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To a Reporter Mr. Straus Promises Big News Soon, but Refuses to Specify What That News Is—Other General Political News.

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New York, Oct. 18.—It is an open question whether Nathan Straus will stay on the Tammany local ticket or not. Many think he will not. This afternoon he sent an important message to Senator Hill. Just what it was is conjectured, but his friends say it means business.

Mr. Straus' private secretary is the bearer of the message. He is now on his way to Albany to meet Mr. Hill. Mr. Straus will not say so, but it is supposed that the candidate has notified Senator Hill of his intention to withdraw if Mr. Hill permits the use of his name on the reform ticket.

Mr. Straus was nervous and excited as he said to a group of reporters at his headquarters: "As soon as I hear from Senator Hill I will have news for you—big news." Then, after a pause, he added: "Mr. Hill cannot do it. I don't believe he will."

If Straus should pull out, where would Tammany be? This is the question that Democrats are asking themselves very anxiously tonight. And it's a pretty guess that if Straus stays in the fight, Hill will have to make big concessions to him.

MONEY IN INDIANA.

Democrats Have Plenty of It and Are Using It Freely, Too.

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Indianapolis, Oct. 18.—Within the last four days great stacks of Democratic money have reached here and the funds are now being distributed. The money will be spent principally in landing Democratic state senators and congressmen in doubtful districts. Senator Voorhes wants the former; and the big trusts want the latter. They therefore cooperate.

There are in the state something like ten doubtful senatorial districts, most of which are held by Democrats in ordinary campaigns, and to the saving of as many of these as possible the Democrats will address themselves with all the force and every device they can employ.

The districts in which the Democrats will concentrate their efforts will be the Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Eleventh and Thirteenth, in which they elected members of congress two years ago, by pluralities ranging from 700 to 1,900. In all five of these districts the Republicans have made strong nominations, and three out of the five they are confident of carrying, with the prospect that they will capture all of the five.

DALZEL ON THE STUMP.

Invited to Make Speeches in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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Washington, Oct. 18.—Congressman Dalzell received a telegram today from the chairman of the Pennsylvania campaign committee, asking him to speak at Norristown on Oct. 25, at Bristol, Bucks county, Oct. 26, and at Williamsport Oct. 27. The chairman asked him also to give all his time until the election to the Pennsylvania campaign. Congressman Dalzell replied he would go to Philadelphia on Friday to consult with his dates.

A delegation from Congressman Wilson's district, headed by Chairman Dawson, of the campaign committee, called on Mr. Dalzell yesterday and asked him to speak in that district. Mr. Dalzell may do so. Mr. Dalzell is satisfied that the Republicans will organize the next house. He feels very certain that Hill will be defeated in New York. He does not concede to the Democrats more than four congressmen in Pennsylvania.

GIVE IT A CHANCE.

Ex-Speaker Reed Says Business Must Now Have Stability.

By the United Press.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 18.—In an interview here ex-Speaker Reed said: "If the Republicans should be successful this fall nothing further would be done with the tariff until after 1896, and business would have a chance to revive. On this issue there can be no doubt as to the result."

Mr. Reed said the return of the Republican party to power would not necessarily mean the repeal of the McKinley law. He did not think the party would make that issue. Changing conditions had, he believed, left room for many modifications of the McKinley act.

BETTING IS BRISK.

As an Argument It Is Poor, but It Shows the Drift.

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New York, Oct. 18.—Election betting, of course, is a very poor argument, but it is not without interest. It is a fact, interpret it how one may, that betting on the New York city and state election is today when \$10,000 is raised by leader Straus, the Tammany candidate, against Straus, the Tammany candidate. None of the bets were taken.

WANT HIM TO TALK.

New York Democrats to Put Strong Pressure on Grover Cleveland.

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New York, Oct. 18.—When President Cleveland passes through here next week on his way from Gray Gables to Washington it is expected that he will stop long enough to hold a conference with his political friends. The Democratic state committee will try to persuade Mr. Cleveland to attend a meeting and say a few words for the state ticket, but he will be glad to compromise on a letter.

Mr. Cleveland's continued silence is adding greatly to the perplexities of the Democratic situation.

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Missing Lovers Are Discovered by an Anxious Searching Party.

