WAR STEAMER FOR CUBA?

A Report That Local Sympathizers Are Trying to Buy the Neptuno.

Said to Be Arranging for a Speedy Filibustering Expedition to General Gomez.

A REVENUE CUTTER SPOTS HER.

The Vessel Belongs to John E. Kerr & Co., Who Acknowledge That Certain Parties, Not Cubans, Are After Her.

It has been known for several weeks that the Cubans intended fitting out another expedition of filibusters from these waters and forwarding arms and munitions of war to Cuba. When Caesar de Sales and Alfredo Sanchez came here from Cuba, about three months ago, as special envoys from General Maximo Gomez, the commander-in-chief of the insurgent forces, it was reported that their mission, ostensibly, was to bring Tomas Estrada Palma's commission as Minister Plenipotentiary, but really to authorize him to buy a steamer to send an expedition to Cuba.

It was also stated that they brought something like half a million dollars for that purpose. It was argued that this would be cheaper than chartering vessels, as, owing to the risk they run, the rates were very high.

When General Palomino came from Cuba, about ten days ago, he acknowledged he was here "on a secret mission," which he would not divulge, but which was later reported to be to urge the buying of a steamer as soon as possible, as owing to the increase of Gomez's army, more arms were needed.

These facts, in connection with the suspicious movements of a steamer and the secrecy with which negotiations for her purchase are being conducted, lend color to the belief that a Cuban expedition of filibusters will be fitted out in a very short time in a steamer of their own.

IS NEPTUNO AVAILABLE?

The steamer Neptuno six weeks ago went to Campbell's dock, at the foot of Fourth street, Hoboken, paid one week's dockage in advance, and her commander said she might stay there one week or all Winter. The ostensible reason given for putting the steamer there was to make repairs. This seemed rather strange, as there are no facilities in that vicinity for repairing vessels; and, as a matter of fact, no repairs whatever were made. The vessel was simply repainted. The men in charge of her had no communication with any one, and when, a few nights ago, a loaded canal boat was seen to make fast alongside of her, the Neptuno began to be looked upon with suspicion. The canal boat remained there two days and two nights and then disappeared, being empty when she left. The unloading must have been done at night, for no one saw her unload.

The Customs officers were informed of the matter, and on Tuesday the cutter Dan S. Lamont steamed beside the Neptuno, and her officers were seen to board her and inspect her. This increased the suspicions that already existed.

The Neptuno was within a foot of the water-line aft, but well out forward yesterday morning. James Keating and M. J. Carney, employes of the Netherlands-American Line of steamers, who had been watching the steamer for some time, went down in her hold, and found the hatches aft tightly closed, but not sealed.

At noon yesterday the steamer quietly slipped away. She was traced to Tietjen & Lang's dry-dock, at the foot of Fourteenth street, Hoboken, where she had been placed on the dry-dock and raised. At Tietjen's it was said the Neptuno belonged to John E. Kerr & Co., of No. 41 Beaver street, this city; that some one, whom they did not know, was negotiating for her purchase, but that before completing negotiations the prospective purchaser wanted to have her keel examined. It was reported after examination that the vessel, which has an iron bottom, was in first-class condition.

While she was being hoisted on the dock the Dan S. Lamont, with Lieutenant Commander Delahanty, United States Supervisor of the Port, and several Custom House officers on board, steamed alongside at the foot of the dock, thus barring the way of the Neptuno.

DOESN'T KNOW PURCHASERS.

When questioned as to his mission, Mr. Delahanty said he had examined the vessel at the foot of Fourth street, and was at the Fourteenth street dock "on a private mission." When asked if he knew anything about the would-be purchasers of the steamer being Cubans, and that it was the intention to fit her out as a filibustering ship, he said:

"So far as I know, she is not to be fitted out for that purpose. I do not know who is negotiating toward her purchase."

A man who was supposed to be Mr. McIntyre, a representative of John E. Kerr & Co., whispered to him that information might be had at the office of the latter, No. 41 Beaver street. Mr. Kerr acknowledged that "parties were negotiating for her purchase, but he did not know their names. W. W. Hurlbut, of No. 18 Broadway," he said, "is our broker, and if you will go to him he will probably tell you who those parties are."

