

FIRE CHIEF BONNER OUT, BUT SAYS: "NO POLITICS IN IT."



Gicquel May Succeed Bonnor.



Charles D. Purry, Deputy Fire Chief, Edward F. Croker, Deputy Fire Chief.



Fire Chief Bonner, Who Has Resigned.

Hugh Bonner will cease to be Chief of the New York Fire Department in five days. His resignation is now in the hands of the Fire Commissioners and is to take effect on May 1. It will be accepted by President John J. Sennell and the other members of the Board.

Chief Bonner has intended to leave the department for some time. There are three Deputy Chiefs, and any one of whom his mantle may fall. They are Edward F. Croker, a nephew of Richard Croker, and the Junior Deputy Chief; Charles D. Purry, brother of the seceder from Tammany Hall, Henry D. Purry, and the senior Deputy Chief and Benjamin A. Gicquel, the senior Deputy Chief in point of service.

Chief Bonner did not hand in his resignation until late yesterday afternoon, when Richard Croker was well out at sea on his way to Europe and beyond the reach of telegraph wires for several days. Deputy Chief Purry, on account of his brother's standing with Tammany Hall, is not likely to mean that Edward F. Croker is not in line of promotion.

He will have a "Fire College." Chief Bonner leaves the department in order to assist in the organization and assume control of a fire college, which will furnish instruction in the best methods of protecting life, property and preventing and extinguishing fires. This is in line with the Journal's suggestion made immediately after the Windsor Hotel disaster.

When Chief Bonner was asked yesterday afternoon about his resignation, he said: "I will be out of the department at the end of this month, and in no way am I in any way connected with the matter under consideration for some time. Politics had nothing to do with my resignation, nor has any one of the Tammany Hall had anything to do with it."

"Was Mr. Croker aware of your intended resignation when he called to-day?" the Chief was asked. "It was not," was the reply. "I cannot say who will be my successor. My purpose in resigning is to help in the organization of the college, the object of which will be to instruct individuals in the best methods of preserving and protecting their own lives and property, and in case of fire, this college will maintain preparatory classes to instruct candidates for the Fire and Police departments, and classes of hotels, business houses, office buildings, janitors and all others who are responsible for the protection of life and property. We will also furnish men to inspect and survey all classes of buildings. The great loss of life from fire which occurred in this city recently has been so great a necessity for the general diffusion of expert knowledge on the subject."

Strain Telling on Him. "I have been burning the candle at both ends for some time, and I can't stand the strain much longer. If I am to do any service, too, they will have to get at it at once. If the citizens of New York desire such an institution as I propose, and my services, too, they will have to get at it at once to avail themselves of both. After May 1 I shall be at liberty to give instruction and advice on the best methods of protecting life and property in case of fire, either in business houses or private residences, and the proper methods of using fire escapes. Doubt whether any one ever used in the department the apparatus of New York, for instance, know where the nearest fire alarm box is and how to turn in an alarm."

ARMED GUARD FOR \$60,000 DOGS.

Hot Welcome for Poisoners at the Kennels of Banker J. Pierpont Morgan.

PATRICIAN COLLIE SLAIN.

A Present to a Neighbor the Latest Victim of Westchester County Dog Murderers.

The guard over J. Pierpont Morgan's \$60,000 worth of dogs was doubled yesterday. New and improved firearms were introduced into the famous kennels at Cranston, and the head keeper of the financier's forty dogs laid out plans for an additional set of man-traps, spring guns and electric burglar alarms.

Dog poisoners are abroad in Westchester County. Within the last month they have destroyed fifty valuable animals, by actual count. But the immediate occasion of the howl-down in Mr. Morgan's establishment was the poisoning of one of its former inmates. This was a Scotch collie of rare beauty and unexceptionable pedigree.

It was only a short time before Mr. Morgan started for Europe that he presented the collie to his neighbor, Dr. Brown, who had taken a great liking to it. Everybody in Cranston admired the dog immensely and predicted great benefit should result from its long, straight hair had the text, and gold of silk, its tail would have made a plume for the helmet of a warrior; its hazel eyes danced with the thoughts that it knew how to express by every means except articulate speech.

Such was the noble brute that was found stiff and stark in the dust of the Mountain Road on Tuesday, its eyes glazed and bulging, a froth about its lips, its once graceful body distended.

