Passes Away After a Brief Illness.

Ethan Allen, a great-grandson of Gen. Ethan Allen of the Revolution, died last night at his home, 850 St. Nicholas avenue. Mr. Allen had been in bad health for some years. On Christmas Day he became very ill after dinner. The following morning Dr. W. T. Alexander of 940 St. Nicholas avenue, who was called in, said there was no hope of his recovery.

Mr. Allen was born in this city in 1845 and was educated here. He married Ida Perkins, a daughter of the late Hosea B. Perkins of Washington Heights. Two children survive them, Ethan Allen, Jr., and Mrs. Ida Sperry. Mrs. Allen died about four years ago.

Until 1898, when he retired, Mr. Allen was in the tobacco business. He was a member of the New York Athletic Club and other social organizations. In politics he was a Republican.

Obituary Notes.

William H. Payne, head of William H. Payne & Son, grain merchants and millers, of 231 East 129th street, died yesterday at his home, 98 Park avenue. He was 72 years old and was born in England. As a boy he spent three years in India in the service of the East India Tea Company. He came to this country when he was 18 years old and worked as a clerk for G. V. Reilly & Co., grain merchants, at Moore and West streets. Four years later he took charge of a branch establishment in East 129th street, and when the house was dissolved in 1861 he became the head of William H. Payne & Son. He built the second grain elevator in the city, conducted one of the largest milling businesses and was one of the oldest members of the Produce Exchange. From 1894 to 1898 he was president of the Mount Morris Bank. Mr. Payne belonged to the Union League and Lambs clubs. He owned a large collection of paintings. He leaves four children, three daughters and one son, C. L. Payne, who conducts the milling business.

Mrs. Annie Arnoux Haxtun, a well known expert in genealogy, died on Wednesday at her late home in St. Felix street, Brooklyn, of the effects of a fall in her house last week which caused concussion of the brain. She was the widow of Capt. Milton Haxtun, a retired naval officer, who was ordered to duty at the outbreak of the Spanish war, but who died before he saw active service. She was the daughter of Gabriel A. Arnoux, whose father, Jean Baptiste Arnoux, served in the Revolutionary war under Gen. Rochambeau. Mrs. Haxtun was on the board of managers of the Home for Destitute Children in Brooklyn and of the Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital. She was the author of several books on genealogy and at the time of her death was engaged in genealogical work on a newspaper. She is survived by two daughters, Misses Adelaide and Sophie K. Haxtun, and one son, Sutherland R. Haxtun.

Louis Dalrymple, a cartoonist, died in a sanitarium in Amityville on Wednesday night of brain trouble. He was 42 years old. He was seized with his ailment early in November and for several weeks had lain in a stupor. He was born in Cambridge, Ill., and came to this city when he was 16 to study art. He soon went into cartooning and became prosperous. Nearly twenty years ago he was on *Puck's* staff and from there he went into the newspaper field and worked in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lelia Carpenter of Brooklyn. She secured a divorce. His second wife was Miss Ann Good of Baltimore, who survives him.

Mrs. Catherine Silliman, 49 years old, the widow of Capt. James Silliman, once a well known steamboat captain, died on Wednesday in poor circumstances at 64 Adams street, Hoboken. She was an heir to an estate in Washington, D. C., said to be valued at $75,000. A contest was started and the Sillimans made several trips to the capital to look after Mrs. Silliman's interests. About three months ago the captain died and since then his wife had a hard time getting along.

James Brice, 65 years of age, an inmate of the Firemen's Home in Hudson, N. Y., died suddenly yesterday morning. He arose and went to the bathroom. On returning to his room he fell in the arms of his roommate and expired. Heart trouble was the cause of death. He had been in the home since 1898. He was a fireman in the old Volunteer Department in New York city, belonging to Hose Company No. 42.

B. Smith Gentry, a prominent turfman and banker, died at Lexington, Ky., last night of appendicitis. He was 60 years old, secretary of the American Breeders' Protective Association and a partner with R. L. Baker in the noted Kingston stud just leased by C. H. Mackay.

Former Police Sergeant Patrick Crowe died at his home, 407 Classon avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday. He joined the force in 1881 and was retired in 1900. He was 56 years old.

ALL WAITING FOR THAT SLATE

TALK ABOUT GEN. BINGHAM FOR POLICE HEAD PERSISTENT.

With Hebberd for Charities and Ellison for Oakley's Place—Report Is That Keenan and Lantry Will Be Retained—Murphy Friendly, but In the Dark.

Mayor McClellan said yesterday that his slate was not yet completed. "It's in the oven baking, and I think I will leave it there for a little while longer. A good hard enamel will tend to keep the finish on the slate," he remarked when it was suggested to him that his delay in announcing appointments was keeping many people on tenterhooks.

"Does the extra baking mean that there is a chance of the enamel cracking?" the Mayor was asked.