"Can you tell whether she is to be fitted out to take an expedition of filibusters to Cuba?"

"So far as I know, she is not; but, really, I cannot tell you more."

At the headquarters of the Cuban Junta all professed entire ignorance of the matter.

NEPTUNO'S APPEARANCE.

The Neptuno is a steamer of 877 tons register. She was built in 1875 in Sunderland, England, and bought by John E. Kerr & Co. in 1890. She is a vessel capable of making twelve knots an hour, is of 1,000 tons capacity, and could easily carry a thousand men after being fitted for the purpose. She is a single screw steamer, about 350 feet long, has two masts and one smokestack. Her color is drab.

A LETTER FROM GOMEZ.

A letter was received at the headquarters of the Cuba Junta yesterday from General Maximo Gomez, dated "In the field, near Matanzas, December 31, 1895," in which the insurgent leader said he had just fought three important battles and had been victorious in all of them.

"I cannot send details now," he said, "for I am in a hurry to get to Havana. We make forced marches during the day and rest at night."

Passengers arriving from Havana on the Yucatan Wednesday afternoon said yesterday that when the steamer left Havana, on the 3d instant, even the Spaniards in Havana were admitting that they now believed the Cubans would be victorious. An officer of the Yucatan said: "Not even the Cubans in New York know how near the insurgents are to victory. Fifty per cent of the population of Havana are ready to join the insurgents when Gomez enters the city. The suffering of the Spanish soldiers is terrible. Many are starving to death. They go through the streets of Havana in their bare feet, clothed in rags. Nearly all those I saw ranged from fourteen to seventeen years.

"Gomez's army is camped in the tobacco district. I believe that the war will end within thirty days, in favor of the insurgents."

The "Neptuno."

She is the mysterious steamer now lying at Hoboken, and thought to be the prospective purchase of filibusters, who would utilize her in the war of Cuban patriots for freedom. The craft is 877 tons burden, was built in Sunderland, England, in 1875, and has a speed of twelve knots. She has 1,000 tons capacity, and could easily transport 1,000 soldiers. She was bought in 1890 by John E. Kerr & Co., of this city, who are reticent as to her future movements.

(Sketched by a Journal staff artist.)

IS IT A CUBAN SCHEME?

Rumor of a Filibustering Expedition to Colombia Thought to Cover a Fresh Movement by Insurgent Sympathizers.

Collector Kilbreth yesterday summoned before him Climaco Calderon, Consul-General of Colombia in New York, on information received from Washington that the Consul-General had notified the authorities that a filibustering expedition to Colombia was being fitted out in New York.

Consul-General Calderon was found in his office at No. 24 State street yesterday, and denied emphatically that he had any knowledge of any filibustering expedition, or that he had notified the Washington authorities to that effect. "If there has been any alleged information filed at Washington in my name," he said, "the only explanation I can give of it is that it is a trick of the Cuban insurgent sympathizers in this city to throw Spanish detectives in this city off the track of some expedition intended for Cuba."

He said a similar device was resorted to last Winter at the time that an attempt was made to land arms in Cuba.

Collector Kilbreth said that he had received no definite information about the matter, but that he would consult Consul-General Calderon.

A POOR WIDOW'S MISHAP.

Mrs. McQuade Run Down and Injured by a Cable Car and Can Get No Redress.

Mrs. Annie McQuade, a poor widow, forty-two years old, was knocked down by a Lexington avenue cable car at 8:30 o'clock on Saturday night, and her nose was broken, her forehead terribly cut and her eyes and lips cut and her fingers injured. She was knocked senseless, but was revived and carried by two ladies into their home, near by, and later was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital, where her wounds were dressed. She was then assisted to her meagre home, on the third floor of No. 948 First avenue.