"Strychnine" said the local veterinary surgeon. "The old trick—they threw it poisoned meat." The Morgan kennels had hitherto escaped attention from the poisoners, probably because most people know that a further visit would be likely to result in a charge of buckshot. But the death of this collie so recently a happy member of the \$60,000 canine community, absolutely responsible for the safety of the dogs in the financier's absence to take additional precautions. And now it would be about as easy for a stranger to approach Mr. Morgan's dog preserve as to jump vigorously on a dynamite cartridge.

Among others in the town along the Hudson who have suffered from the operations of the dog poisoners are Dr. Thomas, of Cranston; Dr. Sears, Valentine Huber, Cornelius Flynn, Charles Swim and George Murray.

SECRET WEDDING FOR R. H. DAVIS.

Only Fifty Guests Bidden, but It Will Be a Dainty Ceremony.

Chicago, April 26.—Arrangements have been completed for the wedding of Richard Harding Davis and Miss Cecil Clark, at Marion, Mass., on May 4. Charles Belmont Davis, brother of the bridegroom, will be best man, and Miss Ethel Barrymore, the actress, maid of honor. The ushers will be Bruce Clark, the bride's brother; Charles Dana Gibson, Colonel Arthur H. Lee, R. A. military attaché to the British Embassy; Captain Lloyd Grisoom, John Fox, Jr., author of "The Cumberland Vendetta"; J. Davis Broadhead, Horace Howard Furness, Jr., son of Dr. Furness, and Robert Howard Russell, the publisher.

There will be no unusual display—in fact, Marion has been chosen because in so small a town some privacy is possible. There is a tiny chapel in the village, known as St. Gabriel's, and here the marriage service will be said on Tuesday by Mr. Clark, who will be followed on Tuesday by Mr. Clark and members of the family will leave Marion immediately afterward, the novelist and his bride remaining to enjoy their honeymoon in the quiet little village.

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Miss Clark's marriage to Richard Harding Davis is the outcome of many Summers spent together at Marion. They have been warm friends since the bride-to-be was a miss in short dresses.

Mr. Clark and her son Bruce will leave for the East on Saturday morning. The wedding will be held on Tuesday by Mr. Clark and his daughter. Mr. Davis will meet them in New York and join Mrs. Clark and her son at Marion on Wednesday.

Bruce Clark, the son and elder child of the household, will be married on June 6 to Miss Pogram, daughter of John C. Pogram, of Providence, R. I., another member of the Marion Summer colony.

SECRET MARRIAGE; FORTUNE AT STAKE

Mysterious Couple Pledge the Justice to Four Days' Silence.

"DISASTER" IF IT'S KNOWN.

They Are Wedded at the Mansion House, New Brunswick, and Hastily Depart.

Love, law and mystery enter into the romance of a secret marriage at the Mansion House in New Brunswick, N. J., late Tuesday afternoon.

The ceremony was performed by Street Commissioner William F. Harkins, acting in the capacity of Justice of the Peace. He alone knows the names.

The couple came from Hoboken on the afternoon train, accompanied by a lawyer, who made all the arrangements for the wedding. The bridegroom was about forty years old, fashionably dressed. The bride was also middle-aged and becomingly gowned in silk.

The couple did not register. Their lawyer explained to the proprietor of the Mansion House that the cause of such haste was the law. Owing to certain legal complications the marriage must be kept secret until a fortune was at stake. Any mention of the marriage within four days of the event, in which the identity of the parties became known, would be disastrous.

