ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

[FROM THE TRIBUNE BUREAU.]
Washington, February 1.

THE NEW WEST POINT.—The criticism attaching to the project of rebuilding the Military Academy has not been removed by the warning of the Secretary of War that officers at West Point will be regarded as offenders if they persist in their attempts to create prejudice against the existing plans. The views of the opponents of the architectural scheme suggested by General Mills, the superintendent of the Academy, and approved by the head of the War Department, are reaching Congressmen, it is found, and it would be no surprise to the departmental officials to have the plan attacked in the House. The members of the Military Committee have been informed of the facts in the case and will be prepared for any criticism directed against the head of the academy or the Secretary of War. One of the points made is that the architectural scheme is artistic rather than practical, and that the chief consideration has been for the sake of art with a sacrifice of utility. One instance given is that of the location of the powerhouse, which is on the top of the greatest elevation, a position which is commanding enough and is made great use of by the designers. At the same time it is held by the critics that the powerhouse should be near the railroad, if for no other reason than that in the latter location the delivery of fuel—an important item in the maintenance of the power plant—would be facilitated and made at a saving. The plans are being approved as they are ready for consideration from the architects, but no work can be done on the project until all the plans are completed. General Mills is anxious that an exception shall be made in favor of certain structures the occupancy of which is necessary, while other corresponding buildings are being demolished. The fight threatens to be an interesting one, but General Mills has the full support of the authorities here and of the leaders in Congress. The proposition that the various questions be sent to a commission is not kindly received here, most of the War Department officials believing that nothing would be gained in time, money or any other desirable particular.

WANTS MORE LAND AT FORT WADSWORTH.—An estimate submitted by the Secretary of War of $100,000 for the purchase of additional land adjoining the Forth Wadsworth (New-York) military reservation, was sent to the House to-day, with a statement that the property is in close proximity to some of the heaviest batteries at that point, and that the only way in which damage to the property can be avoided is by purchasing it.

DOCKAGE CHARGES REDUCED.—Assistant Secretary Darling had a brief conference with the President to-day, bringing to his attention some department affairs. A few weeks ago the Boston Steamship Company, which operates a line between the Pacific Coast and the Philippines, complained to the Navy Department and the President that the charges at the Bremerton naval station, on Puget Sound, for the dockage of ships, were excessive. The statement was made that the ships could be docked at Esquimault, British Columbia, for about one-third of the charges at Bremerton. The steamship company desired to have repairs made on one of its big vessels, the Shawmut, at the American yard, but objected to the high charges. After considering the subject, Assistant Secretary Darling decided to order a reduction of the charges to less than 50 per cent of the old rates for ships of more than 4,000 tons. This concession, it is believed, will be satisfactory to the vessel owners.

THE MARYLAND'S SPEED.—Captain Dayton, of the Board of Inspection and Survey, has reported to the Navy Department that the armored cruiser Maryland, on her recent official trial off the coast of Massachusetts, developed a speed of 22.406 knots an hour for four consecutive hours, exceeding by .406 of a knot the contract speed requirements. This is the official speed rating of the vessel after tidal allowances, and shows that while the Maryland failed to equal the speed record of 22.426 knots, made by the Pennsylvania, it exceeded the records of the Colorado, 22.244, and the West Virginia, 22.146. These vessels are all of the same type.

ORDERS ISSUED—The following army and navy orders have been issued:

ARMY.

Major WILLIAM P. HUXFORD, retired, detailed for general recruiting service to Baltimore.

Captain HARRY E. WILKINS, commissary, before board at Chicago for examination for promotion.

Captain ROBERT B. POWERS, 7th Cavalry, detailed as professor of military science at the University of Arkansas.

NAVY.

Commander W. C. EATON, detached navy yard, Pensacola; to inspection duty at Brooklyn.

Lieutenant Commander T. F. CARTER, to navy yard, Pensacola.

Lieutenant Commander W. J. MAXWELL, detached inspection duty at Brooklyn; to the Maryland.

Acting Assistant Surgeon B. ELMORE, appointed.

Pay Inspector M. C. M'DONALD, to naval home, Philadelphia.

Paymaster W. A. MERRITT, detached naval home, Philadelphia; to navy yard, New-York.

Passed Assistant Paymaster G. P. AULD, detached navy yard, New-York; to the Galveston.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department:

ARRIVED.

January 31—The New-York at Bahia; the Stewart at Santo Domingo City; the Yankton at Provincetown; the Maine at Tompkinsville.

SAILED.

January 31—The Arkansas from Charleston for Key West; the Bennington from Acajutla for Acapulco.

February 1—The Nanshan from Cavité for Hong Kong.

ICE DAMAGES CRUISER.

The Chattanooga Returns to Navy Yard with Plates Badly Broken.

The new cruiser Chattanooga has returned to the Brooklyn Navy Yard from the Cape Ann course in a damaged condition. On the port side several plates forward were crushed in by the big icefloes which the ship met last week in the storm off the Massachusetts coast.

