

THE TAX RATE GOES DOWN

Increase to 2.75 Means a Total Cost to the People of \$2,680,000.

GRADY EXPLAINS WHY.

Republicans Will want a Low Rate by Comparison for Election Use Next Year.

Albany, March 24.—The tax rate for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 will be about 2.75. The present tax rate is 2.08. The total cost to the people represented by the increase will amount to \$2,680,000, and there has been an increase in valuations in two years of \$529,838,116. The total appropriations from 1894 to 1899, inclusive, are shown in the following table:

Year	Total Appropriations
1894	\$2,700,448.27
1895	2,700,448.27
1896	2,700,448.27
1897	2,700,448.27
1898	2,700,448.27
1899	2,700,448.27

Senator Thomas F. Grady, minority leader of the Senate, said tonight: "The large increase in the tax rate indicates that the Republican machine has determined to place upon the shoulders of the taxpayers this year the full burden of its incompetent, extravagant and vicious management of the State Government. The \$2,680,000 represented by the increase in the rate of last year is the exact amount of tribute the taxpayers will be obliged to pay to the Republican organization."

HOTEL FURNISHINGS TO BE NON-INFLAMMABLE.

Albany, N. Y., March 24.—Following closely in the wake of the fire escape bills for hotels, introduced in the Legislature, Mr. Poth has introduced a bill in the Assembly to compel every owner, lessee, proprietor or manager of a hotel to purchase all lace curtains, shades, portieres, tapestries, sheeting and covering of beds and furnishings in and about said hotel, and all linen used in the hotel, in some chemical solution, so as to render the same non-inflammable.

Senator Grady today introduced the bill prepared by the New York City authorities to protect the patrons of hotels from the Greater New York charter relative to the powers of the Municipal Assembly. The amendment reads as follows:

ALL CONFIDENTIAL (Father, Brother, Sister.) "OLD NANCE."

Bridgeport, Conn., March 24.—Dr. Nancy A. Gullford ("Old Nance"), supported by her young daughter, Endora, who sat by her side, faced the father, sister and three brothers of Emma Gill, the girl with whose murder she is charged, as they successively occupied the witness stand in court here today.

She heard them through their tears recall the last time they had severally seen Emma Gill alive. She heard their identification of the severed head. Each one of these witnesses examined a photograph of their blood kinswoman taken in life, and when that had been identified there were handed to them two photographs of the severed head.

Father, brothers and sister unhesitatingly, but with deep emotion, said that it was the head of Emma Gill.

THE GAS GRAB GOES DOWN

The Much Lobbied Trust Bill Finally Gets Its Quietus.

BUT FEW TO DEFEND IT

Ellsworth Suggests That the Committee Was Coerced Into Making an Adverse Report.

Albany, March 24.—The Astoria Grab bill appeared in the Senate to-day and was killed. Chairman Odell, of the Republican State Committee, proved himself to be a very incompetent lobbyist. Ellhu Root, the counsel of the Consolidated Gas Trust, the ambushed friend of the bill, daintily failed as a legislative lawyer. His friendship for the Governor did not help him.

When Senator Coggeshall, chairman of the Committee on Miscellaneous Corporations, handed the bill to the Senate this morning with the adverse report of the committee, President pro tempore Ellsworth moved to disapprove with the report.

These Republicans who had smashed the majority yesterday were ready to demolish it still further. They suspected that their independent stand would encourage other Senators to side with them. They were not disappointed. Mr. Ellsworth explained his motion by saying that the bill had passed the Assembly by more than 100 votes. He said that the Senators had not had time to read the bill, and he suggested that it be made a special order for Monday night.

Senator Coggeshall said the bill was so short and simple that any fool might understand it. He demanded instant action. Mr. Ellsworth said:

"There must be something outside the naked reading of the bill and what appears on its face which operated on the committee. There may have been something in the physical surroundings of the committee—something not known to the members of this Senate—to account for the remarkable difference between the vote in the Assembly and the vote in the committee."