Here she was found last evening swathed in bandages, without coal for her stove or food to satisfy her small demands and without a cent to purchase life's necessaries. "I was to have gone to work on Monday in the Admiral cigarette factory," she said, "but I was so badly injured that I couldn't, although I am much in need of the money for may wants. I was hit by the car at Lexington avenue and Fifty-second street, and the gripman didn't sound his gong, or I would have gotten out of the road. The number of the car is 239, but I was so badly hurt that I had no thought of securing witnesses. There were plenty of them; but what can I do? I'm a poor woman, and I can't sue the company now because I don't know where to go nor whom to see.

"Still, I think the cable company should be made to pay me something. By the carelessness of the gripman I'm prevented from making my living and forced to accept what little my neighbors can give me."

All of Mrs. McQuade's neighbors bear out her story that she is a hard-working woman, and all are indignant at the fact that a woman can be knocked down, maimed and incapacitated from earning her living, and that the railroad employe who is responsible is not called to account. Her neighbors have tried to find witnesses of the accident, but so far without success.

HE LET HALLENBACH SHOOT.

Patrolman Slater on Trial for Not Searching Robinson's Would-Be Slayer.

Patrolman James H. Slater, of the West Forty-seventh Street Station, was put on trial yesterday before the Police Board for his connection with the shooting of William T. Robinson, of No. 314 West Fifty-ninth street, by Edward J. Hallenbach on December 30. The officer is blamed for not searching Hallenbach when he took him to Robinson's room for identification.

Lawyer Louis J. Grant defended Slater before President Roosevelt. Edward Robinson, a brother of the victim, swore that when Hallenbach came into the room John Robinson, still another brother, struck Hallenbach in the face.

$20,000 for the Loss of Her Husband.

The suit of Mary Kennedy, of Hoboken, against Contractor Richard English, to recover $20,000 damages for the death of her husband, Patrick, who was killed when the wall of the new City Hall, Jersey City, collapsed, August 9, 1894, was heard yesterday in the Hudson County, N. J., Circuit Court. Negligence was shown on the part of the contractor, in not having the wall properly braced.

"You Wont Be Happy Till You See It."

There is great pleasure in anticipation, and the readers of the daily Journal, all of whom, of course, are looking forward to the famous Sunday Journal, are more or less anxious to know if this week's paper is going to be as good, as interesting, as thrilling, and as generally satisfactory as the Sunday Journal has been for the past four or five weeks.

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Now, as regards some of the many startling sensations which you may expect to find in the Journal next Sunday:

BOTTLED DEATH FOR MILLIONS.—An extraordinary state of affairs which leaves New York at the mercy of a madman. It seems almost incredible, but it is a plain statement of fact.

YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE OLD SAYING ABOUT LOOKING THROUGH A MILLSTONE, and have always regarded it more or less humorous, but it is no longer a joke. A remarkable discovery has been made by which it is as easy to see through a millstone as through a sheet of plate glass. You will be able to look through the business man's safe and see how much money he has; you will be able to look through the walls of his house and see what his dinner consists of, and even to look through his hat and skull and see what he is thinking about. All this is explained by the leading scientists of two countries in the Sunday Journal.

THE MAID OF MYSTERY.—Who she is, what she is, and why she does the things which will set the whole town talking about her. To a Journal reporter she tells the secret of her extraordinary life; the first time she has opened her lips on the subject to any one. A full account, splendidly illustrated, of this queerest of all new girls will be found in the Journal next Sunday.

THE AWFUL DANCE that disrupted Society and upset a big city. What is was like and how it was danced. One of the oddest of the many queer things that take place nowadays.

THEY NEVER TOUCH HIM, for the very reason that he wasn't born to be hurt. He is the freakiest of all freaks; a human bullet-proof shield. Even the doctors, who can explain almost anything, stand back aghast at the marvel, described and pictured in the Sunday Journal.

"JACK THE GRABBER." If you are interested in this queer character, read about what he has done, what he wants to do, and why he isn't going to do it—all fully explained and illustrated in the Sunday Journal.

THE GREATEST SCANDAL IN ALL EUROPE; one that has set the tongues of court gossips to wagging; one that is discussed with bated breath and in whispered tones, because to talk of it is high treason. The most remarkable episode in the home life of royalty of this century. History more than repeating itself.

