KILLED ON A STREET CAR

Driver Seeley Protects His Cash-Box at the Cost of a Highwayman's Life.

Warned of Two Suspected Men, He Prepares to Meet Them, and, Killing One, Fires Several Shots at the Other.

A highwayman was killed last night in front of No. 321 English avenue, not far from Spruce street, by Theophilus A. Seeley, driver of street car No. 14, English-avenue line. The killing occurred at 9:30 o'clock, as the car was on its way west. The line extends from a terminus in the southeast part of the city to West Indianapolis, and in that place yesterday a boy told Seeley that he had seen during the afternoon two men at the railroad crossing there acting suspiciously. "They were in the cemetery of the town," said Seeley to a Journal reporter last night at Kregelo's morgue, where the body of the highwayman had been taken, "and the boy learned they intended to rob a street-car-driver. On one of my trips I saw the two men in the cemetery, and kept my eyes open for an attack, putting my revolver in the right-side pocket of my overcoat. An attempt was made to rob me a week ago last Wednesday, on English avenue, just east of Spruce street, and I only escaped by fast driving and snapping my revolver in the faces of two would-be robbers. The revolver only snapped then, but I got away. But I, of course, was afterward very cautious, and when, on my trip to the east end of the line last night, I saw the two men concerning whom I had been warned walking on English avenue, I became suspicious. The moon was shining brightly, so I easily recognized the men. I had four or five passengers on the car, and went on to the end of the line, starting back empty on schedule time, and driving very fast. As I came near Spruce street the men were waiting for me at a point not far from that street, and they signaled me with their hands to stop the car, as any passengers would do. I checked up at the opposite crossing, but the men instead of entering the car, as I saw them through the windows, ran along its side. I also saw they had handkerchiefs over their faces. Then I knew what was coming, and had my hand on my revolver.

"When the man on the left side reached my end of the car, he stepped up with one foot, and poked a revolver im my face, saying, 'Hold on here a minute.' I threw up my revolver and fired. It was done quick as a flash, and the man fell without a groan, but I thought he was possibly trying to deceive me, and turned to the other man. He was running south on Spruce street, towards Splann avenue, and I left the car on the right side, and ran after him, firing twice in a square's distance, but failing to bring him down. Some men, who followed his tracks in the snow, say they think I hit him, from the straggling in the tracks, but I know nothing of that. I came back to the car, and found the man I had shot lying alongside the car, with a new revolver by his side. It was of the thirty-eight caliber pattern of Smith & Wesson make, and with every chamber loaded with fresh cartridges. The revolver I used was of the same caliber, but of the hammerless bull-dog pattern. That is the whole story. I am a married man, having a wife and three children."

David Fowler, living at No. 313 English avenue, was the first to reach the car after the shooting. He told a Journal reporter that he heard the report of a revolver, and came out to see what was the matter. He knew of the threatened danger, he said, as his brother-in-law, Henry Smith, is a driver on the same line, and had come to his house during the evening to borrow his revolver, Smith's being out of repair. Fowler said he saw the highwayman lying bleeding in the street, but did not go nearer than the sidewalk. Mrs. Fannie Diggs, who lives at No. 312 English avenue, was also attracted by the shot, and reported that she saw the man standing on the corner as the car was going east.

Kregelo's ambulance was summoned, no one touching the body till it arrived. The blood and brains in the meantime oozed from a hole in the forehead of the robber, midway between the eyes, leaving red stains on the snow. Seeley remained with his car till road officer James Weir arrived and relieved him of his charge. The body was by this time lifted into the ambulance, and Seeley also entered it, to ride to the station-house to give himself up. He here requested permission to go to the morgue to view his victim and see whether he could recognize him. This was granted, patrolmen Clary and Shaffer accompanying him. He was cool in his actions, evidently having full confidence in the justification of his act. He is a man of perhaps thirty-five years, has a clear, straightforward eye and an intelligent-looking countenance. He is not a large man, nor does he look strong, and in physical contests with such men as the highwayman would be at a decided disadvantage. His face, however, shows a self-reliant spirit.

