Governor long enough to have sufficient insight into his character to be certain that he will make no grandstand play of any sort, no matter what provocation may occur. He will go right ahead with his work, unostentatiously and effectively, to the end of his term, and if he is allowed to do it will gladly retire at the end of that term to private I know how reluctantly he accepted the nomination for the governorship, and if he were called upon by the higher office in Washington he would accept the responsibility with the same hesi-

"I was associated with him for months on the Insurance Investigating Committee-for months before there was any talk of his being nominated by the Republicans for Governor-and the methods of his mind were just the same then as now-judicial, reasoning, absolutely refusing to cross a bridge until he got to it. His temperament is that of a man who decides nothing until the right moment. In the formative period of the campaign to nominate him for Governor he was just as unconcerned and indifferent as he is to the talk of the Presidential nomination. I don't believe he would have walked across Broadway to get the nomination. All that I ever knew of his saying to any one in consection with the Gubernatorial nomination was that he would not accept it if he was not left absolutely free to do as he desired.

think the best description of Governor Hughes's political intentions that I know of is that he is a radical in purpose but a conservative in action. That tells the sort of man he is. I may say right here and now that I don't believe any man can be elected President of this country who fails to indorse the policies of President Roosevelt. If the issue should go before the people as to standing by Roosevelt or opposing him, the people would rally to Roosevelt by an overwhelming majority. I say this because I believe that the President and Governor Hughes are in close sympathy as to certain policies, and I believe that the understanding between them will grow closer from now There is no reason for them to be apart. The President is too big and great a man to feel personal animosity, and I am satisfied he would not offer the slightest objection to the nomination of the Governor

Even the mention of the Presidency is distaste ful to Mr. Hughes. Only a few days ago, at the conclusion of an interview which I had with him relating to other matters, I said: 'Governor, there is one little matter I would like to mention to you, and that is that my district is solid for you for the Presidency.' Instead of replying to this he grabbed up some papers on the desk, held up his hand in warning way with palm toward me, and abruptly left the room for his private office. The expression on his face showed very plainly that the subject

"If he were called upon to take the nomination he would probably do so, and if elected would fulfil the duties of the office just as he is now, with his whole heart and soul in the work for the best good of the people. But you may depend upon it that he will not seek the place, and what efforts his friends put forth for him will be done on their own

"One point I would like to make plain. It is that the recent action of the New York County Con mittee does not correctly reflect the sentiments of the Republicans of New York State. The people of New York are loyal to the President, and there is no danger whatever of there being any attack made upon him or his policies by any considerable number of Republicans. But at the same time there is a very warm spirit for the Governor throughout the state, and when the times comes you will find that both the state and national administrations will be indorsed. The action of the committee at its recent meeting would receive lit

BONI AND PRINCE FIGHT

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to strike me, but I got in the first blow, opening his temple. We then closed.

Count Boni dramatically acted the part as he told the story. He declared at the conclusion that he only resented what he regarded as an insult to himself and the church. He was convinced that the prince, "on account of his past career," would not dare to prosecute the com-

PRINCE DE SAGAN'S ACCOUNT.

Prince Hélie de Sagan, when seen in his bedroom, said he could account for what he termed a "brutal and deliberate attack" by Count Boni and Count Jean de Castellane only on the theory that Boni was a madman. He said he therefore did not intend to appeal to the code, but would allow the case to take its course in the criminal court. He declared that the attack was entirely unprovoked.

He was sitting in another part of the church, fat from Count Boni, he said, and when he left, as the service was concluding. Boni and his brother followed him out. As he reached Wheeling around, he found himself face to face with Count Boni, who, with the words, "This is a Christmas present, my children." spat toward him.

When they closed, the prince said, after the first exchange of blows, his foot caught in his long, heavy overcoat. He tripped and fell on the curb, and it was then that Count Boni and his brother pounced upon him, kicking and has ving him with their canes. As it was eviitly a concerted attack upon him, he added, lodged a complaint.

