

CALLAHAN IS OUT

Judge Robinson Rendered His Decision To-Day.

USED FUNDS LEFT IN HIS CARE.

The Matter Has Been in the Hands of a Committee for a Long Time—Mr. Neely, Callahan's Bondsman, Paid the Shortage—Callahan Agrees to Pay Him.

New Haven, Dec. 19.—Judge Robinson, of the superior court, today rendered a decision in the disbarment proceedings against former Judge David Callahan. The decision is for disbarment. The charges against Mr. Callahan were made by a committee of the New Haven bar and alleged that as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lotie Wellman of this city, he appropriated some of the funds to his own use.

The charges against ex-Senator Callahan were that there came into his possession, August 9, 1898, from the estate of Lotie Wellman, of which he was executor, about \$3,500, which he wrongfully appropriated and converted to his own use at various times between that date and April 7, 1899.

Mr. Callahan's defense was that at the time of the summons to make the accounting in the probate court he was busy in Hartford, where an important suit for his son was pending, and that he had no time to attend to his duties. He admitted that he had used the money and expected to be able to pay it at the end of the year from his income. He claims that the summary ending of his office as executor so affected his credit that he was unable to make good the amount.

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GALLANT YOUNG OFFICER

On His Way Home from China and May Not Survive Trip.

New York, Dec. 19.—According to a dispatch from Manila in the Times, Captain Smedley D. Butler, a young officer so frequently mentioned for gallantry in the actions in China, is on his way to this country in a dangerous condition and may not live to reach port. He is a son of Representative Butler of Pennsylvania, and is a captain in the marine corps.

Captain Butler was wounded at the battle of Tien Tsin and again at the taking of Pekin. Subsequently he had typhoid fever. He was reported convalescent on November 19. He again became ill, however, and was very ill when the transport Grant sailed from Manila on December 1. He is on the sick list of that transport.

The Grant is due in San Francisco on January 1.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Thomas Parker, a native of Lincolnshire, England, who froze to death near the mouth of White river in the Klondike district, early in November. He and another man were building winter quarters and when some distance from camp Parker fell through the ice crossing a stream. He was reported dropped on the trail before reaching camp and froze to death. He was about 37 years old.

MON WALTERS'S BRUTALITY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Novoye Vremya observes that there are evidences of discontent in all the armies in China, including the Germans, with Field Marshal Von Walters's brutality. The paper supports the demand that he be relieved of his command and that his resignation be accepted henceforth on his own responsibility.

TWO BOYS DROWNED.

Putnam, Dec. 19.—While skating on one of the lakes in this vicinity today, John Bassinet, aged 13, and John Lapelle, aged 8, broke through the ice and were drowned. Both bodies were recovered.

May Strike in Sympathy.

TOPEKA, Dec. 19.—Santa Fe switchmen and brakemen here say they will strike if the demands of the telegraphers are not granted by Third Vice President Burr. The conductors announce that they will stay by the road, but it is asserted that they will be induced to join in the strike if one is ordered. The engineers and firemen have not yet said whether or not they will strike. Considerable pressure has been brought to bear on them, and they show much sympathy with the strikers.

Sensational Suicide.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Thomas O'Grady, 40 years old, a cigar proprietor of Jamaica, L. I., committed suicide by hanging himself in a peculiar manner. He first broke all the windows and furniture in his place; then going to the head of the stairs he tied one end of a rope around a heavy trunk, the other around his neck and jumped over the banisters. When found, he was dead and his neck was broken by the fall.

REVOLUTION BROKEN OUT.

Venezuela President and Cabinet Would Deprive Americans.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Tribune says: A cable message has been received at the office of the National Asphalt company from its agent in Venezuela, which announces that a revolution has broken out in that country. No details were contained in the message. The revolution, it is said, is probably the outcome of an attempt on the part of the president and cabinet of Venezuela to deprive American corporations of their property and rights. The National Asphalt company will be a sufferer if this be true. The company owns large concessions and mining title in the state of Bermudez, Venezuela. The company has been in actual possession of the Bermudez asphalt fields for twelve years, and in this time it has founded the village of Guanaco, and erected buildings, shops and a railroad.

Several attempts have been made by the government of Venezuela to cancel the company's concessions, but these attempts have always failed. On December 13 President Castro personally told United States Minister Louis M. Gussard, that he was giving the company's right to its property. Later on the same day it is alleged the president seized the entire property and divided it among others. The company's commission, which was vice-president of the company, has appealed to the United States government for assistance.

FAMOUS GUERRILLA DEAD.

