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[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.] LONDON, March 17 .- [Copyright.]-The White Star steamship Majestic, which is now endeavoring to break the record between Queenstown and Sandy Hook, may arrive in New York with a tragedy on board. Two of her passengers are Hallett Alsop Borrowe, son of Samuel Borrowe, Vice President of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, and James Coleman Drayton, who married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Astor.

Drayton sailed on the Majestic from Liverpool yesterday. Borrowe, learning this fact after the steamer had left the Mersey, took the Irish mail at 8 o'clock last night, and overtook her at Queenstown to-day, He is accompanied by Hardy Vane Milbank, whose reputation as a duelist is known throughout Europe.

Two American Colonies Upset.

For two months the American colonies of London and Paris have heard vague rumors of a prospective duel between Borrowe and Drayton, growing out of suspicious entertained by Drayton regarding Borrowe's friendship with Mrs. Drayton, which Borrowe has always declared to be entirely platonic. Friends of Borrowe say that wife to her parents, and that they agreed to follows: pay him \$5,000 a year and \$15,000 a year for their children, who should remain under her care, but that if she continued the acquaintance of Borrowe the children and their \$15,000 should come under the charge of Drayton.

The latter part of last year Drayton, his wife and children came to Europe, and he took a house at Wimbledon, spending most of his time, however, in London, where he made the St. James Club, in Piccadilly, his headquarters. Borrowe arrived in London in January and took up his abode at the

Hotel Victoria. A Scene in an English Hotel.

Soon after his arrival Drayton found Borrowe and Mrs. Drayton lunching together at the Midland Grand Hotel. According to Borrowe's friends Drayton came upon them accompanied by two detectives, and said: "Caught you again! When are you two going to bolt?" and left the room. It was not long afterward that the correspondence passed between the two men which is printed below, and Drayton endeavored to bring about a duel. Borrowe was ready enough. but his seconds Hardy Vane Milbank and Edward Fox, refused to allow him to fight, on the ground that Drayton's conduct in accepting money, and the fact that he had been suspicious of his wife five years before he had challenged Borrowe, forfeited his right to ask for the satisfaction of a gen-

In this decision the seconds were unheld by no less authorities than Aurelien Scholl and the Due de Morny, two of the most celebrated duclists in France. Nevertheless, Drayton has not hesitated, among his friends, to attribute Borrowe's conduct to

#### A Race Against an Ocean Steamer.

Borrowe telegraphed to friends in America, some time ago, that he would sail vesterday on the Majestic. A week ago he postponed his departure for a week, and only learned yesterday, after the steamer had sailed, that Drayton was on board. Fearing that the circumstance that he had announced his departure by the Majestic and had not sailed on her, while Drayton had, might lend color to Drayton's charge that Borrowe was afraid of him, he started for Queenstown at an hour's notice. This is the reason why there may be a tragedy on board, though Milbank will do his best to prevent it. Following is the correspond-

ence above referred to: ST. JAMES CLUB, PICCADILLY, Feb. 1, 1806 Sm-I wrote you a week ago, informing you I would be in Paris on the 27th or 28th of January and address, in case you wished to have an interview with me there. Per haps the letter never reached you. If you should be willing to meet me in Paris, to dis cuss certain matters of interest to us both, I can meet you there on a couple of days' no tice, and can assure you we can have a sufficiently long interview to settle any disputes between us. I shall expect an answer, therefore, before Thursday, or I will take it rview. 1 am yours, truly,

J. COLEMAN DRAYTON. To H. A. Borrowe, Esq.

A Lengthy Reply Found Necessary. To the above the following reply was

Horst Victoria, Feb. 2, 1892. Siz—I am just in receipt by post of a letter from you dated Februagy I. This is the only communication that has reached me from your hand, and the one to which you allude must have been miscarried in consequence of my absence from London in Germany. This will explain my silence. That there may be no further doubt of any communication reaching me, either by hand or post, I beg to acting me, either by hand or post, I beg to afternoon, and copies were taken by both form you that my rooms are Nos. 200 and parties, and on Monday afternoon, 48 hours

201, Hotel Victoria, Northumberland avenue,

In reply to your suggestion that should be willing to meet you in Paris to discuss certain matters of interest to us both, I call your attention to the fact that, excepting for a brief period, I have been in almost for a brief period, I have been in almost daily contact with you for several years past, during which time every opportunity has been given you to present for my consideration any matter that I can imagine requiring discussion. I am, therefore, in ignorance of the matter of interest to us both, to which you refer the necessity of its consideration in Paris. If, therefore, you will inform me of any adequate or proper subject of discussion, I will take much pleasure in responding to your suggrestion. I will thank you. ing to your suggestion. I will thank you, therefore, for immediate information on this point. You will, of course, not construe this as a declination on my part to discuss any proper subject with you, in Paris or else-where, but as a demand that you communi-cate to me the grounds upon which you base your proposal. I am, sir, your obedient ser HALLETT ALSOP BORROWE. To J. Coleman Drayton, Esq., St. James Club, Piccadilly, W.