"A good hot fire never hurts the baking," the Mayor answered enigmatically.

Then, becoming serious, the Mayor said that the slate was not made up and that the compiling of it was giving him a great deal of worry. He added that no one would be happier than he when he got rid of it.

"My relations with Mr. Murphy are of the pleasantest sort," the Mayor said about a published story of a quarrel. "I met Mr. Murphy last night because I am seeking aid and advice in making up the slate. Mr. Murphy made no demands, but I listened to suggestions just as I listened to suggestions from Senator McCarren when he called upon me to-day."

"All things being equal would you give preference to an organization candidate?" was asked.

"All things being equal, why not? Any good recommendations which I receive will be carefully considered."

The Mayor declined to say whether or not he had even tentatively made up his mind as to the man he would appoint Police Commissioner. He intimated, however, that he would undoubtedly be in a position to announce the names of his appointees on Saturday.

For some time it has been reported that Mr. Murphy desired the appointment of Thomas F. McAvoy to be Police Commissioner. This may have been true at one time, it was said yesterday, but it was learned last night that Mr. Murphy has really desired the appointment of ex-Police Commissioner James J. Martin as the successor of Mr. McAdoo. Mr. Martin was at the Manhattan Club last night and said:

"I wouldn't take the place of Police Commissioner if anybody should hand it to me on a diamond platter."

A new twist in the Police Commissionership turned up yesterday when the Sullivans, Big Tim and Little Tim, expressed the opinion that John H. O'Brien, Mayor McClellan's secretary and prospective Fire Commissioner, would make the finest kind of Police Commissioner. Big Tim and Little Tim, it was learned, so stated their belief on this matter to Mayor McClellan, but Mr. O'Brien said to his friends, the Sullivans, "No, thank you." Mr. O'Brien seemed to be well satisfied with the place of Fire Commissioner. The talk about Mr. Martin and Mr. O'Brien, however, complicated to a certain extent the situation.

Thomas F. Byrnes's friends continued to insist that he would make a first class Police Commissioner, while other people said that of all the candidates named up to this time Gen. Theodore A. Bingham seemed to have the call. It was not to be understood from any gossip that was heard concerning Gen. Bingham last night that the matter of his appointment has been settled, but it seemed to be in the air that he is being very favorably considered. Gen. Bingham is 47 years old, was graduated from West Point in 1879, and received the degree of B. A. from Yale in 1896. He was in the Engineer Corps of the army, was Military Attaché at Berlin and Rome, and was in charge of the public buildings and grounds at Washington from March 9, 1897, to May 1, 1903. He is now on the retired list.

It can be stated that City Chamberlain Patrick Keenan, Commissioner of Correction Francis J. Lantry, and Park Commissioner Kennedy of Brooklyn, whose retention has hitherto been a matter of some doubt, will be reappointed. A delegation of the Prison Association called yesterday on the Mayor and asked him not to keep Commissioner Lantry in office. They asserted that the Commissioner had failed to make needed improvements in the institutions under his care.

The Mayor told the delegation that any faults in that direction should be charged to himself and the Board of Estimate for not making the appropriations that Commissioner Lantry had asked for for those purposes. The delegation also asked that a penologist and not a criminologist should be appointed.

"I rather fancy," the Mayor remarked, "Lantry would feel hurt if he knew he had been called a criminologist."

The Mayor would give no hint about the Dock Commissioner. Some one remarked that Mr. Featherson's carrying out of the Staten Island ferry plans had undoubtedly secured the vote of Richmond for the Mayor, and that Featherson had therefore politically acquitted himself well.

"And is political qualification the only qualification a public official should have?" retorted the Mayor.

An effort to ascertain if this meant that Featherson was to go lapsed somehow into a conversation about the very remarkable weather.

The guessing match as to the Mayor's appointments continued last night in the Democratic Club, the Manhattan Club and Tammany Hall, and some of the guessers went on to say that they were mighty glad that Patrick Keenan is to be retained as City Chamberlain, and added that from what they had heard a fair guess would be on the following selections:

For Charities Commissioner, Robert W. Hebberd.

For Commissioner of Gas, Water and Electricity, William B. Ellison

TAMMANY IN THE DARK.

Murphy Can't Give Them Any Tips on the Mayor's Slate.

When Tammany's new general committee met last night to organize, little attention was paid to the meeting itself. The interest was in the later proceedings, when the leaders began to talk over the situation. Charles F. Murphy was at the wigwam and to the men who buttonholed him he said that he knew nothing about the Mayor's slate, and that like him they would have to wait until the list was made known.

Water Commissioner Oakley Dock Commissioner Featherson, Correction Commissioner Lantry and many other officeholders had private talks with Mr. Murphy, but it was apparent from the frequent shakings of his head that they got little satisfaction from him if their purpose was to learn their fate.

