MORSE IGNORED A STAR TIP

FORTUNE LADY SAYS SHE READ THE BANKER'S FUTURE.

Flynn's Woman Detectives Also Are Much Obliged—Fletcher Says He Will Carry the Palmistry Case to the Supreme Court—Police Crusade to Go On.

There were shy seers and seeresses in Manhattan and Brooklyn yesterday. Fortune tellers, palmists and exponents of the infinite who escaped arrest on Wednesday night were so timid that they wouldn't come half way to clutch "sucker money."

William J. Flynn's detectives observed yesterday as they combed parts of town where the fortune tellers congregate, hunting for several who hadn't been caught in the raids of the night before, that gaudy door plates had been taken down, that window shades were drawn, and that there seemed to be nothing doing in occult wireless. Flynn's annoying methods have scared the wizards.

Forty-one of them were in jail or out on bail or under bonds to be good yesterday. Prosperous seers, like Fletcher in Manhattan, came to court wearing fur overcoats and diamond scarfpins. They were able to get bondsmen without trouble; but those who do a 25 cent business with poor women went to cells with plenty of time to wonder why their controlling spirits hadn't tipped them off to the identity of two clever young women who caused them all the trouble.

The two young women are Isabella Cordukes and Sarah F. Webb. Before Flynn became Second Deputy Police Commissioner he had occasion to utilize their detective ability, so when he set out to tackle the fortune telling nuisance he sent for the two. He told them he wanted evidence that would stick, and he left it to their shrewdness to devise ways and means. That was a month ago.

Miss Cordukes is tall and carries herself with dignity, is sedate, and speaks with much earnestness. When she is out on a detective job she might be taken for the wife of a preacher, or perhaps an officer of a woman's missionary society. Miss Webb is small, vivacious, dresses in bright colors, and affects frivolous conversation.

The girl detectives easily arranged a plan of operation, which worked beautifully. They agreed to visit the palmists and fortune tellers in the character of working girls, saleswomen from department stores, hotel cashiers, whatever rôle seemed best likely to impress the individuals against whom Flynn wanted evidence. Miss Cordukes began her investigation in Manhattan. Miss Webb went to ring at the doors of Brooklyn seers.

They had a variety of interesting and amusing experiences, but only once was one of them in danger of being detected herself. That was when a woman palmist leaned across the table to Miss Webb, looked her right in the eye and said: "Dearie, are you on the level?" Miss Webb allayed rising suspicions and got the evidence she was after in this case too. The result of their labors was that on Wednesday they placed before Chief Magistrate McAdoo in Manhattan and Chief Magistrate Kempner in Brooklyn forty-nine affidavits on which warrants were issued and forty-one arrests made.

It was on December 10 that Miss Cordukes, with a melancholy air, called on James H. Fletcher, palmist at the Lincoln Arcade. For $2 the professor consented to use his influence with the spirits. Miss Cordukes was told that for fifteen months she had been under a cloud but that her luck would change and that everything would come her way. It was necessary for her to concentrate her powers and wish wish very hard; if she wished hard enough she would get anything she wanted. For $5 the professor took an interest in the little finger of her left hand, which was, he maintained, unusually long and indicated that her good fortune was to come late in life. He added that she "was born to manage" and ought to be lucky in anything that had to do with railroads, real estate and mines.

"Arthan," who is in the $1 class, exclaimed over the beauty of Miss Cordukes's hand when he seized upon it in his studio at 258 West Thirty-fourth street. It was a wonderful hand, he cried; he hadn't seen anything so beautiful in ten years. It indicated that the lady was a natural healer, and that she would do well at nursing. Did she own real estate? Well, that was nice. But perhaps it was bad to have one's money tied up in real estate. She would do well to sell it and come to him for advice. As a starter he suggested that she buy a furnished room house in West Sixty-fourth street. Listening greedily, Miss Cordukes was told that her lucky numbers were 1, 2 and 3, and that she would meet her affinity while wearing a blue dress. Affinity's name began with an H.

The great Osman was found at 174 Sixth avenue on a pleasant afternoon in early December. He grasped the girl detective's hand, gazed at a crystal ball, closed his eyes, shivered some and said gloomily that she was a very hard subject to treat. He was also a $1 man, but perhaps if somebody slipped him $4 he could "create harmonious conditions." Miss Cordukes, intensely enjoying the situation, attended to the harmonious conditions, whereupon the professor made a connection with his familiars.