Bill Halley, Quantrell's Lieutenant, Dies in An Insane Retreat.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 19.—William Halley, better known to border fame as "Bill" Halley, chief lieutenant of the famous Quantrill, who, during the early part of the "civil war," burned and sacked Lawrence, Kas., died in the state insane asylum here yesterday, aged 50. Halley was born in Louisville, Ky. He had been a resident of this city for twenty-five years.

DIED WITHOUT MEDICINE.

A Whole Family Had Typhoid Fever And Two Are Dead.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 19.—A Tribune special from Boston Harbor says: Charles Mosher, aged 35 years, and his son, Harold, aged 10, are dead of typhoid fever. The mother, who is not expected to live. The mother was sick but is recovering. The father died yesterday while the boy died Sunday. The family are followers of John Alexander Dowde, and refuse to take any medicine. Several members refuse to take medicine.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

The Christmas Entertainment For 2,600 Insane Patients.

Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 19.—One of the largest Christmas entertainments in the world will be held at the St. Lawrence state hospital for the insane at Watertown, Tuesday, when presents will be distributed among the 2,600 patients.

CHOCATE DENIES REPORT.

He Is Not Going to Resign His Post of Ambassador.

London, Dec. 19.—United States Ambassador Choate denies the report that he is about to resign his position. The report, he says, is probably based on the belief that the death of his partner, Charles C. Bennett, would necessitate his return to his law practice.

DEFAULTING CASHIER CAUGHT.

Denver, Col., Dec. 19.—U. M. Henderson, formerly assistant cashier of the First National bank of Greeley, Col., who disappeared last July, has been located in a small town near El Paso, Texas, on the Mexican side of the border. After Henderson left Greeley the bank officials made an examination of his books and discovered he had a shortage of nearly \$20,000. An officer from Greeley has gone to El Paso to bring Henderson back for trial. Henderson entered the service of the bank in 1894, was 37 years of age and had been in its employment ten years.

AFFAIRS IN MADRID.

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The minister of marine, Rear Admiral Ramos, in the course of an interview on the subject of the slight reverse suffered by the Spanish navy during the discussion in the chamber of deputies of the special naval budget for the increase of the navy, said he alone was not responsible for the check to the government, since the question at issue had been decided by the vote of the cabinet. The ministers will meet today to discuss the situation.

MANILA TARIFF WORK.

Manila, Dec. 19.—The Philippine commission is still at work on the tariff. Officers here consider that the return of the volunteers will necessitate the abandonment of stations, and that Congress will provide an immediate increase in the number of regulars. It is believed that many volunteers will enlist here if bonuses are offered, the government will have to bear the expense of equipping and bringing out a recruit.

WHEAT SPECULATOR DEAD.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Henry Wallace, for thirty years a member of the board of trade, who had won and lost several fortunes in the wheat market, died last night in a small office which he had occupied for some time near the board of trade. Death was due to heart failure. He was about 65 years old, and so far as is known had no relatives in the city. A cousin is said to live in Iowa.

CRUISER BUFFALO SAILS.

Lewis, Del., Dec. 19.—The United States cruiser Buffalo en route from New York to Manila, which put into the Delaware bay to wait a draft of men from the Philadelphia navy yard, today resumed her voyage to the Philippines.

THE DEATH OF CADET BOOZ

Examination of Classmates is Now Going On.

They Deny That Any Brutality Existed at the Academy—They Also Testified That Booz Was Unpopular, Untruthful and a Coward.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The examination of cadets who were in the same class with the late Oscar L. Booz, at the military academy here two years ago, was continued this morning for the purpose of ascertaining the exact facts of the case. The examination is now going on.

Fourteen of Booz's classmates, who numbered sixty-eight, testified at yesterday's proceedings, and each one of them denied that any brutality existed at the academy. The only hazing which was in vogue consisted, they said, of "corrective measures," which were as brutal as any that were used in any other institution of the kind. The use of tobacco sauce came up very frequently.

Robert R. Ralston, a young Pennsylvanian, who looked the picture of health, told of his being requested to stand on his head in a bath tub containing about ten inches of water. The court asked him how long did he remain in that position and Ralston replied: "Oh, just only while I said something." Just what he said or how long he remained in that position was not made clear.

This was the only case other than that of beating, exercising and standing in "strafed" positions which came to the attention of the court, and the Pennsylvania cadet was very emphatic in denying that any hazing which he or others had undergone was in any way injurious.

The cadets were all of the same opinion when asked as to the character of the treatment of Booz while he was here in '98. They said that he was very unpopular, because he had shown cowardice, and was untruthful.