The cruiser left the navy yard on January 19 for the course where the trial of the new cruiser Maryland took place. The gale was encountered on the Tuesday night following, and as Captain Sharpe did not dare try to make a landing on the lee shore, he started out to sea. The Chattanooga was buffeted about in a heavy sea for three days and nights, and encountered great quantities of ice.

The Chattanooga set out on Saturday, and by reason of the great quantities of ice had a perilous task in passing through Long Island Sound. Her four boilers were working, but on account of the ice orders were given to slacken speed, and it took from Saturday till Monday night to get into port. Her injuries are thought to have been received while passing Throgs Neck, where the ice was particularly bad. Leaks have developed, and twenty caulkers were patching them up temporarily yesterday.

TEASED, BOY DIES IN SCHOOLROOM.

Had Failed of Promotion—Heart Disease the Direct Cause of Death.

Worried by the gibes of his schoolmates, because he had failed of promotion, and weakened by an attack of grip, Joseph Krauer fell from his seat in the public school at Westchester-ave. and Clason's Point Road, Van Nest, yesterday. The boy died before he could receive medical attention. He was seven years old.

The boy was in Class 1 "A." Monday was the day for promotion, and Joseph failed to be advanced, because he had lost so much time, owing to the grip. Shortly after school opened yesterday he fell. He was revived by the teacher, Miss Rose Simmons, and returned to his seat. At 11:30 o'clock he fainted again, but before Miss Simmons could reach him he was dead. Coroner Berry said that heart disease had caused death.

ALL MADE CITY DEPOSITORIES.

The City Bank Commission—the Mayor, the Controller and the City Chamberlain—met at the City Hall yesterday and added these banks to the list of city depositories: Interborough, Battery Park National, Oriental (Bowery branch), Ætna National and Butchers and Drovers'. The interest was fixed at the rate of 2 per cent.

Hunyadi János
A postal request to Hunyadi János, 130 Fulton St., New York, will bring you *free by mail* a handsome, useful Hunyadi János Barometer.
FOR CONSTIPATION

CLOWRY DENIES DEAL.

Says Western Union Is Out of Poolroom Business for Good.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

New-Orleans, Feb. 1.—Colonel Robert C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who is here with a party of friends, to-night made an official denial of the report that the Western Union had bought out the National News Company and would in the future supply racing news to the poolrooms.

"We have no intention of supplying racing news of any kind," said Colonel Clowry. "Public sentiment is too strongly against it, and now that we are out of this branch of the business, we intend to stay out."

Officials of the Western Union Telegraph Company disavowed any knowledge yesterday of the report that the company had bought out the National News Company, a racing news concern, of Cincinnati. W. J. Dealy and D. D. Mitchell, of the Western Union, both of whose names were mentioned, declined to discuss the report beyond saying they had no information on the subject.

"That the Western Union has gone out of the racing news business is a matter of history," said a representative of President Clowry, "and it has not resumed, that I know of."

"The situation in the Western Union is unchanged," said Jacob H. Schiff, and Captain Norton Goddard said he had no information on the subject.

Police Commissioner McAdoo said yesterday that he had personal and close friends among the directors of the Western Union who had assured him that they would not deal further in racing news.

"The poolroom evil in greater New-York at this minute is reduced to the lowest minimum since I came into office," he said. "I think the Police Department, with the co-operation of the District Attorney's office, has a better hold of the gambling and poolselling situation now than ever before in the history of New-York. We have good control of the telephone situation and know pretty accurately the mode of procedure of using that instrument. It became quite evident on recent raids, where the company kept faith in the letter of their agreement with me, and did not restore telephones in places raided, that poolroom men had shifted their tactics and had made connections with subscribers in legitimate business.

"In anything like an honest effort at co-operation on the part of the telephone company these connections would be cut off. I should be sorry and loath to believe that this form of gambling, especially in districts where it affects the poor, and the hard working class, should be again revived in anything like its former activity by the aid of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Some of the directors of this company are personal and good friends of mine, and they have assured me—I have no reason to doubt their word—that they would not tolerate for a moment a renewal of former relations of the company with the poolrooms, but that on the contrary, they had knowingly permitted the company to suffer large loss rather than have the racing department in the form in which it formerly prevailed. I will not believe that they are now going to resume this business until I have absolute proof of the same."

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 15.—President Clowry of the Western Union says that the racing service will not be resumed. His company took over the National News Company business to-day.

THE NINE ORGANIZE.

McAdoo to Appear Before Police Probing Committee To-day.

After a prolonged discussion of police topics, the Committee of Nine at its first meeting yesterday invited Commissioner McAdoo to appear before it to-day to explain his ideas for the betterment of the force. The Commissioner, by telephone, declared that he would be glad to meet with the committee. The committee, the Police Commissioner and the Mayor at present are working in harmony.