To prove the animosity of the Castellanes inst him, the prince declared that even the Lirquis de Castellane, Count Boni's father, who wed the party to the police station, said the presence of all: "I wish I had been the s, too, so I could have hit you."

eince Hélie said he regretted the incident principally because the name of Mme. Gould had been dragged in.

"If the Count de Castellane's attack upon me was caused by my visits to Mme. Gould," he said, "it seems strange that he objects to these visits now when he did not object before the divorce."

DENIES ENGAGEMENT TO MME. GOULD. The prince emphatically stated that he was not engaged to Mme. Gould.

He said that he would willingly fight a duel if there was honorable provocation, incidentally mentioning his proficiency as a swordsman, but under the circumstances he intended to allow the law to take its course. While there had been an estrangement between him and Count Boni, he said he had no reason to expect to-day's

"If Boni desires to get me out of the way." he said. "In order to effect a reconciliation with Anns, that is his affair, not mine."

The affair has created a great sensation in Paris on account of the notoriety and the high family connections of the parties concerned, and especially because of Count Boni's prominence as an anti-Republican and an opponent of the government's Church policy.

Prince Hélie de Sagan is the grandson of the famous duke who for years set the fashion in Paris and concerning whom a hundred drollstories have been told. He is a brother o the Duke de Dino and has figured extensively in public gossip in Paris. A few years ago he attained notoriety by slapping Maitre Barboux during the trial of a damage suit brought by a leader in society, because it was publicly asserted that the painting, "Nude Woman in a Mask," exhibited at the Salon, was her portrait.

According to current gossip in Paris, Count Boni and the entire Castellane family are now convinced that Prince Hélie de Sagan, in spite of the opposition of the Gould family, is seeking to marry Mme. Gould. It is stated that only recently Count Boni abandoned the hope of reconciliation with his former wife.

CONFERENCE ON PACIFIC DEFENCES. Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.-"The Oregonian" to-day cays that the adjutants general of California War Department to Washington for a conference city on January 27. Secretary Taft has been in-on coast defences at the earliest possible date. It vited to become the guest of honor, and although is assumed that the meeting will result in the as- he has not yet been heard from it is believed by signment of national guardsmen to coast artillery

RACING MEN IN GLOOM. A MEETING ON THE RUN FOR CLEARER STREETS

Say-Reformers Elated.

"If the legislation recommended by Governor Hughes for the abolition of betting at the racetracks is enacted it will probably mean the end of

horseracing in the state." This is the unwilling opinion expressed yesterday by a well known horsemar on the probable effect that the repeal of the Percy-Gray law would have. And that same view is shared by other men inter ested, and the racing people are in a state of great agitation over the prospects. None will predict that with the executive influence and support for the enactment of a law abolishing betting it will not succeed.

Of course, the racing associations will oppose such legislation, as they did last year, but only in a manner that is entirely legitimate, it is an-nounced, such as the employment of counsel to present their case and safeguard their interests. Last year \$25,000 was appropriated for this pur-On the other hand, Governor Hughes will not be without strong support in his determined stand against racetrack betting. The several civic reform organizations and reformers who have been making a campaign for the abolition of betting are enthusiastic in their praise of Governor Hughes and will lend him every possible aid with the legislators. One of those who received with much enthusiasm the recommendations of the Governor was District Attorney Jerome, who is largely responsible for the abolition of the poolrooms in New York County and who had several bills introduced at Albany in the last session of the Legislature which were in a line with these recommendations. He, too, will probably lend his aid, although no races are run in nis official jurisdictio.i.

"I sincerely hope," said the District Attorney, "that Governor Hughes will see his ideas enacted into laws. I did not have a chance to fight for the passage of my bills, because of the Thaw trial, but if I can find an opportunity to make a fight this on I certainly will get into the ring. Such an act can be enforced, just as the laws against poolrooms in New York City have been enforced. The laws that Governor Hughes desires will not only prohibit racetrack betting but they will put the racetracks out of business. A year after the enactment of such legislation there would not be a racetrack running in the state. It's the gambling that draws the crowd. Imprisonment for the bookmakers will step it where fines will not."

