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Lamar, of Mississippi, aspires to senatorial honors and his election to that position is generally conceded.

The office of Indian commissioner seems to be actually going a begging. It has already been offered to seven men, all of whom have declined on account of the immense amount of labor and the meager salary attached to the position. Ward, of New Jersey, has declined.

It is said that the democratic house will devote most of its time to the hearing and decision of its thirteen contested election cases, and that it will not venture upon much other work. This is a good step in the direction of economy and reform—paying two hundred and ninety-two men big salaries for work which is of no possible benefit to the country and might be accomplished by a few days' industrious labor.

A Ft. Abercrombie soldier writes to the Chicago Inter-Ocean proposing an association of private soldiers for reunion purposes. It is just beginning to occur to the public that this business has been wholly monopolized by the shoulder-strap gentry during the past, and the question is arising: "Were there any private soldiers in the late war?" It seems by this communication from a Dakota soldier that there was one, at least, and he wants to organize himself into an association. It is a good thing.

Hon. Michael Kerr, of Indiana, the new speaker of the house of representatives, belongs to the class of democrats whom the Chicago Times has set down as "puritrid remissionists." His record during the war shows that he had more sympathies for the south than the north, and his election to the speakership may be looked upon as a triumph of the "confederate" element of the democratic party. If this beginning is a sample of the prospective work of the house we may look for some interesting developments before the session is ended.

Boss Tweed went to see his wife and has since been invisible. No one can blame Mr. Tweed for going to see so good a wife as his, nor for staying as long as possible. The New York Ledger gives the following brief sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Tweed and their children:

They were married when the man was a chairmaker, and they might have had a happy career had the former remained honest. They lived in a plain manner, mingled with mechanics' society, and were the parents of two boys and two girls, good looking and healthy children. The era of meretricious splendor has come and gone like a dream. The girls are married. Each had a diamond wedding and each has sunk into obscurity and poverty. The two sons once held fine appointments in the service of the ring, but they are now only lounging around the city hall. The mother is in widow's desolation. The ill-gotten wealth is almost all gone. A million and a half has passed into the hands of her lawyers, and her husband is still a prisoner. A sordid and corpulent old man, inhabiting a pair of rooms in Ludlow Street jail, is all that is left of one who has been alderman, congressman, chairmaker and lawyer, commissioner of parks, public buildings and docks, state senator, and for years the abject of this city. The only redeeming feature is the faithful wife, who is reducing herself to poverty in hope of obtaining her husband's release.

**BOSS TWEED ESCAPES.**

He Seeks a Private Interview with Mrs. Tweed.

AND TAKES LEG BAIL.

An Army of Policemen in Search of the Distinguished Fugitive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Wm. M. Tweed has escaped from Ludlow street jail. A dispatch was received at police headquarters this evening stating that

W. M. TWEED HAD JUST ESCAPED from the custody of Warden Dunham, of Ludlow street jail. Word was immediately telegraphed to every police station in this city, Brooklyn and neighboring cities, notifying the police to be on the lookout. Warden Dunham subsequently called on Inspector Dilks, at the police central office, and stated that he had accompanied the prisoner to the residence of Mrs. Tweed, at Madison avenue, and while there Tweed requested permission to see his wife privately. Dunham unhesitatingly granted the re-

quest, and Tweed went up stairs to his wife's apartments, leaving one of his sons to entertain Dunham and the deputy. After waiting about ten minutes, Dunham became uneasy and sent young Tweed up stairs to tell his father to come down immediately, as they desired to return to the jail. In a short time the young man returned and informed Dunham that

HIS FATHER HAD GONE. Dunham at once searched the house, but no trace of the "Boss" could be found. Leaving the deputy in charge of the house Dunham hurried to the residence of Sheriff Connor, and informed that officer of the escape. The police authorities were promptly notified, and the central office detectives at once went out, scouring the city in all directions.

Deputy Warden Gardner, in charge of Ludlow street jail during Warden Dunham's absence, stated that neither he nor any person in the jail learned of Tweed's absence from it until about half past 8, when a man rang the bell and the door was opened by the deputy warden. The man, whose name was not known, nor his face familiar, said Warden Dunham had sent him down to the jail to say that Tweed had escaped. Further than this the messenger could not say, and he then took his departure. It is supposed that Tweed left the jail about 4:30 p. m., with Warden Dunham. It is also thought that Keeper Edward Hogan

ALSO ACCOMPANIED THEM, as he had not since been seen around the jail. This afternoon Deputy Warden Gardner took an affidavit to Mr. Tweed, who signed it in his room, but the deputy warden did not know the contents of the affidavit. Tweed was visited to-day by his counsel, David Dudley Field and Wm. Edelman, the latter a partner in business with Tweed's son at one time. Although there were three unoccupied houses adjoining the residence of the "Boss," not one of them was searched. In twenty minutes after the police had been notified of the escape, word had reached

EVERY POLICE STATION in the city, and mounted squads were out in force riding through the suburbs at full speed.

Inspector Thorne received immediate notification and in a short time was at the precinct station house. Taking Sergeant Whitehouse and Detective McGowan with him, he visited the residence of Tweed, and leaving the former to guard the entrance, made a search from the roof to the cellar, but not the slightest trace of the fugitive was found. Sheriff Connor summoned a number of his deputies and visited all the up town police precincts.

President Matsel, of the board of police, was visited by the sheriff at his residence, and there all imaginable plans for the capture of the fugitive were talked over and put in execution. The authorities are utterly bewildered.

The central office detectives were sent out to every portion of the city where there was the least possibility of Tweed being found, and the officers on the approaches to the northeast rivers received special instructions to be particularly watchful. President Matsel said it was his opinion that Tweed escaped earlier than reported, or the police would have been more successful in finding at least a slight clue to his whereabouts.

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