Mr. Drayton Gets More Explicit. Mr. Drayton having digested the above

became a little more explicit. ST. JAMES CLUB, PICCADILLY, Feb. 3, 1892. Sir-Your long letter of February 2 arrived. You evidently understood why I wrote you. It is impossible either to explain the subject in a letter or in England. I gave you the choice of behaving once in your life like a gentleman, and you do not choose to accept it. Do you, or not, care to meet me in Paris, for matters impossible to settle here? Yes or no. Your obedient serv-ant. J. COLEMAN DRAFTON. To H. A. Borrowe, Esq., Room 200, Hotel

The contents of the above induce Mr. Borrowe to visit Paris, as he writes as fol-

HOTEL VICTORIA, Feb. 4, 1892. SiB-Notwithstanding the request in my letter of February 2 for explicit reasons for an interview with you in Paris, you again, under date of the 3d inst., send me an unsatisfactory but impertment note which you courageously intrust to an inoffensive boy commissionaire. It would seem that such a communication should have been made by you verbally in view of the fact that you are acquainted with my address. I utterly repudiate any right upon your part to demand my presence in Paris or eisewhere, and I beg to state that for my own convenience I pro-prose visiting Paris the latter part of next week, where I will be a guest at the Hotel Cantham, Rue Danou, at your service there as I have already informed you I am here. I

To J. Coleman Drayton, Esq., St. James Club, Piccadilly, W.

The Would-Be Fighter Once More. Mr. Drayton evidently became more cheery after perusing the above, as he

ST. JAMES CLUB, PICCADILLY, W., Feb. 5, 1892. Siz-Thank you. I will also be in Paris next week, Thursday, and the latter part of the week. I shall trust to find you on that day or the next at the Hotel Chatham. Feb runry 11 or 12. Yours with increased re-J. COLEMAN DRAYTON. To H. A. Borrowe, Esq., Hotel Victoria,

These preliminaries having been settled to the satisfaction of both parties, Mr. Borrowe began to make his arrangements to visit Paris, and invited a triend, Mr. Edward Fox, a gentleman well known in the history of American journalism through his connection with the Modoc war and Sioux campaigns in the Western country, to accompany him. They decided to leave on the club train on the afternoon of Thursday, February 11, but before they started Drayton recently made charges against his Mr. Borrowe received another letter, as

Paper Hover Dopress Pol 9 1800 Siz-That there may be no further delay or misunderstanding I beg to inform you my Chatham Thursday, February 11, between arrange our little interview. If yours could be there at the same time it would expedite

matters. . I am respectfully yours, J. COLEMAN DRAFTON.
To H. A. Borrowe, Esq., Hotel Victoria

The Negotiations in Paris.

Mr. Burrowe and his friend, Mr. Fox, left London Thursday afternoon, wiring Mr. Drayton that they would arrive at the Hotel Chatham on that night. Next morning the following communication was re-

ceived by them: PARIS, HOTEL DORIENT, Feb. 12, 1892. Sir-I regret that one of my seconds finds t impossible to call on you before 5:30 this afternoon. At that hour they will both call on you at the Hotel Chatham. I trust yours will be there to meet them, and there can be no further delay. With many apologies for the delay, which distresses me as much as I have no doubt it does you, I am, yours respectfully.

J. COLEMAN DRAYTON.
To H. A. Borrowe, Esq., Hotel Chatham, Rue

Business now began to assume a more active appearance, and Mr. Borrowe dis-patched the following:

HOTEL CHATHAM, PARIS, Feb. 12, 1892.

SIE—I shall be delighted to receive your seconds at half after 5 this afternoon. One of my seconds will be with me, and I hope that the other will receive my notification in time to be present also. I join you in trusting that there may be no further delay. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HALLETT ALSOF BORROWE.

To J. Coleman Drayton, Hotel Dorient, Rue Donau.

Mr. Borrowe, having dispatched the above amicable epistle, proceeded in search of Mr. Hardy Vane Milbank, and discovered that gentleman at his hotel. On learning the nature of the business on hand, Mr. Mil-bank immediately placed himself at Mr.

Borrowe's disposal, and agreed to call at the hotel Chatham at the appointed time. The French Seconds Appear. At 5:30 o'clock that afternoon Messra Milbank and Fox met two Frenchmen who introduced themselves as Mr. Ferdinand Boisacq and Mr. Francis Cherbouquet, the seconds of Mr. Drayton. These gentlemen knew very little of the supposed cause of trouble between Mr. Borrowe and Mr. Drayton, and acknowledged that they had

After some aimless discussion Messrs. Milbank and Fox suggested that they return to their principal for further particulars and that they meet again on Saturday, February 13, at the same hour. This they agreed to, and the seconds met again on the following afternoon, but the same difficulty intervened, and as Messrs. Milbank and Fox declined to permit their principal to meet Mr. Drayton, the seconds of the latter sug-gested that the matter be referred to a jury of honor, a compromise that was promptly accepted by the seconds of Mr. Borrowe.