While the poolroom interest will welcome suc legislation as will drive their enemies out of business, they can take no part in the fight that is to be waged. The poolroom keepers will simply regard the abolition of bookmaking at the tracks as well merited retribution for those largely responsible for their own troubles. "The" Allen, a leader among poolroom men, was one of those who expressed his satisfaction over the situation.

Philip Dwyer, president of the Brooklyn Jockey Club and of the Queens County Jockey Club, and Francis R. Hitchcock, president of the Saratoga Racing Association, were among the horsemen wh expressed the fear for the end of racing in this state if the recommendations of the Governor are carried out

"I cannot say what we shall do," said Mr. Dwyer, "but we must do something. If such a bill as the Governor advocates is passed the tracks must

Said another racetrack official: "If such a bill were passed we would try to continue racing even without the betting feature. However, the situation in New Jersey ought to be of interest to the reformers. Racing was abolished there by popular vote, but the gambling is more widespread now than before the Monmouth Park, Guttenburg and Gloucester tracks were closed. There are now many handbooks and poolrooms in several cities of New Jersey, although there is no racing in that state."

There will be a meeting of the racing associations at the Jockey Club to-day for the purpose of appointing racing dates, and it is possible that the situation may be discussed.

Dr. Walter H. Laidlaw, secretary of the Federation of Churches and Christian Organizations, spoke in warm praise of Governor Hughes's attitude and denounced the racetrack betting ring as a refuge for criminals. He said:

"Governor Hughes's message has the ring of righteousness and common sense. The awakened moral conscience of the commonwealth, disappointed by the action of last year's Legislature, and the homes of the state, where the gambling habit has claimed its victims, will approve his action.

The law purports to improve the breed of horses, but really degrades the breed of boys.'

Dr. Laidlaw said that the Federation of Churches would take up the racing issue at its next meeting. The Brooklyn League also indorsed the Governor's recommendations yesterday. John B. Creighon, secretary of the league, issued a statement, in which he said the league would exert all the in fluence it possessed to put an end to racetrack the steps of the church he was seized by the gambling in New York. Senator McCarren, who shoulder Wheeling around, he found himself will lead the gambling forces in the Senate, is a member of the league.

RUSSIAN RADICAL WILL TALK HERE. Professor Milyoukov to Appear at Carnegie Hall on January 14.

Professor Paul Milyoukov, leader of the Russian Constitutional Democrats, and likewise of the combined radical forces in the third Douma, is on the high seas bound for America. He will be just five days on shore. He will address the Civic Forum on



PAUL MILYOUKOV. Russian leader of the Radicals in the Douma, nor on his way here.

January 14 in Carnegle Hall, will pay a flying visit to Washington and will then return to Russia Professor Milyoukov will be entertained at dinne by Herbert Parsons, and will meet Senators and under the ban of the Black Hundred in Russia, and is proscribed as far as re-election to the Douma is concerned, owing to his radical opinions. He was ime exiled to Siberia.

HUGHES UNABLE TO ATTEND DINNER

Albany, Jan. 2.-It was announced at the executive chamber to-days that Governor Hughes would be unable to attend the dinner of Group 8 of the New York State Bankers' Association in New York on January 27. The Governor is to attend a meeting of the New York State Bar Association, as Carnegle Hall, New York, on January 24, and on January 25 is to review the 13th Regiment, heavy artillery, in Brooklyn. The Governor feels that his duties here make it inadvisable for him to remain over for the bankers' dinner.

Owing to a pressure of official business the Gov ernor has refused eighty invitations to dinner scheduled for this month. He made his engage ment for the Washington's Birthday dinner speech before the Union League Club, in Chicago, more than a year ago.

