

SAY POLICE HEAD HAS BEEN PICKED

Mitchell's Friends Assert New Commissioner Will Be New Yorker.

NOT A MILITARY MAN

Choice for the Place Is Declared to Be Young and Energetic.

MAYOR HAS 3 CALLERS

Edwards, Hare and Smith Start New Rumors—Republicans Still Out in Cold.

Friends of John Purroy Mitchell, who hitherto have spoken with authority for the Mayor-elect—as such authority as any man may be presumed to have to speak for Mr. Mitchell—said yesterday that the new Police Commissioner has been picked.

While the name of the man was not revealed these assertions as to his qualifications were made: He is not a military man; he is young; he is a New Yorker; he is a hard worker, and is efficient along the same line as the men whom Mitchell is supposed to have picked to help him run the municipal government.

One guess is that the man is Emory R. Buckner, counsel to the Curran Committee that investigated the Police Department after the murder of Herman Rosenthal. There was a hint that Robert Adamson might be the man, but many thought that Buckner was the man who fits the qualifications that were outlined in describing the Mayor-elect's choice.

Buckner is a Progressive and has a law office in 31 Nassau street. The selection of a new head of the Police Department, always the most knotty problem that a new Mayor faces, has probably given Mr. Mitchell more concern than the filling of any other post in his cabinet. Mr. Mitchell said in his campaign that he felt he could have a clean police force and he cited incidents to support his assertion.

In his final decision he apparently has passed over several persons who were mentioned as almost sure of the job. There was Major-General Charles F. Humphrey, U. S. A., retired, who will be 70 years old in September next; Major-General Eugene Van C. Lucas, chief engineer of the National Guard, said to be approved for the place by Col. Goethals, the Panama Canal builder, and W. Cameron Forbes, ex-Governor of the Philippines.

Passed Up Despite Backers. All those men have received the hearty movement of various factions clamoring for representation in the new Mayor's cabinet but, according to the information obtained yesterday, they have been passed over. Major-General John F. O'Ryan, of the National Guard issued a statement in behalf of Lucas. Likewise Alfred J. Thompson, a steel manufacturer of 60 Broadway, was emphatic in his praise of Gen. Humphrey.

"I have received information to the effect that Mr. Mitchell would like to appoint Gen. Humphrey," said Mr. Thompson, "but was uncertain as to whether the General would accept. I undertook to ascertain if Gen. Humphrey would take the job and I have his assurances that he will do so. I know the appointment would receive the indorsement of the national administration."

The names of four persons whom Mr. Mitchell saw yesterday in the course of a busy day were regarded as significant of the trend of Mr. Mitchell's mind in the matter of appointments. Three of those men were called on the Mayor. They are R. A. C. Smith, Dock Cleaning Commissioner; Bill Edwards, Street Cleaning Commissioner; and Montgomery Hare. Mr. Mitchell himself called on Henry Bruere, who is regarded as sure of the appointment of City Chamberlain.

Edwards May Hold Over. The fact that Mr. Edwards should call on Mr. Mitchell was taken to mean that he will hold over as Street Cleaning Commissioner. Edwards, who was captain of the Princeton football eleven, is a warm friend of President Wilson and may have the support of the President for reappointment to his present position.

Mr. Smith is looked upon as almost certain to be reappointed, but the visit of Mr. Hare to Mr. Mitchell's house is taken to mean that he may yet land the job of Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Mitchell wished to appoint his law partner, George V. Mullin, as Corporation Counsel and was deterred only by the influence of the interests in Washington. A hard fight has been made to have Mr. Hare selected for the place and Mr. Mitchell's refusal at one time to consider anybody else except Mr. Mullin roused a storm of protest from many of his closest friends. It is thought likely that Mr. Mitchell, yielding to the situation, has decided to give the position to Mr. Hare. As a fact, however, the two men who on Saturday seemed most promising in the race were Frank L. Polk and Frederick C. Tanner.