HOTEL CHATHAM, PARIS, Feb. 13, 1892. For reasons of a purely private nature, M. Coleman Drayton has demanded from M For reasons of a purely private hautic, ar., Coleman Drayton has demanded from Mr. Hallett Alsop Borrowe, a reparation. This reparation has been refused by the seconds of Mr. Barrowe, acting for him, for the following reasons: According to them, all the facts that have given rise to this affair do not give the right to Mr. J. Coleman Drayton to claim this reparation. The seconds of Mr. Borrowe declare themselves ready to refer the matter to a jury of honor, who shall decide if there be proper cause for a meeting or not. meeting or not. For J. Coleman Drayton, Ferdinand Boisacq,

A Jury of Honor Insisted Upon,

The above was signed on the Saturday

having elapsed without a response, the seconds of Mr. Borrowe sent the following letter to Mr. J. Coleman Drayton:

HOTEL CHATHAM, PARIS, Feb. 15, 1892. HOTEL CHATHAM, PARIS, Feb. 15, 1892.

SIR—Acting for our friend, Mr. Borrowe, we met your representative on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 5:30 P. M. A proces verbal was drawn up, offering, under the peculiar circumstances, to refer the matter to a jury of honor, under whose decision Mr. Borrowe is prepared to meet you or not. Forty-eight hours have now elapsed and we have heard nothing from you or your representatives. If we do not have an answer to the proposition contained in our proces verbal before 12, noon, to-morrow, we must decline to allow our principal to entertain any further proposals on your part.

H. VANE MILBANK.

EDWARD FOX.

Mr. Dravion replied the same evening but

Mr. Drayton replied the same evening but judging from the tone and language of his epistle, he did not appreciate the suggestion to lay the facts before a jury of honor.

HOTEL DORIENT, Feb. 15, 1892. GENTLEMEN—I have to acknowledge re-ceipt of your note of this date. The proposal upon the part of your principal, to seek the intervention of a jury of honor, I look upon as a subterfuge to escape giving me the sat-isfaction to which I have undoubted right. as a subterfuge to escape giving me the satisfaction to which I have undoubted right. He is well aware that no jury of honor is needed to determine any question between him and myself. He has inflicted upon me the most grievous injury which one man can inflict upon another, and the instant I found him upon the territory where satisfaction could be claimed without scandal and without legal restriction, I sought it at his hands. I do not propose to enter upon quibble and argument before any man or body of men on these points. I stand ready to meet your principal at any time within 48 hours. If he decline this proposition I shall make no further proposals to him of any nature, but shall consider him a coward as well as a scoundrel, and shall take pains to publish this opinion of him. In this determination I am sustained by the advice of such friends as I have consulted. I am, yours respectfully,

J. COLEMAN DRAYTON.

TO H. Vane Milbank and Edward Fox.

P. S.—I am forced to be absent from Paris from 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. February 18.

A Close to the Correspondence. After reading the above communication Messrs. Milbank and Fox decided to close all sturther correspondence, but first took the advice of two French gentlemen of eminent authority on such subjects, and then

nent authority on such subjects, and then wrote:

Hotel Chatham, Feb. 17, 1892.

Sir—We are in receipt of your letter of the lish instant, which caused us much astonishment, as while you refuse to refer to a jury of honor, you made use of insulting terms toward our principal. You should be aware of the fact that the affair is entirely in our hands, and it was for us to decide whether Mr. Borrowe should meet you or not. Being in possession of all the facts, we considered it our duty to our principal to deciline to meet you, but in order to cover our responsibility in the matter, and in accordance with the code of honor, we proposed to refer to a jury of honor. But you, in your letter, decline to entertain the proposal, and make use of language not in accordance with the courtesies due from one gentleman to another in affairs of this nature. In order to be assured that the position we have assumed is correct, we laid the facts, without mentioning names, before two of the highest authorities in France, viz: M. Aurelien Scholl and the Duc de Morny, and they have decided that the course of action that we have taken was perfectly justifiable, as they claimed that too long a time had clapsed since the first cause of offense had been given, and that, coupled with the fact that the injured party had accepted and enjoyed ah, annual monetary consideration, debarred him from any reparation under the code of honor. On the part of Mr. Borrowe we must decline to consider any further proposal that may emanate from you.

Edward Fox.

To J. Coleman Drayton, Hotel Dorient,

Reasons for the Halt on a Duel.

Reasons for the Halt on a Duel. This closed all the correspondence in the

matter. The opinions as to the position of affairs of M. Aurelien Scholl and the Duc de Morny were very clear and distinct. Mr. Scholl, in his letter, says:

The meeting upon which you desire my opinion should not take place under any consideration whatsoever. Where there is a question of money there can be no question of honor. After some other comments on the facts

of the case he adds: There is no honor where there has been traffic, when honor has been conditionally sold. As to the taunts and insults of a man balked in his hope of gain they are null, non-existent, without right and without import.

The Duc de Morny, writing on the sub-

Mr. Milbank having submitted the same case to me I answered him by exactly the same arguments as those offered by Mr. Scholl. I think that there cannot be at the same time a question of interest and a question of honor. I consider this person as having dishonored himself by his own act, that of his honor, there remains nothing for that of his honor, there remains nothing for this person but to content himself with the contempt which his conduct has occasioned. Report Made to Mr. Borrowe.

The entire business of the seconds of Mr. Borrowe being over, they sent him the following letter: HOTEL CHATHAM, Feb. 17.