The dead man was not recognized by any one at the morgue. When the blue dotted handkerchief was removed from about his head he was seen to have a beardless face, with the exception of a short, stubby mustache. His nose and mouth were prominent and sharp, his features being spare of flesh. His hair was short, stiff and inclined to curl, especially on the top part of his head. His eye was a yellowish gray and hands callousled, showing acquaintance with some manual labor. He measured six feet one inch in height and had a large, well-knit frame. His clothing consisted of a suit of red flannel underwear, a clean starched white shirt and brown stripe pantaloons of woolen, a black checked coat and vest, and a short, close-fitting overcoat. The garments were all clean and in good order. In the pockets of the vest was found an open-faced silver watch and a small note book, the back torn off, bearing the name Richards on one page and Franklin & Clark, Danville, Ill., with some unexplainable figures, on another. One of the street-railway employes thought the man's face was familiar, but could not identify him. Coroner Manker was notified, but telephoned that he would not view the body till morning.

Seeley was assured by Foreman Michael Burns that the company would stand by him, and he was bidden not to worry over the affair. He was held at the station-house all night, though not locked up, Superintendent Travis giving him the privilege of sitting in the office. The charge of murder, however, was written against his name, but his cool demeanor was maintained throughout the night. A citizen remarked, on hearing of the case, that the crime of waylaying street-car-drivers would now be checked. A great deal of this has been done this winter, the absence of a conductor making it easy, and the robbers being always sure of $15, as that is the amount the drivers have in their boxes.

Hit Cline with a Mallet.

"Squire" Bell, an old colored man employed about Kerr's saloon, on Indiana avenue, was arrested by patrolman John Reid yesterday, on a charge of assault and battery. He hit John Cline on the head with a mallet, causing a severe scalp wound. Cline had been terrorizing the people in the saloon all day, and on a demand for whisky was given a glass of water, and a glass for liquor was also put before him. He hurled both glasses at the colored man, one striking him on the breast. Cline then left, but soon returned, and began his abuse again. Bell met him at the door, and in answer to an approbious epithet, brought the mallet down on his tormentor's head.

Took a Traveler's Grip.

Charles Gray, Ollie Mitchell and Ansel Simon, three colored boys, were arrested for petit larceny yesterday by patrolman Harris. They are accused of stealing a traveling satchel which a stranger had left on a door-step for a few minutes. They afterward sold the grip for 25 cents to a second-hand-dealer.

A Suggestion from a Councilman.

Speaking of the action of Council last night in appropriating money to pay the semi-annual interest on the city's bonded debt, Emil C. Rassman said: "There are plenty of business men in the city who have large amounts of money in bank not in use. If they would pay their taxes now instead of waiting until next April it would help the city financially and greatly lessen the amount we are compelled to borrow. To some this might prove a hardship just now, but I do not refer to them. I have reference to citizens who are as able to pay now as they will be three months hence."

MINOR CITY MATTERS.

To-Day's Doings.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS — First Baptist Church—Morning and afternoon.

MURPHY TEMPERANCE MEETING—Y. M. C. A. Hall; evening.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—Russell's Comedians in the "City Directory," afternoon and evening.

ENGLISH'S OPERA-HOUSE—C. A. Gardner in "Fatherland;" afternoon and evening.

PARK THEATER—Frank I. Frayne in "Kentucky Bill;" afternoon and evening.

Local News Notes.

The Indianapolis Chain and Stamping Company, of Indianapolis, was incorporated yesterday with a capital stock of $5,000 and the following directors: Glenn G. Howe, Arthur C. Newby and Edward C. Fletcher.

Personal and Society.

Mrs Lewis R. Levey is spending the holidays with relatives in Madison.

Mr. Frank Deckert, of the Louisville Commercial, and wife are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Johnston, of Danville, Ill., are visiting Dr. John F. Johnston and family.

Miss Sue Winter will entertain the Dancing Club, this evening, at her home on North Meridian street.

President Locke, of the Evanston University, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Walrath, on St. Joe street.