Friends of Mr. Mitchell do not think that he would appoint Tanner. Earlier in the day the rumor was that the four cabinet positions on which Mr. Mitchell had not reached a decision were Police Commissioner, Corporation Counsel, Street Cleaning Commissioner and Police Commissioner.

Reports last evening had three of the four fairly well settled, and as for Fire Commissioner there was a report that Robert Adamson might yet be prevailed upon to take that position. Rumor even had him taking the place of Police Commissioner, though many persons were em-

AUGUST BELMONT FINED \$100.

He, His Son, Morgan and C. O. Iselin, Jr., Violate Game Laws. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—August Belmont, his son Morgan Belmont and C. O. Iselin, Jr., have been fined \$100 each by the chief game warden of South Carolina for killing deer without a license on Mr. Belmont's hunting preserve in Hampton county, South Carolina.

Although Mr. Belmont owns a large estate and pays taxes in South Carolina non-residents must get licenses before hunting in any part of the State. A. A. Richardson, the chief game warden, visited the Belmont place, the Palmetto Club, seven miles from Greenville, and found the Belmonts and Iselin in the Savannah River swamps, where they had just killed two deer. Mr. Belmont was advised that the game warden had information that he had hunted ten days, his son one day and Iselin two days and that each violation of the law was a separate offense.

Mr. Belmont replied that carelessness was responsible for the absence of the licenses and he cheerfully gave the warden a check for \$300, a fine of \$100 for each of the party, and he at once got four licenses at \$10.25 each. The fourth license is for Count Vail-Castel, who arrived to-day.

August Belmont Jr. and Harold H. Weeks of New York got licenses on December 9 and Mr. Belmont said he thought that a license had been procured for him at the same time.

DUELLIST IS FORBIDDEN TO LAND IN NEW YORK

Will Be Deported—And It Was a Nice Duel—No Body Hurt.

Emil Zerkowicz, president of a bank in Budapest, who was for six years a resident of this city, arrived yesterday by the Cunard Campania and learned that alien duellists are not entitled to land in the United States.

Mr. Zerkowicz is a Hungarian and was for several years a commissioner for Austria-Hungary in New York to look after the Austro-Hungarian immigrants. He frequently visited Ellis Island and was one of the board of special inquiry that decided yesterday that he should be excluded from this country.

When the immigrant boarding officer told Mr. Zerkowicz, who had one of the best cases in the Campania, that he would have to go to Ellis Island, he asked why and was informed that he had fought a duel in Budapest early in December with Julius Perntzky, who is connected with the Transatlantic Trust Company of 67 William street, and that dueling was regarded as an "act involving moral turpitude."

He said it was not so regarded in Austria-Hungary and was reminded that he was elsewhere and the laws differed. In the duel with Perntzky neither duelist was hurt. Each fired a shot and missed. The trouble that led to the duel began in this city, where the duellists were associated in business. They went to Hungary solely to fight, it is said.

At the hearing Zerkowicz expressed himself with frankness. He said he had not only fought a duel with Perntzky but had engaged in three other "affairs of honor." He declared that he did not intend to live in New York and that therefore he should have been allowed to land. The special board never had a dueling case to consider before and spent the entire day considering what to do. Zerkowicz suspects that "his friend Perntzky told the immigration authorities of the duel."

Caspar Gall of the Austro-Hungarian Society has gone to Washington to try to persuade the authorities to let Zerkowicz in for a while. Counsel for Zerkowicz has appeared in his case and it may be some time before he is deported, if at all.

CHURCH PRAYS FOR THE KNELLS

Congregation in Tears as Rector Refers to Main Family.

Prayers were offered by the entire parish of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, on St. Nicholas avenue, Ridgewood, yesterday for Henry Knell of 28 Dry Harbor road, Glendale, L. I., who killed his wife, two children and himself on Friday, and his victims.

The Rev. Emmet Abrahams, the rector, brought tears to every eye in the church when from the pulpit after explaining the tragedy he said:

"Instead of the sermon to-day let us unite in prayer for these departed ones and the bereaved relatives they have left behind."