A SEWING CIRCLE THAT DOESN'T TALK. A modern paradox. This strange club is right here in New York. If exhibited in a dime museum it would draw bigger crowds than could be accommodated in Madison Square Garden, and yet it actually exists. You can find out all about it by reading the Sunday Journal.

TORTURE WORSE THAN DEATH. Horrible stories of civilized cruelties by the Journal's special war correspondent, fully illustrated wth pictures taken on the spot. Proof that man, when the veneer of civilization is scraped off, is worse than the brute beasts.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN DISCOVERED. At last that historical spot is accurately located, and, strange to say, hundreds of thousands of miles from where it has always been supposed to have existed. If you want to know what the Garden looks like, and how it looked to our first families, look for it in next Sunday's Journal.

THE QUEEREST COLLEGE ON EARTH, where the undergraduates are taught everything that is not taught and nothing which is taught in other colleges, where there is a premium on bodily strength, and where intelligence is at a discount; yet it is located right here in the city of New York.

Besides these few articles mentioned above, which are but a very small part of the great Sunday Journal, there will be found all of the regular features and articles by the best-known authors in the country.

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THE TALK OF THE TOWN!

WAS TOO LONELY TO LIVE.

Josephine Friedman Attempts to Asphyxiate Herself with Gas and Will Probably Die.

Josephine Friedman, a pretty eighteen-year-old girl, who only arrived in this country from Hungary four months ago, attempted suicide last evening at the home of Mrs. Saltzer, on the second floor of the tenement at No. 240 East Third street. She had detached a rubber tube from a gas stove, and, placing it in her mouth, sought death by asphyxiation. Before attempting to take her own life she had locked a three-year-old boy in an adjoining room, so that the escaping gas could not reach him.

Mrs. Saltzer does not live with her husband, who, she says, is a gambler, and has never contributed to her support. For years she has run a "sweat shop" in the back rooms of her apartments, by which means she earns enough to care for her three children—Hester, nine years old; Samuel, aged seven, and Morris, aged three.

When she engaged Josephine Friedman four months ago to look after the children, the young Hungarian girl seemed in good spirits. She did not have a friend in this country, however, and made few acquaintances. She gave evidence from time to time that her surroundings were not to her taste, but she never spoke of suicide and never gave expression to her dissatisfaction.

Three days ago, according to Mrs. Saltzer, the girl began to complain of headaches and fever, and she kept on complaining until yesterday afternoon, when shortly after 3 o'clock she took the children into the front room to amuse them while their mother with several women employes worked sewing machines in the rear. When about an hour had elapsed Josephine sent the two older children out into the street to play while she remained behind with the child Morris.

Noticing that gas was escaping from the front room, the janitor forced open the door about 5:30 in the afternoon, and was almost overcome by the volume of outrushing gas. He found the girl lying at full length on the floor. One end of the rubber tube leading from a gas burner lay within an inch of her mouth, from which it had evidently fallen, and the girl was unconscious. An ambulance was summoned, and she was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where at a late hour last night she was still unconscious. Little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

In the meantime Mrs. Saltzer began crying for her boy Morris, who she thought had surely been suffocated. The little fellow, however, was found in the adjoining bedroom, the precautions which the girl had taken to prevent the gas reaching him having proved effective. It was evident that the girl had become despondent over her loneliness in a strange country, and that she had in the most deliberate manner planned her suicide.

CANAL BONDS BOUGHT.

The State Takes $1,000,000 of Its Own Securities for Investment in Other Ways.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9.—State Comptroller Roberts at noon to-day opened bids for a loan of $2,000,000, for which transferrable certificates of stock, registered, principal and interest payable in gold, will be issued by the State on the credit of the sinking fund, established by Chapter 79, laws of 1895, for the improvement of the State canals, bearing 3 per cent interest annually. Proposals were invited for the entire amount or any part of the loan not less than $1,000.