Mrs. Staub and Miss Helen Staub, of Terre Haute, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Morris for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Murray, of Butte, Mont., are guests of Mrs. Murray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilsey, on College avenue.

The Clover Club will give a breakfast New Year's at Miss Agnes Duncan's, and will receive there during the afternoon and evening.

D. S. Alexander, United States district attorney for northern New York, is in the city, a guest of his brother-in-law, Major Charles Kahlo.

Prof. H. S. Kritz, of Wabash College, and wife are spendinging the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. R. V. Hunter, at No. 309 East South street.

Mr. D. E. Walrath gave a Christmas party to the members of his Sunday-school class, numbering twenty-five, and presented each with a handsome book.

Prof. David Swing, of Chicago, will be the next speaker before the Contemporary Club, some time in January. The club expects to meet then in the Propylæum.

Miss Rose Foster will entertain the Reading Club this evening. Mr. Harold Taylor will read his paper on "National Hymns," which he read before the Century Club, and which was published in one of the leading magazines.

Mr. J. H. Ross, who was stricken with apoplexy last Wednesday morning, is still lying in a very critical condition at his residence, No. 246 North Illinois street. Mr. Ross is one of the oldest citizens, and a member of the Tippecanoe Club.

MRS. BALDWIN'S RECEPTION.

A large and handsomely arranged reception was that given yesterday, from 4 till 7 o'clock, by Mrs. J. H. Baldwin and daughters, Rose, Helen, Margaret and Belle, in honor of their guests, Miss Bruce and Miss Field, of Louisville, who are here to spend a few days. Miss Field was detained and did not arrive till late, which was a disappointment not only to the hostesses, but to the coterie of friends who had been invited to meet her. The spacious rooms and hall en suite were decorated with garlands of laurel and holly. In one room lemonade was served and in another tea and coffee, the tea-table being very pretty with its dainty service and ornamentation of laurel and cedar wreaths, with sprays of holly strewn over its surface. The ladies were assisted by Mrs. James B. Black, Mr. and Mrs. M. Steele Bright, of Superior, Wis., Miss Farquhar, Miss Robinson, of St. Louis, Miss Shover, Miss Josephine Robinson, Miss Grace Phillips, Miss Charlotte Jones, Miss Dilkes and Miss Jessie Bybee, and Dr. E. R. Lewis, Mr. Leathers, Mr. Byfield, Mr. Charles Merrill, Mr. Merrill Moores, Mr. Henry Woolen, Mr. Lee Travers, Mr. Preston Kelsey, Mr. Wm. Landers, Mr. Edson T. Wood, Mr. Percy Hord, Mr. Jacquelin Holliday, Mr. Booth Tarkington and Mr. Frank Baldwin. Having gentlemen to assist is a pleasant innovation, and now that there have been two parties conducted in that manner there will probably not be a company of any size where the precedent will not be followed. The ladies receiving were in handsome evening toilets, and the guests, without exception, wore reception gowns and bonnets. About 150 of the young people and young married people were present. Among the guests from out of town were: Mrs. John A. Glover, Champagne, Ill.; Miss Thompson, Miss Bayliss and Miss Mhoon, Alabama; Miss Barbour, Evansville; Miss Elston, Crawfordsville, and Miss Fletcher, Orlando, Fla. The receiving party and the ladies and gentlemen assisting were entertained at tea at 7 o'clock, and in the evening they enjoyed dancing.

MARTINSVILLE.