The committee met to organize at the office of Isaac N. Seligman. All the members were present except Elihu Root, Jacob H. Schiff and James McKeen. Austen G. Fox was made permanent chairman. No permanent secretary was elected. William Church Osborn filled that place at the meeting yesterday. After the organization, the committee settled down to a two hours' discussion of the evils of the Police Department.

Commissioner McAdoo's memorandum to the Mayor describing the legislation he would like to have was read and talked over in general. No details were settled on and no plan of work was arranged. The committee determined to go into the police situation from the ground up, to investigate it thoroughly and carefully at first hands. To do this it will ask various people to attend its meetings to give their knowledge and views. So, as Commissioner McAdoo was recommending legislation, the committee thought it had better hear his ideas from his own lips.

Before the meeting Mr. Fox and George McAneny, representing the committee, held a conference with the Mayor for nearly an hour. They did not care to talk about what was said.

HOLD-UP ON "L" STATION.

Merchant Robbed at the Battery of Wallet Containing $11.

Still another street hold-up was brought to light yesterday. It occurred at the elevated road platform at the Battery. The victim was Daniel H. Sands, a hatter, of No. 79 Cortlandt-st., living at No. 1,178 Bushwick-ave., Brooklyn.

Mr. Sands takes the 9th-ave. elevated to the Battery, and the 3d-ave. to Chatham Square and the bridge, then taking a surface car for his home. He had reached the Battery on Tuesday evening, and was waiting in front of a crowd to board a 3d-ave. uptown train. He was carrying three hats, tied in separate boxes. Four young men surrounded him; one on each side, one in front and one in the back. One made a movement as if to take his diamond pin from his necktie, but Mr. Sands quickly closed his overcoat. Then he felt the cord, tying the three boxes, cut. The boxes fell to the platform. Mr. Sands leaned over to get them, and as he did so one of the four men pulled open his overcoat and grabbed Mr. Sands's pocketbook. Mr. Sands was shoved into the train before he could make an outcry. The wallet had contained $11.

MURPHY PRAISES COMMITTEE.

Says He Is in Favor of Any Movement to Better Conditions.

Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, says he thinks the Committee of Nine appointed by Austen G. Fox is a good committee, and he is in favor of any movement that has for its object the betterment of the conditions in this city. When seen last night, Mr. Murphy, in reply to a question about the committee, said:

"It seems to me like a good committee. I think the gentlemen on it are sincere in their purpose to remedy certain conditions in the Police Department. It is not surprising that faults creep into the department. As a whole, the rank and file of the department are all right. I hope the Chamber of Commerce committee will get good results. I have not read the recommendations made by Commissioner McAdoo."

"It is said by some of the newspapers that you are worth $2,000,000. How about it?" Mr. Murphy was asked.

"I guess I haven't anything to say about that," replied the leader of Tammany Hall, with a grin. "If I remember right, when I became leader of the organization, the same papers said I was worth $2,000,000. According to that figuring, I ain't further along on the road to great wealth than I was two years ago."

BIG ATCHISON BOND ISSUE.

J. P. Morgan & Co. to Manage Syndicate—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. to Subscribe Heavily.

The directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, at a meeting here yesterday, decided to issue at once $32,490,000 of the $50,000,000 4 per cent convertible bonds recently authorized by the stockholders at a special meeting in Topeka. The $32,490,000 bonds will be offered at par to the stockholders, on the basis of 15 per cent of their respective present holdings. J. P. Morgan & Co. have formed and will be managers of a syndicate which will finance the issue. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., it is announced, will be among the heaviest subscribers to the underwriting.

It was learned a few weeks ago that certain interests identified with the Union Pacific control had become heavy investors in the shares of the Atchison, now the only independent line to the Pacific Coast, and the announcement of the participation of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. on a large scale in the present undertaking is taken in Wall Street to signify that those interests, with whom Kuhn, Loeb & Co. are very closely identified, are planning to increase their Atchison holdings, as the bonds about to be issued are convertible into stock. The limits of the conversion period and the terms of sale of the bonds will probably be announced within the next week.

MR. FORNES WONDERS IF IT IS A JOKE.

Mayor McClellan has a new division of labor scheme for the City Hall, and President Fornes of the Board of Aldermen is wondering whether the Mayor is joking.

"I am considering," said the Mayor, who had a hard day with visitors yesterday, "whether it will not be a good plan to pass a bill increasing the powers of the President of the Board of Aldermen. It might be well to have President Fornes see all the people who call with grievances or for other reasons, and boil down everything and then submit them to the Mayor. The more I think about it the better I like the idea."

TWO HOCH INDICTMENTS.

Bills for Bigamy Found Against the Chicago "Bluebeard."

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Two indictments charging bigamy were voted against Johann Hoch by the grand jury to-day. Three of Hoch's supposed wives were witnesses before the grand jury. While at the Criminal Court building waiting to appear before the grand jury, the three women met one another for the first time.