The annual dinner of Group 8 of the New York ington and Gregon have been invited by the State Bankers' Association will be held in this those having the matter in charge that he wil accept the invitation.

FEAR GOVERNOR'S STAND. ANTI-RENTERS IN RIOT. CHANGE TRAFFIC RULE.

Before Stopped by Police.

The rent strikers held a peripatetic meeting last night, literally at the end of a truck. The truck was driven madly through three precincts. with four or five thousand shouting men and boys in its wake, trying to listen to the speakers, but it finally stayed in the 7th Precinct long enough for five policemen to disperse the howling mob and arrest the driver of the truck.

That broke up the meeting, and Louis Zuck erman was taken to the Madison street station, charged with driving a truck after dark without a light, disturbing the peace, disorderly conduct, inciting a riot, parading without a license, and everything else that Patrolman Dunnigan, who does not like the Jews in Madison street, could think of

Early in the evening two other arrests had been made. Sirius Spector and his brother who live at No. 185 Ludlow street, thought they could address a meeting in Rutgers Square, but the police thought otherwise, and they went to Madison street. That was when the meeting began its wild chase through Canal street to Eldridge street, back to Grand street, into Rutgers Square again, through Jefferson street to Madison, up to Rutgers and its finish,

About two hundred landlords were having an organization meeting in No. 177 East Broadway when the wandering meeting game along, making as much noise as it could, and timid souls who had read about the French Revolution thought they heard shouts of "A La Lanterne" and hunted cover. To the unafraid the noise sounded like "Wow!- Wow!" and that was what it really was.

Harold M. Phillips, of the law firm of Phillips & Phillips, of No. 271 Broadway, was chairman of the landlord meeting, and he and other speakers, including Morris Meyer, a lawyer, urged immediate organization. Two hundred were present, and a motion to organize was carried unanimously. Then Joseph Smolenski was elected treasurer and Philip Manchal was made secretary. Just to give Smolenski something to do, an assessment of \$1 a man was levied, and he collected \$58. The next meeting will be held on Saturday night.

About seventy-five dispossess notices were returnable in the Madison street court yesterday. Jacob Panken had twelve adjourned and three were dismissed on technical grounds at his instance. In most of the other cases Justice Roesch gave the tenants until Monday or Tuesday to pay or get out.

According to the bureau of information of the socialists at No. 313 Grand street, about twelve thousand families refused to pay the full amount of rent demanded, and in seven houses, with a total of 227 families, reductions were granted. About fifty dispossess warrants, returnable today and to-morrow, were taken to headquarters yesterday to be handled by the lawyers of the movement. Many more are expected to-day.

Landlords would not admit last night that there were twelve thousand families on strike, but they said the situation was grave in the extreme, and that unless the landlords held to gether they would face heavy losses. Speakers said that it was essential that every landlord agree to refuse to receive any tenant dispossessed for non-payment of rent, and that unless this was done the tenants would win their fight.

There was a mild storm at Nos. 68 and 70 Stanton street yesterday. The landlord, Jacob Wasserman, had reduced his rent, his being the first house affected, but he had a dispossess notice served yesterday on the Arkin family, which is supposed to have started the whole trouble. So the tenants are going to have another strike and try to get another reduction.

There were several evictions yesterday, with pathetic scenes accompanying them, but no wholesale dumping of furniture in the streets. This will be difficult, for the Teamsters' Union work on these jobs for the city marshals.

Eight hundred tenants attended the meeting American Hall, Morell and Cook streets, Willfamsburg, last night. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Socialist party in the district. Speeches were made by Adolph Benebey and Irving Polski. More than one hundred tenants from the tenements at No. 113 to 117 Debevoise street and the tenants from the big tenements at No. 71 Cook street and No. 237 Moore street subscribed \$2 each to the general fund, and a glant mass meeting will be held at Liberty Hall, Williamsburg, to-

The Socialists have offered to take up the cases of tenants whose landlords attempt to raise the rents or begin eviction proceedings. Several landlords, it is said, have already capitulated and have offered to ask other landlords to make a wholesale reduction in rents.