Sir.—Having placed your affair with Mr. J. Coleman Drayton in our hands we have the homor to report that we met that gentleman's seconds, Mr. Ferdinand Boisacq and Mr. Francis Cherboquet, at the Hotel Chatham, at 5:30 P. M., on Friday, February 12, and discussed the matter with them. As they knew nothing of the early history of the disputes between you and Mr. Drayton, we declined to accept the cause of offense offered by them, on the ground that their principal had forfeited all rights to an appeal to a passage aux armes. We suggested that they should return to Mr. Drayton and ask for further particulars, as we preferred that they should return to ar. Drayton and ask for further particulars, as we preferred that these facts should come from him direct. We met on the following day, Saturday, February 13, at 5:30 P. M., and they evidently had obtained no information on the facts of which we based our refusal to meet their which we based our refusal to meet their principal. After some useless discussion they suggested a jury of honor, a proposal to which we immediately consented, as we had already decided that was the only course open to us. We then drew up a proces verbal, under date of February 18, which we annex, marked "A." and which was signed by the seconds of both parties. We also added that if agreeable to Mr. Drayton we preferred that the statement made before the jury of honor should be made without giving the names of parties interested.

mterested.
Mr. Drayton's seconds, taking a copy of the process verbal, left us, saying their duties were over. On Monday afternoon, February 15, having waited 48 hours, we sent the annexed letter marked "B," and the same 15, having waited 48 hours, we sent the annexed letter marked "B," and the same afternoon received the annexed 'letter marked "C," in reply. As the letter marked "C," was of an insulting character, and also declined to accept the proposal made of referring to a jury of honor, we decided to stop all further correspondence with Mr. Drayton, and after having obtained the opinions of two of the best authorities in Paris, M. Aurelien Scholl and the Duc de Morny, and finding them entirely of our opinion we wrote to Mr. Drayton on February 17, the annexed letter marked "D," and closed up the business. We shall now decline to receive any further communications from Mr. Drayton, and advise you to do the same. We have done everything that could be done for you in this matter, and backed up by the authorities we have consulted, we feel confident that the course we have pursued was the only line that could be adopted in pursuance of the code of honor. We have the honor to be your very obedient servants, H. Vane Milbank, Edward Fox.

To Hallett Alsop Burrowe, Esq., Hotel Chather

To Hallett Alsop Burrowe, Esq., Hotel Chat

Milbank a Regular Fire-Eater.

Hardy Vane Milbank, who accompanie forrowe to New York, is one of the known young Englishmen in Europe. He is the eldest son of Sir Frederick Milbank, the Yorkshire Baronet, who is one of the heirs of the late Duke of Cleveland. Hardy Milbank is one of the kind of men we rea about. He is but little over 30 years of age about. He is but little over 30 years of age, and has already run through a fortune of £300,000 or \$1,500,000. His dueling experience is one of the most extraordinary on record. Within a year he was called out by the husband, brother and father of a German lady, with regard to whom he has always sworn he was unjustly accused. He killed them all, being twice dangerously injured himself, and finding a new duel on his hands so soon as he recovered strength to leave his so soon as he recovered strength to leave his

Edward Fox, Borrowe's other second, i glishman who went to America several years ago, dissipated a fortune, and then became a reporter on the Herald. He distin

guished himself and earned the sobriquet of "Modoe" Fox, during the Modoe Indian war, by going into camp and interviewing the Indians while they were on the war-

Drayton has taken his children from his wife and left them with friends in Wales. Mrs. Drayton is in London, living in Mayfair. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. William Astor, are in Paris. It is probable that the present conditions will result in a diverse.

Borrowe has been very well received in London. Only two weeks ago he was elected a member of the Boodles, in St. James street, one of the Boodies, in St.

James street, one of the oldest and most exclusive clubs in England. There are put
two other Americans who can claim the
honor of membership, Josiah Caldwell, of
Boston, and Charles Fearing, of New York.

DR. PARKHURST AT WORK. HE APPEARS BEFORE THE GRAND

Perfectly Satisfied With the Hearing Given Him This Time-One Saloon Keeper's License Revoked on the Doctor's Testi-

JURY ON SCHEDULE TIME.

mony Before the Commissioners, NEW YORK, March 17 .- [Special. ]-Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, President of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, entered the ante room of the grand jury shortly before 11 o'clock this morning, followed by a retinue of the detectives of his society. Dr. Parkhurst carried a bundle of papers, and it was understood to be the bundle that he referred to in the course of his sermon last Sunday, as the proofs that his detectives had obtained of violations of the excise law. Dr. Parkhurst and his witnesses took the seats side by side on a long

About 11 o'clock the Warden of the grand jury informed Dr. Parkhurst that the grand jury would hear him in regard to his com-plaints against saloon keepers whom he had charged with violation of the excise law, and some of whom were held for trial law, and some of whom were held for trial in the General Sessions at the Tombs on Tuesday. Dr. Parkhurst entered the inner room of the grand jury and talked for nearly two hours. Then he took his place in the center of the horseshoe table that the grand jury sit about, and had his say.