The funeral of the Knell family will take place to-morrow afternoon in Holy Cross Church. The Rev. Dr. Abrahams will officiate. Then the four bodies will be buried in a plot in Lutheran Cemetery, at Middle Village, owned by Herman Knell, the dead man's father.

The latter said last night that no motive for the crime was known excepting that of his son's ill health.

Some of the friends and neighbors of the Knell family believe that Mrs. Knell was not murdered, but that she took her own life and that the husband carried out an agreement by ending his own life and the lives of the babies.

PRAY FOR NO WAR IN IRELAND.

Divine Guidance Asked for Political Leaders in Controversy. Special Cable Dispatch to Tax Six. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Prayers were read at all the churches of the Church of England in London to-day for the prevention of civil war in Ireland.

The prayer, which was drawn up by the Bishop of London at the request of more than a thousand clergymen, besought God to spare England the calamity of civil war in Ireland and invoked the Divine Guidance for the political leaders in the controversy over the home rule bill.

No New Year's dinner complete without a selection of Blitters, Delicious Appetizer and Tonic.

INVENTOR FINDS NEW WAY TO RULE X-RAY

Scientists Say Discovery Is One of Tremendous Importance.

AIDS CANCER TREATMENT

Operators Will Be Able to Control "Dose" Given to Patients.

An invention that it is predicted will revolutionize the use and application of the X-ray was exhibited for the first time in public in this city on Saturday night at a dinner given at the Hotel St. Denis to William David Coolidge of Schenectady by Dr. L. G. Cole of 103 Park avenue.

Men versed in the science of the X-ray who witnessed the demonstration of Mr. Coolidge's invention said that it was the greatest advancement in the study of the rays since Roentgen.

Mr. Coolidge, who is employed in the General Electric Company's laboratories, has been working in secret on the new ray for two years. He has so far perfected but two tubes, one of which he showed on Saturday night.

His method of manufacturing the ray differs from the old one and enables him to secure such efficiency in control and application that the greatest benefits to therapeutics are expected as soon as the technique of the ray is thoroughly understood.

Gives Operators Full Control.

The Coolidge ray will not cheapen the cost of production any, but it will enable X-ray operators to control the power they wish to administer absolutely, whereas before it was impossible to gauge the amount that would be generated or to direct it.

In the old X-ray tubes the cathode and the anode, the terminals, were of different materials. Mr. Coolidge has discovered that better results are had by the use of tungsten throughout, and that ductile tungsten, likewise a recent discovery, is best for the work. His progress has been retarded by the fact that the ductile tungsten is very scarce and that more must be manufactured before his ray can be of general practicability.

The anode in the Coolidge tube is of heavy tungsten like the filament in the best cathode ray tubes. By examining all the cases in the tungsten the filaments are heated to incandescence and the ray is generated. In the new tube there is no fluorescence, whereas in the old that obstacle was met with.

Streams of charged particles from the tungsten anode and cathode, which are heated in the vacuum, are driven by a powerful electric current and the ray is formed. It is more or less penetrating in proportion to the speed with which the particles are driven.

Praised Coolidge Invention.

Prof. Scherer of the department of physics at Cornell University, who was one of those at Saturday's demonstration, praised Mr. Coolidge's invention highly and said that the discoverer was the first man to demonstrate that the theoretical rays, the smallest particles of matter conceived, could be harnessed and utilized for the production of radiant light.

The value of the new ray in the treatment of cancer and similar diseases is expected to be enormous because of the certainty with which it can be controlled. But much work remains to be done on it yet and it will probably be a year before it will be in anything like general use.

Dr. A. Judson Quimby, X-ray expert of the Polytechnic Hospital, and famous throughout the country for his work with the Roentgen ray, said last night:

"This new type of the X-ray tube I consider to be the greatest discovery, the greatest change in that line since the original discovery by Roentgen."