Four more supposed wives of Johann Hoch have been discovered since yesterday. The total is now twenty-nine, not counting two in Brooklyn, regarding whom the police have heard only rumors. The "new wives" are Mrs. Loughken-Hoch, said to have wedded the prisoner in San Francisco, four years ago, and to have died suddenly; Mrs. Hulda Nagel-Hoch, St. Paul; Mrs. Henry Bartel-Hoch, and Mrs. Fred Doess-Hoch, both of Cincinnati.

SHE MAY BE STILL ANOTHER.

Woman Who Caused "Bluebeard's" Arrest Gets Letter About Wilmington Victim.

Mrs. Katherine Kimmerle, of No. 546 West 47th-st., who told the police that Johann Hoch, the so-called Chicago "Bluebeard," was boarding with her, and caused his arrest, gave the police more information yesterday. It may show that he had twenty-six wives, instead of twenty-five. Mrs. Kimmerle had received a letter which said in part:

I noticed that a man supposed to be named Hoch had been given over to justice by you. As there was no description of the man, I thought, perhaps, you would be kind enough to inform me if he in any way resembles the following description: Dark eyes and black hair, a little wavy; about 5 feet 7 inches, and looked about thirty-five or forty years old.

My reason for asking is, a young girl who supported an aged mother, both living in Wilmington, Del., married a man there who proposed to her in about a month's acquaintance, and in about three months after deserted her. She has done her best to trace him for seven years, and learned he lived in Chicago under assumed names. I thought it might possibly be the same man, but would not like to be mixed up, unless I was sure you thought my description was like the man you had arrested, as it might be a chance for the girl to punish him and yet flee from him also.

MORSE BACK TO TESTIFY.

Will Be Witness Before Grand Jury Next Week.

"I have come back to answer any charges that may be made," was all Charles W. Morse would say in reference to the Dodge-Morse matrimonial tangle when he arrived yesterday on the Deutschland.

Mr. Morse was met at the steamship pier by ex-Mayor Van Wyck and John F. Carroll and drove away with them. He did not go to his home in Fifth-ave., which has been closed for several months. After his arrival he had a talk with his counsel, Samuel Untermyer, but the lawyer would say nothing later about Mr. Morse's affairs. Mr. Morse will be a witness before the grand jury next week, probably on Tuesday, and as soon as District Attorney Jerome is through with him he will return to Paris to reopen some business deal that was suspended when he was informed that his presence in this city was desired by Mr. Jerome.

Several newspaper men met Mr. Morse on the steamship at Quarantine, but he declined to talk with them about the Dodge-Morse case. When told that ex-Justice Fursman, A. H. Hummel, Benjamin Steinhardt, Charles F. Dodge and a missing detective had been indicted while he was on the ocean, he said:

"I want to know. That's the first I have heard of it."

From that point until the ship reached her pier he asked about the indictments. At the pier when he was told of the death of Frank Croker Mr. Morse seemed overcome for a few minutes. He said: "This is terrible news. I knew young Mr. Croker very intimately and was very fond of him."

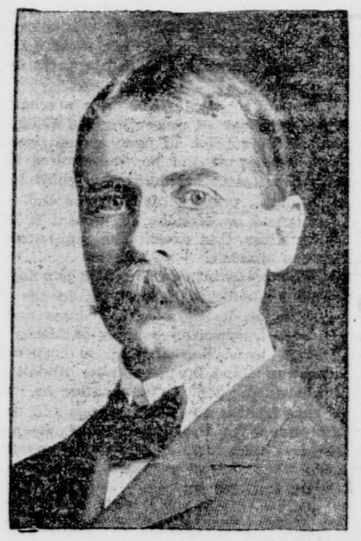
On his passage Mr. Morse occupied Suite C, the most elaborate and expensive suite of staterooms on the Deutschland. It consists of a sitting room, bedroom and bathroom.

COLER'S SUCCESSOR APPOINTED.

W. F. Baker, Formerly His Secretary, New Head of Civil Service Commission.

Mayor McClellan yesterday filled the vacancy in the Civil Service Commission caused by the retirement of President Coler by appointing William F. Baker. Mr. Baker was secretary to Controller Coler in the Finance Department.

Mr. Baker is a Brooklyn Democrat, but is not a McCarren man. In that respect the appointment



WILLIAM F. BAKER,
has been appointed to the Municipal Civil Service Commission to succeed Bird S. Coler.

is antagonistic to Senator McCarren, who, if he had been consulted, would not have recommended Mr. Baker. Mr. Baker was an early caller at the Mayor's office, and was sworn in as commissioner. Then he went to the offices of the commission in Elm-st., where a policeman barred his entrance.

"Who is it you want to see?" asked the policeman.

"No one in particular. I'm only the new commissioner," said Mr. Baker mildly. At 4 o'clock a special meeting of the commission was held, and Commissioner Baker was elected to succeed Mr. Coler. He said he had no statement to make. It is regarded as probable that the new commissioner will try to do away with some of the abuses of the old rerating system.