WAS NO REASON FOR CRIME

Mary Duff Expires from the Effects of Chloroform and Elette Titus Shoots Himself—Theory of Dr. Burns.

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Sea Cliff, Oct. 18.—There is intense excitement here over the discovery of a double tragedy, accompanied by elements of morbid romance, which make it resemble the dual suicide of a rather emotional Frenchman and a sentimental girl in Central park, New York, only a few weeks since. The principals in this affair are Elette Titus, of Brooklyn, and Mary Duff, the daughter of Peter Duff, also of Brooklyn, who left Mr. Duff's summerhouse at Sea Cliff at 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening saying they were going for a short walk, and who did not return, were found dead last night in Mr. Duff's bathhouse. The discovery was made at 11 o'clock by the party of searchers who had been looking for the young couple ever since yesterday morning.

The bathhouse was locked from the inside. Some one of the searchers suggested that possibly either one of the young couple might be inside, and the door was forced open. Young Titus and Miss Duff were both lying on the floor, Titus was shot through the head.

Mary Duff died from the effects of chloroform. When found, she lay upon the floor of the bath house upon her back. A cloth, which smelled strongly of chloroform, laid across her face. Titus was on his knees beside her. It was unintentionally given Mary Duff the effects of chloroform, and Titus, while standing over her, had shot himself through the temple, and had then fallen upon his knees in a crouching position near the body of his wife, with which he killed himself, was lying upon the floor of the bath house beside his body.

The bath house is on the beach of the Long Island Sound, about a quarter of a mile from Mr. Duff's house. Mary Duff was a pretty girl, about 20 years of age. She was a blonde. Young Titus was about 22 years of age, and of a dark complexion. He has been a summer visitor at Sea Cliff for past three or four seasons. He has always boarded at Mr. Duff's house, and there he first met Mary Duff. It was a boy and girl attachment at first, but as the young folks grew up their affections for each other increased, and an engagement followed.

It was expected that they would shortly be married. The engagement was perfectly satisfactory to all concerned. Everything seemed happy and prosperous, and the outlook for their future was a bright one, so far as any one knows.

Dr. Burns, one of the searchers, made a statement in which he said that when Titus and Mary Duff went out for the walk on Tuesday night, Titus induced her to enter the bathhouse and use the chloroform for a headache with chloroform that Mary had with her, and that she sat down, and Titus saturated his handkerchief with chloroform and then placed it across her forehead; that Titus then sat down and she lay over on her back, and he kept the chloroform cloth on too long, and that Mary died; that Titus then endeavored to resuscitate her, but doing so pulled her body down upon the floor of the bath house, while he tried to restore her to life; that when Titus realized that Mary was dead, and that he had killed her, he became frantic, and he shot himself through the head.

Dr. Burns said that he had seen Mrs. Duff's mother, whom he well knew, shot himself. Dr. Burns says this will explain why Mary's body was found lying upon her back on the floor. This young couple seems to have universal sympathy.

Mr. Titus was a son of the late Colonel Henry Titus, founder of Titusville, Fla. His mother, who is one of the leading families, is still living at Titusville. At her death young Elette Titus would have been heir to a fortune.

HER PASSION FOR THE SEA. Mrs. Carson's Spending Her Fortune in Ocean Steamship Fares.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Eliza Carson is said to be a most eccentric old lady. Although she has reached the advanced age of 74 years, her love for the sea amounts to almost a mania and she spends nearly all of her time upon the water. She is spending her fortune as well, it is alleged, and in ten years has poured \$80,000 into the coffers of the Atlantic steamship companies. It is because of the alleged unusual propensity for squandering money that Julius Rohrbach, her son-in-law, has asked the probate court to appoint a conservator to take charge of and save what she has left.

Ten years ago, he says, she had a fortune of \$110,000, and all but \$30,000 has gone to gratifying the old lady's desire to travel. During that time she has crossed the Atlantic fifty times, and during the last year she has fairly lived on the ocean, as she has been absent thirteen times since Jan. 1. Mr. Rohrbach thinks she is no possessor of sound reason.

WORLD'S FAIR WOMAN THIEF. She Pilfered \$1,000 Worth of Articles at the Exposition Hotels.