It was his habit, he said, to go into a trance every night between the hours of 9 and 11. He had seen a strong face which said that Miss Cordukes should put her affairs into his hands. It was the earnest hope of this strong faced spirit that Miss Cordukes should call on the professor once a day for six weeks and the charge would be $1 a visit.

"In the Lincoln Arcade Mme. Hogan "saw things" that clients ought to know about the stock market. The day Miss Cordukes went to see her "she saw Steel going to ss and copper would follow." Miss Cordukes brought the conversation down to affairs of the heart and madame looked serious. She advised Miss Cordukes to "look out for William." There was some haziness about Bill, but madame made it plain that he wasn't a fellow to be trusted.

Glittering opportunities in the way of wears were laid before Flynn's busy girl agent. One fortune teller confided that once or twice a year the spirits informed him about good investments that were lying around loose. He said they had just told him of a corking chance to clean up a fortune. The scheme was an improvement on moving picture machines. The spirit had said that "the patent was a crackerjack." (Those were the whispered words.) Did the lady possess anything in the way of real estate? Very good. She had better sell at once. It was bad to keep money tied up that way. Sell it and lend $500 to a man in Long Island, whom the fortune teller knew about. He had a piece of property worth $1,000 and he might leave it to the lady when he died.

Now and then Miss Webb worked in Manhattan in intervals of evidence hunting in Brooklyn. She went to see Mme. Goff at 1026 Sixth avenue. Madame's usual charge was $3, but she didn't back away from the $1 that Miss Webb offered. She went into a trance, tapped a pictured table cover with her finger nails, said that Miss Webb would make a good housekeeper and that her future looked bright.

Mme. Julia received Miss Webb at 58 Sixth avenue. Julia wanted only 50 cents for telling the caller that "William J. would come into her life again." After which she added that Miss Webb wouldn't live long. Among the properties used by Mme. Morrison at 223 West Thirty-fourth street was a Bible. It helped her to concentrate if a client placed both hands on the Bible and thought hard.

One of the 25 cent class was Mme. Lattel at 128 West Thirty-first street. Pocketing the two bits, she told Miss Webb that of two suitors, "a dark man and a fair man," she should choose the dark man. A letter was coming "from across the water" and "there was going to be a death in the family."

"Now make a wish," said the madame.

"I wish for a gold bag," said Miss Webb.

"It will come," said the madame, "but it will be a little delayed."

As Miss Webb sat with Azeala at 398 Sixth avenue she got a surprise. Azeala caught hold of her hand.

"Woman to woman," said she, "are you a detective?" She said that Miss Webb would die when she was between 42 and 49 years of age. Many palmists and fortune tellers in widely separated parts of town made a prediction about death or a serious illness at 42.

Mme. Jeannette at 222 West Sixteenth street told Miss Webb that she would marry a man in uniform. Mme. Zemar at 171 Manhattan avenue said the girl could fill a better job than her present one. Mrs. Keever, 2007 Third avenue, gave her a husband, who treated her badly and would get paid for it by meeting an accident. Mme. Mackay, having been told that a $5 bill had been lost, said a dark man had found it and wouldn't give it up. Twenty-five cents, please.

In Brooklyn Miss Webb went to see Chiro in Fulton street, a palmist who appears prosperous. He told her she would experience a change of fortune every seven years and would marry a man of fifty who would be good to her. Mme. Jupiter warned her to beware of a sandy haired woman and Minnie Kip said look out for the men and advised her not to leave valuables lying around.

May Pepper, in Court street, said to Miss Webb:

"I warned Morse [Charles W. Morse, the banker now in prison at Atlanta] what was going to happen to him, but he laughed at me. For $100 he could have had a planet reading."

For $1 May riffled the cards and learned that Miss Webb's husband would die next March and that she had a sister-in-law who was a cat.

"Helen," a twenty-five center in Williamsburg, saw in the cards that the girl had a sweetheart whom she loved more than her husband, and warned Miss Webb to be "careful or others would tell the husband." However, husband wouldn't live long. Patience was the thing.

All the fifteen prisoners taken in Manhattan on Wednesday were disposed of in the night courts except Arthur Lyall and Gertrude Carswell. They were held yesterday in $500 bail each for examination soon after New Year's. The Brooklyn prisoners were arraigned before Chief Magistrate Kempner in the Borough Hall court and were released on $500 bail each pending examination.