TO RAISE THE SUNKEN BARK.

The British bark La Escocesa, which holed over and sank in the upper bay off Robbins Reef on Thursday afternoon, dragging the tug McCaldin Brothers down with her, was in the same position yesterday. No efforts had been made to raise either the tug or bark, but it is expected that the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company will begin operations on the bark today. The tug was resting on her port side yesterday in sixteen feet of water, and half of her hull was out of water. The tug yesterday resting across her crushed deckhouse.

"When was it taken?" "Two or three years ago." "Old Nance" raised her eyes to the girl for a moment.

"Did you come to Bridgeport to identify the remains?" "I made a close inspection ten or twelve minutes long, but I hadn't looked at the head more than two minutes before I recognized it."

RALEIGH RECEIVES HER ORDERS.

GOOD SAILING WILL BRING THE CRUISER HERE ABOUT THE 6th



SOME OF THE RALEIGH'S OFFICERS

The Cruiser to Be Materially Changed After New York Welcomes Her Home.

PLANS FOR THE RECEPTION

Harbor Decorations, a Naval Parade, Procession of Bluejackets and Firing of Salutes.

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The Raleigh reached the Azores yesterday and found a cablegram from the Navy Department ordering her to New York. She will arrive here some time between April 6 and April 12. The uncertainty is due to the lack of information in regard to the condition of the Raleigh's hull. She has been a long time in tropic seas, and must be foul with marine growth.

Whenever she comes New York will be ready for her. Word of her coming will be telegraphed as soon as she is sighted anywhere, and even if she is not seen until she is off the Jersey coast there will be time enough for the pleasure craft and excursion boats to go down the bay to meet her and escort her into the harbor and up the North River. It is understood now that the Raleigh will anchor in the North River, probably off Thirty-fourth street, for a couple of days, and she will be open to visitors during that time.

This will be the last chance New Yorkers will have to see the ship that fired the first shot at Manila in her present form, as elaborate alterations have been planned for her. When the Raleigh comes out of the shipyard she will be a very different vessel, bigger and better generally. They are going to cut her in and put in a midships section thirty feet long.

The interest in the coming of the cruisers is increasing every day. All manner of plans for her reception are being discussed. The harbor will be decorated as it was when the lighters of the Atlantic squadron came to New York after sending Cervera's ships to the bottom of the sea.

Speculators are already chartering steamboats to carry excursionists to meet the first of Dewey's ships to come home from the scene of his triumph.

The Raleigh's services at Manila demand an enthusiastic reception from New York. This company will decorate its piers and all its steamers in honor of the Raleigh's arrival. We will willingly join her in a glorious welcome to the ship and her crew.

"It is the proper idea to give the Raleigh a rousing welcome to this port. The good ship and her crew deserve it. We know how to give it, and New York knows how to give it. We shall send our rug, the Robert Haddon, with a delegation from the Maritime Exchange, including President Parker, to meet the Raleigh. Among others who will be invited are Captain H. Saunders, superintendent of the Prince Line; representatives of the shipping firms of Barber & Co., S. S. Norton, of Norton & Son, Messrs. Bask, Jevons and John Seager are all agents of English lines who will join in cheering the Raleigh and her crew."

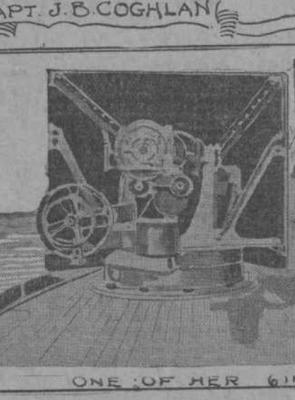
The march up Broadway of the Raleigh's marines and crew has yet to be arranged. There is no doubt but that the sailor folk from the Navy Yard, the Naval Reserves and the Astor Battery, with possibly other military organizations, will act as an escort to the Raleigh as she comes up the river. At the Navy Yard they are anxious that the Raleigh should receive an ovation. Captain Coghlan and his officers and men are known to them all. Coghlan has for years been an intimate of Rear-Admiral Philip, Commander of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. They are all very proud of the part the trim cruiser played in the Manila fight.