When Dr. Parkhurst came from the grand jury room he told a reporter that he had promised the grand jury he would not make any statement as to what had occurred All that he would say was that he had a full

that he would say was that he had a full hearing and was perfectly satisfied. The license held by Charles S. Shields for a saloon at 135 Lawrence street was unanimously revoked by the Excise Commissioners to-day. Shields' case was brought to the attention of the Commissioners by Rev. Dr. Parkhurst. The charge was selling liquor on Sunday.

#### WOODS SLIPS THROUGH.

By One Vote He Is Confi. med by the Sen ate-End of One of the Most Protracted Struggles of the Kind in Recent Years-Judicial Circuit List.

WASHINGTON, March 17 .- After spending 41/4 hours te-day in the consideration of the judicial nominations, the Senate finally disposed of them by confirming all of the nominations, thus ending one of the most protracted struggles in recent years involving Presidental nominations. Mr. Turpie's speech occupied the larger part of the day's proceedings, and several ealls of the Senate were necessary in order to assure the presence of a quorum.

When the war of words was at an end and the roll had been called it appeared that Judge Woods, whose name stood first on the list, and against whom the attack had been list, and against whom the attack had been directed, had been confirmed by a bare maority, the vote standing 23 to 22. Subsequently one more vote was added to the affirmative list, making the vote stand 24 to 22. The vote was strictly according to party lines, with the exception of Senator Peffer, who voted against confirmation, with the Democratic Senators. Senator Stewart

was not present.

The following is a list of the confirmations of to-day: United States Circuit Judges—William L. Putnam, of Maine, First Circuit; Nathaniel Shipman, of Conwas not present. necticut, Second Circuit; George M. Dallas, of Pennsylvania, Third Circuit; Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, Fourth Circuit; Andrew P. McCormick, of Texas, Fifth Circuit; William H. Tatt, of Ohio, Sixth Circuit; William H. cuit; William A. Woods, of Indiana, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Walter H. San-born, of Minnesota, Eighth Circuit; Joseph McKenna, of California, Ninth Circuit, Charles P. Bagg, of California, to be assist ant surgeon in the navv.

#### SHOWING ITS HAND.

the Price of Anthracite.

How the Coal Combine Proposes to Put Up POTTSVILLE, PA., March 17 .- [Special.] In accordance with the agreements of the coal agents at their meeting in New York on Wednesday to restrict coal production, the Reading Company, which now controls over three-fourth of the entire output, is temporarily closing some of its largest collieries. Thus far in this region East Franklin, Thomaston and Good Springs, whose daily capacity together is close to 1,000 cars, have been shut down. A number of prominent Jersey and Lehigh collieries will be similarly treated. At the general offices here it is said that a restriction of the output of 2,300,000 tons will be rigidly adhered to in order to clear up the market, and pave the way for better prices.

A Positive Statement That Spreckels Ha

NEW YORK, March 17.-It was reported in Wall street circles late this afternoon that the negotiations at Philadelphia of the American Sugar Refining Company had resulted in the taking in of Spreckels and the Franklin Refinery, and that it had also been decided to tie up the \$25,000,000 new stock of the company. Of this, one-half, which is common stock, will be tied up which is common stock, will be tied up until the price of old sugar stock reaches par. The other half, which is preferred, will await the conclusion of negotiations for it by a Philadelphia syndicate. So runs the talk of the street.

COLUMBUS, O., March 17 .- [Special.]-Secretary Probst, of the State Board of Health, has been notified that nine of the passengers of the steamship Gilbert, upor which a case of typhus fever was reported had come to Ohio—six to Cleveland, two to Cincinnati and one to Elyria. The health officers of the respective cities have been requested to locate these persons and keep them under surveillance.

Blaine and Grant Getting Well. change in Secretary Blaine's condition today is in the direction of a slight improve ment. Assistant Secretary Grant was very much improved to-day, and will probably be able to resume his official duties next

Dr. McMurdy, of Washington, D. C.,

The Secretary of the Treasury Gets Off the Spree With a Black Eye.

HIS HEALTH REGAINED.

Attempted Explanation of His Remarks About Immigrants.

A DIPLOMATIC LIE LEAKS OUT.

It Wasn't Thought Best to Let People Know There Was to Be

CONFERENCE ON SILVER MATTERS

PRPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATOR . NEW YORK, March 17 .- Hon, Charles Foster, Secretary of the Treasury, arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel this morning. The steamship Spree, on which the Secretary sailed from Southampton after his short holiday in London, dropped anchor at Quarantine at 2 o'clock this morning. Most of the Secretary's friends from Washington were abed at the Fifth Avenue when news came that the steamship had been sighted. They hustled out and to the foot of West Twenty-third street, where the revenue cutter Manhattan, with steam up, was

the English Premier and Mr. Goschen believed the news of the conference had
been prematurely published, and that
the result might be affected if the
report were not denied. It was made clear
to Acting Secretary Spaulding that the opponents of bi-metallism in England might
throw stumbling blocks in the pathway of
the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Goschen,
pending the discussion over the conference,
it would be the correct diplomatic thing to
deny that any such conference was intended,
or that Mr. Foster would talk to the Marquis of Salisbury or Mr. Goschen on the
subject. In the little party were General O. L. Spaulding, Acting Secretary; Mr. Foster's private secretary, Robert J. Wynne; Frank Sperry, at one time private secretary to truth, but it also had the effect, in their estimation, of quieting the apprehensions of certain bankers and others, and also materially aided in checking gold shipments."