The following were the bids: J. B. Powell, Hartford, $10,000 worth at par and interest; C. W. Bogart, president of the Twenty-third Ward Bank, New York City, $10,000, at 103.28; Amos F. Eno, New York City, $250,000 at 100.17; Joseph E. Gavin, Buffalo, $500,000 at 100.12½; Joseph E. Gavin, Buffalo, $2,000,000 at 100.06; R. L. Day & Co., Boston, $2,000,000 at 97½; State Comptroller, $1,000,000 at par and interest.

This afternoon the Comptroller awarded $1,770,000 of the $2,000,000 State bonds, as follows: Ten thousand dollars to J. B. Powell, of Hartford, and $10,000 to the Twenty-third Ward Bank, of New York City, at 103.28; $250,000 to Amos F. Eno, of New York, at 100.17; $500,000 to J. E. Gavin, of Buffalo, at 100.12; $1,000,000 to the State Comptroller, at par and interest. The Comptroller will place $500,000 of the bonds he takes as an investment for the common school fund and $500,000 for the United States deposit fund.

The average price of the bonds sold figures out about 100.08. Comptroller Roberts says he believes that $1,770,000 will provide funds sufficient to be judicially expended during the first year of the work on the canal improvement.

BAYONNE TOWED INTO PORT

Ran Out of Coal and Was Compelled to Burn Cabin Fixtures.

The disabled German tank steamship Bayonne, from Venice, was towed into this port yesterday by the Dutch tank steamer Chester. The Bayonne, commanded by Captain Von Hugo lost one of the blades of her propeller in a westerly gale on December 26. She could not go more than three knots an hour after this, and on January 2 the wheel became entirely useless. The coal supply gave out on January 3, and some of the cabin fixtures were sacrificed for fuel.

Signals for assistance were set and on January 7 the Chester took the Bayonne in tow in latitude 38 degrees 45 minutes longitude 70 degrees 25 minutes. Captain Von Hugo said he could not understand why the wheel would not work properly unless it was loose on the shaft. The loss of one blade would not have disabled it. The Bayonne was dry-docked late yesterday afternoon at Erie Basin.

MR. DALZELL'S QUEER BILL.

It Provides for the Copyrighting of a Suppressed English History.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Representative Dalzell has introduced a curious bill in the House. It has for its object the copyrighting of a book published in 1777, of which there are now said to be in existence but three copies. One of them, the only one in this country, James Owens, of Pittsburg, possesses, and he wishes to have the protection of the copyright law extended to it for purposes of republication.

The book is Russell's "History of England," which at the time of its original publication was suppressed by the British Government because of the space which it devoted to scandals in the royal family and among the nobility.

Counted on the Choir.

[Lewiston Journal.]

A peppery parson down East, who was disturbed by his choir at prayer-time, got even with them when he gave out his closing hymn by adding: "I hope the entire congregation will join in this grand old hymn, and I know the choir will, for I heard them humming it during the prayer."

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Action Brought to Nullify the Recently Formed Joint Traffic Association.

Allegations That It Violates Both the Interstate Commerce and the Sherman Act.

DR. DEPEW GLAD OF THE ACTION.

He Thinks It Will Benefit the Combine by Having the Court Point Out the Weak Spots in Its Construction.

United States District-Attorney Macfarlane filed a bill of complaint yesterday in the United States District Court against the thirty-two railway companies comprising the recently formed Joint Traffic Association. The chief allegations of the complaint are that the association exists in violation of section 5 of the Interstate Commerce act, and also violates the Anti-Trust act of July 2, 1890, known as the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

The complaint is exceedingly voluminous, and includes a complete copy of the agreement entered into by the presidents of the thirty-two railways, which is to practically establish both a traffic pool and a pool of earnings. It is set forth that such an agreement, intending to combine all competition and pool all traffic of the various trunk lines which carry on the larger part of the railway interstate traffic is a direct violation of existing laws, and prays that it be declared null and void, and that the various parties to the agreement be perpetually restrained from operating under it.

At the time of filing the complaint the District-Attorney gave notice that he will make a motion on January 17 for an injunction to restrain the roads from further preparations to put the agreement into force. The action was begun under instructions from Attorney-General Harmon.

Dr. Chauncey M. Depew was apparently very much pleased when informed that the action had been begun. The New York Central road, of which he is president, is the practical head of the new association, and is vitally interested in its welfare.