GRILL MRS. HULL AGAIN,

Sends Police on Wild Goose Chase in Jersey Swamp Murder.

woman found murdered in a swamp at Harrison, N. J., was Mrs. Agnes Young, and who subsequently said that she was her half-sister, Minnie Jeanette Gaston, went to Harrison last night accompanied by several young men, and was closeted in the Town Hall with Judge Branegan, Coroner Bunnell and several of the town officials until nearly midnight. The officials tried in vain to break down her story. She went so far as to say that she would be responsible for the expense of the burial of the body. Mrs. Hull will be subjected to another examination by the town and county authorities to-day.

The police had expected a Mrs. Ballou, of Brookyn, to call at the morgue last night to corroborate Mrs. Hull's story, but she did not appear. Mrs. Hull told the police that she had introduced her sister to Mrs. Ballou as Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Hull said later that Mrs. Ballou lived at the northeast corner of Broadway and Dyckman street, in this city. Detective Brown was sent there last night, and found a church occupying he northeast corner. The other corners are

A diver was sent from here yesterday, and he will descend to the bottom of the Passaic in the hope of finding the woman's underclothing and shoe The police think that these may bear marks of sort which will enable them to tell who sh The plan to employ bloodhounds to hunt was. down the slayer has been abandoned, as it is be lieved that the trall is now too old.

The inquest which was to have been held to-night has been postponed until Tuesday night, when it is likely that it will be postponed again owing to the meeting of the Harrison Town Council. The coroner refuses to go on with the inquest until he can find witnesses.

POLICE SEEK MR. FORT'S NEIGHBOR.

A general alarm was sent out by the police of Newark last night for Horace Morton Cleland thirty-six years old, of No. 168 North Arlington avenue, East Orange, a neighbor of Governor-elect Fort. Cleiand, who represented Kolesch & Co., of No. 138 Fulton street, New York, went to Easton, Penn., on a business trip last Monday, and was to return the same night, but nothing has since been heard from him.

His wife, who has been searching in Easton for nim, believes he has met with foul play.

The Pe-ru-na Lucky Day Almanac has become a fixtur in over eight militon homes. It can be obtained from all druggiets free. Be sure to inquire early. The 1998 Almanac is already published, and the supply will soon be exhausted. Do not put it off. Speak for one to-day.

If Betting Stops Tracks Close, They Trailed Through Three Precincts Merchants Draw Up Amendments and Submit Them to Aldermen.

Amendments to the street traffic ordinances which are planned to relieve much of the congestion and delay of the streetcars due to trucking, have been drawn up by a committee of merchants and others interested in such regulation. These amendments will be submitted to Chair-

man Willcox of the Public Service Commission this afternoon, and after they have been approved by him will be sent to the Board of Aldermen, which is represented on the committee by Alderman R. S. Downing. It is believed that the amendments can be passed with little or no opposition.

Other members of the committee are E. W. Bloomingdale, honorary president of the Retail Dry Goods Association; Edward P. Hatch, of Lord & Taylor: G. D. Curtis, of the Curtis-Blaisdell Coal Company; Oren Root, jr., general manager of the Metropolitan Street Railroad; Deputy Commissioner Edwards, of the Department of Street Cleaning: Deputy Commissioner Bugher, of the Police Department; E. H. Levi, president of the Broadway Board of Trade, Brooklyn, and O. J. Stephens, secretary of the Retail Coal Merchants' Protective Asso-

clation. The movement was started by the drygoods association some weeks ago and the committee was formed at the suggestion of Mr. Bloomingdale. "The retail drygoods merchants are affected indirectly by the traffic conditions," he said yesterday. "More than a million persons a day visit our stores. Anything that can be done to help traffic conditions so that our patrons can get to and from their homes more expeditiously will, of course, be of benefit to us.

