

## COLONEL FELLOWS.

RECEIVES A COPY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

Will File His Answer In Due Time—Committee of Seventy Disapproves the Action Taken—Says It Was Ill-Advised Under the Circumstances—Charges Against Justice Divor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—District Attorney Fellows received a copy of the charges preferred against him before Governor Flower by Messrs. McMahon, Tucker, Taber, Welling and Goodby. He refused to discuss the matter, but said he would reply in due time.

The committee of 70 and other reform organizations, who are desirous that Governor Flower should place the prosecution of the election law violation cases and



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cases of infidelity in office in charge of the attorney general, do not indorse the action of this committee of five. The seven who took it are considered ill-advised under the circumstances.

The subcommittee of the committee of 70 appointed to wait on Governor Flower to induce him to require the attorney general to conduct the prosecution in these particular cases, met on Wednesday night. They sent a letter to Governor Flower making formal a request for a special prosecutor and this letter was concurred in by Colonel John R. Fellows, the district attorney.

The subcommittee has forwarded another communication to Governor Flower. They submit that coming to the fact the governor, on a memorial by five citizens, accompanied by charges against Colonel Fellows, has issued a summons requiring the district attorney of this country to answer the charges in eight days.

In addition to all the reasons which before existed for your excellency's action in the premises, it is manifest now that the necessity on the part of the district attorney to properly present his defense against charges of official misconduct will occupy all his time in the immediate future as to preclude the possibility of his giving the necessary attention to the cases in which the intervention of the attorney general is sought, which their public importance demands and which our citizens have a right to expect.

### William Resigns.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Assistant District Attorney Francis L. Wellman has resigned his office. He sent a letter to this effect to District Attorney John R. Fellows.

Mr. Wellman explains his reasons for resigning by telling Colonel Fellows that he has noticed lately a disposition to criticize Colonel Fellows, and he is unwilling to subject the district attorney on his (Wellman's) account, particularly at this time.

Mr. Wellman writes that when he was appointed assistant district attorney in Colonel Fellows' office it was with the understanding that he should be allowed to practice in the civil courts whenever such opportunity did not interfere with his public duties.

Although such an arrangement appears to Mr. Wellman eminently proper, and no suggestion has been made that his public duty has been neglected, he considers Colonel Fellows and himself have been criticized because of the privilege accorded him. As he cannot afford to give up his work in the civil courts, Mr. Wellman has decided to resign his office.

Colonel Fellows replied to Mr. Wellman's letter. He wrote that he is not aware of the criticism Mr. Wellman complains of, but it is not his business to do both a singular injustice.

Colonel Fellows concluded by accepting the resignation, if it is insinuated upon, with regret.

### Charges Against Justice Divor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Chief Justice Joseph F. Daly of the court of common pleas has confirmed the report that he has handed papers alleging the misconduct and mismanagement in office of Police Justice Patrick Divor, which gives reasons why Justice Divor should be removed from his official position.

The charges are, in substance, that Justice Divor is habitually careless, negligent and inefficient in the discharge of the duties of his office and that his career as a police justice has been disgraceful, in public offering bribes to secure the falsification of election returns; in conspiring and colluding with "green goods" vendors, and in giving them the use of his safe for the keeping of a package of money used in the game of roulette and defrauding in public the public treasury, particularly in making violent assault on Morris Tekulsky last October.

### Miners' Wages Advanced.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 27.—The New York and Cleveland Gas Coal company has advanced the wages of their miners at Plum and Sandy Creeks from \$5 to 60 cents per ton, the most signing an agreement not to join any labor organizations. The increase affects about 2,000 miners. This company receives a differential rate of 2 cents a ton for giving this to the men.

### Six Men's Lucky Escape.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 28.—Six workmen in the Granger block, which is undergoing alterations, while rolling a box containing a ton of glass, were precipitated from the fifth to the second story of the building by the box falling in. Not one of the six had a bone broken and none was seriously injured.

### Farmers' Unions to Consolidate.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The leading members of various Farmers' Alliance unions are holding meetings in this city today to perfect plans for the federation of all farm societies and associations into "The Farmers' Union." A supreme council of the Farmers' union has already been formed.