The Secretary said that he would go to Washington to-morrow.

Secretary Foster addressed the Sons of St. Patrick at annual dinner to-night, and denied the "flannel-mouth" incident. Secretary Folger; Secretary Manning, Col-lector Erhardt, and Collector Hendricks, and Frederick L. Stocks, Chief Clerk of the

Treasury Department.
The Manhattan steamed down to Quarantine and tied up alongside the Spree. The Laura M. Starin, with Howard Carroll and Laura M. Starin, with Howard Carroll and a few others aboard, came alongside the Manhattan. The Secretary was asleep. The visitors and their craft bobbed about until daylight, when 'the men clambered aboard the big steamship and had an early breakfast with the Secretary. He was glad to see them. They condoled with him on a black eye he had got by being thrown against a stanchion in a gale on the way over.

The Shabby Revenue Cutters,

For the first time the Secretary got realizing sense of the shabbiness of the re-

realizing sense of the shabbiness of the revenue cutters on duty at the port of New York. He declined to risk himself in the Manhattan, and with his friends he sailed on the Laura M. Stariu to the foot of West Twenty-third street, where his wife and daughter greeted him and were sorry for his black eye.

It was shortly after 9 o'clock when the Secretary reached the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and he went to his apartments on the second floor. Down in the main corridor were local politicians innumerable, waiting to congratulate him on his safe arrival.

O'Donovan Rossa, with a big slouch hat pulled over his eyes, and with a roll of manuscript as thick as a log, was in the throng. He acted as if he had the whole Irish cause on his shoulders. He wanted to get at the on his shoulders. He wanted to get at the Secretary and demand from him an expla-nation of the stories that the Secretary, while in London, had spoken of our Irish immigrants as "clam-mouthed" or "flannel-mouthed." The Secretary had not time to bother with Rossa, and the dynamiter, after parading the corridors for several hours, at

ast gave it up and departed. The Secretary in Good Health. The Secretary had a long chat with old friends and leading lights in the Republican party, who grasped his hand and told him how glad they were to see him so much improved in health. The Secretary said he had not taken a drop of medicine. He was vastly impoved in appearance—barring his lett eye-and he was assured by the physicians among his visitors that that would quickly mend. When the Secretary sailed his face was almost emaciated after his long Washington and at Old Poin Comfort. His cheeks are now filled out

and he was spry as a youth of 20.

The bass drums of St. Patrick's parade were booming and the bands crashing in front of the hotel in the afternoon while THE DISPATCH'S reporter had an extended conversation with the Secretary. The Secretary smiled and said that about 40 newspaper men had been to see him to ask him whether, while in London, he had spoken of the Irish people either as "clam-mouthed" or "flannel-mouthed."

Mr. Foster's Version of the Story. The Secretary's version, as told to THE DISPATCH man, is:

DISPATCH man, is:

Shortly after my arrival in London a number of gentlemen called on me at my hotel, the Metropole, one evening, and all sorts of topics were discussed. It was a general and a running conversation between us all. There were no set speeches, and every man said exactly what he thought. The subject of immigration came up, and, of course, a good deal was said about that. It was evident that most of those present had accepted the report of Mr. Schulteis, attached to the Immigration Bureau of New York, as the report of the entire commission, instead of interpreting it as it should be interpreted — the individual utterance of Mr. Schulteis. I do not even remember whether the word "clammouthed" was used, or whether the word "flannel-mouth" was used, or whether the word "flannel-mouth" was used. I am, however, pretty certain that no offensive utterances of any kind escaped my lips. I remember saying that the Irish, the Germans and the Scandinavians readily assimilated with our people, so much so that very young children, when they arrive at the age of 21 or thereabouts, could not, in many cases, be detected from our own American children. A good geni of nonsense has been sent through the country about my alleged utterances concerning the Irish.

The Secretary occasionally held his hand to his left eye. It was severely bruised, and the lids and upper part of the cheek quite

dark. He said: That is nothing to what it was several days ago. One day when I was on the upper deck of the Spree, reclining in a steamer chair, the ship gave a great lurch and tumbled a couple of ladies close to my chair onto the deck. Without thinking of the ship's pitching, I clambered out of my chair to assist them, when another great lurch to assist them, when another great lurch came and I was thrown against a stanchion. My eye immediately swelled, and you would have thought that I had been in a prize fight. I had not had a black eye before since I was

The Secretary was asked if he cared to say anything about the proposed silver conter-ence between Great Britain and the United States. He replied that he preferred to say as little as possible about that subject, add

ing:

I did not go abroad to discuss that matter; but, naturally, when I met Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord Salisbury, the matter was discussed in an informal way. I found beyond all doubt that there is in England a growing appreciation of bi-metallism. This is particularly true of the people outside of London. Mr. Gladstone believes in monometallism. The English Government is subject to changes quite as much as our own, and, naturally, the silver question there is quite as much one of the politics as any where else. I do not know whether Mr. Gladstone would be so strongly in favor of monometallism should his forces come to the front, but I do know that those in power in England now have given the subject of the better use of the silver much considera-

### clusive action, but for all that, the growing sentiment in England, and of the majority, in my estimation, is in favor of bi-metallic

A Diplomatic Contradiction.