Some of them in Manhattan and Brooklyn are going to make a fight to test their business rights. John W. Fletcher, who was arrested at 17 West Thirty-seventh street and held under bail for a hearing on January 11, has engaged George Gordon Battle to carry his case to the Supreme Court. Chiro also hired a lawyer to defend him.

The police say that a palmist who confines himself strictly to the reading of palms wouldn't be interfered with, but that any one who made predictions as to the future would be arrested. Inspector Russell added that the authorities will attempt hereafter to get workhouse sentences for persons convicted of pretending to tell fortunes or find stolen property. Imposing a bond to keep the peace hasn't been effective, Russell said. The detectives have reported many cases in which fortune tellers have induced poor persons to give up their savings for worthless mining stock or "investment" in mythical companies.

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TO PURIFY THE PASSAIC.

Five Municipalities Join in Suggestions to Sewage Commission.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 29.—Councilman Edward S. Pierson of this city, chairman of the joint sewerage committee of East Orange, Orange, Montclair, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield, made public to-day a letter which the committee has sent to the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission setting forth objections which the five municipalities have to entering into the scheme to purify the Passaic River by means of a trunk sewer to Robbin's Reef light in New York Bay.

The committee has been holding sessions since last summer at which the possibility of the five municipalities uniting in a private tidewater outlet was discussed. The decision has now been arrived at that the better plan would be to join in the larger scheme provided that objectionable features of the plan are eliminated.

Chief among the objectionable features is the proposed method of apportioning the first cost of the trunk sewer. The committee suggests a substitute plan as follows:

Understanding that the credit of the municipalities in this district, that is, their capacity for procuring funds necessary for the construction work, may be, speaking generally, measured by their ratables, we see no objection to a plan which would cause each municipality to use its credit in proportion to the ratables, that is, to borrow and contribute on the basis of the tabulated apportionment. But we do not think it fair that a municipality that has almost reached its capacity of population should pay the cost of construction on that basis and permit another municipality, which has by no means reached its capacity of population, to use the sewerage system in the future when the population of the second municipality may have enormously increased, and when it is evident that its use has increased in proportion. Hence we think it proper that while the funds might be originally provided by the different municipalities on the tabulated estimate of cost, the indebtedness incurred should be ultimately repaid by the municipalities in proportion to their actual use of the system.

Actor in Stage Makeup Missing.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 29.—Charles A. Bouton, an actor, in stage makeup, is mysteriously missing. He is a member of a stock company playing at the Paterson Opera House. On Monday he appeared at the theatre just before the matinée, and after discarding his street clothes and putting on his makeup he disappeared and has not been heard from since.

PEACE COMES TO CHINATOWN

DIPLOMATS AND GOD OF WAR SEE TONG MEN SIGN.

"Everlasting" Agreement Made by On Leongs and Four Brothers in Celestial Silence to Fiddle Music—Oiled Pig and Rice Wine Figure in the Rites.

The On Leong Tong and the Four Brothers signed an "everlasting" peace agreement last night in the headquarters of the On Leongs at 14 Mott street. Two diplomats from the Chinese Embassy in Washington witnessed the signatures.

In the centre of the low ceilinged room stood a high, round table about which sat four men in new, bright raiment. They were the head men of the two factions. About them stood forty merchants and tong men of the quarter. In the centre of the table were two bottles of rice wine and four small samsu cups from which the four head men drank. At the other end of the room stood the altar of the God of War, before whose wrinkled form burned two red candles with the emblems of the two tongs painted in white upon their sides.

Between the candles lay two fat oiled pigs decorated with red and yellow tissue paper darts thrust into slits in the hides. Behind each pig rose a three foot pyramid of gaily covered candied sugar loafs. Burning incense sticks quivered in the wooden hands of the joss. Behind the joss knelt two hok-kah boys bearing lacquer trays, upon which were the Chinese ink pads and bamboo handled brushes to be used in the signing of the peace agreement.

The two diplomats from Washington sat upon stools inlaid with mother-of-pearl at either end of the altar. None smiled or spoke above a whisper. The remnants of the old Chinese Theatre orchestra played flutes and fiddles, filling the room with wailing notes.

The two diplomats rose in silence and escorted the headmen of the two tongs to high tables upon which lay rolled along red strip of paper. Each headman drank from the samsu cup, mumbled to the other men, and wrote his name on the red paper scroll. The agreement was signed and peace was declared.

