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CAPTAIN STRAUSS IS GAME

Insists That He Never Paid for a Promotion.

FUN ON CROSS-EXAMINATION

Policeman Mooney Gives an Interesting Account of His Interview With "Rep." How Creedon's $15,000 Was Divided. Cousin Jacob a Cautious Witness.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Lexow committee continued its work today. Walter H. Harrison, a contractor, testified to being compelled to pay the police $250 to erect a bridge over the sidewalk notwithstanding he had a permit. Other witnesses gave testimony showing that the police attempted to break up the Society for the Prevention of Crime.

Captain Allaire was again called and again denied that he had any knowledge of corrupt practices going on in the steamboat squad.

Policeman William J. Mooney took the stand. He was asked by Mr. Goff about his visit to Reppenhagen concerning Captain Creeden's appointment as captain. He testified that he went to see Reppenhagen by Captain Creeden's request.

"Reppenhagen was in bed when I called. I told him that Captain Creeden wished to be appointed captain. 'Rep,' said I should have come sooner, as Sergeant Wiegand was going to put up $12,000 for the position. I said I would raise the ante $3,000 for Creeden and would give $15,000. That's good, said 'Rep;' that means $5,000 for me, $5,000 for Martin and $5,000 for Voorhis, and that will help us to pay our election expenses. Reppenhagen also said he would see Martin and make it all right."

The witness then said that he saw Reppenhagen again the same day and the latter said that Wiegand's appointment had been put off. The witness then told how the money was raised from John Howard, Harry Miner and others.

Strauss Sticks to His Story.

Captain Strauss was re-called. "How did you get your appointment?"

"By asking for it and by means of the letters of recommendation."

"And you never paid for it."

"Not a cent."

"How much money did you borrow from Policeman Wallenstein?"

"Two thousand dollars."

"Why did you borrow it?"

"When I was going to become a captain I wanted to buy furniture for my house."

The witness said he borrowed the money a few days before he became captain. Then he said he was mistaken, that he borrowed it a few days afterward.

The witness said he gave Wallenstein $1,500 back in four or five weeks. "I did not spend the money," he said, "as my wife and I agreed not to furnish the house."

"Why did you keep the $2,000 so long in your house?"

"I don't remember."

"Now you know you are lying and any sensible man won't believe that story."

"I am telling the truth."

"What did you do with the $500 you kept?"

"I bought articles of furniture with it."

The witness said he had never heard that a captaincy had to be paid for until Captain Creedon so testified.

"Now, Captain Strauss, I don't want to bring a number of men here to swear you are a perjurer. I want to give you a chance. Did you ever complain of the heavy assessment made on you?"

"No sir; I never did."

He was then excused for the present and Policeman Jacob Wallenstein, of the sanitary squad, was called. He is a third cousin of Captain Strauss.

"Explain why you loaned money to Captain Strauss in December, 1891?" he was asked.

"I could not say what he used it for," replied the witness.

The witness corroborated Captain Strauss' story as to the latter's paying back the $2,000 in two installments of $1,500 and $500. He denied ever having collected money from houses of ill fame or from liquor dealers.

"Didn't Captain Strauss tell you he wanted the $2,000 to pay for his promotion?" the witness was asked.

"No sir;" he replied, "he did not."

UNLOCKING THE DOORS.

Board of Pardons Recommends Release of Another Batch of Criminals.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—The board of pardons tonight announced its action in a number of cases as follows:

Pardons recommended: Edwin Botheras, Luzerne, murder; Walter B. McMullen, Philadelphia, forgery; Powers Pittenturf, Adams, larceny and receiving, and Charles Beymer, Allegheny, keeping gambling house. A commutation of the death sentence was recommended in the case of George Dukovic, Allegheny, murder.

