

System, called at the office this morning for an audience with the officials.

Stillings Reticent. Charles A. Stillings continues to maintain an attitude of silence in connection with his removal from the office of Public Printer. He spends a great deal of his time in his apartments at the Ontario preparing to meet any investigation that may be made.

W. A. Root, manager of the Audit System Printing Company, said today that the cancellation of the Audit System contract by the President would in no way affect contracts between the Government and the Supplies Company.

Printing Data Asked Of Every Department

Chairman Landis, of the Joint Subcommittee on Printing, has issued a statement explaining the work of the Printing Investigation Commission, of which he is chairman. The various executive departments and the Government Printing Office have been called upon, Mr. Landis says, to furnish reports which should afford a complete analysis of the entire problem of public printing. These reports have not yet been received, but when they are completed it is expected that they will furnish data upon which comparisons can be made for a period of three years.

SISTER SAVES TWO FROM FIRE IN HOME

Pretty Girl Badly Burned, But Is Jubilant Over Rescues.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Miss Ella McLaughlin, whose sixteenth birthday party was interrupted by a fire in her home in the Bronx last night, is in the home of a neighbor today with her hair almost burned off and painful burns about the body, received in saving the lives of her brother, Thomas, three years old, and her sister, Mary, a baby of two.

"I was pretty badly scared," said the girl today. "But I'll be all right. My hair will soon grow again; and if I didn't have my birthday party last night, I will have one next year."

All was in readiness for Miss McLaughlin's birthday party last night, when a fire broke out in the house and, as the fire spread, she was in the room occupied by her sleeping brother and sister.

The girl seized both of the children in her arms and tried to get to the street with them. Her strength was not equal to it. She dropped Thomas in the doorway and carried Mary to the yard. Then she returned for Thomas. She was nearly overcome by the smoke and heat but struggled bravely and reached the stoop of the house with the child in her arms. There she fell unconscious. At the same instant the father appeared. He caught his fainting daughter and child in his arms, carried them to safety, and, running into the house, seized the half-crazed mother who was groping in the smoke-filled room for her babies, and carried her to safety.

JAPAN MAKES ISSUE OF CHINESE SEIZURE

TOKYO, Feb. 8.—Japan is determined to make an issue of the seizure by Chinese customs officials of the Japanese steamship Satsuma Maru II. The government complied today with the owners' request for a protest to Peking, and the manner in which the Tokyo representations were ignored has aroused the liveliest anger here.

It is conceded that the vessel carried arms and ammunition, but the owners point out that, being consigned to Portuguese officials, China was without justification in assuming them to be intended for revolutionists.

The Chinese, asserting that there is no question about the destination of the ship, have transferred the ship from the point where it was seized, off Macao, to Canton, and guarded by a cruiser and three gunboats.

SONS HOLD FATHER AS MOTHER'S SLAYER

MARSHALL, N. C., Feb. 8.—With his two sons, aged fourteen and fifteen years, standing guard over him, their rifles pointed at his head, threatening to kill him if he moved, John Randall, a member of one of the best-known families in this part of the State, was forced to sit all night beside the body of his dead wife until an officer arrived to take him into custody.

Hour after hour the strange vigil lasted. When the constable appeared with the warrant for which the sons, John and James, had applied by wire, they grimly turned their father over to the custody of the law, to be lodged in Marshall jail.

Randall declared his wife had frozen to death. The coroner's jury found him responsible for her death.

LIQUOR MEN ASK LICENSE BEFORE THE EXCISE BOARD

Several applications for renewals of liquor licenses were made to the Excise Board today. Jerome Lawlor, proprietor of a saloon at 230 E street, northwest, asked that his license be renewed. The police of the Third precinct protested, and Lawlor was given permission to continue business on probation.

A wholesale liquor license was granted to Herbert Guggenheim, 1209 Ninth street northwest. There were no protests.

Pending a decision from the courts on the Lecuy case, the board reserved decision on renewals applications made by Conrad Greb, of the Montrose Hotel, at Fourteenth and H streets, and J. M. Snook, of the Imperial Hotel, at 911 D street northwest.

BUSINESS BODIES IN FAVOR OF UNION

Chamber of Commerce and Trade Board Favor Consolidation.

Arrangements Will Be Made by Committees From Organizations.

Not only are the directors of the Board of Trade in favor of amalgamation with the Chamber of Commerce as proposed, but a large majority of the rank and file of the membership have declared themselves as favoring one central body of citizens.

A canvass of a majority of the members of the Board of Trade was made recently for the purpose of ascertaining the feeling regarding consolidation of the business bodies of the city, with the result that about 88 per cent of the 370 men interviewed declared themselves unqualifiedly in favor of union.