## DETECTIVES' QUEER REPORT.

IF True It Would Indicate That Young New Was Murdered.

BUFFALO, Nov. 22.—A report, too singular to be accepted as true, has been made to Robert H. New, father of the student who disappeared from Cornell college Oct. 2 by the detectives whom he employed to look for his son.

The detectives reported that they had learned the boy was held up while on his way back from a South Danby farmhouse near Ithaca on the afternoon of Oct. 2.

One night two weeks ago one of the detectives was up in the hills, where he came upon a fresh grave beneath the tree, and the detective, afraid that he might not be able to find the place again if he went away, began at once to dig with a stick.

He had worked away for about 10 minutes and thought he was about to find a body when a stick torn glided from behind a tree, raised a gun to his shoulder and fired at him. The shot passed over his head.

Although the detective was armed he did not fire back, but suspecting that the stranger was not alone, took to his heels. The next day he went back and renewed his search for the tree and fresh grave, but could not find either.

The three detectives who were on the case then decided to work together and they have been working through the hills they came on a strong but in a clump of brush. While watching the place they saw a big man come out of the hut with something on his shoulder which looked like a corpse.

The detectives immediately jumped to the conclusion that this was the body of young New, but according to their own story they made no attempt what ever to interrupt the man.

It is on these statements that Mr. New has come to the conclusion that his son has been murdered.

### Recommends the Missing Student.

CANTON, N. Y., Nov. 28.—The man supposed to have been F. G. New, the missing Cornell student, is working five miles from here in the town of Howard for James Coots. He gave his name as Walter Beal and his residence as Ithaca, claiming he has an aunt in Buffalo.

He came to the town of Howard with a passport two days after the disappearance of New from Cornell. His partner, who gave the name of Fox, has left for parts unknown. They have told conflicting stories as to where they were from. Beal told one man that he was from Binghamton and had clerked in a store there. He stoutly denies that his name is New, but he resembles the picture of that young man.

### ENTIRE BOND ISSUE.

Secretary Carlisle Awards It to a Syndicate on Their Bid of \$117,077.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Secretary Carlisle has acted in the matter of the allotment of the \$20,000,000 per cent bonds, bids for which were opened at the treasury department Saturday.

He accepted the proposal submitted by the syndicate represented by John A. Stewart of the United States Trust company of New York and others to take the entire issue at \$117,077.

It is the expectation of the treasury officials that the deposits of gold for the payment of the bonds will be made very promptly, and as the understanding is that none of the gold is to be taken from the treasury, an early restoration of the gold reserve to above the \$100,000,000 mark will be the result.

The bonds, including premium, will realize to the government about \$20,000,000.

### JAPAN'S CONQUEST.

Capture of Port Arthur Reported by General Ito.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—A dispatch received here from Hiroshima, Japan, gives the first of the dispatches by Admiral Ito, commander of the Japanese navy from Port Arthur on Saturday. The dispatch says:

"This place was captured by Marshal Oyama on Thursday. The traitor squadrons stood off shore merely attempting to ward off the attention of the coast batteries. The dockyard, arsenal and ships in the port have been handed over to the Japanese. The dockyard and arsenal are in perfect working order."

A dispatch from Ping Yang issues for Port Arthur conveying the emperor's congratulations to Count Oyama and his thanks to the troops.

### FITZSIMMONS EXONERATED.

Inquest Over the Body of Con Riordan at Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 23.—The inquest over the body of Cornelius Riordan, the prizefighter, who became unconscious while sparring with Bob Fitzsimmons on Friday night last and died a few hours later, was held here.

Many witnesses were examined. The jury, which was composed of some of the representative business men of the town, brought in a verdict exonerating Fitzsimmons.

District Attorney B. J. Shore says that despite the verdict he will present the case to the January grand jury of Onondaga county.

### Singular Case Decided.

ALBANY, Nov. 28.—A singular case decided by the court of appeals was in awarding George W. Wilson of New York \$470 for false imprisonment. The Manhattan Railroad company has to pay the amount. Plaintiff was arrested Oct. 4, 1898, on charge of loitering around defendant's station at Sixth avenue and Twenty-third street and insulting and assaulting females. He was confined a day and on his discharge sued for \$50,000. He had been a member of the Seventh regiment and denied the allegations that he purposely collided with women that he might grasp them. Detectives testified that Wilson was hanging around the station several nights and would rush suddenly down stairs when he saw women approaching and place his hands on their bosoms.