These were refused: Edward Dillon, Montgomery county, murder; Lena Amaling, Fayette, selling liquor without license; Joseph Ragan, Philadelphia, rape; Robert B. McKee, Crawford, breaking and receiving. A number of cases were held under advisement until a special meeting to be held early in January and others for reargument before the new board. Among those held under advisement for the special meeting in January is the case of Hugh Dempsey.

DESIGN SELECTED.

A Monument to Mark the Birthplace of Washington.

y the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Gresham today selected the design of John Crawford & Son, of Buffalo, N. Y., for the monument to mark the birthplace of Washington, at Wakefield, Va., among thirty-three proposals submitted in competition. It was stipulated that the monument should be visible from vessels passing on the Potomac, from which the site of the homestead is distant three and one-half miles. The successful competitors offer, for $11,000, to erect a shaft of light Barre, Vermont, granite fifty-one feet in height on a base twelve feet square.

The monolith is to be 42 ft. 2 in. high, 3 ft. 10 in. square at its base, and will weigh thirty-five tons. It is similar in all respects except size to the smaller monument erected by the same firm at Fredericksburg, Va., last spring in memory of the mother of Washington.

BARNIE REINSTATED.

National League Magnates Say That He May Play Ball.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 20.—The national board of arbitration of the National Base Ball league met in executive session in the Fifth Avenue hotel for the purpose of straightening out minor league difficulties and to consider the statements of Fred Pfeffer and Billy Barnie, the suspended base ball players and manager respectively.

President Young said just before the board went into session that after the minor grievances of the different leagues were disposed of the board would take up the cases of Pfeffer and Barnie.

Barnie was present and presented his claims in person, while Pfeffer submitted a written statement of his case.

This evening a long type-written statement was given out in which the board finds in the case of Pfeffer that his written statement is indefinite and unsatisfactory and that they find no reason for removing the disability imposed in his case.

In the case of Barnie the board, after receiving the testimony taken, finds that in the absence of any positive evidence affecting Mr. Barnie's loyalty, this board has no other alternative but to remove the suspension imposed on him on Nov. 16.

SNAPPED LIKE A DOG.

Police Have a Hard Struggle with a Victim of Hydrophobia.

By the United Press.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 20.—William B. Smith, of 50 Laurel street, Fall River, Mass., is locked in jail here. He was found today in the Chicago and Grand Trunk railroad station biting at the floor and snapping like a dog. The police overpowered him after a fierce fight. In a lucid interval this evening Smith said he was bitten by a dog five months ago, and has had four series of these attacks.

He says he has been examined by prominent physicians, who pronounce his malady a form of hydrophobia and incurable. Smith says he was educated for the priesthood at St. Mary's, Baltimore. He came here from Ottawa, Ill., and will be held to await word from friends or relatives. In jail he snaps and hops in the bed on all fours.

WILL GROW LEMONS.

Newspaper Men Propose to Develop North Carolina Fruit Districts.

By the United Press.

Bradford, Pa., Dec. 20.—Southern Pines, N. C., is attracting the attention of western Pennsylvania and western New York fruit men.

A syndicate headed by B. H. Butler, editor of the Bradford Era, and J. N. Perrine, business manager of the Oil City Derrick, has purchased a tract of 1,500 acres of land at Southern Pines and will go into the fruit industry on a large scale.

'TWAS NOT JOHN KOCH.

Mystery of the Man Found Dead at Pittsburg Not Solved.

By the United Press.

York, Pa., Dec. 20.—The man found dead on the railroad near Fort Wayne is not John Koch, of this city. Mr. Koch is living here. He says that although the description of the dead man tallies with his own, he does not know who the stranger is.

He does not believe it is a brother of his either, as the description does not fit him.

Highbinders at Work.

By the United Press.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Chinatown is again in a state of terror because of the lawlessness of a band of highbinders who have been driven by poverty and their criminal inclinations to commit all kinds of crimes. The chief victims of the robberies, shooting and stabbing affrays, are disreputable women and small traders.