Said Rear-Admiral Philip, when asked about it: "Personally I am greatly pleased that the Raleigh was ordered to New York, and I will gladly assist in every way possible to make her reception here worthy of the occasion."

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WHEN SCOLDED TRIED TO SLAY.

Victor Slashed His Employer, Nathanson, Five Times with a Dirk.



CAPT. J. B. COGHLAN

Isadore Victor, twenty-five years old, of No. 140 Forsyth street, went to a pawnshop at noon yesterday and purchased a glittering dagger with a foot-long blade, and thence he went to a pharmacist and laid in a supply of carbolic acid.

His fellow-clerk, employed by Isadore Nathanson, wholesale dealer in toys and stationery on the top floor of No. 10 Chambers street, had commented on Victor's failure to accompany them to lunch, as was his custom. Returning at 12:55 o'clock they met Victor at the door, hurrying out with the dagger, now covered with blood, in his hand. "I've fixed him," he shouted as he rushed past them. He was seen to swallow the contents of a phial before reaching the street.

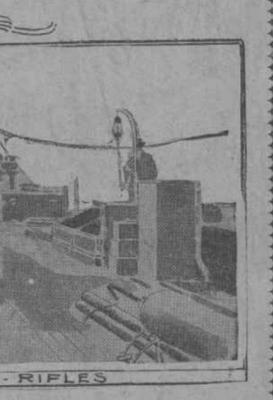
Nathanson was found lying over a bale of goods. The big loft had the appearance of a slaughter house. Policeman O'Neil, who was passing, joined in the chase for Victor. Policeman Alkman sent a hurry call for an ambulance to the Hudson Street Hospital. Victor collapsed while trying to make his escape. Nathanson and Victor were taken, side by side, to the hospital. They are cousins.

Nathanson is not expected to survive. He was slashed five times. The wounds show how he was trying to evade his assailant. He was cut in the back of the head, in the right side of the back, the center of the back, between the shoulders and on the right cheek. His ante-mortem statement was taken and word sent to his wife at his home, No. 45 Ogden avenue, Jersey City. Victor's condition is not serious.

The only witness, Carrie Halpert, of No. 81 West 12th street, the bookkeeper, says that during the morning Nathanson had reprimanded Victor for carelessness in his work and had threatened to discharge him. At lunch time Victor came in hurriedly, and with an oath attacked his employer, lunging at him viciously with the dirk until Nathanson fell exhausted and bleeding. Then, supposing he had accomplished his murderous purpose, Victor ran, drinking the poison as he fled.

VETO AWAITS THE TEACHERS' BILL.

"No Increase in Salaries Based Only on Time Service," Says Governor.



ONE OF HER 6 IN-RIFLES

Albany, March 24.—Governor Roosevelt declared again to-day that he would not sign Senator Ahearn's bill increasing the salaries of school teachers in New York in its present form.

He objects to it because under its provisions the only requirement a teacher need have for an increase in pay is length of service.

Friends of the Governor say that Tammany Hall is really opposed to the bill and it is pushing the measure forward in its present form because it is well known that it cannot become a law.

Senator Ahearn says he did not know what the Governor's opinions were on the matter until after the bill was pending; therefore it was honestly introduced.

Governor Roosevelt says he is in favor of the teachers receiving increased salaries, but unless the present bill is amended he will veto it. He said to-day:

"Time service" as the only road to promotion would create a condition which would make it absolutely useless for a teacher to make extraordinary effort to render good service. If the poor teacher and the good teacher are to get the same reward there is no inducement for the one to do any better than the other.

"There are usually two classes of teachers—those who put their whole soul in the performance of their duties and those who do just enough work to keep from being dismissed. I will not sign any measure which permits these two classes to advance side by side simply through period of service. There should be an amendment to this bill which will provide for promotion through merit."

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