Mr. Baker is about forty-five years old and was born in Pittsburg. He has lived in Brooklyn for the last eighteen years, and has been closely associated with Bird S. Coler in the last ten years.

Mr. Baker, it was said last night, left the office of W. N. Coler & Co. on January 1. His friends said that his appointment by the Mayor was a personal choice and that Mr. Coler had not recommended him.

SAYS PLAINTIFF HYPNOTIZED HER.

Woman Sued By Carpenter Says He Holds Diploma for Spiritualism.

Declaring that D. A. Brown, a carpenter, of No. 888 DeKalb-ave., had hypnotized her, Mrs. Fannie Herbert, of No. 1357 DeKalb-ave., who was being sued by Mr. Brown for $100, asked Justice Marean yesterday to exclude Mr. Brown from the courtroom. The woman appeared so excited that Justice Marean granted her request.

Mrs. Herbert is a maker of white vests. She declared on her examination in a private room that she could not remember many things because she was under the hypnotic influences of Mr. Brown, who "held a diploma for spiritualism." She testified that he hypnotized her landlord and induced him to put her out, and had hypnotized her into selling him vests at a reduced price. Mr. Brown was greatly amused when he heard what Mrs. Herbert had testified.

SCHENECTADY HAS $200,000 FIRE.

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 1.—A fire swept the south side of State-st. early this morning. Four business blocks were almost completely destroyed, and two others on each side of the fire-swept district are damaged. The estimated loss is $200,000, only partly covered by insurance. J. E. Davidson's Sons, clothiers, are the principal losers. Their entire block and clothing store are destroyed, and their loss is about $75,000 over insurance.

ROBS IN 5TH-AVE. HOUSE.

Broker's Apartments Entered—Jimmy Used—Jewels Taken.

The "hold-up man" who has been terrifying residents of the uptown section on the borders of Central Park may have decided to work further downtown, for on Monday a burglary was accomplished in 5th-ave. which greatly amazed the detectives. It became known yesterday. The apartment of Frederick H. Garman, a broker, of No. 283 5th-ave., were entered. Silk dresses and jewelry were taken.

Mrs. Garman had left the house in the middle of the afternoon, to do some shopping. When she returned she found things topsy-turvy. The door of the apartment was open.

An examination of the main door leading into the Garman apartments showed that it had been forced by means of a jimmy. The police believe the man was frightened away on hearing footsteps in the hall.

W. U. OFFICE AT NEW-ORLEANS TRACK.

National News Company Will Continue to Handle Poolroom Service, Official Says.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

New-Orleans, Feb. 1.—The Western Union Telegraph Company resumed business on the track here to-day. The compromise by which this privilege was given was reached at a meeting in St. Louis some days ago.

Vice-President Renaud of the National News Company explained that under the agreement between his company and the Western Union the latter has the privilege of maintaining commercial offices within the racetrack inclosures, but the National News Company will continue to handle the poolroom service.

ACCUSES JEROME'S MAN.

Coroner Jackson Declares Mr. Chadwick Was Bribe Suggester.

Coroner Moses J. Jackson testified in his own defence yesterday at his trial on a charge of attempted bribery, after Recorder Goff had decided against him on the point raised by his counsel, Frank Moss, on Tuesday. It was the contention of Mr. Moss that Coroner Jackson could not have committed bribery, even if he had received money for discharging Dr. Alexander in the case of the negress who died from an alleged criminal operation, because the woman's body was in New-Jersey, where she had died, and the Coroner never had any jurisdiction in the case. Assistant District Attorney Rand quoted a decision in the case of the "Boodle Aldermen" to show that the question of the Coroner's jurisdiction did not affect the bribery charge.

Coroner Jackson denied that he had asked for money from Benjamin Reass, Dr. Alexander's Consel, or that he had offered to give money to Mr. Chadwick to arrange for Dr. Alexander's discharge.

The first mention of money in the case, the Coroner said, was by Mr. Chadwick. 'He came to my office," said the witness, "and said he wanted $500. 'What,' said I, 'you want $500 from me?' 'Well,' he said, 'a couple of hundred will do. I want you to get it out of Reass.' I asked him why he did not go to the lawyer himself."

Later, the witness said, he was visited at his house by Mr. Reass, who threatened to raise the question of jurisdiction if there was not an immediate examination in the Dr. Alexander case. He said he told Mr. Reass to go to the District Attorney's office, as they wanted $500.

Benjamin S. Tindale, a clerk in the Coroner's office, testified that he heard Mr. Chadwick say to Coroner Jackson: "I want $500 for this case."

Coroner Jackson's defence will close to-day, and it is expected that the case will go to the jury this evening.

MANY TOOK TO THE FIRE ESCAPES.

Blaze in William-st. Building When Crowds Were Greatest.

Cut off by flames and smoke, more than a score of women and men employed in the building at No. 162 William-st. got out yesterday by climbing down the fire escapes in the rear of the building and climbing over roofs. The fire started in the basement of the building in William-st., and for a few minutes it looked as if the entire building was doomed.

