

KICK AGAINST COMMITTEE.

Meeting Objects to Slocum Relief Methods—Complains to Mayor.

Five hundred dissatisfied survivors and friends of survivors of the General Slocum disaster crowded into Schuetzen Hall, in St. Mark's Place, last night to attend the mass meeting of the Survivors' Association, called for the purpose of protesting against the methods of the Citizens' Relief Committee in distributing the money intrusted to its care. Most of those present were dressed in deep mourning.

President Charles Diersch extended an invitation to all to relate their experiences with the officers of the Relief Committee. Several in the audience told of unpaid bills, alleged thefts of articles left in the care of the Coroner that had been taken from the bodies of victims, and of money promised them by the Relief Committee which they had never received.

The President referred to a special fund of \$18,000 that had, he said, been contributed by friends of the survivors, aside from the general relief fund, and placed in the hands of Pastor Haas. A committee of his association, he said, had waited on the pastor to ascertain what had been done with this fund.

"The Rev. Mr. Haas," he declared, "refused to make any detailed statement of what had been or was to be done with the money. He said he still had the biggest part of it, and intended to keep it until next Winter. He said his people would need coal then, and it would come in handy. Our friend and consoler, the pastor, could not find time to attend personally to the members of his flock, and yet he found time to present a medal to a police officer."

Secretary Weingart of the General Slocum Disaster Survivors' Association said that he would to-day place the names of those who are in need of help before the Relief Committee and demand that something be done for them.

Acting Mayor Fornes received a visit yesterday from three men who lost relatives in the Slocum disaster. They came to file a complaint against Edward T. Devine, Acting Secretary of the General Slocum Relief Committee, for what they declare to be arbitrary methods and lack of tact. The men were Jacob Weingart of 409 Fifth Street, who lost a daughter; Charles Dersch of 76 First Avenue, who lost a wife, daughter, and niece, and Frederick W. Hotz of 319 Fifth Street, who lost a wife and daughter.

As a result of the visit to the Acting Mayor Mr. Fornes gave the committee a letter to Mr. Devine asking him to receive the committee and go over matters with the members.

During the afternoon a meeting of the sub-committee of the Citizens' Relief Committee was held in the Staats-Zeitung Building when the work of accounting and distribution was taken up. The sub-committee will finish its labors and report the details of the relief work to the full committee next week, at which time a report will be made public. Herman Ridder, after the meeting, said that when the committee was through it would be found that no one entitled to relief had been forgotten. "I will give \$100 for each and every case of genuine want to which we have not given aid," declared Mr. Ridder.

SUSPECTS HOSPITAL ABUSES.

Coroner Will Be Asked to Investigate

Death on Blackwell's Island.

Relatives of Joseph Lyons, forty-two years old, of 142 Barrow Street, who died Tuesday at the Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Island, assert that he did not die of phthisis, as the death certificate states, but as the result of bodily injuries which he received while a patient in the hospital. Lyons became ill in September last and was removed to the Metropolitan Hospital. His trouble was diagnosed as tuberculosis.

Mrs. Clappin of 254 Griggs Avenue, Greenpoint, his sister, went to the hospital to see him once a week. She says that recently he had been improving, and when she saw him a few days ago he was quite hopeful of recovery.

When she called at the Morgue yesterday she said she noticed a large bruise on the forehead of the dead man, and a gash on the top of the head. Mrs. Clappin said that her brother had no such injuries when she saw him last. She said that she would lay the matter before the Coroner this morning and ask for a thorough investigation of the case.

A nurse told Dr. Eldridge, who is in charge of the ward, that Lyons had left his bed and gone into an adjoining room just before he died. The nurse thought that he must have fallen while in the other room, for when he came back he was bleeding profusely.

CROWD SEES MURDER.

Italian Killed in Grand Street—Two

Arrests.

Hundreds on their way home from work last evening saw an Italian murdered at the corner of Grand and Mulberry Streets. The murderer is thought to have made his escape in the crowd. The dead man was identified as Felice Aurlenma, twenty-eight years old, a waiter, whose home was in Boston, and who had also lived at 90 Bowery.

The murder occurred in front of the banking house of Stabine Brothers, 189 Grand Street. The two men met and a wordy war ensued. The unknown man was seen to draw a pistol from his hip pocket and fire point blank at Aurlenma. The shot struck the man in the right cheek. Another shot was immediately fired, and this went through his head, the shot entering his right ear.

Several policemen were attracted by the shots and saw the crowd running in all directions. Policeman Walsh of the Mulberry Street Station, who was one of the first to arrive, saw a man running up Grand Street toward the Bowery. The policeman started in pursuit and chased the man into a café. The man when he got inside the place was seen to throw a revolver behind the counter. The policeman grabbed the man and got the revolver. He gave his name as Pelegrino Morano.

Detective Casey of the Mulberry Street Station also saw a man running, and after a chase of several blocks arrested him. He gave his name as Lorenzo Becchero.

MEXICAN CENTRAL CONTEST.

Bondholders' Committee Proposes Re-

organization—Stockholders Organize.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Speyer & Co. of this city and Speyer Brothers of London are out with a circular stating that, in conjunction with the Mexican Central Railway Securities Company, Limited, they will receive deposits of the 4 per cent. consolidated mortgage bonds of the Mexican Central, as well as the income bonds, and undertake, should it become necessary, the preparation of a plan for the reorganization of the finances of the company or the readjustment of its securities. Bonds can be deposited with the Equitable Trust Company of this city, Speyer Brothers in London, the Adams Trust Company in Boston, and the Mercantile Trust Company in St. Louis.

At the same time a committee of stockholders of the same company has issued a call signed by William L. Bull, Robert B. Van Cortlandt, Gerald L. Hoyt, Gordon Abbott and F. G. Danbury, Bart., M. P., for stockholders to deposit certificates of stock, so that a committee can be formed for the protection of stockholders' interests. The Central Trust Company of this city and the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston are named as depositories.

Engineer Questions Lackawanna Plans.

Charles M. Jacobs, Chief Engineer of the Consolidated Gas Company, and a consulting engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, told the commission appointed to condemn lands for the Jersey City-Hoboken spur of the New York and New Jersey Company's tunnel that the Lackawanna Railroad could not build its proposed tube under the Hudson River without the approval of the War Department. He added that the department would not approve such plans as had been examined by him.

Mr. Jacobs said that the New York and New Jersey tunnel would not interfere with the proposed Lackawanna ship canal because it would go from 4½ to 7 feet below the river bottom. The commission will hear argument of counsel to-morrow.