"We did not take up this work for the benefit of the streetcar companies, but for the benefit of the passengers, who are frequently held up because of the congestion of traffic. You can't hold a transportation company responsible for delays when its cars are held up by trucks over which it has no control."

At present trucks travelling in front of cars turn out when the drivers feel so inclined. According to one of the amendments to the traffic code it will be obligatory for all vehicular traffic going less than eight miles an hour to turn out immediately on notice from the motorman of a following car.

Then it is provided that in streets which are narrow and have only one car track the vehicular traffic shall all go in the same direction as the cars. It is further provided that no truck backed up to the curb to unload or load goods shall obstruct cars for more than five minutes at a time.

Coal wagons have in the past been to a no small degree responsible for delays in winter. To curb this evil an amendment is proposed which will prevent the loading or unloading of coal between the hours of 7 and 11 a. m. and 3 and 7 p. m. in all streets on which cars are being operated.

In the winter much delay has been caused by trucks travelling in the car tracks after a snowstorm, as the tracks are always cleaned before the other parts of the street. This trouble has been partially met by an amendment to the ordinance which provides that after storms the streets on either side of those with car tracks shall receive immediate attention from the Street Cleaning Department, so that traffic can be diverted to them

The coal dealers who have been consulted regarding the proposed regulations are inclined to favor them, realizing as they do that they are for the best interests of the community and hoping that deliveries can be so scheduled as to facilitate their own business.

L. J. CONNORTON OUT.

has decided to help the strikers by refusing to Magistrate Not Reappointed-Other Choices of Mayor.

Mayor McClellan announced vesterday the pointment of one judge of Special Sessions and five the room, to find her husband covered with blood city magistrates, and Luke J. Connorton, of Long which was streaming from a wound in his Island City, was not among them. Connorton was temple, while the stock which the maid had seen the magistrate whose record aroused the fierce opposition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Queens County and that of various civic organizations. Even the police, who usually stand by the magistrate who is in, went against Connorton and petitioned for his retirement. For weeks the big and little politicians of Queens County have been doing their utmost to reach the Mayor and Mr. Gasper dead. accomplish the reappointment of Connerton. downfall is hailed in Queens Borough with great satisfaction by the civic organizations The Mayor's appointments to the bench were as

Sessions of the 2d Division; to succeed himself. Term, ten years. Salary, \$6,000.

John F. Hylan, a city magistrate from the 2d Di-Alexander H. Geismar, a city magistrate from the

2d Division; to succeed himself. Term, ten years. Joseph Fitch, of Flushing, a city magistrate from the 2d Division; to succeed Luke J. Connorton.

Term, ten years. Salary, \$5,000. Maurice E. Conpolly, of Newtown, a city magistrate from the 2d Division; to succeed Edmund J. Healy. Term, ten years. Salary, \$5,000.

Joseph B. Handy, of West Brighton, a city magistrate from the 2d Division; to succeed John Croak. Term, ten years. Salary, \$5,000. Judge O'Keefe and City Magistrates Hylan and

Geismar are appointed for the full ten-year terms. All three appointments were on the recommendation of Senator McCarren. Messrs. Hylan and dence. He said last night: Geismar were appointed two years ago, when mandamus proceedings were instituted to compel the Mayor to appoint two additional city magistrates as provided by the charter.

norton's successor, Mr. Fitch, has lived in Flushing for the last forty years. He is a lawyer. tricity for the Borough of Queens. He is a member of the Shinnecock Club, the regular Democratic organization of the 3d Ward. Queens. He was Assistant District Attorney to George A. Greeg in Queens, in 1904

The appointment of Maurice E. Connoily, of Newtown, in place of Magistrate Healy was a surprise until some time ago was in the Department of