Mrs. William Carmichael is visiting friends in Indianapolis for a few days....Grant Crawford and wife, of Hillsboro, Ky., are spending several days with their sons, Add and Jap Crawford.... Miss Eva Wingate is spending a couple of weeks in Shelbyville visiting her parents. ..Mrs. John McNeff, of Brooklyn, is visiting in this city, the guest of Mrs. John Moss....Miss Rose Wiley is visiting relatives in Banta....Miss Mabel Shirley is visiting in Indianapolis, the guest of Miss Mabel Conduitt....Miss Daisy Sloan is visiting her mother in Worthington....Miss Nannie Woodard is the guest of relatives in Bloomington.... Earl Guss and Eugene Sherman are visiting in Indianapolis, guests of Will Sherman and wife....Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cunningham, of Terre Haute, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. N. J. Majors....Miss Bessie Hill, of Sandborn, is spending the week with Mrs. Mag. Hite. ....Mrs. W. S. Shirley is visiting relatives in Indianapolis....Till Treat and wife, of Bloomington, are visiting the former's parents, Elder W. B. F. Treat and wife....E R. Martin and wife and Mrs. J. H. Veitch, of Kansas City, are visiting their parents, S. M. Mitchell and wife.... Miss Alpha Hatton gave a party last evening to a number of her friends. A fine time is reported. ....Miss Clara Marshall has returned to her home in Greencastle, after a short visit to Samuel Tucker and family.

WABASH TO GIVE A GREAT RECEPTION.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., Dec. 25.—One of the largest receptions ever held in northern Indiana will be given next Thursday night by the citizens of Wabash. The ball will be held in the immense addition recently built to the paper-mill of the Diamond Match Company, which is being elegantly decorated for the occasion. The floor space of the ball-room will exceed five thousand square feet, and the hall will be brilliantly illuminated with several powerful electric lights. Five hundred invitations have been issued, and it is expected that fully that many people will respond in person. An elaborate supper will be served to the guests, who will attend from all important cities and towns in this section of the State. Among other people of prominence who have signified their intention to be present are the officers of the Diamond Match Company, who have so kindly permitted the people here to use their buildings. Bonn's orchestra, of Chicago, will furnish the music, and it is the determination of the managers to make the affair by far the most recherche of the season. The invitations which have been sent out are printed on strawboard manufactured at the mill, and are very unique in design.

SISTERS MARRIED TOGETHER.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARSHALL, Ill., Dec. 26.—At the residence of W. H. McDonald in Wabash township, last night, occurred the wedding of his daughter Cora and James Reynolds, of Terre Haute; at the same time another daughter, Alice, was married to Andrew Kessler.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARSHALL, Ill., Dec. 26.—Last night at the residence of Harrison Cork occurred a brilliant double wedding. Miss Zella Cork, one of his daughters, married John Davison and the other daughter married Nelson Hutchison.

PURCELL—CLINE.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MONTICELLO, Ill., Dec. 26.—Prof. Jerry T. Purcell and Miss Minerva M. Cline, daughter of Hon. J. C. Cline, were united in marriage in the presence of a large number of guests at the home of the bride.

FLINN—GRAY.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Yesterday Edward Flinn, of Marion, and Miss Maggie Gray, of this city, were united in marriage. Rev. C. U. Wade, of the High-street M. E. Church, officiated.

House Destroyed by Fire.

An alarm from box 132 called the firemen to No. 361 Alvord street yesterday about noon. A frame dwelling occupied by three families, named Denison, Brown and Hesler, was entirely destroyed. The loss is about $500; fully insured in Cruse's agency.

Opening at the Grand Hotel.

The Grand Hotel opening, which was to have been held last night to mark the completion of the extensive improvements that have been made in the interior of the building, will occur this evening.

Death of Patrolman Smith.

Patrolman Peter Smith died before daylight yesterday morning, at 2 o'clock, not regaining consciousness at any time. His funeral will occur to-day, at 2 P. M., from his house on Pearl, near West street, the interment following at Crown Hill. Patrolmen Kurtz, Beem, Manning, Shaffer, Walters and Conklin will act as pall-bearers. The other patrolmen of the Metropolitan force will attend the funeral in a body. Mr. Shaffer, of the street-car company, has tendered the force the use of the palace street-car in accompanying the remains to the cemetery. Mr. Smith was a member of the Police Aid Association, under whose auspices the funeral is to be held.

SIGNING THE MURPHY PLEDGE.

The Temperance Evangelist in One of His Cheeriest Moods in Appealing to Men.