Charley Boston of the On Leong Tongs begged Capt. Hodgins for permission to shoot off fireworks. He explained that the signing of the agreement would seem insincere and unimpressive if crackers were not fired off. The captain refused.

The quarter took great interest in the signing of the agreement. All three streets were crowded with Chinese who stood silently awaiting the arrival of the guarded Four Brothers delegation. The delegation came, ten strong and serious looking, escorted by Lieut. John Hackett and six policemen.

As they marched in single file into the meeting room, like men doomed, the throng of On Leongs made no sound. Each kept an eye upon a man of the Four Brothers.

After the agreement had been signed the headmen of the tongs bowed and each made a little speech, agreeing that each tong shall pay all the debts incurred in its past quarrels. The On Leongs will pay back to the Four Brothers all money spent upon them in settling, or attempting to settle, their quarrels among lawyers, and vice versa. Also all gambling debts are to be paid.

HELP FOR APHASIA VICTIM.

How Mr. Wilson of Philadelphia Found Out Who He Was.

A clean shaven young man 6 feet 1 inch tall walked into police headquarters in Jersey City at 6 o'clock last evening and leaning over the desk wearily said to Lieut. William H. Foley, a nephew of ex-Sheriff Tom Foley of New York, "What city is this? I'm lost."

"Who are you?" asked Foley.

"I don't know," the man replied. "I can't remember my name."

"Have you any papers in your pockets?"

The man obediently handed over a notebook, the contents of which indicated that he was Kenneth Wilson, a plumbing and heating contractor of 2853 North Fifth street, Philadelphia. The book contained memoranda of contracts which he had entered into at various times for heating and plumbing work in many buildings in and around Philadelphia. The contracts aggregated $80,000.

By dint of many questions Foley led the Philadelphian to say that he guessed he had been wandering around for two days, but he had no idea where he had been. He finally recalled that he was married and that his wife's name is Elsie. "Yes, and I have three daughters," he added.

The man carried a handsome gold hunting case watch on which were the initials "K. W.," confirming Foley's belief that the victim if aphasia was Kenneth Wilson. Foley notified the Philadelphia police, and in the meanwhile the man fell asleep in Chief Monahan's office. When he awoke he made another attempt to recall who he was and said he was quite sure he was Wilson.

"I am in the plumbing and heating business," he said wearily after much coaxing. "I have seventy-five plumbers and twelve foremen working for me. I have been sticking very close to business and perhaps I did too much. Yes, I remember now, a doctor told me so."

At 9 o'clock Wilson recalled that he had a telephone in his house in Philadelphia and Lieut. Foley talked over the wire with Mrs. Wilson, who said that her husband left home to go to business on Wednesday morning and had not returned. She said he had been ill three or four weeks. Wilson found a $250 roll of money in his hip pocket after he had rested at police headquarters several hours, but he did not know where or how he got it.

Late last night Richard Turner, a salesman, arrived from Philadelphia and took Wilson back to that city.

WILSON ON JERSEY POLITICS.

Says Neither Democrat Nor Republican as Professional Politician Is True to Party.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 29.—Dr. Woodrow Wilson in an address before the Princeton Club here this afternoon quoted a conversation between a Westerner and an Easterner in which the Westerner said: "You Easterners were so sound asleep that it took a brass band to wake you up," and added: "But now that the awakening has taken place, it would seem to be fit that the brass band should be retired and reform considered deliberately."

Dr. Wilson spoke of the difficulty of running business and politics together in the State of New Jersey, saying that neither the Republican nor the Democrat in politics as a profession in that State was true to either party.

"The politicians," he said, "belong to a party that wins, and they do not put up campaign funds and help men who may not win." He added that they did not elect a man or a party when it would in any way hurt their business interests.

"When I was offered the nomination for Governor of New Jersey it was understood by the Democratic party that I was to become its leader. If I could not have been its leader I would have withdrawn from the race. I told them that in giving me this chance the leadership would not be dull and there would be plenty of sport in it.

"I think the most pathetic feature of the political game so far is the many letters I have received from the people of the State of New Jersey congratulating me for the work I have done in trying to make the game clean. Men can't go on in the presence of wrong and serve the people and satisfy the hope of the American citizen."

Dr. Wilson left for Princeton at 4:30 to-day.