Strongly in Favor. In addition to this about 250 members of the Board of Trade are members of the Chamber of Commerce, and these men are strongly in favor of one organization.

"I would rather pay twice the amount of dues that I am now paying, provided it were into one organization so that so much would not be wasted," is the expression used by many in giving their opinions upon the advisability of one organization.

Civic Improvements. A few object to the combination because they believe the Board of Trade has a peculiar function to perform in the promotion of civic improvements, the public health, and other matters non-commercial in their character, and that the old organization should continue this work alone.

This objection, however, is met by the argument that with one organization the work could more readily be carried on, because it would represent the citizens more generally and carry more weight with the Commissioners and Congress for that reason.

Working Out Details. Secretary William F. Gude, of the Chamber of Commerce, today officially forwarded to President Cuno H. Rudolph, of the Board of Trade, the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the directors on Tuesday declaring for consolidation, and inviting the appointment of a committee for more detailed work by the directors of the Board of Trade.

That the matter will soon come up, and a committee appointed at the meeting of the directors next Tuesday, seems assured by a poll of the directors made yesterday. This poll showed a clear majority in favor of consolidation. Many of the officers and members alike in favor of the plan the actual working out of the details will undoubtedly be completed soon.

JAPAN QUESTIONS AMERICAN FIGURES

Immigrants Entering United States Exceed Emigration From Island.

TOKYO, Feb. 8.—Japan and the United States can not agree on figures, and that is the cause of the delay in settling the immigration problem.

When Ambassador O'Brien took the matter up with the Mikado he submitted a statement showing a large number of Japanese immigrants had entered the United States since March. The Japanese pointed out that the total exceeded the large number of emigrants to the New World.

The islanders were very polite about it, but asked time to look for an explanation of this conflict. They have been investigating for ten days, but have not yet wholly accounted for the disparity.

In the meantime no passports are being issued to laborers and this in itself removes a large element of danger. The foreign office says it has no doubt of an early adjustment of the difficulty.

SHIBLEY TO LECTURE TO WOMEN WRITERS

"The Probable Future of the Initiative and Referendum" will be the subject of a lecture by George Shibley at the Riggs House February 15, under the auspices of the Women's Literary Press Association. This announcement was made last night at the annual meeting of the association in the W. C. T. U. headquarters, 522 Sixth street northwest. Mrs. Ellen S. Cromwell, president of the association, presided, and reports of the officers and routine business comprised the program. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Ruth M. Griswold; first vice president, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood; second vice president, Mrs. Lillian Pike; recording secretary, Mrs. Josephine Arnold; Rich; corresponding secretary, Dr. Adeline E. Fortman; treasurer, Mrs. E. Maynick; business manager, Mrs. Lydia Adams; Mrs. Hannah B. Sperry were elected honorary members of the association.

Announcement was made that the biennial of the General Federation of Women's Club will be held from June 22 to July 1, 1908, in Boston.

The next meeting of the association will be held February 21 at the home of Mrs. Arthur Johnson, 1514 Q street northwest.

CAPTAIN WINSLOW LEAVES TO GREET NEW ENGLANDERS

Capt. Cameron M.C.R. Winslow, assistant chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who has been assigned to the command of the new battleship New Hampshire, left Washington this morning for New York to attend the dinner of the New Hampshire Society tonight.

Captain Winslow will deliver an address on "Our American Navy," and on vessels named after the State of New Hampshire.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE" Look for signature of E. W. GROVE.

Purse Thief's Victim Can't Identify Men

(Continued from First Page.)

ball in the Police Court this morning. Marlow is accused by the police of being responsible for the unusual number of attacks on women in all parts of the city recently.

He was arrested by Detective Fortney and Policeman Boyle, of the Second precinct, and the evidence against him in court was so strong that Assistant United States District Attorney Ralph Given requested that the bond be not less than \$2,000.

The specific charge against Marlow was robbery. The complainant was Miss Janette Kelly, of the Arlington Hotel, who was assaulted by a negro and robbed of a pocketbook on Vermont avenue several weeks ago. Miss Kelly identified the negro as Marlow.

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Carl Johnson, colored, was standing in front of the store when he was assaulted. He said Marlow ran past him, and that a few minutes later Belcher came running up to him, and wanted to know what he became of the man he was chasing. Marlow had escaped in the meantime.

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Smallpox Closes Mexican Port to Torpedo Flotilla

There are grave fears at the Navy Department that a reported epidemic of smallpox will interfere with the use of Acapulco, Mexico, as a coal station for American warships proceeding up and down the Mexican coast. The torpedo flotilla under command of Lieut. Com. Hutch L. Cone, which is making a cruise around South America, is due to arrive at Acapulco March 23 for a four days' stay.