"We are very anxious," Dr. Depew said, "to have a court pass upon the subject. It is within the range of possibility that we may have committed some slight errors of a minor character, and to have a court point out any such errors that might exist would please us mightily."

He said that forty of the best lawyers in the United States had gone over the agreement, tinkering and hammering at it until it had reached a state of ideal perfection, as they thought, and all that was left for them to desire was for a Judge of the United States Court to legally pass upon it and make assurance doubly sure. He likened the position of the Traffic Association to a tailor who had cut a pair of trousers for a bow-legged man. The tailor felt sure that the fit was perfect, but it was barely possible that the bulge of one knee swerved out a tiny mite, and he would feel better if the man gave his O. K. to the work. In other words, he considered the action one particularly favoring the association.

United States District-Attorney Macfarlane said the suit was the outcome of action taken by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The latter, after examining the agreement closely, thought that if it were put into operation it would necessarily be a violation of the Interstate law, and a short time ago sent an opinion to this effect to the Senate.

"We contend that the law is violated by this agreement," Mr. Macfarlane said, "because it provides for a pooling of traffic and earnings. The roads practically surrender the right to compete, and this is in direct violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. The agreement gives to a board of managers unlimited scope. They can violate the law, under it, with impunity. Of course, the parties to the agreement may place an entirely different construction upon the wording of the agreement, which is a very carefully drawn document. In such a case as that the Court may decide that the agreement itself is not unlawful, and then we shall be obliged to wait until the various roads begin to operate under it. Their construction of the document will naturally be shown by their operations. Should a decision be had in their favor, that will not relieve them from any legal responsibility for their acts that may follow in operating under the agreement."

Secretary Hoyt, of the Joint Traffic Association; President Thomas, of the Erie road, and others interested in the Joint Traffic Association declined to discuss the subject of the Government's action until a meeting had been held and definite lines of action laid down.

FLEA BITE MAY BE FATAL.

A Poisonous Insect from the Traps of Some Italians Has Put a Motorman's Life in Danger.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 9.—John Gifford, a motorman, of Stockton, is in danger of dying from a bite on the ankle by an Italian flea. He is employed on the Market Street Electric road, and was bitten a week ago.

The bite of the insect is very poisonous, and the local physicians can find nothing to relieve Gifford's condition. He was making a trip on his car when bitten, and there were several Italians in the car at the time carrying luggage. It is believed that the insect came from their traps.

After the bite Gifford's foot began to pain him. It swelled quickly, and is now three times its usual size. The pain is intense, and the victim is unable to sleep. If relief cannot be provided soon it is feared that he will die.

AN OLD PIPE CONVICTED HIM.

Overcoat Thief Brought to Justice by Smoking a "Meerschaum."

An old pipe led to the conviction of a thief in the Hudson County (N. J.) Court of General Sessions yesterday. On September 16, 1895, Gustave Klein, of No. 306 Third street, Hoboken, while putting out his ash barrel removed his overcoat and hung it upon the fence. When he finished wrestling with the barrel the coat had disappeared.

In one of the pockets was a pet "meerschaum," and when about two months after he met James McDonnell smoking that pipe and wearing the stolen overcoat he caused the latter's arrest. Mr. McDonnell's counsel endeavored to prove that his client had purchased the pipe and coat, but the jury convicted the prisoner.

While Klein was on the stand he informed Judge Hudspeth that the Hoboken police had refused to turn over the stolen articles to him, but on the order of the Court he got them.

ROBBED A HERO'S WIDOW.

Thieves Loot the Home of Mrs. Anderson in Washington and Get $1,000.

Washingtin, D. C., Jan. 9.—The residence of Mrs. Anderson, widow of the hero of Fort Sumter, at No. 1527 Sixteenth street, Northwest, was broken into by burglars last night and fancy silverware to the value of $1,000 stolen.

The manner in which the robbery was committed was very similar to the theft of the silverware of Senor Mendonca, the Brazilian Minister, some time ago.