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Chicago, Ill., Oct. 18.—Clever Miss C. H. Shlake was arrested yesterday for having stolen an immense array of articles, ranging from woman's apparel to tableware, and valued altogether at over \$1,000. The goods bear the marks of World's Fair hotels, in which the woman admitted she had been employed.

Her trunk was also well stocked with valuable gifts from numerous bachelors and widowers throughout the exposition, which she had written touching love letters.

BORDENS AT FALL RIVER. Lizzie and Her Sister Have Moved to a Fashionable Part of the City.

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New York, Oct. 18.—The latest in reference to the famous Borden sisters was given at the Fifth avenue hotel by one of the lawyers who had been employed on the murder case. In an interview he said:

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Parkersburg, W. V., Oct. 18.—M. L. Oats, a farmer near Parkersburg, was killed by a calf in a peculiar way. He was sitting on a log watching his horse and mule, causing great agony and the man's death.

STEEPLE-CLIMBER'S FATE

Plunged Ninety Feet and Broke Nearly All His Bones.

By the United Press.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 18.—Ernest M. Beeson, a carpenter of this city, working on St. John's church, in Warrick county, 12 miles from this city, fell from the top of the steeple, 90 feet, yesterday.

He was instantly killed, and nearly every bone in his body was broken.

DOLBY IN PRISON AT LAST

He Was at Washington Court House Quoted by the Troops, and the Cause of Trouble Removed.

By the United Press.

Washington Court House, O., Oct. 18.—Dolby, the negro prisoner, who was the cause of a serious riot here last night, was taken to the penitentiary at Columbus at an early hour this morning under an escort of four companies of the Fourteenth regiment. The train was stopped near the state prison and the prisoner was hurriedly placed behind the prison walls.

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NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE

Statistics Compiled by Church Temperance Society—Churches and Saloons.

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New York, Oct. 18.—A volume of curious, interesting and valuable statistics and facts has been obtained concerning the life of nearly 100,000 of the city's varied humanity. According to the result of the investigation on the East Side the ninety-nine blocks contain a population of 94,016 families.

The German quarter consists of fifteen blocks and contains 16,281 persons, of whom are native born. Out of the 3,492 families in that quarter 3,338 occupy four, three and two rooms, for the average rental is \$13.84 per month. In the Jewish quarter, there is a population of 49,359 persons, of whom 4,877 are native born, and the remainder are Polish Jews. An average of \$8.84 per month is paid as rental.

The Italian quarter comprises forty-two blocks and contains 25,268 people, of whom 5,000 are native born. Of the 4,475 families 4,106 occupy rooms for which the average rental is \$11.70 per month. In the entire district there are found to be 163 foreign saloons, to compare the effect of which there are only seven churches.

Governor McKinley's Tour

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New York, Oct. 18.—Governor McKinley will begin his New York campaign on the 25th, when he will speak at Dunkirk. In the evening he will appear at a monetary meeting in Buffalo. At noon on the 26th he will speak at Utica and at Syracuse the next evening. He will leave Philadelphia by a special train about 9 o'clock in the evening on the 27th. On Monday he will continue his work in Pennsylvania.

Forged Father-in-Law's Name

By the United Press.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 18.—John H. McClung, of the firm of Shepherd & McClung, implement dealers, is missing, having left a family. It is alleged that he has the name of his father-in-law, Benjamin Hofer, to notes for \$1,500. McClung's whereabouts are unknown, but efforts are being made to discover him and bring him to justice.

Stauffer Is Still Alive

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 18.—William E. Stauffer, the young Abilene, O., man who shot himself on Tuesday evening after a quarrel with his sweetheart, is still alive, but can hardly recover. Miss Starr, his fiancée, and his mother are at his bedside. Stauffer grows worse and his death becomes imminent. It is said he and Miss Starr will be married before he dies.

Robinsons Indicted for Murder

By the United Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The grand jury says afternoon finished its inquiry into the facts of the case of the people against Clarence and Sarah Robinson, for the murder of Montgomery Gibson on the night of the 25th. Both husband and wife are indicted for the crime.

Work of Dynamite Fiends

By the United Press.

Keokuck, Pa., Oct. 18.—Dynamite was placed on the track of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Long Run bridge last evening and a serious wreck narrowly averted. The stick of dynamite was tied

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