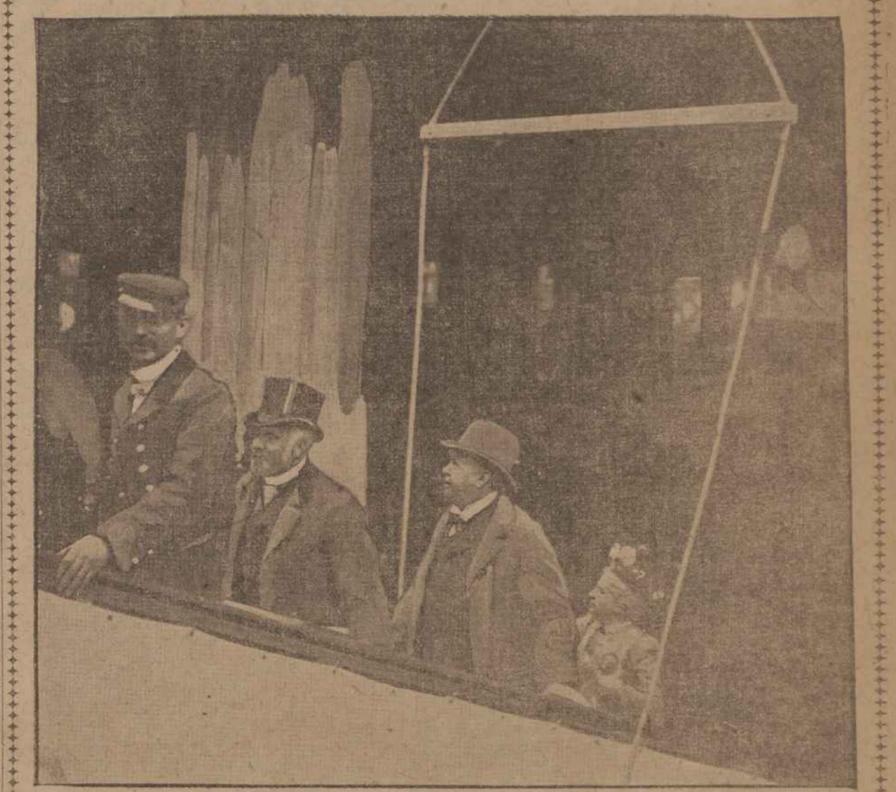
The lawyer asked the hotel proprietor to hurry and find a Justice. Street Commissioner Harkins happened to be in the hotel at the time, and Secretary H. J. Bond, of the Brunswick Traction Company; Superintendent Rana, and Alderman H. C. Hausel, proprietor Mrs. called upon him to officiate. The Commissioner performed the ceremony in the hotel parlor, with the proprietor Mas and his wife as witnesses. The names of the bridal party were given to the Justice with the utmost secrecy, and he was enjoined not to divulge them to any one.

The ceremony was also witnessed by Messrs. Rodel, Rand and Hansell, who had a sort of football rush at its conclusion for the honor of kissing the bride. She kissed all three rather than slight any.

Mr. Harkins will not file the record for several days.

The couple returned to Jersey City on an evening train. It is understood that the bride was recently divorced.

A ROUSING TRIBUTE TO CROKER, LIONIZED AS HE SETS SAIL.



Richard Croker and Thomas Brackett Reed Walking Up the Gang Plank to Board the New York.

CLENDENIN PROTESTS AGAINST DR. BRIGGS BEING ORDAINED IN HIS CHURCH.

St. Peter's Rector Asks Bishop Potter Not to Do It. HERESY IS HIS CHARGE.

It is Based on the Former Presbyterian's Last Book on the "Higher Criticism."



Charles Augustus Briggs, D. D.

Against the ordination of the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Briggs as a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. Frank M. Clendenin, rector of St. Peter's, West Chester, has written a strong letter of protest to Bishop Potter, and has furnished a copy of it to the Journal.

It is in Dr. Clendenin's church that the Bishop intends to ordain Dr. Briggs on May 14, and the rector in his letter asks earnestly that this plan be not carried out. The position he takes is, he says, based on a perusal of Dr. Briggs' latest book on the Bible.

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Remarkable Demonstration of His Popularity, at the New York's Pier.

THOS. B. REED ALSO SAILS.

Other Notables, too, but the Rush of Friends to Honor the Tammany Chief Breaks All Records.

A CERTAIN week recently prophesied to Richard Croker, says: "Mr. Croker, you will attain the zenith of your power and fame on April 2, 1906. That will be the most memorable day of your life."

But even though that prediction shall be realized, it is doubtful whether any future triumph can so thoroughly appeal to the heart of the Tammany politician as the demonstration in his honor yesterday on and about the American line steamer New York just previous to her departure for Europe.

There were other notabilities on the ship—a famous statesman, a renowned diplomat, a singer whose matches voice has charmed two continents and won unstinted praise from royalty itself; and all these were forgotten for the plain citizen, Richard Croker, upon whom were showered all the praise, all the flowers, all the enthusiasm, and all the glory.

When the gang rang for all visitors to go ashore, Mr. Croker walked into the main saloon as if the last day of his life. The crush was awful; the air, rendered heavy by the profusion of floral memorials, was stifling.

Says Electricity Cannot Be Stolen.

TAR AND FEATHER MEN INDICTED AT LAST.

NEW HOPE HELD OUT TO CONSUMPTIVES.

NEW YORKERS TO CONTROL CHICAGO STREET RAILWAYS.

MRS. ROCKEFELLER BUYS 300 PINKS FOR \$3,000.

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