More Grief for Debs.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Although President Debs and the officers and directors of the American Railway union will be in jail serving their sentences for contempt, their trials, together with sixty others on numerous indictments for conspiracy, will begin Jan. 8.

Violated the Election Law.

By the United Press.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The grand jury this afternoon voted to indict thirteen persons for violation of the election law on election day. Three of the number are policemen.

Prohibition Convention.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the State Prohibition executive committee today it was decided to hold the next state convention in Harrisburg on June 6, 1895.

Nine Ships Overdue.

By the United Press.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—There are now nine marine ships carrying nearly 300 people overdue on this coast. The storms on the Pacific have been terrible.

FOREIGN SNAP SHOTS.

Wayne MacVeagh, ambassador to Italy, will give his official reception today.

Berlin Socialists have spent $35,000 to maintain the beer boycott, which is now in collapse.

Cotton manufacturers of Manchester, England, are much concerned about the proposed Indian duties on cotton cloth.

STATE TOPICS CONDENSED.

The State Music Teachers' convention will be in session three days in Harrisburg next week, beginning Wednesday.

The Philadelphia and Reading canal men will have steady work nearly all winter in repairing the canal and bridges.

The Central Pennsylvania Alumni association, of Princeton college, will have its annual dinner at Harrisburg on Jen. 3.

Thieves chloroformed Postmaster J. B. Roberts and his wife at Sheridan, Venango county, and got $40 in cash, $50 worth of stamps and a gold watch.

Postmaster Stetson, of Reading, has applied to the Washington authorities to have the mails between Reading and Adamstown carried upon the trolley cars.

Plucky Mrs. James Kugle, of Royalton, Dauphin county, dealt a burglar a blow over the head with a chair and knocked him down a pair of stairs. He then escaped.

The congregation of Immanuel German Reformed church, Williamsport, declared their pastor, Rev. Augustus E. Shade, "a fraud, a nuisance and a liar," and dismissed him.

A STARTLING DEVELOPMENT

What the Photograph of a Dead Woman's Eye Revealed.

THE FORM OF A MAN VISIBLE

Theory That the Eyes of the Dead Retain Pictures of the Last Objects Looked Upon in Life Is Demonstrated in a Murder Case.

By the United Press.

Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 20.—A startling development was made in the Shearman murder case this morning. A photograph of the murderer has been discovered. Both Mrs. Shearman's eyes are believed to hold pictures of the man who murdered her. Chief Jenner and Coroner Bowers on Wednesday discussed the statement often made that the eyes of the dead retain pictures of the last objects on which they rest before the last breath is drawn.

This morning it was decided to proceed on that theory, and taking Fred S. Marsh, they visited the Shearman farm. Mr. Marsh with his kodak photographed one eye of Mrs. Shearman, and the form of a man was found there; a big, burly man, wearing a long overcoat, with the cloth of his trousers badly wrinkled. The face of the man was not obtained. Both Mrs. Shearman's eyes were removed and taken by the coroner to Jamestown for further examination and to be photographed.

Mrs. Davis' eyes were photographed, but no image was found there, consequently it is believed that the murderer came upon her from behind and dealt the deadly blow without showing himself to her. This revelation caused a sensation at the farm house. Undertaker Partridge was present and says the photograph of the man's form and clothing on the one eye of Mrs. Shearman, which was exposed to Mr. Marsh's camera, was perfectly distinct.

It is hoped the other eye will furnish the means of identifying the murderer by giving his face.

EFFECTS OF ANTI-TOXIN.

The Diphtheria Cure Sometimes Produces a Rash Upon the Patients.

By the United Press.

New York, Dec. 20.—Rumors have been current in Yonkers for several days that a patient treated with anti-toxin serum had been poisoned by it to such an extent that his body had broken out in sores. The patient was Alexander Laird, of Yonkers. He had lost his three children from diphtheria within three days, and ten days ago he was taken sick with the disease.