"Mr. Coolidge's tube will, I believe, revolutionize present methods of generating and administering the X-ray. I think it is a reality, but of course it will take some time to develop the technique of adaptation to therapeutics. At present we are confronted with the instability of the methods of controlling the X-rays and of regulating them according to the dose we wish to administer."

"This new invention will, it seems, give adequate control both of amount and of penetration. In other words, the power of generating the rays is increased and the ability to direct it is amplified. In therapeutics it will enable us to control the dose and in radiographies too it will be of great value because it can be harnessed and used in the amount desired."

Besides Dr. Cole, Dr. Quimby and Prof. Scherer the demonstration was witnessed by Dr. P. M. Hickey of Detroit, Dr. L. Seth Hirsch of Bellevue Hospital, Dr. Manges of Philadelphia, Dr. H. Drechter of Toledo, Dr. Charles Holding and Dr. L. T. Le Wald of New York.

TWO SUCCESSES WITH RADIUM.

Detroit Doctors Report Cancer Cures in Cases Like Bremner's.

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—The imbedding of radium tubes in the tissues of the body as a cure for cancer, which has been done in the case of Congressman Bremner of New Jersey, was tried in Detroit three months ago. Three similar operations were performed at a hospital here by Dr. J. B. Kennedy and his son, Dr. Charles S. Kennedy, the methods being practically the same as those used at Baltimore.

Two of the operations appear at the present time to have been highly successful, while the result of the third is not at all satisfactory. Dr. J. B. Kennedy would make no statement regarding the efficiency of radium as a cure for cancer.

"I can say only that up to date two cases that we treated appear to be successful," he said. "We are not satisfied as yet that the cure is positive and we shall continue to watch the patients for

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NORDICA ON STRANDED LINER.

Prisco Commissioners Also on Ship Ashore in Papua Gulf. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Thursday Island says that the Dutch liner Tasman, bound from Sydney, New South Wales, for Java, is ashore in a dangerous position in Bramble Cay, Gulf of Papua.

Among the large number of passengers aboard the Tasman are Mme. Lillian Forde, the opera singer; Alva Adams, former Governor of Colorado, and Thomas G. Stallheim, American commissioner who have been in Australia in behalf of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The Tasman sent a wireless message to Thursday Island telling of her peril. Steamships have left to give assistance.

The point where the Tasman ran ashore is in Torres Strait, between the northernmost part of Australia and New Guinea. Thursday Island is in the same locality.

GIRL DROWNS IN POND; WOMAN SAVES THREE

Rescuer, Passing in Auto, Rips Board From Fence to Reach Children.

HARRISON, N. J., Dec. 28.—Four children playing to-day on the thin ice of Frog Pond, a small but deep lake at the foot of Hamilton street, fell through. Three of them were rescued by a well dressed woman who was passing in her electric runabout, the fourth, Minnie Kough, 9 years old, of Woodland avenue, Kearny, was drowned.

Beside Minnie Kough, the children were Ethel Kough, a sister of Minnie, 11 years old; Sarah Watson, 12 years old, of 25 Davis street, Harrison, and Mark Hogan, 9 years old, 429 Hill street.

The three little girls left their homes to go to Sunday school in the First Baptist Church. They had talked of playing on the ice of the pond, but Mrs. Kough had warned them not to go near the pond.

On their way to Sunday school they met the Hogan boy and their promises were forgotten. They were sliding over the ice when the four of them stood close together and the ice broke. All but Minnie came to the surface and took hold of the edge of the ice. They were about ten feet from land. The children screamed, but there was no one to hear them until the runabout came along, driven by the woman.

She stopped her car and tried to walk out to the children, but the ice broke under her weight. She took off her long automobile coat and tried to reach the children with that, but it fell several feet. She then ran to the New Jersey Street Tubing Company's plant nearby and ripped a long plank off a fence. She found a coil of rope and walking out on the plank as far as she could, pulled the children in one at a time, with the rope.

It was then that Ethel missed her sister, Dennis Hogan, a young man who had been playing football, volunteered to dive into the icy water. After three or four attempts, he recovered the body.