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HAMMERSTEIN'S OLYMPIA, Broadway, 44th st. Eves. 8:15. MUSIC HALL. Mat. Saturday. LAST SIX NIGHTS IN THIS CITY OF YVETTE GUILBERT. And continuation of the Incomparable vaudeville programme. Eves., 8:15. Olympia Theatre. Mat. Wed. & Sat. RICE'S OLYMPIA BURLESQUE COMPANY IN R. A. BARNET'S EXCELSIOR, JR. 100th Souvenir Performance, February 17. Concert Hall, Promenade Concerts. 50C. ADMITS TO ALL. Sunday Eve., Scheel Concert & Yvette Guilbert.

ABBEY'S THEATRE. B'way, cor. 38th st. Evenings at 8. Mat. Sat. at 2. MR. JOHN HARE And the Garrick Theatre Company, of London, A PAIR OF SPECTACLES, Preceded on Friday and Saturday evenings by COMEDY AND TRAGEDY. MISS JULIA NEILSON, MR. FRED TERRY. Preceded on Sat. Mat. only by OLD CRONIES. Monday next, Jan. 13, Mr. JOHN HARE will appear for the first time in his original character of LORD KILCLARE in A QUIET RUBBER in addition to A PAIR OF SPECTACLES.

PROCTOR'S PLEASURE PALACE, 58th st., near Lex. 12 to 12. 25, 50c.; stalls and boxes, $1, $1.50, $2. GEO. LOCKHART'S Comic Elephants. 4 Mosers, Hyde's Comedians, the Dillons, 40 oth's.

PROCTOR'S THEATRE, 23d St. 11 to 11; 25, 50c.; stalls, $1. Sig. Perugini, McIntyre and Heath, Pantzer Bros., Sam Bernard, Will H. Fox, 37 oth's. Transfers until 7 p. m. daily at each house.

MET. OP. HOUSE. GRAND OPERA. To-night—Faust. Sat. Mat., Jan. 11—Calve in 2 operas, Pecheurs de Perles and Navarraise. Sat. Eve., Jan. 11, at popular prices, AIDA. Sunday Eve.—8th Sunday concert. Next week—Monday, HUGUENOTS, Tues., in Brooklyn, Rigoletto and mad scene from Lucia; Wed., Mefistofele; Thurs., Tristan and Isolde; Fri., Carmen (Calve and Melba).

KOSTER & BIAL'S. TO-NIGHT. PAUL CINQUEVALLI, MARTINETTI'S PANTOMIME, THE CRAGGS, MARLO-DUNHAM TRIO, WOODWARD'S SEALS. Last Week of KILANYI'S GLYPTORAMA. EVERY SATURDAY FAMILY MATINEE.

LADIES' SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN. Daily all the Week, from 3 to 12 P. M. ADMISSION 50c.

STAR THEATRE. Evgs., 8:15. Mat. Sat., 2. Last nights of the New York engagement of NEIL BURGESS IN THE COUNTY FAIR.

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE. Evs. 8:15. Sat. Mat. 2. THE GAY PARISIANS. Next Week—Peter Dailey in The Night Clerk.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 14th St. & Irving Pl. TWENTY HORSES. The Sporting Duchess. Mats. Wed. & Sat., 2. Eve., 8.

DALY'S THEATRE. Every Night, 8:15. THE TWO ESCUTCHEONS. "Two hours clean, hearty laughter." Miss Rehan, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Stevens, etc. MATINEES WED., SAT.

Standard Theatre. Eve., 8:15. Mats. Sat., 2:15. One Long Laugh. The Strange Adventures of MISS BROWN. Jno. R. Rogers's Comedians. A record breaker, exceeding 300 nights in London.

PASTOR'S—MATINEE TO-DAY. Ladies free if escorted by gentlemen. EXTRA BIG COMPANY THIS WEEK.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE. H. C. MINER, Prop. Matinee Saturday. The Powerful Melodrama, THE COTTON KING. Next Week—A Romance of Coon Hollow.

EMPIRE THEATRE. Eve., 8 sharp. Mats., 2. Last 2 Nights. Last Saturday Matinee. MISS NETHERSOLE as CARMEN. Wed., Jan. 15, Empire Theatre Co. in a new play, "MICHAEL AND HIS LOST ANGEL."