Dr. J. Lindsey Porteous suggested the use of anti-toxin and secured some of the serum from this city. Mr. and Mrs. Laird were both inoculated with it. In the case of Mr. Laird the result was beneficial at once. Mrs. Laird, although constantly exposed to the disease, has not contracted it. The administration of the serum results in the breaking out of a rash, which to an unprofessional eye appears much like chicken pox. This is accompanied by an itching. Dr. Porteous said last evening there is nothing to be feared, that the remedy had worked with perfect success, so far as he could see. Other doctors agree in this statement.

DAWN OF PEACE.

A Cessation of Hostilities in Field Between China and Japan.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The late hour at which cable advices from London were received in this city tonight indicating at least a cessation of hostilities in the field between the governments of China and Japan precluded a very thorough canvess of diplomatic quarters as to the tenor of advices received by the officials of foreign governments.

While some of the ambassadors were courteously willing to be interviewed as to information received by them, no one could say more than that the latest advices in their possession would lead to hopes of a very early peace between China and Japan.

CAPTURE OF STEFANKO.

Wanted for a Murder Committed at Perth Amboy.

By the United Press.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 20.—Chief of Police Patrek J. Burke and Special Officer Joseph F. Stuckle, of Perth Amboy, N. J., arrived here last night. They had located George Stefanko, wanted for murder, at Perth Amboy, of Stephen Nagy, at Blackwood, a small mining village near here, and he was arrested this morning.

Stefanko was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace Batdorff, where he waived the formality of a requisition from the governor and was taken to Perth Amboy on the 2 p. m. Reading train.

A BOMB EXPLODED.

Efforts to Blow Up the Austrian Consulate in Rome.

By the United Press.

Rome, Dec. 20.—A gun powder bomb was exploded at the Austrian consulate here this evening. No injury to life or property was done. The persons who placed the bomb are not known to the police, and none of them have been arrested.

Their object is supposed to have been revenge for the death of the emigrant Oberdan, as this is the anniversary of his execution at the Austrian government's orders in Trieste.

Million Dollar White House.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Mr. Richardson, Dem., Tenn., introduced in the house today a bill appropriating $1,000,000 to provide a suitable residence for the president of the United States. The bill proposes to locate the structure at the head of Fourteenth street, known as Columbia heights.

Treasury's Balance.

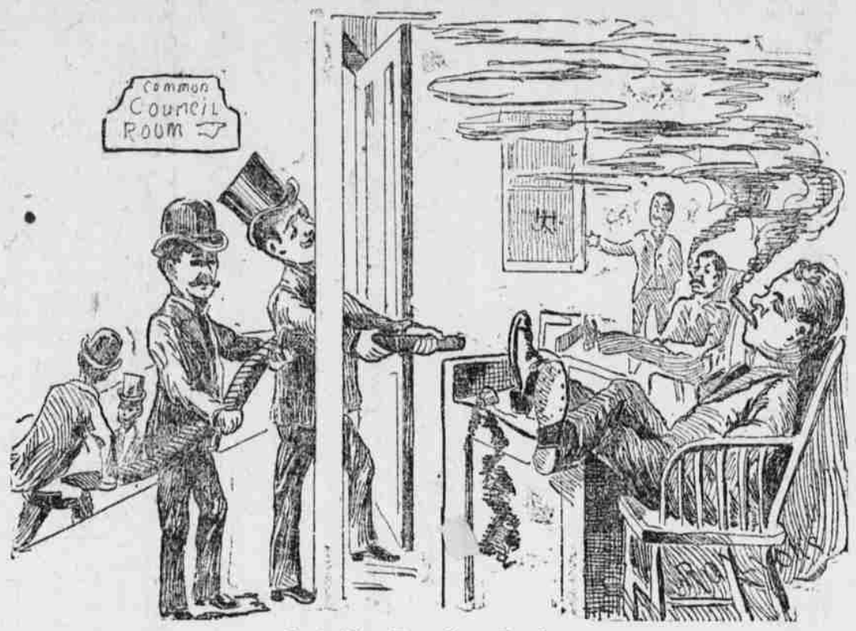
By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 02.—The treasury's stated balance today was $154,740,132, of which $90,848,541 was in gold, a slight increase from mintage sources over yesterday. No gold withdrawals had been reported up to the close of business today.