### Vandalism Practiced by Students.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Students at Syracuse university daubed parts of the stone building, including the corner stone, with red paint and numerous "V's." After chapel Chancellor Day asked every one of the suspected class stated questions regarding knowledge of the affair and recorded their answers. No admissions were made and the effort to find the responsible parties was continued. Chancellor Day threatens to prosecute in the courts the guilty parties when discovered.

### Veteran Police Justice Dead.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 23.—Thomas Mulholland of this city, who has been police justice nearly 18 years, is dead. The cause of death was heart failure.

## THE BUTCHER BIRD.

HE KILLS FOR PLEASURE AND PUTS HIS VICTIMS OUT TO DRY.

He Hunts Rabbits, Hares and Chipmunks on These Shores—A Vicious Terror of the Woods—A Bird That Is Well as Murderer—The Half Blood Idea.

No bird native to this country is so little known and surely none has such striking habits of life as the shrike, or butcher bird. He is a member of a family comprising some 200 species, of which only one well defined subspecies is resident in North America. Bold, daring, handsome, he is at once the braggart and the beau of the woods. At a little distance a southerner would readily mistake him for the mocking bird.

His bluish gray plumage, tall tipped with white and broad black patch across each eye give him a trim, jaunty air quite pleasing to the eye, but, alas, a dreaded object to smaller and weaker birds. His habitat is northern North America, and though he breeds in the high ground of New England and New York he grows more common after the Canadian line is crossed.

The shrike is a born tyrant. Not content with killing and devouring all insects large enough to attract his fancy, he attacks snakes, moles, mice and small birds whenever opportunity offers. His disposition is as unlovable at home as abroad, for seldom are two or more together but they are engaged in an angry family quarrel. They are truly carnivorous, and except for certain weakness of bone and muscle would rank as true birds of prey.

There is one strange, uncanny characteristic, however, which separates the woodland bully from all known birds. Naturalists have watched it, studied it, pondered over it and written long pages of inexplorable explanations of it, and common people have doubted its truth, separation or ignorance whether it was the doing of a bird or a demon in bird form. Today it remains as deep a mystery as it was 100 years ago.

This is the puzzle: The butcher bird in his fitful love of killing slays many more victims than he has any possible use for. He seems to do it for the mere fun of the thing. Instead of leaving the dead, however, he carries them on by one to some thorny hedge or tree and there impales them in all sorts of fantastic positions in the branches. It gives one a start to come out of a piece of woods when gunning and see a thorn tree laden with a ghastly crop of locusts, toads, sparrows, grouse, snakes, lizards and chipmunks.

If the shrike ever returned to feed upon his grisly hoard, there would be some explanation of his conduct, and he would be credited with the opinionated taste of a thoroughbred vulture who likes things "a bit gamey." But such is not the case. The weird fruits hang for days upon the limbs, and if hawks or owls do not find and steal it it will rot until only a few tiny white skeletons remain to tell of the massacre.

Comparatively few dwellers in the backwoods know this secret of the butcher bird, and hence arise many curious and apparently well authenticated stories of trees that catch birds in their branches and of storms that pluck down trees and lizards, so that the trees were full of them.

The butcher bird is a born thief as well as a murderer and often meets his death while hopelessly endeavoring to kill and carry off a tame pet bird from a cage or to rob a hunter's cabin of fresh meat. Any bird he finds he will steal, even if only to suspend it from a lonesome bough hard by. The Canadian fur traders and trappers despise him heartily and never leave a chance to kill him. The half breed call him "Whiskey Joe" and claim he is half drunk all the time, and hence does these foolish things.

He will spy out the most carefully hidden trap and always manage to paralyze the bait without being caught. The wild country north of the great lakes is a favorite haunt of these butchers, and the Indians who hunt and sell fur to the Hudson Bay company complain bitterly of the depredations of "Whiskey Joe."