A pulmotor was brought from the Public Service Corporation, and an effort was made to revive the girl, but was not successful.

HE PROPOSES BY WIRELESS.

Widow to Take Look at Old Sailor Before Deciding.

Mrs. Francis D. Stephenson, widow of a naval architect of Leith, arrived yesterday from Glasgow by the Anchor liner Caledonia with a sheaf of wireless messages she received from an old lover, Frank McIntyre. One of the messages was a proposal of marriage, and the widow, who is young and handsome, says she will consider it while on her way to her brother, head of the Superior Shipbuilding Company of Superior, Wis.

The widow says that Mr. McIntyre disappeared from his home in Leith ten years ago. They had been very chummy and she was surprised that he told her nothing of his intention to leave. She learned from her brother that Mr. McIntyre drifted into Superior some time ago and was making good there. That is where the wireless messages, which did not become wireless until after they reached New York, came from.

In one of the messages Mr. McIntyre said he had sent her a proposal ten years ago in a letter. She said she never received it. His final message ran: "Waiting for you." The widow thinks she will look her old lover over before answering his proposal.

ROCKEFELLER GIVES \$10,000.

Genealogical Society Must Raise \$12,737 in Two Days.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$10,000 toward a \$65,000 fund for a new building which the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society is trying to raise before January 1. The total subscription up to yesterday was \$52,263. In the next two days the trustees and officers must get \$12,737 more. If they fail they will lose a conditional gift of \$10,000 from the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

On December 24 only \$26,782 of the required sum had been obtained. Since then the trustees have been busy and these large contributions are reported in addition to John D. Rockefeller's \$10,000: William Rockefeller, \$1,000; Andrew Carnegie, \$1,000; Charles W. Harkness, \$1,000; Mrs. Adrian Hoffman Joline, \$250; W. E. D. Stokes, \$250; Mrs. E. A. Conable, \$200.

Those who have given \$100 each since December 24 are Edmund C. Conover, Willard G. Bixby, George Austin Morrison, St. Moses Taylor Payne, Henry C. Quimby, Walter Lisenbrand Snyder, Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting, Douglas Merritt, John E. Parsons, Lloyd Phoenix, Charles Lanier and James Speyer.

The office of the society is at 226 West Fifty-eighth street.

LINER WINS BATTLE WITH GIANT WAVES

Ripped and Almost Overturned, the Seminole Safely Reaches Port.

MOMENT OF AWFUL PERIL

When Mountains Combers Hit Ship Crew Thought Her Lost.

A cumulative wave, which Third Officer Hugh Wallace of the Cyclone liner Seminole called a "genuine Cape Horn comber," smote the West India packet on Friday morning southeast of Hatteras and for a moment she stood on her beam ends all hands thought that they were on the way to Davy Jones.

The Seminole arrived yesterday with many scars of her encounter with the mighty sea done up neatly in canvas. All her staterooms were flooded by the comber, a dozen were wrecked and fifty feet of the port side of her main deck were smashed. The marvel of it all was that nobody was seriously hurt.

The sun set in a heavy haze on Christmas Day when the Seminole was jogging along at twelve knots through a placid sea. Capt. Carey foresaw a blow in the aspect of sky and sea and ordered all ports locked and awnings furled for heavy weather.

Before daylight on Friday the Seminole was rising on hills and dropping into hollows in a way that made her six passengers and some of her officers long for solid earth.

Seemed About to Turn Turtel.

At dawn the ship was laboring heavily in a whole gale, which came in hurricane spurts of seventy miles or more at times and added to the peril of tobogganing down the longer and steeper inclines of combers. Capt. Carey had a ticklish task steering clear of the crested giants. Finally one camp along, two big fellows rolled into one, that he could not avoid. It was about as tall a comber as he ever saw, off Hatteras or elsewhere, and it came into being with such swiftness, rising clifflike close on his port bow, that he could not head into it.

