

PROMISE OF 2 CENT PHONES.

HEARING ON THE INDEPENDENT FRANCHISE APPLICATION.

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It is noted that times gone by in the Council Chamber of the City Hall yesterday...

The only difference yesterday was that the most dignified and most powerful governing body of the city were the listeners.

At one point the argument got so hot that Mr. Littleton and John G. Milburn, counsel for the New York Telephone Company...

"I hope, gentlemen," said he, "that you will not allow this hearing to degenerate into a farce."

"Do you mean to say that these statements were not made by these men while they were alive?" asked Mr. Grout hotly.

"How about Tom Johnson and Mayor Dunne of Chicago?" asked Mr. Grout. "Are they dead?"

"In his opening argument Mr. Grout said that he had always read the history of rival corporations of this kind to consolidate, to the detriment of the people they served...

"The installation of another system here would also mean that the streets would have to be ripped up again, as the existing subways are not large enough to accommodate another company."

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"I beg your pardon," interrupted Mr. Grout. "They are on file."

It was developed afterward that they were on file in the Water Department. But these plans do not show how many...

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DRIVERS OF ONE QUE WHEEL MOTORERS WERE IN CHARGE.

Another funeral stretched and the Police were on guard...

Many funerals were postponed yesterday as a result of a strike of the funeral drivers which went into effect yesterday morning.

There were some delays in cases of funerals which actually took place. The most serious delay caused by the strikers was at the funeral of Charles McIlhenny of 439 West Nineteenth street.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker James J. Blavin of 25 Spring street, who sent a hearse and five carriages to the house in the morning.

PRAYER FAILS TO SAVE MOTHER.

Followed by Bowls Dies in Childbirth—Husband Refused to Call Physician.

ZION CITY, Ill., May 11.—Without medical attendance Mrs. Eugene Cantell, wife of the overseer for the United Kingdom, died here to-day in childbirth at Elijah Hospice, which is a hotel as well as a resort for those who visit the city in search of healing.

For hours the members of the church at the hospice, led by Overseer Cantell, sang hymns and prayed that the life of Mrs. Cantell be spared.

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FLEET READY TO MOVE IF PALESTINE DOESN'T GRANT DEMANDS.

Britain's ultimatum in regard to the Egyptian Boundary dispute expires on Sunday.

Some of Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Breyer's cruisers and battleships have returned to the Pirana after a short maneuvering cruise in the Mediterranean.

Rear Admiral Lambton with the third cruiser squadron is at Port Said awaiting orders.

Rear Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, with four big ships and five torpedo boat destroyers, left the Pirana this evening, going in the direction of Salonica.

The British Atlantic squadron, which was being fitted at Madeira, has been suddenly summoned to Gibraltar.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 11.—Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish Foreign Minister, called to-day upon Sir Nicholas O'Connor, the British Ambassador, and made proposals with regard to the Turkish occupation of Tabah.

O'Connor warned him that the time allowed by the British ultimatum was growing short and that nothing less than absolute compliance with Great Britain's demands would be acceptable.

Tewfik Pasha returned to the palace and a council of Ministers was summoned.

HEALING FOR MANSLAUGHTER. English Christian Scientist Held Responsible for Major Whyte's Death.

LONDON, May 11.—A coroner's inquest was held to-day into the death of Major Whyte while under the treatment of Christian Scientists.

Dr. Adcock treated a guinea for treating Major Whyte, whose spine had been injured in a hunting accident, serious back sores resulting.

Frenchman Wins Design Prize and Two Americans Get Minor Prizes.

THE HAGUE, May 11.—M. E. M. Cordonnier of Lille has been declared the winner of the competition of designs for the Palace of Peace, funded for the construction of which were aided by Andrew Carnegie.

His design is based on the style of the chateau familiar in northern France, the structure being flanked with high towers.

Among the supplementary prizes Greenley and Olin of New York receive 3,000 florins.

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PARIS BELL—NO BLOOD SHED

Photographers Were There and the News Flooded to the Air.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. Paris, May 11.—Count de Montille and M. Millevoye, editor of La Patrie, fought a duel to-day with pistols in the Bois de Vincennes. Their home was satisfied without the shedding of blood.

The quarrel arose over the recent election, in which they were rivals. The duel was carefully stage managed. The Count had Dr. Doyen, the cancer specialist, as his medical attendant. Reporters and photographers were grouped in advantageous positions to do their work.

Millevoye's bullet found its billet in a loose button Count de Montille, and the latter dug it out with his knife as a souvenir of the meeting. The Count's bullet could not be found and Millevoye had to drive away with no souvenir. Boys were exchanged between the combatants as they drove away.

Late Night Bulletin Reports "No Tangible Change for the Better."

The condition of Carl Schurz was very grave last night. A bulletin issued at his house at 24 East Ninety-first street at 11 o'clock last night by Drs. Jacobs and Rudisch, who are in constant attendance, showed plainly the serious condition of the patient. It is as follows:

"No tangible change for the better. Takes nourishment. Pulse of fair quality. Respiration rather frequent. Moderate attacks of pulmonary oedema during the day. No pain, but rather more restless."

All of Mr. Schurz's family were at the house last night.

THE ANGLER SEES A WHALE. Cap'n Al Foster Brings In an Account of Deep Sea Adventure.

When the fishing steamer Angler was off Long Branch yesterday afternoon on her way back from Farm's Banks, Capt. Al Foster spied something dead ahead which he thought first was a submarine.

As the Angler approached it, he saw it was a sleepy whale, which didn't know enough to get out of the way. He whistled that he would pass to starboard, and the whale spouted, apparently in answer, but when Capt. Al threw his helm over, so did the whale. The Angler had to reverse her engines to miss ramming the big fish.

Some of the anglers wanted to stop the boat and see if the whale would bite, but Capt. Al wouldn't do it.

"No, sir," said he, "whales is like larks in the parks. They're all we have to live upon the ocean. Let 'em live." At last accounts he was still blowing happily.

PLAN TO OUST GOVERNOR FAILS. Foraker, Dick and Ohio Republican Leaders Fear Revolt of Voters.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 11.—The scheme to oust Gov. Pattison and to mandamus Lieut.-Gov. Harris into office has failed.

Long distance telephone calls from Senators Foraker and Dick and emphatic expressions by them of their disapproval of the whole scheme settled it and the backers lost heart and decided to drop the matter.

Rep. politics is the reason assigned. To attack the Governor when he is ill would defeat the Republican ticket next fall, say party leaders, and the test of his qualifications at this time must be abandoned.

DOWIE REPORTED DYING. Sen Gladstone Says He Expects Father's End to Come at Any Time.

CHICAGO, May 11.—According to a report received here late to-night from Zion City, John Alexander Dowie is dying.

He is said to be suffering with heart disease and his death may occur at any moment.

Senator Gladstone is quoted as saying late this evening that his father was a very sick man and that he would not be surprised to hear of his death at any time.

LIGHTNING SETS STEEPLE AFIRE. Also Puts Fire Alarm System Out of Order—Blaze Put Out.

In a thunderstorm last evening lightning struck the steeple of the South Congregational Church at Court and President streets, Brooklyn, and set it on fire. When a policeman tried to send in an alarm he discovered that the fire box was out of order. Then he announced an alarm to fire headquarters.

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WIFE'S PLEA IN VAIN. Cries Out to Recorder Not to Send Her Husband to Jail.

When William Albert, a pickpocket, was arraigned yesterday before Recorder Goff for setting off a young woman rushed up to the bar.

"Don't take the father of my baby from me," she said. "What will I do while he is in prison?"

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