The shrike builds a bulky, somewhat elaborate nest of heavy sticks below, and upon this foundation a warm covering of bark, leaves and grass is laid. It is usually in some low tree, and the eggs, which are somewhat smaller than a pigeon's, are decidedly pretty. They are of a grayish green mottled, speckled and scratched with reddish brown. The young nestlings begin their education by wrangling and fighting as soon as hatched, in which amiable diversion their fond parents set them striking and perpetual examples.—New York World.

### A Will on a Concocted Road.

John Morris, who died in this city leaving an estate valued at \$1,800, had written the following upon the back of a concocted bond of the Milburn Building and Loan association, No. 8, which expired April 7, 1899. It was taken as expressing his testamentary desire and was probated accordingly after proper identification:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24, 1894. This shall be found, faith, when I am gone, and, mamma, I shall leave all to you, and you, mamma, shall be a Jordan over Anna, and if the boys back you through, as you say, let what is left be and divided among them. It won't be long before they will miss me.

Your Momma.

—Philadelphia Ledger.

### A Good Idea.

"Yesterday," said Iva, the painter, "I discovered a very simple method of avoiding payment of tips at the restaurant. When the bill is presented, I pay the exact amount and nothing more. The waiter looks dagger. Then I get up and say:

"My compliments; your establishment is very well managed. I have made a capital dinner."

"I intend to take him for the head of a pin," said Iva.

—Pittsburgh Courier.

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### The Teachers of Cooking in the Boston Public Schools.

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## VENUS SAFETY.

A New Capital Tells How and Why He Must Make Quick Work.

A passenger on one of the European lines made a jocular remark to the captain one night as they were chatting familiarly on deck.

"You see captain," he said, "you are the only absolute sovereign now left in the world. When the ship leaves port, your will is law. Every one of these passengers recognizes your supreme authority. From your decisions they get no appeal. Every life is in your keeping. You are a king indeed."

"No, we are housemen of the company managers," was the blunt old captain's reply. "We are under obligations to make fast runs, yet never to take any risks. It is no longer possible for the captain of a first class liner to exercise discretion."

"Why, on my last run across the Atlantic," he continued, rapidly warming up, "I had foul weather nearly all the way. When the wind was not blowing a gale, there was drizzle, and I didn't dare to run at full speed. The ship was 24 hours behind time in reaching New York."

The captain and the passenger were intimate friends and talked without restraint.

"I went to the main office," the captain continued, "and was met by the manager. He said to me, 'You are a very poor fellow. I don't know how you can be so stupid. You are a king indeed. You are a king indeed.'"

"So you see that the king of the sea are the managers' housemen. If they are cautious and avoid risks, they are considered stupid and slow. If they venture some and the ship gets wrecked, then they are condemned as foolhardy. That's the tyranny of the sea, even if we are kings on deck."—Philadelphia Times.

### A "Singular" Continues.

They were standing on a street corner waiting for a car. She was American; he was English. She delighted in proclaiming the glories of this new world, but he only elevated his head and said every remark with that irritating phrase, "In the old country," etc.

While they were waiting a pair of bicyclists, a man and a woman, wheeled by. The woman was dressed decidedly "up to date."

"Aw!" the Englishman remarked. "Knickerbocker!"

"The girl looked in surprise. 'Do you mean the woman in knickerbockers?'"

"Yes, but in the old country, you know, we call 'em knickerbockers."

Miss America hardly knew how to answer his know-it-all manner. She felt it would be rude to change the conversation too abruptly, so she simply said, "By the way, do you call a pair of knickerbockers 'singular' or plural?"

The Englishman glanced after the retreating bicyclists. "Plural," he said, "as applied to men, but in the case of women—singular."—Boston Budget.

### A Yearly Newspaper.

What would you think of a yearly newspaper—one that is only printed once through the year? There are at least two such in the world, and there may be more. One is called the "Eskimo Bulletin." It is issued every year at Prince of Wales Cape, Bering Strait, on the arrival of that isolated place of the yearly steamer. This brings news from the outer world, and the paper that has something to print besides the local news, that everybody knows at any rate. The other paper is printed in Paris, and it comes out once a year now, just to preserve its name. The Twentieth Century. Its publishers think that will be a very fine name for a journal when the twentieth century is actually here, and for fear some one will get ahead of them in it they will issue their paper once a year until 1900, and then be first in the field.—New York Times.

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