The great sea broke on the port side, looking as the third officer remarked, "cruly" mountainous and the heart of every officer and seaman who saw it went up into his mouth. The Seminole reeled to starboard like a fighter after a knockout blow. Over she went, spilling from her berths all hands who had gone there for relief. And still further she heeled, until she seemed about to turn turtle, with everybody gripping the nearest thing that looked as if it might hold.

At last, flat on her beam ends the stanch old iron liner lay for a fraction of a minute, which the whole ship's company thought was much more than a full minute. Then she slowly righted and would have rolled to port at a heavy angle if another tierrier sea, almost as fierce as the first, had not sprung at her.

Shivered From Stern to Stern.

This was the sea that almost made a wreck of the ship. She had staggered over her course under the impulse of the smash of the first comber, shivering from stern to stern. A still greater vibration swept through her when the second sea crashed against her port side.

The force of the sea and the force of the ship returning to even keel met. Three passengers, including C. Smith Boutwell of Santo Domingo, who is coming here to live, were in the dining saloon, which is on the main deck and forms a part of the interior of the deckhouse. They had clung to tables when the ship pitched. The second wave burst through the port side of the deckhouse and ripped out all the staterooms for cabins at the forward entrance of the deckhouse.

In an instant the three startled voyagers were up to their waists in the flood that roared aft and swept them from the tables. They were knocked against other tables, but were merely bruised. They ran to the upper deck through the saloon companionway.

The assistant purser, Charles W. Cutting, had been seasick and went into an unoccupied stateroom on the port side to rest. A minute after he had touched the bunk he was thrown on the floor. Before he could rise the waves had covered the port side of the stateroom and ripped the woodwork to splinters.

Cutting's clothing was almost in tatters and his face and scalp were cut by flying glass.

Panic Quickly Ends.

Firemen streamed up from the stokehold when the flood rushed down into it, but their panic was only momentary and when they saw that the chief engineer and his assistants were sticking to the ropes they went back to duty. The excitement was at an end in less than five minutes. Capt. Carey had brought the Seminole's head to sea and kept her there several hours under speed enough to just give her steerage way, while some of the engineer's force and the ship's carpenter made repairs.

Nine deadlights were stove on the port side and into these broken ports the crests of the tumult surged. The ship's carpenter plugged and battened these openings first and then assisted in the work above deck. Canvas was stretched over the shattered side of the deckhouse, which was braced by planking and rolling seventeen hours of pitching and rolling the Seminole got under full speed again and steered a course for Sandy Hook. Capt. Carey believes that the water has not seriously damaged the Seminole's cargo. She will go into dock for repairs.

AVIATOR VEDRINES MISSING?

Left Jaffa Yesterday Morning; Not Seen Since. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. CAIRO, Dec. 28.—Julius Vedrines, the French aviator who is making an aeroplane trip from Paris to this city, left Jaffa, Asia Minor, this morning and was expected to arrive at Heliopolis, 250 miles from Jaffa, this afternoon. He had not reached Heliopolis up to 9 o'clock to-night.

ASKS TOWN TO SUPERVISE HEAT.

Mrs. Gordon-Smith Wants Furnaces Properly Installed. MONTCLAIR, N. J., Dec. 28.—Mrs. F. Gordon-Smith, a prominent suffragist of this town, has appealed to the authorities to establish a bureau to supervise the installation of heating apparatus in houses, and Town Attorney Robert M. Boyd has taken her request under consideration.

Mrs. Smith recently lost a suit brought against her by a man who had installed a new "hot air" furnace in her home on Eagle Rock. She said the apparatus did not warm her home.

In her appeal she contends that the town ought to conserve the health of the residents by insisting on proper work by those who attend to such business.

SCHMIDT IS NEAR COLLAPSE.

Strain of Waiting for Verdict Too Much for Murderer. HANS SCHMIDT, murderer of Anna Amalmer, was reported to be near collapse in his cell in the Tombs yesterday.