Wife Murderer Convicted.

By the United Press.

Columbus, O., Dec. 20.—The jury in the case of George Geschwilm, uxoricide, after being out all night returned a verdict of murder in the first degree this morning.



Let the Purging Begin.

EX-SPEAKER GROW'S PLAN

Proposed Amendment to the National Bank Act.

AN OUTLINE OF HIS MEASURE

Susquehanna Statesman Unfolds a Scheme Calculated to Keep the Gold in the United States Treasury—Notes to Be Deposited Instead of Bonds.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative Grow (Pa.) introduced a bill today to amend the national bank act.

"The purpose of my bill," said Mr. Grow, "is to allow the banks to deposit United States legal tender notes in lieu of bonds as security for their circulation, the treasury to issue on every $100 for value in such treasury notes $110 in circulation bank notes in the same way that bank notes are issued now; all the treasury notes thus deposited to be cancelled; the circulating notes issued in their place to have all the legal qualities of the bank notes now in circulation; the government to be liable for redemption and final payment, just the same as now under the national bank act.

"There will be no tax on circulating bank notes. It would be to the interest of the bank to deposit these treasury notes instead of bonds at their present premium. The advantage to the government would be that as soon as all the treasury notes should be deposited there would be no demand notes to take gold out of the treasury as fast as it is put in."

ANOTHER DIPHTHERIA CURE.

A St. Louis Doctor Claims to Have Made a Great Discovery.

By the United Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—The discovery of a new diphtheria cure is claimed by Dr. Heine Marks, chief of the staff of physicians at the City hospital. Speaking of his discovery, Dr. Marks says:

"For over a year I have been experimenting with two incompatible chemicals. If I could once get them united I was certain that I had the best cure in the world for diphtheria. Several months ago the secret of amalgamating them was discovered, and I set about testing my theory. The union of these two chemicals produces a straw-colored liquid resembling whisky. The medicine has a pleasant aromatic odor and a peculiar pungent taste.

"My method of administering it is with the hypodermic syringe and swabbing the throat. The effects of the injection are to reduce the temperature and destroy the micro-organisms. Swabbing the throat destroys the false membrane. Thus all the remedial qualities claimed for anti-toxine are contained in my discovery, but my remedy has several advantages over the anti-toxine cure."

The doctor refuses to make known the formula of the new discovery until its efficacy has been satisfactorily demonstrated to specialists in throat diseases.

OLD FORTS LOCATED.

Markers to Be Placed in the Vicinity of Stockades.

By the United Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—The report of the commission appointed by Governor Pattison, under the date of May 23, 1893, to make inquiry in relation to the various forts erected by the early settlers of this commonwealth prior to the year 1783 as a defense against the Indians, has been formulated and will be presented to the legislature.

It was recommended that a marker be placed at each of the defences, to consist, wherever practicable, of a substantial rough boulder of stone, having one face sufficiently polished to allow of an inscription giving the name of the fort, when built, etc.; that the marker be placed, when practicable, by the side of a public road, and that $300 be appropriated for each marker.

FEE FROM BOTH SIDES.

Judge Clarke's Law Firm Charged with Unprofessional Conduct.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate held a brief executive session today to permit Senator Harris, of Tennessee, to enter a motion for a re-consideration of the vote by which the nomination of Judge Clarke to be district judge of the Eastern and Middle district of Tennessee could be confirmed. In entering the motion Mr. Harris said that he had been informed of serious charges against Mr. Clarke, which he thought should be investigated while there was yet opportunity. This opportunity was found in the fact that the time for the reconsideration had not elapsed since his confirmation, which took place on Dec. 18.