Mr. Murphy told the reporters that he was perfectly sincere in saying that he had no idea who, comprehensively speaking, the Mayor would put on the slate. He had responded to the Mayor's requests for suggestions, but he had no reason to believe that the suggestions he had made would be acted upon.

"The Mayor is going to make his own appointments," Mr Murphy said.

The general committee reelected Chairman J. Sergeant Cram and the other officers.

Four new members of the executive committee were elected. These were Thomas J. McManus, who beat Plunkitt in the Fifteenth; John F. Curry, who replaces Daniel F. McMahon in the Seventeenth; Bart Dunn, who succeeds his brother as the head of the Twenty-sixth, and Michael J. Garvin, in whose favor President Haffen of The Bronx retired from the leadership of the Thirty-fifth. The executive committee met, but on the suggestion of Mr. Murphy decided not to elect a chairman until the next meeting. The impression prevailed among some of the committeemen that the place was left open because James J. Martin, who was slated to take it, may be appointed to office by the Mayor.

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ASHER IN THE RING.

Bowery Preacher Praises Fighting; the Good Fight in Particular.

In a nineteen-foot ring the Rev. William Asher of Chicago delivered some theological swings, uppercuts, cross counters and jabs to about 900 interested sports at the weekly fistic revival of the Long Acre Athletic Club, 158 West Twenty-ninth street, last night. Asher reached the club just after the opening contest was over. He was there at the invitation of Al Russell of the Bowery, who is president of the club

Mr. Asker climbed through the ropes as if he was used to them. After being announced as "The Bowery Dominie" by Mike Newman, the club's matchmaker, Mr. Asker said:

"I want to shake hands with you all. As I cannot do it personally all those who would like to meet me raise their hands?"

All the sports immediately did so.

"That's fine," continued the preacher. "I have had two unique experiences in my life. The first one was when I personally spoke to the saloon keepers of Duluth and on this occasion to-night. It has been my ambition to step into the ring and deal out some chunks of theology. I appreciate all the sporting instincts in man. It is nice to be able to have that courage that makes a man a man. I admire fighters, too. Every man should be a fighter.

"There is Mr. Robert Fitzsimmons. We must all acknowledge his greatness as a fighter. Then there is John L. Sullivan, the most wonderful of them all, and little George Dixon, who boxes here to-night. We should all take our hats off to them." [Loud applause.]

"I am a parson or what you may call it. I used to scrap myself when I was a boy and used to enjoy it. Had John L. been a better fighter in the fight of life he might have had more than the respect of his admirers and fellow men. John used to knock 'em all out and uppercut them. But he was weak in many respects. His career reminds me of a quotation from the Bible: 'Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.'

"When we fight we should fight the fight of faith and meet the great referee. He is the one we should meet with a clear record. The game wouldn't amount to anything unless there was something behind it.

"I'm happy to get next to-night, and if I were in any condition I might try my hand at boxing. But I am fighting a bigger fight. Just the same, I'm going to see the bouts for I love boxing and those that attend the sport."

Mr. Asher seemed to be posted on ring parlance, for he used many fistic terms during his remarks. He got great applause when he finished speaking.

CLARENCE G. DINSMORE'S WILL

Widow to Have Life Interest in the Estate of $2,500,000.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 28.—The will of Clarence Gray Dinsmore, the well known New York clubman, has been filed for probate in the Dutchess county Surrogate's Court. The petition says that there is no real property and that the personal property exceeds in value $10,000. The actual value of the estate is about $2,500,000.

The widow, Kate Jerome Dinsmore, is to have a life interest in the estate, and upon her death or remarriage one-half is to go to W. B. Dinsmore, Jr., and the remaining half is to be divided in equal shares between two nieces, Helen Gray Huntington and Madeline Ingraham Dinsmore, all of Staatsburg.

The will was executed at Paris, France, June 24, 1889. The witnesses are C. J. Fearling of the Union Club, New York; R. J. Preston, Vice-Consul General at Paris, and E. P. McLean, Deputy Vice-Consul. No bond is required of the executors, Robert P. Perkins and W. B. Dinsmore, Sr. Surrogate Hoysradt has appointed a commission to take the testimony of the witnesses to the will in Paris. No mention is made in the will of a bequest to Kaiser Wilhelm of the automobile in which he rode at Mr. Dinsmore's request at the last army manœuvres. It was reported at the time of Mr. Dinsmore's death that he had given the machine to Kaiser Wilhelm.

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Worcester Buys Andrew H. Green Estate for Park.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 28.—The city of Worcester to-day purchased the estate of the late Andrew H. Green, the Father of Greater New York, for $54,000. The estate, known as Greenhill, comprises 500 acres. It is in the northern part of the city. The park commissioners will take possession of everything save the buildings and the immediate grounds.

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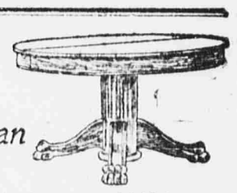

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