G. O. P. AFTER A CHAIRMAN.

Administration Leaders Looking for a Head for the National Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A good deal of interest has been excited among politicians here in a report that Administration leaders engaged in the task of adjusting Republican party affairs for 1912 are anxious that a change shall be made in the head of the Republican national committee. The name of Representative John W. Weeks of Massachusetts has been mentioned for the place. Frank H. Hitchcock, the Postmaster-General, is still chairman of the national committee, although his active connection with the organization ceased when he entered the Cabinet. Ex-Gov. Hill of Maine was designated as acting chairman.

The proposal to place Mr. Weeks at the head of the Republican national committee, it is said, is not inspired by antagonism toward either Mr. Hitchcock or Mr. Hill. The argument is made that it is the duty of the leaders to select for the chairmanship some one who will be in a position to give a great deal of time to party affairs, to the end that an organization shall be perfected for active work in the campaign of 1912.

Whatever the outcome of the discussion now revolving around the national chairmanship, it is certain that steps will be taken to perfect a skeleton organization in preparation for the campaign of 1912. Friends of the President believe that the recent elections make certain a bitter fight over the Presidency two years hence, and it is considered highly desirable that steps shall at once be taken to form an organization which later may be merged with the national committee.

BLAST KILLS A PASSERBY.

Showers Rock on Two Bronx Houses—Men in Charge Disappear.

A blast set off by men excavating for a sewer on Seabury place near 172d street in The Bronx scattered rocks over the neighborhood yesterday, fatally wounding a passerby and slightly injuring several painters working on houses.

The man fatally hurt was John Freeman, a stone mason of 271 West 154th street. His skull was fractured by a good sized stone and he died three hours later in the Fordham Hospital.

The sewer excavation is being done for the city by Vincent Cortesi, a contractor of 141 West Third street, Mount Vernon. The blasting foreman in charge was Thomas Mancini of 4043 Lowere place, The Bronx. Cortesi and Mancini were present when the men under them prepared the blasting charge and covered it with six logs chained together. The street has been cut through recently and there are only two houses in the neighborhood, both approaching completion.

The point where the blasting was going on is 200 feet south of 172 dstreet. Freeman was walking along 172d street when the rock came through the air. Other flying stones showered against the two nearby buildings, several striking the workmen.

Bicycle Policeman Moore heard the explosion. When he got to the scene the contractor, the blasting foreman and the men under them had disappeared, so had most of the workmen on the houses. The street was covered with broken rock, some of the fragments weighing ten or fifteen pounds each. Moore found Cullen unconscious on the sidewalk and sent him to the hospital.

Detectives were sent out to find Cortesi and Mancini.

OPPOSE SUNDAY CONCERTS.

Some of Morristown's Churchgoers Shocked at the Prospect.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 29.—The announcement to-day that arrangements had been made for Sunday concerts in a moving picture theatre caused some of the churchgoing residents something of a shock. They went to City Counsel Mills to learn whether the law would permit it.

Mr. Mills said that if the concerts were to be conducted for amusement he thought it would be a violation. Then Mayor-elect Arthur S. Pierson was consulted.

"If they give concerts on Sundays and they prove to be anything which will lower the tone of the community," he said, "a stop will be put to them."

The concerts are to be under the supervision of Miss Marie G. Bryce. Those behind the movement are Charles W. Armour, John V. Bacon, Charles D. Chapman, George E. Dadman, Robert D. Foote, John M. Forbes, Robert A. Grannis, Dr. Henry A. Henriques, the Rev. Dr. F. Landon Humphreys, Otto H. Kahn, John A. H. Hopkins, Philip Kearny, Frederic R. Kellogg, Charles A. Kip, John H. Magee, Gen. Edward P. Meany, Benjamin Nicoll, Dudley Olcott, 2d, George C. Palmer, Junius Parker, Hiram Smith, Henry F. Taylor, Louis A. Thebaud, George H. Watson, Dr. Granville M. White and John Camp Williams.

At the concert which has been arranged for January 15 Henry Luff and orchestra, assisted by Miss Margaret Ayer, soprano, and Elias Bronstein, violinist, will be the artists. The second concert will be given by the Olive Mead Quartet, with Randall Hargreaves as soloist.

If the concerts meet with public favor a second series will be arranged for Sunday afternoons in February and March.

Mistress Assaulted by Maid.