They denied that he was despised in any way for his religious beliefs. The court asked if the fight between Booz and Frank Keller, of Mississippi, now of the first class, who played right end of last year's football team, was told by Orville N. Taylor, of Maryland. Taylor was Booz's roommate and the latter did not act like a man. He quit, he said, before he was killed. Booz got a blow over the stomach and rolled over the ground saying the wind was knocked out of him. Taylor said Booz was a coward, and that although he got a black eye, he did not fight with a stick or anything.

When the word coward is applied to a man in academic circles he is "ruined" or "out," and his resignation is generally the result.

The court convened at 9:30 o'clock, and after fifteen minutes devoted to executive business the doors were opened to the public. Among the spectators who entered were several women who were accommodated with seats in the gallery.

Cadet Raymond L. Liston, of Michigan, was the first witness. He knew former Cadet Booz in '98. At that time Booz seemed to be in good health. He said that Booz was not hazed or treated brutally, as he is known to be. The witness described "hazing" as an exaggerated form of the position of a soldier. It was a drawing in of the chin and the throwing back of the shoulders at the same time.

If a fourth class man is unpopular, he is generally left alone by the upper class men and members of his own class.

Cadet Stephen Abbott, of Illinois, the next witness, was not quite clear on the rules prohibiting the hazing of cadets. He had been requested as a fourth class man to take some few drops of tobacco sauce off a spoon, but was not forced to do it. He took it himself at the order of two upper class men. It was hot, but he did not harm. He saw Booz after the fight with Keller.

The former's left eye was blackened. He had never known Booz to be abused or ill treated and he also denied that Booz was interfered with on account of his religious opinions. In reply to Commandant Hein, the witness said that he had known cadets, as well as the commanders of the mess table, to be severely punished for permitting or practicing "hazing," "hounding" or other "excesses" on lower class cadets.

Before the next witness was called in General Claus asked permission to make a statement. He complained of being misquoted yesterday concerning his request to have the commandant of cadets and the superintendent of the academy present at the hearing and he asked the stenographer to read the words which he had used.

This was done but no explanation of the cause of the interruption was made.

BIG CONTRACT AWARDED.

One of the Largest in the History of Railroad Construction.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 19.—A special to the Tribune from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: The Union Pacific Railroad company today awarded a contract to the contractors with an amount through Echo canyon from Echo, Wyo., to Salt Lake, a distance of forty miles. The contract price, \$6,000,000, is one of the largest in the history of railroad construction in the west, the length of the line to be built being considered.

The contractors have ten years in which to complete the work. It is said the Union Pacific has formed a deal with the recently incorporated Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad company, which will give them practically an air line from Cheyenne to the Pacific coast via Salt Lake.

LARGEST PEARL IN COUNTRY.

New York, Dec. 19.—The customs authorities have received at the appraisers' stores, for appraisement, a black pearl from London weighing 165 grains and valued at about \$15,000. It is said to be the largest pearl ever imported into this country.

PORTER LAID AT REST.

Funeral Largely Attended—Yale Building Draped in Mourning.

Pomfret, Dec. 19.—The body of John Addison Porter was taken from the family residence here this morning and removed to a special car attached to a train leaving Putnam at 10:30, over the Air line via Willimantic for New Haven. The members of Mr. Porter's immediate family and a few intimate friends accompanied the remains. At the residence early this morning prayer was offered by the Rev. L. M. Hardy, rector of Christ church of Pomfret. The service was a simple one, only the family being present.

New Haven, Dec. 19.—The funeral services over the remains of the late John Addison Porter were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Trinity church. Many were present to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. A large number of admirers were present from a distance, most of them relatives and former associates in public life. The Washington delegation was not large, owing to the fact that George B. Loring, secretary of the session, President McKinley, however, was represented by Secretary George Bruce Cartlidge, who succeeded Mr. Porter in the office of secretary to the president. A great quantity of flowers came from the White House, consular and were sent by President and Mrs. McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Cartlidge and by every messenger, door-keeper and official in the executive mansion, as well as by several congressmen. The service was presided over officially by Yale university, Phelps building and the buildings of the Sheffield Scientific school, which were given to the university by the late Mr. Porter, which were draped in black while the flag on Alumni hall was at half-mast. The publishers were members of the senior societies, Scroll and Keys, Francis Gordon, Brown, Hugh, Amherst, and the Yale Glee club. John Day, Maurice Mason and William M. Horton, interment was in the family plot in Grove Street cemetery.

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General Macdonald is engaging the invaders, who have no arms. 20 miles west of Philippstown, the Boers have been driven back, but they are being slowly forced back to the Orange river, where a vain reception is being prepared for them.

The contemplated thanksgiving service at St. Paul's cathedral in connection with the return of Lord Roberts from South Africa has been abandoned, owing to the government's announcement, "to its being considered desirable to defer a general thanksgiving until the close of the operations in South Africa."