It is charged that the law firm of which Mr. Clark is a member had been guilty of unprofessional conduct in accepting a fee on both sides of the case. The case was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

WANTS THE MINNEAPOLIS.

Japan Desires to Purchase Uncle Sam's New Cruiser.

By the United Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Chinese government is negotiating for the purchase of the dynamite cruiser, Nictheroy, of the Brazilian navy, and it is reported that it also wishes to secure the Brazilian cruiser America. Both these vessels were formerly steamers of the Morgan line and were purchased by Brazil and fitted as men of war in the recent revolution.

In connection with the proposed sale of these two ships it was learned, through excellent authority, that the Japanese government made overtures to the Cramps, of Philadelphia, for the purchase of ships under construction by that firm. The United States cruiser Minneapolis was nearly completed at the Cramp ship yard and the Japanese agents were so pleased with the vessel that they expressed themselves as willing to pay a round price, stated as high as $1,000,000 over the contract price for her, if the United States government would consent to the sale.

Charles Cramp came to Washington and saw Secretary Herbert on the subject, but the secretary would not consider such a proposition, claiming that he had no right to do so.

GROWING STORM.

Decision of Board of Arbitration May Cause Trouble at Massillon.

By the United Press.

Massillon, O., Dec. 20.—The decision of the board of arbitration was not generally known throughout the district this morning and a storm of wrath that is hourly growing will culminate in a meeting, for which a definite date has not yet been fixed.

Thoughtful miners, who have thus far expressed themselves, are in favor of accepting the verdict in good faith, at least until May 1, but they have no idea of holding to it as a permanent settlement.

The operators declare their intention of working the mines every day and will try to furnish steady employment so as to prevent dissatisfaction.

IS STEVENSON DEAD?

Relatives in Scotland Doubt the Report of the Novelist's Death.

By the United Press.

Edinburgh, Dec. 20.—Dr. Balfour, uncle of Robert Louis Stevenson, has written a letter to the Scotsman in which he says that the relatives of the novelist believe that Robert Louis Stevenson is not dead, but that his wife is. Mrs. Stevenson, Dr. Balfour writes, had been treated for aneurism of the brain while in Scotland. Moreover, she said to relatives in Edinburgh last spring: "Do not believe any report about Louis unless I write you."

No message has been received from Mrs. Stevenson, although there has been ample time since Mr. Stevenson was reported to have died.

JOHN L. IS RESTLESS.

He Desired a Little Excitement Over in Ohio.

By the United Press.

Lima, O., Dec. 20.—The John L. Sullivan company arrived this morning from the south en route to St. Mary's.

John was drunk and abused Agent De Roe, of the United States Express company, shamefully. De Roe went after his gun, while Officer Wingate attempted to quiet the burly ex-champion, but he turned on the officer and threatened to knock his head off. He was finally put in the smoker by members of the company and bystanders and made to behave himself.

TELEGRAPHIC WAIFS.

The stevedores' strike at New Orleans has broken out again and the cotton trade is paralyzed.

Mistaken for a burglar by his own dog, George Hageman, of Flatbush, L. I., was terribly bitten and is now in a hospital.

Suing to recover $3,000,000 in uncollected taxes, State Comptroller Harris will accept 15 per cent. of the amounts in settlement.

Charges of embezzling $25,000 against ex-City Treasurer Boggs, of Tacoma, Wash., were found unfounded and he was asquitted.

Charged with embezzling $48,000 in invested stock from Mrs. Amanda McClellan, Joseph D. Lowe, a Boston broker, was arrested.

Anti-Kolb Alabama editors propose to omit entirely publication of the name of the defeated Populist-Republican candidate for governor.