YONKERS, Dec. 29.—Angered at being discharged by Mrs. Frederick Monteser of 605 Van Cortlandt Park avenue, the wife of a teacher in the De Witt Clinton High School in Manhattan, Jane Aller, a maid, locked her mistress in the kitchen to-day and attacked her with a potato masher. A butcher's delivery boy heard Mrs. Monteser yell for help and he called the police. The maid was jailed and Mrs. Monteser's face was stitched up by Dr. Waldron.

Wife of Army Captain Dies on Train.

Mrs. Lillie Gillem, wife of Capt. Alvin Gillem, U. S. A., died suddenly early yesterday morning on an eastbound Erie Railroad express just as the train reached Port Jervis, N. Y. She was returning to her home at Oglethorpe, Ga., with her husband from upper New York State. Mrs. Gillem was 43 years old. The body was brought to Jersey City and sent to Coroner Maenew Boylan's undertaking rooms.

Dies of First Illness at 104.

WORCESTER, Dec. 29.—Frank King, a resident of Grafton, died at his home in that town to-day, aged 104 years and 24 days. He was the father of thirty-one children, thirteen of whom were by his first wife. He left twenty-six grandchildren and the same number of great-grandchildren. Mr. King was a native of Quebec and until two days ago when he had a paralytic shock had never known a sick day.

No Parole for Jennie Bosshieter's Murderers.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 29.—The Court of Pardons dismissed to-day the petitions for paroles filed by George J. Kerr, Andrew J. Campbell and Walter C. McAllister, three of the four men involved in the death of Jennie Bosschieter, a Paterson mill girl, ten years ago. Under the rules of the court no further application for clemency can be considered for at least a year.

9 LEPERS SHOWN TO DOCTORS

MOST OF THEM BROUGHT FROM NEW YORK HOSPITALS.

Danger of Contagion Remote in This Climate—One Doctor Would Be More Afraid of Catching Tuberculosis—Disease Endemic in Six Places in U. S.

Nine lepers in various stages of the two types of the disease were exhibited at the Academy of Medicine last night. The cases were brought from local institutions, and after they had bared their lesions to the inspection of the assembled doctors they departed in charge of physicians or attendants. Among them were a negro girl, a male negro, an Italian, who illustrated the advanced stage of tubercular leprosy, and who has the "lion face" that Father Damien is said to have died with; a Russian and a Chinaman. One patient, brought by Dr. Outmann, was a young girl in rose colored finery.

The others were exhibited by Dr. Bronson, who brought two from the City Hospital; by Dr. Fischer, who had brought the Chinese patient from Paterson, and by Dr. G. Howard Fox of the Marine Hospital service, who brought two. Four others were in charge of Dr. Winfield and came from the Kings County Hospital. Dr. John A. Wyeth presided.

The degree of danger from leprosy, and the manner of its communication, were topics upon which the authorities varied. One doctor was overheard to say that he had rather sleep in a closed room with ten lepers than with one tuberculous patient, and the leprosy was neither contagious nor in any appreciable sense infectious, but others differed with him. The general tone of the meeting deprecated the hysteria which has arisen through popular ignorance whenever leprosy has come up for discussion in the United States. Dr. Pusey of Chicago said that while in a tropical climate leprosy is a very present source of danger, with us in temperate America, it is comparable to a live coal dropped in a sand pit, dangerous, but remotely so.

Dr. S. Pollitzer read a paper on the history of leprosy in the United States. He said that only a small percentage of the cases of leprosy at large are reported to the authorities, partly through ignorance of the nature of the disease and partly where the disease is known through fear of persecution. He said that there are at present six localities in the country where leprosy is endemic, and that it is a safe rule to double the number of cases in the official reports.

Dr. Fox treated the symptomatology of leprosy. Dr. C. W. Duval of Tulane University, New Orleans, who was the first bacteriologist to grow bacillus lepra in culture media, told of experiments in growing the bacillus on cultures of blood and agar, and what he hopes to accomplish in experiments with serums in producing immunity. He said that experiments with Japanese mice and other animals showed that the disease was surely infectious by contact.

Dr. Isadore Dyer of New Orleans, Dr. Prince Morrow and others spoke. About a hundred doctors were present.

ARRESTED WHILE PRAYING.

Priest Says His Prisoner Tried to Rob Church Poor Box With Whalebone.

A man was arrested while praying in the centre aisle of St. Ann's Church at 112 East Twelfth street yesterday, charged with having tried to steal coins from the poor box. He said he was Julius Perry, 43 years old, of 520 Third avenue.