The Secretary's foreign trip has been much discussed by New York bankers and their friends. On February'25 several local newspapers announced that Great Britain had at last agreed to discuss with the United States the bi-metallic currency question. It was said further that there would be a forthcoming conference between the two countries on this great subject. It was announced at the time that an erroneous story had been circulated that Secretary Foster's visit to Europe had something to do with such Awful Crime of Dennis Cloonen, the Strong Man of the Panhandle.

HIS WEAPON WAS A CHAIR.

had been circulated that Secretary Foster's visit to Europe had something to do with such a conference. The arrangements for the conference were completed long before Mr. Foster contemplated his foreign trip, and the Secretary to-day confirmed this statement. But he reiterated that he did not go abroad for the pupose of discussing this matter, either with Mr. Goschen or with Lord Salisbury.

It was remarked that 48 hours after those newspaper articles were written. Acting With It He Crushed His Wife's Skull and Broke Three Ribs.

HE IS CAPTURED AND CONFESSES.

The Horrible Details of a St. Patrick's Day Fearful Tragedy.

HIS LITTLE SON SWEARS VENGEANCE

Dennis Cloonen, the "strong man of the Panhandle yards," beat his wife to death with a chair last night at his home in the rear of 62 Congress street. The body is at the Public Morgue in charge of Coroner McDowell and Cloonen is in Central station pending an inquest.

The details of the affair appear all the more horrible from the fact that liquor did not figure in it. Unlike the majority of murders in Allegheny county of recent date, the guilty one was perfectly sober and in full possession of all his faculties. The exact cause of the trouble will probably never be known. Cloonen and his wife were alone at the time. Neighbors heard the noise, but were so accustomed to quarrels in the house that they thought nothing of it. The struggle, which must have been

The Murderer's Feats of Strength.

evening and started for home, arriving there about half an hour later. Bridget, his wife, was alone in the house. She had supper waiting for him and to all appearances the meal was over before any serious trouble began. There are no details of the affair except such as could be gathered from the sight that met the eyes of the neighbors and police nearly an hour later. Announced the Marder Himself.

will be asked to take the case up as early as possible. This seems to be satisfactory to Mr. McClure, as he is to appear as remonstrant against a large number of liquor dealers in the License Court. He thinks he will have no trouble clearing himself. His prosecutor, though, views the matter in a different light.

Law and Order cases will be prosecuted right along up to the time the case is disposed of. In the first part of next week a batch of ten will be heard. Among the number is the one of Mr. Sharpe, the prosecutor in the perjury case. Mr. Mrs. Thomas Kenney, who was in first of Cloonen's house, was the first to learn of the deed. This is her story: "The first inprosecutor in the perjury case. Mr. McClure will try to have this case, if none other, disposed of before his own trial DEATH OF MAX STRAKOSCH

resistance, and was taken to Central statio him, and as he was passing along Smithfield street he exclaimed: "I am the man that

having ended seriously to either. Father was working to-day and was not drinking. He does drink some, but it is usually in the evening after his work is done. I have no idea what was the trouble eto-night. It might have been about the ownership of the house. Sometime ago mother bought this place and had the deed made out in her own name. Father did not like this and they

made the acquaintance of the latter at the Salle d' Armes.

The seconds of both parties then drew up a "proces verbal," in French, and signed it. translation reads as follows:

Mr. H. A. Borrowe, H. Vane Milbank,

THE SUGAR RUMORS.

Joined the Sweet Combine.

Nine Typhus Cases in Ohio. The Proposed Silver Conference.

WASHINGTON, March 17.-The only

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., March 17 .- Rev. dropped dead to-day from apoplexy. He was 70 years of age, and was prominent in Washington, Philadelphia and other EastEast Twenty-second street. The family is left in comfortable circumstances. KENTUCKY'S LOTTERY DEAD.

The Recent Decision in the Covington · Cases Probably Killed It. LOUISVILLE, March 17 .- All the lottery offices here, including the general office, where drawings are made, closed to-day and it is believed they will remain closed permanently. The manager says they are

only awaiting the decision of the courts,

that the news of the intended conference had been printed. "It was not only the truth, but it also had the effect, in their es-

THE COURT WILL DECIDE.

Agent McClure Held for Trial on the Per-

jury Charge—He Thinks His Prosecutor

Does Not Have a Case-Mr. Sharpe Is of

Yesterday morning Rev. T. N. Boyle,

oreman of the grand jury, affixed his name

to the true bill found against Agent McCure

and it now means that the gentleman of Law

and Order tame will have to stand a trial in

The Once Famous Impressario Expires is

a Home for Incurables.

died at 1:30 o'clock this morning, at the

Home for Incurables in Fordham, where he

had been a patient for two years. Four

years ago he was stricken with paralysis at

his residence, 248 East Seventeenth street.

He retained his mental faculties to the last

and until within a few days was a match for

a good player at chess.