Columbus Theatre.—Evg. 8:15. Mat. Wed. & Sat. POPULAR PRICES. WEDNESDAY MATINEE. SAVED FROM THE SEA. Next Week—Chauncey Olcott.

HOYT'S THEATRE, 24th st., near B'way. HOYT'S Musical Farce A BLACK SHEEP. Eve. N. Y. Herald says: "A ... worthy successor to "A Trip to Chinatown."

SANFORD'S THEATRE, 31st st. & 3d ave. TO-NIGHT. A. M. Palmer and Knowles's THE GREAT DIAMOND ROBBERY.

GARDEN THEATRE. A. M. Palmer, Sole Manager. Commencing Monday, January 13, CHAS. H. HOPPER, in CHIMMIE FADDEN.

AMERICAN THEATRE. Matinee Saturday. Reserved Seats, Orchestra Circle & Balcony, 50c. NORTHERN LIGHTS. "It pleases audiences which pack the theatre every night."—Eve. World.

PALMER'S. Engagement of JOHN DREW. Eve., 8:15. Mat. Sat. at 2. Henry Arthur Jones's THE BAUBLE SHOP. Next Week—CHRISTOPHER, JR.

5TH AVE. THEATRE. H. C. MINER.....Proprietor and Manager. TO-NIGHT, 8:15. TO-NIGHT, 8:15. M. B. CURTIS in GENTLEMAN JOE, the Ransom Cabby. MATINEE SATURDAY, 2:15.

ICE PALACE. SKATING DAY & NIGHT. Lex. Ave. and 107th St. Joe Donogjue will skate against record every eve.

BROADWAY THEATRE. 8 o'clock sharp. "NOTHING BETTER."—HERALD. AN ARTIST'S MODEL. "Immense Go."—Sun. Evenings at 8 sharp. Matinee Saturday.

NEW IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL. THE GREAT GUIBAL AND ORTIZ, HYPNOTIC WONDERS EXQUISITE VARIETY.

HERALD SQ. THEATRE. B'way & 35th st. DAVID BELASCO'S THE HEART OF MARYLAND. MATINEE SATURDAY ONLY.

Canary & Lederer's CASINO. Prices, $1.50 $1.50c. Mat. TO-MORROW. Last Weeks! FRANK DANIELS Comic Opera Co. THE WIZARD OF THE NILE.

LYCEUM. 8:15. Mats. Thurs. and Sat. "A great success."—Sun. THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT.

GARRICK Theatre. To-night, Mat. Sat. STUART ROBSON in the London comedy Success, MRS. PONDERBURY'S PAST.

GRAND OPERA House. Mats. Wed. & Sat. THE MASQUERADERS. Next Week—Hoyt's A MILK WHITE FLAG.

EXCURSIONS.

DON'T MISS Seeing the Most Wonderful Ice Bridge of the Age. Grand Winter Excursion to NIAGARA FALLS. $8....$8.....FOR ROUND TRIP.....$8....$8. Via West Shore Railroad. Trains leave New York 9 a. m., 5:45, 7:30 and 8 p. m. Saturday, January 11. Tickets good to return until January 13, giving two entire days, either at Buffalo or Niagara Falls.

HOW A BABY WAS DROWNED.

The Miceli Infant Fell Headforemost Into Water Three Inches Deep.

A certificate of death was granted yesterday at the Coroner's office for the burial of the body of the infant child of Ludicio Micell, of No. 9 Roosevelt street. The Micells live in one room on the ground floor of the tenement. In order that the baby might have room to sleep comfortably a couch was made for it upon the top of two trunks, about five feet from the floor. Mrs. Micell was scrubbing the floor on Wednesday afternoon and the baby, which was lying on the bed, fell headforemost into a bucket of water on the floor and was drowned, although the water was not more than three inches deep.

A physician was called, but could give no aid, and for some unknown reason the case was not reported to the police until after the child was buried. An investigation was made, but developed no suspicious facts.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c.