A "free show" organization at Maynardsville, Tenn., threatens to break into jail if John Stanley and Clarence Cox are not hanged publicly.

WASHINGTON CHAT.

A favorable report has been ordered on the commercial treaty with Japan.

Bland will offer a free coinage bill as a substitute for Carlisle's financial plan.

Secretary Herbert will have a submarine boat built on designs by John P. Holland, of Newark, N. J.

YOUNG TRAIN WRECKERS

Endeavor to Kill a Teacher Who Had Whipped Them.

THEIR SCHEME DISCOVERED

Boys Put Fish Plates in a Switch in Hopes of Wrecking a Train Upon Which the Teacher Usually Rides Home.

By the United Press.

Peabody, Mass., Dec. 20.—Kenneth Belmar and Chester Palmer, aged 13 and 10 respectively, were in court this morning charged with attempting train wrecking at Lynnfield, on the Boston and Maine road, several weeks ago. Four fish plates were found tightly wedged into a switch in such a manner that trackmen say would have derailed a train if they had not been discovered in season. They were found and removed just before a train was due.

Young Belmar made a statement confessing that he attempted to throw the train from the track, and implicated the Palmer boy. He said that his object was to try and kill a lady school teacher, of Lynnfield, who had assisted another teacher in whipping the boys and who rides daily to her home in Wakefield by a train. Belmar said he and the Palmer boy, after talking the matter over, went up the track and drove the fish plates between the rails. They then went to their homes nearby and listened for the crash which did not come. The teacher was not in the train that was endangered, but in the one following it, some ten minutes later.

Young Belmar came here with his parents from New Jersey about three months ago. Belmar was adjudged guilty and turned over to the State Board of Charities and Correction and will be committed to a reform school. The Palmer boy was placed on his probation.

SOCIETIES UNDER BAN.

The Pope's Decree Will Be Published from the Altars.

By the United Press.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20.—Bishop Alfred Curtis has received a decree, written in Latin and signed by the Pope, putting the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Sons of Temperance under the ban of the Catholic church. Vicar General Lyons tonight stated that when the bishop returns tomorrow the work of translating the decree into English will begin.

If completed in time the decree will be published from the altars of the churches in this diocese on Sunday.

HER LOVE GREW COLD.

The Man Sues a Woman for Breach of Promise.

By the United Press.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—At Manchester, in this state, Robert Edgar has brought suit for breach of promise and $2,000 damages against Sarah Edgar, his cousin, claiming that she became engaged to him in Ireland, that he paid her passage over, and that she refused marriage after all preparations had been made, including the license.

The defendant is 27 years old, and the plaintiff 54, a widower with several children. It is said to be the first case on record in this states of a suit of the kind by a male plaintiff.

Ex-Governor Alcorn Dead.

By the United Press.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 20.—Ex-Governor J. L. Alcorn died at his home at Eagle's Nest this morning at 1 o'clock. He had been in a very low state of health for months. He was elected governor of Mississippi in 1869, defeating Judge Lewes Dent, brother-in-law of General U. S. Grant.

Still Hunting Ducks.

By the United Press.

Georgetown, S. C., Dec. 20.—The president did not go on the deer drive today as anticipated, but instead, he, Captain Evans and Mr. Jefferson went into the marshes hunting ducks.

Hart to Be Hanged.

By the United Press.

Defiance, O., Dec. 20.—After pleading guilty, Judge Snooks this afternoon sentenced Charles Hart, the murderer of the Good children, at Paulding, to hang on April 29, 1895.

In Jail for Contempt of Court.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—George M. Irwin, the discretionary pool operator, was sent to jail this afternoon by Judge Ewing for contempt of court in refusing to turn his books over to the receiver for his firm.

Bicycle Race Score.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The score in the six days' bicycle race at midnight was: Ashinger, 1,045; Forster, 950; Gannon, 842.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; warmer; variable winds, becoming southerly.

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