He was in night court last night on the complaint of the Rev. Father Francis J. Sullivan, assistant rector of the church, with Miss Bella Cox of 208 East Tenth street as a witness. Miss Cox said that when she entered the church she saw Perry prying into the box with a whalebone. She spoke to Father Sullivan, but they couldn't find the man until Miss Cox walked up the aisle for her own devotions and saw him kneeling in the attitude of prayer.

Father Sullivan said he examined the box after Perry was arrested and found a piece of whalebone sticking out of it. There was glue on one end of the bone. Perry said he was innocent, that he went into the church to pray for relief for his lame back. The Magistrate held him for trial on a charge of attempted larceny.

TO ADOPT OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Newfoundland's Government Decides to Set Aside $20,000 for Them.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 29.—Advices received here to-day from St. John's, N. F., say that the Morris Government in that colony have decided to establish immediately an old age pension system. The amount to be paid out the first year is fixed at $20,000, divided into pensions of $50 each. The pension appropriation can never be withdrawn. The Government announces that it expects to make substantial additions to the endowment next year.

Held for Robbing Church Poor Box.

Refusing to give his true name because he did not want to disgrace his family, a prisoner designating himself as John Murray, 68 years old, no address, was held for the Grand Jury by Magistrate Connolly in the Flushing police court yesterday on a charge of robbing the poor box in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Bay Side, L. I. Sexton John Flynn found him in the church, and when searched at the station house pawn tickets, a bunch of keys, a rosary and $2.30 in dimes and small change were found in his pockets.

JAPANESE SPIES AT MANILA.

Their Activity Causes Some Concern to the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The activity of Japanese spies in the Philippines has been causing some concern to officers of the War Department for a long time. There is no law under which spies can be punished in this country in time of peace. About a year ago the military officials in Manila captured a Japanese who was in the act of purchasing plans of the fortifications of Corrigedor, the principal defence of Manila Bay, from a private of the Coast Artillery.

At that time an effort was made to prosecute the Japanese, but no law could be found upon which a prosecution could be based, and he was released from custody. The enlisted man who took part in the transaction was transferred from the Philippines to this country. No further action in the case was taken. The incident, however, led to agitation here for the enactment of a law covering such cases, but Congress is not disposed to favor such legislation.

One result of the case was that the authorities in Manila took unusual steps to prevent military information from getting into the hands of persons who would be likely to divulge it to a foreign Government. It is understood here that the secret service agents in the Philippines have been active in keeping in touch with persons who were supposed to be spies. Their reports were transmitted to Major-Gen. William P. Duvall, who recently relinquished command of the Philippines division.

Several months ago, it is understood, Gen. Duvall was greatly worked up over the activity of Japanese spies in the Philippines. Officers of the War Department appreciate the situation, and some of them were in favor of recommending that President Taft direct the State Department to take up the matter officially through diplomatic channels with Japan. No action, however, was ever taken.

INTEREST IN LORIMER CASE.

One or More Conservative Senators May Attack Report Exonerating Him.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Unusual interest has been aroused in the case of William Lorimer, United States Senator from Illinois, which will come before the Senate soon after the holidays. There are intimations now that several Republican Senators not classed ordinarily as insurgents have been studying the record of the Lorimer case submitted to the Senate by the Committee on Privileges and Elections and have expressed themselves as shocked by the testimony.

It need create no surprise, it is said, if one or more of the Republican conservatives in the Senate should be found leading an attack on the conclusions of the committee when the case comes up for consideration. Some of the Senate leaders feel that it would be unfortunate if the case should be allowed to pass without a challenge except from insurgent Republican Senators.

They believe that the Administration Senators should show as keen an interest in protecting the good name of the Senate against the suggestion of corrupt methods in the election of its members as the insurgents are exhibiting. The testimony in the case disclosed by the record is such that some things will have to be explained if the report of the committee is to be acquiesced in by all Administration Senators.

OUR FOREIGN TRADE.

Decline in Exports to and Increase in Imports From Europe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—According to a statement of the Bureau of Statistics issued to-day foreign trade in November indicates that the exports of the year ending with this month will show a slight decline in the value of merchandise sent to Europe but a marked increase in that sent to North and South America and to Asia and Oceania as a whole though to Asia alone the figures will be probably below those of last year.

Exports to Europe are $4,000,000 greater than in November last year, but for the eleven months ending with November fall $21,000,000 below those of the corresponding period last year, this slight falling off being due to the reduced exports of foodstuffs, of which Europe is the principal importer.