Joseph B. Handy, who succeeds Magistrate Croak in Richmond, is a brother of ex-Representative Lewis Handy, of Delaware, who served in the 54th Congress with the Mayor. Magistrate Handy lived in Schoharie County until a few years ago and ran for Congress in his district against Representative Stewart, of the Amsterdam district Croak was a Nicholas Muller man. After the victory of the McCormick men at the primaries the Mayor recognized the anti-Muller faction, and Croak did not expect to be reappoint

LIEUTENANT PETROSINI MARRIED. Lieutenant Petrosino, head of the Italian; squad

f the detective bureau, was married on Monday. His bride was Miss Adelina Saulino, daughter of Vincenzo Saulino, who died not very long ago at the age of seventy, and it was owing to his death that the wedding was kept secret. The ceremony Father Kearney, of St. Patrick's Church, in Mott street.

SHIPBUILDING IN 1907. Washington, Jan. 2.-In the calendar year 1907

the bureau of navigation reports 1.056 vessels, of 502,508 gross tons, built and officially numbered in the United States, compared with 1,945 vessels, of 393,291 tons, in 1906. In the first six months of the current fiscal year 575 vessels, of 259,974 tons, were built, compared with 508 vessels, of 181,043 tons, in the first six months of the previous fiscal year.

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AGED MAN SHOT DEAD.

CIVIL WAR PISTOL USED.

Marquis C. Gasper, 85, Found with Bullet Hole in Temple. At the age of eighty-five, Marquis C.Gasper, a retired tea merchant and a member of several riding and driving clubs in this city, was found

dead in a chair in his bedroom, at No. 30 West 53d street, yesterday morning, with a bullet wound in his right temple, under circumstances indicating that he had committed suicide. The pistol, a weapon of the Civil War type, was found lying on the floor between his feet. Dr. Walter L. Carr, who examined him, was of the opinion that he had died instantly.

Despite the presence of at least three persons in the house when the shot was fired, the coroner has been unable to find any one who heard the report. According to Mrs. Gasper and Mr. Beach, a brother-in-law of the dead man, his eyesight had been failing for a long time. Two weeks ago the affliction, an affection of the arteries of the eyes, grew much worse and Mr. Gasper became despondent.

Mrs. Gasper has two maids, Annie English and Delia Golding, the former of whom was cleaning the second floor of the three story nouse yesterday morning. Through an open door this mald was able to see the aged man sitting in his armchair with his feet on a small stool and wrapped up in a dressing gown. Less at his feet had disappeared. Thinking that her husband was still alive, Mrs. Gasper, aided by the maids, whom she called, attempted to stay the flow of blood by wrapping napkins about the aged man's head. Dr. Carr, of No. 68 West 51st street, was summoned and at once pronounced

Dr. Carr summoned the police from the East 51st street station, who in turn communicated with the coroner. When Mr. Harburger arrived he discovered what had not been seen before George J. O'Keefe, judge of the Court of Special an old-fashioned revolver lying between the old man's feet, one chamber of which had been emptied.

"I do not understand how this revolver came rision; to succeed himself. Term, ten years. Sal- to be in such a position," said the coroner. "Dr. Carr says he died instantly, and I cannot conceive how the gun could fall in such a direction." After a careful examination of the maids and Mrs. Gasper the coroner said that all the evidence pointed to suicide. Mr. Gasper, according to his wife, who was formerly Miss Jennie M. Beach, a daughter of Alfred Beach, was in well-to-do circumstances. The only reason that she could think of for his death was that his failing eyesight had made him despondent and that at times'he was physically incapacitated

for driving, which was his hobby. The coroner will bring the case before a jury as soon as he has had a chance to get more evi-

"It seems to me foolish to suppose that the failing of a man's eyesight is a sufficient reason why he should take his life. Most men when they reach the age of seventy cannot see as well as they could while they were younger. with offices at No. 66 Pine street, Manhattan. In I cannot understand how the pistol fell between the Van Wyck administration he was Deputy Mr. Gasper's legs or why no one in the house missioner of Water Supply, Gas and Elec- heard the pistol shot. I do not care to decide the case myself and will summon a coroner's

jury." Mr. Gasper retired in 1893 from the firm of Howard & Aspinwall, which had offices at No. 54 South street. The owner of the building at this address said yesterday that the firm had Connolly was on the list of names submitted by not been established there for a long time and Borough President Bermel. He is a Democrat, and that it was understood by those in charge of the building it had gone out of business. Louis M. Howard, the former head of the firm, is said to be a special agent of the Treasury Department at present.