Prison officials said that he was undoubtedly showing the strain of the ordeal of waiting for the jury's verdict to-day.

In the morning Schmidt arose at 7:15 o'clock, but left his breakfast almost untouched.

At 8 o'clock, although betraying signs of great mental stress, he insisted on going to mass. Father Lake Every, chaplain of the prison, held a special service at which singing by six women from St. Andrew's Church was a feature.

After mass Schmidt got several newspapers and read on his cot until dinner. He ate little of the prison's meal and at 2 o'clock, when the prisoners went into the corridors for exercise, he walked about for a short while. Then he told a keeper that he was not feeling at all well, and went to bed, where he finished the day.

HAS A COW WITH A WOODEN LEG.

Veterinary From Scotland Says It Helps Her Knock Out Milkers. James M. L. Galloway, veterinary surgeon of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, arrived yesterday from Glasgow with photographs of a cow with a wooden leg on the starboard quarter, which the veterinary says is almost as good to the cow as an ordinary leg of beef and much more effective in knocking out folk who try to milk her on the wrong side.

Other veterinarians laughed at Galloway, who is very fond of an experimental treatment, who he decided to save the life of a cow after the leg had been cut off by a locomotive. He insisted on fitting the wooden leg, which he regards as much more useful than wooden braces on Scotch veterinarians.

The only time the wooden leg gets the cow into trouble is when she stands too long in a damp field and the leg sinks in a foot or so. Mr. Galloway is going to visit his brother, a veterinarian of Washington.

SHACKLETON TO GO SOUTH.

Explores Antarctic, Writes to the Times Giving the News that the Uncertainty about his Proposed Expedition Being Realized Owing to Lack of Funds Has Been Removed. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 28.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, writes to the Times giving the news that the uncertainty about his proposed expedition being realized owing to lack of funds has been removed.

"I am glad to be able through the generosity of a friend," he says, "to announce that the expedition will start in Polar continent from sea to sea. I have taken the liberty to call the expedition 'the imperial transatlantic expedition' because I feel that not only the people of these islands but our kinsmen in all lands under the Union Jack will be willing to assist in the carrying out of our programme."

KILLS WOMAN AND HIMSELF.

East Side Tenement Scene of Murder and Suicide. Mrs. Catherine Jansiska, 29 years old, living at 153 Avenue A, was shot in the heart early this morning in her home by a man who then ended his own life by sending bullets into his breast and temple.

The man's name was I. Pogorosky and he lived at 98 Eekford street, Brooklyn. The neighbors in the small East Side tenement heard loud arguing which was followed by three shots. They rushed into the flat and found that Pogorosky had killed the woman as she lay in bed. He was found on the floor beside her.

MOVIES TO CURE INSANITY.

Their Efficacy to Be Tested in Asylum at Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Moving pictures will soon be installed as a regular feature of the curative system at Long View Insane Asylum, this city.

It is to be made a sort of "unknown treatment" undergoing which the patients will not realize that they are being subjected to mental test. They will perceive only the entertainment, but the doctors expect to make valuable observations and secure excellent results.

Herman P. Goebel, chairman of the board of directors of the institution, is an enthusiastic believer in benefits to be derived from the "movies," mention of which is found in the annual report just made public.

FLOUGHING LORIMER MINT FARM

Mild Weather Allows Turning Over of 100 of the 600 Acres. DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 28.—The mild weather of the last week has permitted the ploughmen on the farm of ex-United States Senator Lorimer to "turn over" 100 acres of soil on his 600 acre mint farm, a few miles from this city.

Several landowners hereabout have been induced to grow mint because of the high price of peppermint oil, and within the next three years it is believed that the whole Lorimer farm will be planted entirely in mint except a few acres for garden purposes.

BIG POWERS WAR ON U. S. TRADE

Britain and Germany Unite Against Growing Foreign Commerce.

FEDERAL INQUIRY ON

Refusal to Take Part in San Francisco Fair Is Part of Plan.

BATTLE IN SOUTH AMERICA