To North America the total for November is $5,500,000 greater in value than November last year, and for the eleven months ending with November $74,000,000 greater than during the corresponding months last year.

To South America the figures are about $2,000,000 in excess of November a year ago and for the eleven months $16,000,000 greater than during the same months last year, indicating that the total will probably, for the first time, touch the $100,000,000 line.

To Asia and Oceania the exports for the eleven months are about $7,000,000 greater than for the corresponding months last year, though to China the total for the eleven months fall from $18,750,000 in 1909 to $14,500,000 in the corresponding months of 1910. The total to Japan is about $1,000,000 greater than in the corresponding period last year.

To Africa the total is about $4,000,000 greater than in the same months last year. Exports to Argentina show a gain of about $8,000,000 during the eleven months in question, exports to Australia about $5,000,000 and exports to Canada about $50,000,000.

Imports show materially larger totals from Europe, North America and Asia and Oceania, but a slight decline in the value of merchandise from South America and Africa. Of the $90,000,000 increase in the value of imports about $20,000,000 occurred in the trade with Cuba, about $28,000,000 in the imports from the United Kingdom and nearly $14,000,000 in the imports from Canada, while those from Brazil, France and India show a material decline.

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FOR A JOINT COMMISSION

To Regulate Railroad Traffic Between the United States and Canada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is probable that a treaty will be required to create a joint commission to regulate railroad traffic between the United States and Canada. J. P. Mabee, chairman of the Board of Railroad Commissioners of Canada, and Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who have been in conference here for two days on the subject, called on President Taft to-day and discussed with him the question of uniform railroad regulations with railroads traversing the United States and Canada. Later they called at the State Department and discussed the matter with Secretary of State Knox.

The prime object of a commission is to secure authority to prescribe joint rates and through routes on railroads operating between the two countries, no such authority now existing. The conference between Messrs. Knapp and Mabee will be continued to-morrow and probably Saturday, when it is believed they will complete a report to be submitted to their respective Governments. It is probable that they will recommend that members of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of the Canadian Railway Commission shall constitute the joint commission to regulate international railroad matters.

DENSITY OF POPULATION.

Rhode Island Stands First, Massachusetts Second and New York Fifth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—According to census office figures Rhode Island has 508.5 people to the square mile, thus leading the list of States in the matter of density of population. Nevada, with only seven-tenths of a person to the mile, finds a place at the lower end of the table giving these facts. Massachusetts is second in density of population with 418.8; New Jersey third with 337.7, Connecticut fourth, having 231.3, and New York comes next with 191.2. The other States possessing more than 100 to the mile are Pennsylvania, 171; Maryland, 130; Ohio, 117; Delaware, 103, and Illinois, 100.7.

Wyoming, boasting of 1¼ persons to the mile, more than doubles Nevada, while Arizona with 1.8 stands third from the bottom. Montana, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Oregon, South Dakota, Colorado and North Dakota all have fewer than ten people to the mile.

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BABCOCK.—On Tuesday, December 27, Augustus Frapric Babcock of Cranford, N. J. Funeral services will be held at St. James's Church, Lafayette av. and St. James place, Brooklyn, on Friday, December 30, at 2:30 P. M.

BYINGTON.—On Thursday, December 29, 1910, at the residence of his son, Stewart W. Byington, 229 Franklin place, Flushing, L. I., Judge Homer Byington of Norwalk, Conn., in his 85th year.

Funeral from 17 Belden av., Norwalk, Conn., Saturday, at 3 P. M.

EIDLITZ.—On Wednesday, December 28, 1910, at her residence, 866 Madison av., Mathilde, widow of Marc Eidlitz, in the 82d year of her age. Funeral private. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

HOOE.—On Wednesday, December 28, at his residence, Whitehall Farm, Bluemont, Va., James Cecil Hooe, husband of Edith Dingle Hooe. Funeral services in Washington, D. C., Saturday morning.

PARMLY.—Suddenly, on Wednesday, December 28, 1910, at Jersey City, N. J., Eleazar Parmly of Oceanic, N. J., son of the late Dr. Ulrich Parmly.

Funeral services at Presbyterian Church, Oceanic, N. J., on Saturday, December 31, at 12 o'clock noon. Carriages Red Bank depot on arrival of train leaving Liberty St. (N. R. R.) 10 A. M.

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