Mr. Gasper was born at Marcellus, N. Y. He came to this city when a young man and went into the tea business, establishing his home in Orange, where he remained as long as his first wife lived. He married Miss Beach in 1896. Three children, all by his first wife-Mrs. Albert Dodge Smith, of Orange; James Griswold Gasper and Howland Gasper, of Eastport, Long Island-survive him. He was a member of the New York Athletic Club, the Road Drivers' Association, and the New York Driving Club.

FLEMING REPORT NOT YET READY. Albany, Jan. 2.-Governor Hughes, in respons

question, said to-night that he had not yet relved the report of Matthew C. Fleming, wh designated several months ago to make an investigation of the State Insurance Department. Governor said Mr. Fleming was not precisely limited as to time in preparing his report

NEW TRUSTEE FOR CITY COLLEGE. Mayor McClellan yesterday appointed William Henry Corbitt, of Manhattan, a trustee of the College of the City of New York, to succeed Joseph F. Mulqueen, resigned.

C. H. RUSSELL NAMED.

Mayor Appoints Him on Municipal Art Commission.

Mayor McClellan appointed Charles H. Russell yesterday to succeed Robert W. de Forest as a member of the Municipal Art Commission, and Arnold W. Brunner a member of the commission to succeed himself. It was no surprise that the Mayor did not re-

appoint Mr. de Forest, the president, as it was known that he would remain a member of the mmission ex officio as a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and would be authorized by the Museum to be the representative of J. Pierpont Morgan, its president. Join Quincy Adams, secretary of the Municipal Art Commission, said that the commission would

meet this month for reorganization and the election of a president to succeed Mr. de Forest. Charles Howland Russell is a graduate of Har-vard University. He was admitted to the bar in 1874 and has practised law in this city since that time. He has been identified with several art associations, and, in spite of a large law practice, he has taken an interest in many movements that had to do with the uplifting and preservation of the fine arts. He has been a member of the National Sculptors' and the Municipal Art societies. He is one of the trustees of the New York Public

Library, and is a trustee of St. Luke's Hospital and a director of the National Bank of Commerce. Charles R. Lamb, president of the Municipal Art Society, announced yesterday that Mr. de Forest had been asked by the society, in recognition of his experience and ability in regard to the promotion of the interests of municipal art, to be the representative of the society in the Fine Arts Festeration. Mr. de Forest has accepted the place The Fine Arts Federation appointed a committee recently to confer with the City Club regarding tion of the membership of the Mu Commission. As the architect of the cor is its hardest worked member, there is a desire for the addition of more professional men. The committee, of which William Martin Aiken was chairman, after a conference with the City Club com-



CHARLES HOWLAND RUSSELL Municipal Art Commissioner.

decided that the commission was a sufficiently ef not to make any recommendations on the subject to the new charter commission.

A member of the federation said yesterday that one architect on the commission would probably do the work required to better advantage than two. who might not always be in professional accord, and that the arduous character of the work would have to be taken into account by any architect who accepted the appointment.

The two committees also decided that the mission had ample power given to it by the charter to do its work effectively, and really had greater power than it has yet been called upon to exercise.

GAIN IN CUBAN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. Havana, Jan. 2.-The Cuban customs receipts for the year 1907 were the largest in the history of the island. They amounted to \$20,005,048, as against \$18,511,296 in 1906.

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