Just as thousands of men and women were leaving the downtown office buildings to go to their homes the fire broke out. They blocked the streets, bothering the firemen greatly. It was only after considerable difficulty that policemen, hurried from downtown precincts, established fire lines.

The fire started in the basement, which is occupied, as is the first floor, by Bogert & Hopper, manufacturers and wood carvers. The second and fourth floors are occupied by Adam Levinson, manufacturers of card novelties, and on the third floor is the Commercial Dispatch Printing and Delivery Company, which employs about thirty men and girls.

The blaze was put out with a loss of about $5,000.

METCALFE CHARGES A CONSPIRACY.

Theatre Managers Examined at District Attorney's Office—Only Investigation So Far.

Five theatrical men were examined yesterday at the District Attorney's office in an investigation of a charge of conspiracy made by James S. Metcalfe, dramatic editor and critic of "Life," against members of the Association of Theatrical Managers, at whose theatres he has been prevented from seeing performances. Mr. Metcalfe, accompanied by Mr. Mitchell, the publisher of "Life," appeared before Magistrate Pool, in the Tombs court, and swore to a complaint, on which the investigation is based. Later the five witnesses who had received subpœnas went before Deputy Assistant District Attorney Krotel and gave testimony. They were John F. Flaherty, manager of the Majestic Theatre; Thomas Shea, manager of the Empire; Wilbur M. Bates, general manager for Klaw & Erlanger; Charles Burnham, vice-president of the Theatrical Managers' Association, and John O'Brien, doorkeeper in the Lyceum Theatre.

The contention of Mr. Metcalfe is that the theatrical managers against whom he makes the charge of conspiracy have combined to deprive him of the means of livelihood by preventing him from following his occupation as a dramatic critic, because of his criticisms of certain dramatic performances.

It was understood at the Criminal Courts Building that the witnesses admitted in their examination that Mr. Metcalfe had been turned away from the theatres, but that the managers contended they had the right to keep out from their houses any person, even one who had purchased a ticket, provided the money paid for the ticket was refunded to the person. It was said they took the ground, also, that Mr. Metcalfe's criticism of plays was not the reason for his exclusion, but personal attacks which he had made on managers.

It was said in the afternoon that, in the absence of Mr. Jerome at Lakeville, there would be no report on the investigation of Mr. Metcalfe's complaint, and that the decision as to whether the acts complained of constituted a conspiracy would be deferred until his return next week. It is possible that the decision will be that Mr. Metcalfe's only remedy is by a suit for damages in a civil court.

ENGLISH EVANGELIST HERE.

The Rev. W. J. Dawson Will Hold Revival Services in Many Cities of United States.

The Rev. W. J. Dawson, the well known evangelist, who arrived yesterday on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, comes here to hold evangelistic meetings in all cities of the United States, beginning with a meeting to-day in Pittsfield, Mass. He was invited here by the evangelistic committee of the Congregational Church of America, and has resigned his pastorate in order to be free in his work here.

Dr. Dawson was met at the pier by D. O. Shelton, a member of the evangelistic committee of the National Council of Congregational Churches, and Colonel Sellers, of "The Brooklyn Eagle." Dr. Dawson will hold meetings for two weeks in Tremont Temple, Boston, and will be at the Broadway Tabernacle, of this city, on March 26 and 27.

LINCOLN IMPROVEMENT PRIZES.

The pupils in the public high schools have just received their promotion cards. The Lincoln Improvement League invites them to make up their record of average scholarship from their records for each subject on their weekly programmes. To the boy and girl in this city and also to the boy and girl elsewhere who submit on or before Lincoln's Birthday the best record of improvement in average scholarship over the record of a year ago prizes of $5 each will be paid. Averages for the latest three half years should be sent to C. S. Hartwell, No. 473 Madison-st., Brooklyn. Sixty-seven of these cash prizes have already been paid in nine schools of three States. Last term a prize was awarded for only four credits of improvement.

DINNER FOR EX-JUSTICE FREEDMAN.

He Has Just Retired After Thirty-five Years' Service on the Bench.

The dinner given by the bar of greater New-York for ex-Justice John J. Freedman, on his retirement after thirty-five years on the bench, took place at the Hotel Astor last night. About two hundred persons were present. Wheeler H. Peckham presided. Among others who attended were ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, ex-Justice A. R. Lawrence, DeLancey Nicoll, Justices Amend, Bischoff, Dowling, Dugro, Giegerich, Gildersleeve, Steckler, McCall and Truax, of the Supreme Court; Colonel Franklin Bartlett, Congressman H. M. Goldfogle, W. B. Hornblower and Samuel Untermyer.

The toasts were commemorative of ex-Justice Freedman's service on the bench.

Said ex-Judge Parker:

Our old friend must feel complimented by this gathering, for after so many years on the bench he is welcomed back to the bar by the flower of the bar.