The programme now is for Lord Roberts to debark in the Solent, to visit the queen at Osborne House Jan. 2, to re-embark and to land finally at Southampton, returning from that point to London. "The Times, editorially denouncing 'misguided leniency toward the Boers,' says: 'Such a concentration of Boers as brought disaster on General Clements' force would have been possible had the Boers been carried on the war as it would have been carried on by any other civilized nation.'

A dispatch from Lourenco Marques says: "Here, Port, the Netherlands coast, has sailed for Europe. There was no demonstration. Mr. W. W. Stanley Holis, the United States consul, went on board the steamer to bid him farewell."

Lord Salisbury's gloomy reference to South Africa, made at the conference of the National Union of Conservative associations, much heartburning. The Conservative press, reluctant to admit that the situation is worse, complains of the premier's "melancholy pessimism."

The Daily News asks whether Lord Salisbury's utterance foreshadowed the news of another reverse, and it suggests that the government has received dispatches from Lord Kitchener asking for more troops on the ground that the war, instead of being finished, is entering upon a new and difficult phase.

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KRUGER RECEIVES APPLAUSE.

Greeted at Amsterdam To-Day By the Authorities.

The Boer President Made a Speech—The Burgomaster of the Place Made An Address of Welcome—He Hoped To See President Kruger Successful In His Efforts To Secure Honorable Peace—General Knox Will Have To Give Up The Pursuit of De Wet.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Mr. Kruger arrived here today. He was met at the railroad station by the municipal and communal authorities. Speeches were exchanged in the Royal waiting room. A banquet was presented to Mr. Kruger, whose every appearance was the signal for rapturous applause.

Very large crowds of people lined the route to the town hall, where the burgomaster made a speech in which he said he hoped Mr. Kruger would succeed in his efforts to secure honorable peace. Mr. Kruger, in the course of his reply, said:

"In 1884 we obtained our independence but that honorable action has since been nullified. The invaders are ten against one, but we await the day when God will make known his will. We rely on His help more than on emperors and princes. I have not come to fight but by order of my government, with the object of terminating a war in which the British employ women and children against us."

A luncheon followed. Mr. Kruger subsequently visited the headquarters of the South African refugees.

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That Is What Is Thought of a Man Selling New London Firm.

New London, Conn., Dec. 19.—The publicity of this city and a number of business houses in Providence are being imposed upon by the operations of a man who represents himself as an agent of the brewing company. The man has placed in the hands of a number of men, including a \$1,000 gas engine, several pairs of scales, 100 feet of belting, brewers hose and various sundries. The Yale brewery has received several letters since yesterday regarding the matter, and the orders have been received and will have prompt attention. The swindler has several names. His object is a mystery, as he has obtained no money so far as is known. President Leimet, of the brewery, believes he is either a lunatic or a practical joker. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police at Boston and Providence.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

New York, Dec. 19.—Dr. A. L. Marmey, for the Knickerbocker Athletic club, has announced a list of eight amateur billiard players for the tournament for the amateur championship, to be held in the club house beginning on February 4, under sanction of the Amateur Athletic union. The men selected are: Charles E. Goetz, champion of Boston; Charles B. Jones, champion of New York; John A. Hendrick of New York; Dr. M. L. L. Mal of New York; Dr. M. L. L. Mal of St. Louis, and Charles E. Conklin of Chicago. The winners will receive a billiard tournament of the class B championship which was decided Monday night. Charles E. Goetz, of Boston, Charles S. Norris, of New York, and Charles E. Conklin of Chicago, are the only players who have won the class A championship that was decided Monday night.

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Stonington, Dec. 19.—The railroad station at Poquonnot, between New London and Stonington, was burned to the ground this morning. The roof catching fire by a spark from a passing engine. The station agent succeeded in removing the books, tickets and all movables of much value in safety. The loss is \$1,500.

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HELP FOR THE POOR.

Good Work Being Performed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The St. Vincent de Paul society of the immaculate Conception church is preparing to bring suitcases and mitts into the homes of thirty-five or forty poor families on Christmas day and the members of the organization, assisted by the teachers and pupils of the St. Mary's school, have gone to work with it with the view of providing food, fuel, clothing, or the where-withal to purchase these supplies, and no doubt their efforts will be crowned with success. They desire to state that people who desire to donate articles or any kind can leave them at St. Patrick's hall on Saturday morning, where there will be some one to look after them. This is a good work and those who have a little to spare over and above their own wants should lend a hand in this way. The students will not be left by any one. The society sends a committee through the parish, whose duty it is to report all deserving cases