Com. Henry T. Mayo, commanding the gunboat Albany, called the Navy Department today from Acapulco that forty-three cases of smallpox have appeared there, and it appears that the authorities are unable to get the disease under control.

According to the itinerary the torpedo flotilla was to coal at Acapulco. Coal could be taken aboard at a considerable distance at sea, but owing to the small size of the little craft it is desirable for the officers and men to have shore liberty to rest up. They will have to be denied this unless the disease is stamped out by the time they arrive.

The Albany stopped at Acapulco on her way from the Central American coast to Magdalena bay for target practice. Her vessels out at sea, and a Canadian patrol will be filed by the Yorktown.

The battleship fleet will not stop at Acapulco, but will pass that port many miles at sea and go direct to Magdalena bay.

Only the guard rails saved the coaches from going into the Hudson river, which is forty feet deep at this point. The frightened passengers jostled out of the Pullmans in their night clothes in the below-zero weather, but were soon calmed.

There were three in the fleet—the Cuttlefish, the Tarantula, and the Viper. They left Brooklyn navy yard for Delaware breakerwater Thursday night, but returned mysteriously a little more than twenty-four hours later. There is some diversity of opinion as to why the trip was abandoned, but the general belief is that Lieutenant Courtney issued the order for fear the submarines would sink.

The plan was to make the trip on the surface of the sea—not under it. The vessels proceeded as far as Sandy Hook, when they turned back. The excuse given was that the Cuttlefish met with an accident, but it was said the weather condition was the cause.

Lieutenant Courtney denied this vehemently, declaring that if he cared to reduce speed he could have sent the vessels safely into the open sea at the rate of ten miles an hour. A tug was hailed, and the submarines were towed back to the navy yard. They were unable, it seems, to cut any ice.

The President will hold an important conference with representatives of labor and capital March 6 or 7. Prof. J. C. Jenks, of Cornell, and Ralph M. Eshenreich, of the General Federation of Laborers, called at the President's office today and asked the President to meet the delegates of the organization who will be in Washington next month for the purpose of conferring with the members of Congress. The President said he would be glad to meet the Civic Federationists.

DISLIKED HIS TONE. "Will you pass the butter, Mr. Diggs?" asked the new boarder. "Every time," replied Diggs. And the landlady said it was the way Diggs said it that made her angry.—Exchange.

Annual Revision Sale of Our Saxony Wool \$2, \$2.50 & \$3 Jackets and Sweater Coats for men, boys, and girls. Medium, light, and heavy weight. Now \$1.50 Higher grades up to \$1.75 at similar reductions. C. AUERBACH 7th and H Sts. The Sweater Store.

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SHOTS FIRED, THE GUNNER, DURING QUARREL

Chicago Boy Kills Parent in Presence of His Mother.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Because his father found fault with him for his failure to get steady employment, Mitchell Williams, twenty-two years old, shot and killed his father, John Williams, and turned the weapon on himself, and in the presence of his mother and six-year-old brother, fired a bullet into his own head.

The father died before reaching the hospital. The son died early today. The father had reproved his son for not getting something to do to help the family, and they had some words. Mrs. Williams, who was standing near by, tried to prevent trouble, but her efforts were unavailing.

As the young man pointed the revolver at his parent, the latter laughed and reached out to grasp the barrel with his teeth, saying, "I am your father. Shoot me if you dare."

"I'll shoot all right," replied the son, at the same time firing two shots. Then he turned the gun on himself.

EDWARDS WAS SLAIN, NEW EVIDENCE SHOWS

It was determined to photograph them. Morris and the broken lock had been cleaned.

Dr. Smith, of Yale, who examined the stomach, decided there was nothing to show that the poison was laudanum. The poison bottle was found by the New Haven police four days after the crime. The revolver was also brought to light.

Placed in Yard After Crime. The deductions drawn were that the revolver and the pistol were placed where they were found days after the murder, and it never rained on the revolver, but damp ground rusted the under side.

Dr. Arthur Wolf, summarizing a long report, says: "First—Charles A. Edwards was murdered. Second—Mr. Edwards never left his bedroom nor his bed after he was shot. Third—He was wholly deprived of the power of locomotion after the fatal shot was fired into his head.

Fourth—Laudanum or morphine, or a combination of the two, were administered to him while unconscious as the result of the pistol wound.

Fifth—He was suffering from concussion and contusion of the brain, combined with the pressure effects of the mentioned herbage at the time these drugs were forced down his throat.

Sixth—The absorption of the narcotic might have served to hasten the fatal result of the pistol wound, which, however, would have been fatal in time had the narcotic not been given."

Coroner Mix, in New Haven, last night declared that he closed the case two years ago.

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