Ex-Justice J. F. Daly said:

I believe that there never was a bar with more courtesy than our bar. Of course, there are exceptions. But at bottom all have kind hearts.

The speaker attacked the legislature for making rules for courts that neither bench nor bar had anything to say about.

Ex-Justice Freedman responded with considerable feeling. The applause lasted for several moments when he arose.

MONKEY ON THE SERGEANT'S DESK.

Magistrate Upholds and Discharges Man Accused of Stealing Him.

Early yesterday Policeman O'Connell, of the West 30th-st. station, brought before the sergeant two men and a big Brazilian monkey, and for a quarter of an hour the monkey kept the station in an uproar. The principal characters in the early morning comedy enacted before Sergeant Wall were Chimmey, a monkey; Ernest Balser, of No. 1,235 Lexington-ave., and Thomas H. Jackson, a saloonkeeper, at No. 414 6th-ave.

Chimmey, an unusually intelligent monkey, is owned by Jackson, and is used as a sort of fifth assistant bartender. Balser dropped into the saloon and struck up an acquaintance with Chimmey. After he had treated the monkey to several drinks and a cigarette the animal lavished much affection on Balser, climbing up on his shoulder, clasping him around the neck and fondly stroking his cheeks. Balser started to leave the saloon, but the monkey clung to his coat. It is charged that Balser later slipped Chimmey under his coat and walked down West 27th-st. A cabman told Jackson, who started in pursuit of Balser, and, overtaking him, demanded the monkey.

"I'm going to buy him another drink," said Balser. Jackson called Policeman O'Connell, and Balser was arrested. A crowd, which quickly gathered, frightened the monkey, and he scaled a nearby fire escape. He was captured later on the roof.

At the station Chimmey was placed on the sergeant's desk.

"What is the complaint, Mr. Monk?" said Sergeant Wall.

Chimmey, standing up to his full height, spat a quantity of tobacco juice on the floor.

"You're no gentleman," said Sergeant Wall.

At this the monkey grinned, and, sweeping his hairy arm around the desk, grasped a file of papers and pushed them along the desk. The sergeant rapped on the desk by way of reprimand and Chimmey promptly turned out the gas of a desk lamp.

Jackson made a complaint against Balser, and he was arraigned yesterday in the Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Crane.

"I don't blame any one for stealing a monkey, especially one like this, that chews tobacco and smokes cigarettes," said the magistrate. "It's a kindness to the owner to rid him of such a creature. The prisoner is discharged."

DETERMINED SLOT MACHINES MUST GO

Rapid Transit Commission Tired of Waiting for Interborough to Heed Request.

The Rapid Transit Commission is waiting patiently for some communication from the Interborough Rapid Transit Company declaring that it has begun the removal of slot machines, cigar stands and flower stalls from the subway stations. On January 26 the commission passed a resolution calling on the Interborough to have these nuisances removed. They are still in the subway stations and if no action is taken soon by the operating company the commission will begin to do things.

Controller Grout has about reached the limit of his patience, and yesterday he declared that if "in a reasonable time" the company did not remove the offending stands, he would move before the commission to have the case taken to the courts.

"As the case stands," he said, "we have asked the company to take out the cigar stands and flower stands and slot machines, because Mr. Orr thought it would be better to request it of them at first. I suppose if nothing is done the next thing will be to pass a resolution ordering that these stands be taken out, and if no attention is paid to that order, then we'll go to the courts for an order compelling the operating company to obey our resolution. It will be done, too, for if necessary I'll bring a motion before the board to take the case up peremptorily."

Saying that he was negotiating with Ward & Gow, the advertising men, Mr. Belmont has postponed replying to the commission's various communications about the subway signs. The commission would like an answer as to what will be done about the signs.

OLD MAN'S ASSAILANTS CONFESS.

Negro Prisoners Admit They Robbed and Wounded Willet Titus at Roslyn.

The negroes, Charles Peters and Harry Lyons, who were arrested at Hempstead, Long Island, yesterday, confessed later in the day that they were the assailants of Willet Titus, who was found robbed and seriously injured on Monday night near his home at Roslyn. Mr. Titus's condition is critical. The men refused to give any details of their crime, simply saying they were in need of money. They were held for the grand jury.

CARELESS AGAIN, SAYS CHIEF CROKER

Blames Motorman for Collision with His Automobile—Nearly Loses His Life.

Chief Croker of the Fire Department narrowly escaped death yesterday, when his automobile, in which he was hurrying to a fire in The Bronx, came into collision with a car at Madison-ave. and 86th-st. A rear wheel of the automobile was snapped off, the body of the machine was crushed and the chief was thrown fifteen or twenty feet into a snow bank. Neither he nor the chauffeur was injured. The chauffeur was not thrown from the machine. The car, which was leaving the barn at the time, was stopped quickly, and later the motorman was suspended, pending a hearing of the facts in the case.