Max Strakosh was born in Brunn, Mor-

Max Strakosh was born in Brunn, Moravia, September 27, 1835. When about 20 years old he came to this country. He became an agent for Impressario Unlmann, and afterward started out himself. His first

and afterward started out himself. His first venture was the management of an Italian opera company, which included Carlotta Patti, a sister of Adelina, and Amelia Patti, another sister, whom his brother, Maurice Strakosch, married. His nephew, Carl Strakosch, is authority for the statement

that Max was once engaged to Adelina Patti. Mrs. Max Strakosch lives at 138

NEW YORK, March 17 .- [ Special. ]-Max

a Different Opinion.

and that their vested rights cannot be taken away by any law; but public sentiment is aroused against them.

The Citizens' Association, which for reform, will aid in the prosecution. The surrender of the Louisiana Lottery has had a marked effect in weakening the position of the Frankfort Lottery and its suppression

seems assured. The Elliott Jury Still Out. COLUMBUS, O., March 17 .- [Special.]-The jury in the case of P. J. Elliott, tried for murdering A. C. Osborne, February 22,

1891, retired with the case yesterday, and at 10 o'clock to-night had failed to agree on a verdict. The defendant is a brother of W. J. Elliot, who received a life sentence for participating in the same crime. MUTS MADRINGIO NEWS

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## BRAINED BY A BRUTE.

long and terrible, was witnessed by no one, and not until Cloonen practically admitted to the affair was anything known of it.

Cloonen is employed as a switchman in the Panhandle yards, and is noted for his strength. Though only about 5 feet 5 in height he weighs over 200 pounds. He has frequently distinguished himself by his ability to handle an ordinary iron rail as others would a crowbar. No better evidences of his brute power are necessary than the of his brute power are necessary than the mutilated body at the morgue and the splintered remnants of a hard-wood chair, which he used as a weapon. The couple were each about 55 years of age, and have been married many years, having four male children, the oldest of whom has seen 25 summers. According to the testimony of neighbors, they have frequently quarreled during the past four years. Mrs. Cloonen, being a little person of not more than 120 pounds weight, usually got the worst of these domestic battles.

court for perjury.

The finding of the jury created quite a stir in the court house yesterday. A num-Cloonen finished work at 6 o'clock last evening and started for home, arriving there ber of people thought the case was only one gotten up to scare the Sunday reformer, but now they view the matter in a more serious light. The prosecution is ready to proceed with the case, and the District Attorney will be asked to take the case up as early as

> timation I had of the murder was when Cloonen appeared coatless at my house. He walked into the kitchen and in a cool manner said to me: "Go down there and see her." With this he turned and walked away, leaving me wonder-ing what he meant. In a few moments he returned, carrying his coat and Minnie, to tie his necktie. While she was doing it she asked him what was the matter, as she saw he was trembling violently. He said: 'If anything has happened, I have done it.' With that he turned and left the

Strakosch, the once famous impressario, "My daughter and I ran down to Cloonen's, pushing open the door, we found Mrs. Cloonen lying on the floor in a pool of blood, gasping for breath. I sent for a doc-tor and the police and the woman was taken to the morgue."

After Cloonen left Mrs. Kenney's he

went to Mrs, McElmara's, in the rear of 'Squire Richards' office, on Washington street. There he asked for a drink of water; he drank it and walked out without saying a word. He then started toward the Union sta-tion, and when on Bedford avenue, above Washington street, he was overtaken by his two sons, Captain McLaughlin and Mike Kinney. He gave himself up without any When arrested he asked the officer to kill

did the deed." No Cause Known for the Murder. When THE DISPATCH reporter reached the house, Thomas Cloonen, the eldest son, had appeared. He was greatly shocked by the deed, and refused to talk much about the case. He said: "Father and mother at times had disagree-ments, but I never before knew of them

may have quarreled about it to-night.

The house where this atrocious crime was perpetrated was a low brick structure, two families living in it. The part the Cloonens occupied was composed of three rooms, a kitchen, bedroom and low attic. The murder was committed in the kitchen, which is a little stuffy room about 12 feet square a little stuffy room about 12 feet square. The sight presented was a horrible one and showed that a desperate struggle had gone on before Mrs. Cloonen gave up her life. The supper table was standing with some remnants of food scattered over it. She must have been engaged in clearing it off when she was struck, for there was a pool of blood right alongside of it where her head had lain. A few feet away lay the chair with which the crime was committed, broken into a dozen pieces and covered with blood and hair.

The Chair Was the Only Weapon When the Coroner arrived he made an examination of the house, he being of the opinion that some other instrument besides the chair had been used. A search of the entire house and yard did not reveal anything, and the chair had to be accepted as

the weapon.
While the officers were yet rummaging while the officers were yet rummaging the house for the other weapon, the little 12-year-old son of the murderer made his appearance. He had not, until that time, known that his mother had been killed but, when he saw the great pool of blood on the floor, the facts could not be kept from him. With a moan he fell back against the wall. When he recovered he jumped up and with an awful oath swore vengeance on his mother's slayer. It was with great trouble he was removed, but he left finally, cursing his father until he had

passed out of hearing.

Some of the neighbors say Cloonen has been insane for the past several years. They also say his wife was a very high-tempered woman and was always causing little d