The chauffeur said that he rang a gong when he saw the car leaving the barn. The motorman said that he was driving the car out of the barn and that, when the front of it had cleared the sidewalk, he heard a gong, and, looking down the avenue, saw the automobile approaching. He said that he stopped the car as quickly as possible.

The chief said that the motorman deliberately crossed a switch on to the uptown track. The automobile partly crossed the switch before the front of the car struck it. The machine was thrown against a delivery wagon standing at the east curb. A horse attached to the wagon was thrown down. The back step of the car was torn off.

"It is simply another demonstration of the careless manner displayed on the part of the motormen every day in regard to fire apparatus," said the chief. "They don't seem to realize that there is a rule in force which compels them to stop their cars when a piece of fire apparatus is approaching."

IN MEMORY OF W. H. BALDWIN, JR.

The People's Institute will hold on Sunday evening, February 5 (Mr. Baldwin's birthday), a memorial meeting in honor of its late trustee, William H. Baldwin, jr. Delegates from all of the clubs and committees engaged in civic work, the settlements, the Brooklyn institutes, the Long Island Railroad and other bodies will be present; also men and women eminent in civic life. Robert de Forest will preside. George Havens Putnam will speak for the committee of fifteen on "Mr. Baldwin's Services as Citizen"; David Blaustein, of the Educational Alliance, on "Mr. Baldwin's Work for the Dwellers of Tenements"; the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer will speak for the People's Institute and the City Club, Mr. Baldwin having been a trustee of both organizations; Edgar Gardner Murphy, of the national child labor committee, and Robert C. Ogden, of the general educational board, of their impressions of their late associate; Thomas M. Osborne, president of the George Junior Republic, and Mayor of Auburn, one of Mr. Baldwin's college mates and most intimate friend, on "The Man, Baldwin."

PATERSON, 20 MINUTES!

"Expresses All Night," Says John W. Griggs, of New Road Plans.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 1.—(Special)—Paterson to New-York in twenty minutes and express trains running night and day are promised by the New-York and New-Jersey Rapid Transit Company, which has just filed articles of incorporation. Ex-United States Attorney General John W. Griggs, Colonel William Barbour, M. R. McAdoo, John R. Lee, Albert A. Wilcox and W. B. Conger are the leading men in the company. Work on the new electric road will begin in the spring and it will cost $10,000,000. The road will have an outlet in New-York at 42d-st. Mr. Griggs said to-day:

The new company represents the culmination of two years of thought and considerable action on the part of the gentlemen who are interested in it. It means that we are going to establish rapid transit between New-Jersey and New-York. We have purchased the right of way over a route which is nearly four miles shorter than any of the competing routes; we will run trains so frequently that people will not have to consult a time table; the roadbed will be elevated for the greater part of the distance, so that high speed can be maintained between stations; there will be no grade crossings, and there will be a material reduction in the rates of fare, with special reductions in favor of suburban residents who will use the road every day.

Starting from the Paterson station, the road will run on an elevated structure through the old Edison property across Paterson-st., over the Erie tracks and along the south side of Pearl-st. to 19th-st.; thence diagonally to Park-ave., where another station will be erected. The road will then turn south through the old Rogers property, and will go over the hill in the rear of Cedar Lawn Cemetery; then it will run parallel with the Erie to Passaic, passing through that city along East Main-ave., crossing the river north of the present Erie bridge. The route will then run through Carlton Hill and Rutherford on an elevated structure for the greater part of the distance, in order to do away with grade crossings. Most of the grade construction will be across the meadows; through the cities it will be elevated. The distance to be covered is 13.6 miles, and the terminus will be at the 42d-st. ferries, which now connect with three sections of New-York City. Starting from the other side of the tunnel, a branch will run to the ferries which enter New-York away down town, and arrangements are made whereby we can use the new trolley tunnel from Jersey City if we so desire.

The men who have put their money into this enterprise—and there will be no difficulty in getting all the capital that is required—have a very clear idea of what rapid transit will do for the development of this section of New-Jersey. They know that the cutting in half of the time required in transit between Paterson and Jersey City will mean the immediate influx of a class of very desirable residents—those employed in the metropolis, who will be glad to come to New-Jersey and establish homes. We are going to solve this rapid transit problem for the people just as it has been solved in New-York.

WOMAN CATCHES YOUNG BURGLAR.

Police of Yonkers Believe They Have Broken Up Gang of Thieves.

Through the intervention of a local fireman in Yonkers yesterday, when a youth and a woman were engaged in a fistic combat, an important capture of a young desperado and the breaking up of a burglars' den has resulted. The youth, who, when arrested, gave his name as James McCarthy, aged fifteen, entered the establishment of Fannie Altman, at No. 102 Riverdale-ave., shortly before 2 p. m., under the pretence of making a purchase. He stealthily went behind the counter, opened the cash drawer and stole $5. When the woman returned she observed the drawer open and the boy about to pass through the door. Immediately she sprang after him and grasped him by the coat collar. The youth struggled violently. Edward Fitzgerald, the fire