The Y. M. C. A. Hall was better filled last night at the Murphy meeting than at any time during the week. The choir of Edwin Ray Church was on the rostrum and led the music, under the direction of F. W. Youse. Well-known members of the pulpit and prominent members of the Murphy League were also there. The meeting opened with the usual singing and prayer, and Mr. Murphy then read for the Scripture lesson the chapter containing the familiar words, "Come unto me, all ye that are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Early in the evening a number of strong-looking men came forward to sign the pledge, and the temperance evangelist greeted them with a hearty, "Come, let brother Frank take you by the hand. Now speak to the people."

"I was thrown out among strangers thirteen years ago," said one of the signers, "and I have been drinking ten years. I made up my mind to-night that I would come up here, sign the pledge and quit."

"I have been a heavy drinker," said another, "but I want to reform."

"Have you wife and children?" asked Mr. Murphy.

"No," was the reply.

"Have you a mother?"

"No," and the man bent his head. "She's dead."

"Then from her home in heaven," said Mr. Murphy, "she is looking down upon you in joy to-night. God bless you!"

There was more singing, and then Mr. Murphy walked down the aisle to where a gray-haired man named Brown, keeper of a restaurant on North Delaware street, was sitting. It has been but a few days since strong drink caused Brown's arrest. When Mr. Murphy would not excuse him from speaking he rose and said: "I wanted to come to the meeting last night, but at first I told my wife the weather was too bad. Then I thought that when I wanted a drink it was never too cold, or warm, or wet, or dry, or too far to go after it, and that I would go hear Murphy. I signed the pledge, and I mean to keep it." A chorus of amen spontaneously arose from the audience to encourage him. At this juncture, after a song, President Pontius announced that a meeting would be held in Tomlinson Hall, Sunday night, and that a silver offering would be taken at the door, the offering to consist of a silver coin, but no one would be refused admission if he did not have the coin. Mr. Murphy then resumed by complimenting the choir, and remarking that he appreciated the hearty offer of their services. He did not like, he said, the people that are always getting offended at some fancied slight. "If you come to the meeting to find offense," he continued, "you will find what you come for. I will offend you perhaps before you leave. No, the best way is to greet all hurts and slights with a laugh. A man stepped square on my instep to-day, and I just laughed at him. But I said, 'As quick as you can get your foot off me, will you please do so.' Come out brother Tom Whiting, speak to these people." And Mr. Whiting a convert of two years ago, told his story, one of a lost position and broken health, and now all regained by the influence of gospel temperance. Another convert, Mr. Streeter, spoke of the great blessing temperance and the pledge had brought him.

A short address was then made by Rev. D. R. Lucas, who urged the necessity of repeated forgiveness. Mr. Daniel Taggert advanced the truth of self-help as a strengthening influence against appetite. Mr. Murphy supplemented these remarks, setting forth the power of the gospel of Jesus as the only thing that will lift a man up and keep him up. No man can fall who is praying, said he, and he urged the signers to find strength that way. He pleaded for all temperance people to be of one accord, as were the three Hebrew children before Nebuchadnezzar, and then progress can be made and thousands redeemed from appetite. A large number signed the pledge during the closing singing. Another meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall to-night.

THE DEMOCRATS IN CHARGE.

After the First of the Year No Republican Official Will Be on Guard in the Court House.

The entire management of city affairs will shift from Republican into Democratic hands next Thursday. From that time on every office in the municipal government at the disposal of Council and by election by the people, from Mayor down to special policeman in the Illinois-street tunnel, will be filled by a Democrat. In some instances experienced men will take the places, while for others even the better class of Democrats do not deny that the selections were poor. All the officers who were elected in the joint convention on Nov. 10 have qualified before the city clerk, and their bonds have been approved, leaving nothing to prevent their stepping into office on New Year's day.

The following is a complete list of those who will succeed the present incumbents in the several departments: City attorney, Leon O. Bailey; chief fire engineer, Joseph A. Webster; street commissioner, Patrick Harrold; city civil engineer, Henry A. Mansfield; superintendent of the City Hospital, Dr. George F. Edenharter; superintendent of the City dispensary, Dr. Charles N. Metcalf; city weighmaster, Joseph C. Cobalzer; janitor of Tomlinson Hall, Jacob Voorhees; janitor of City Hall, John O'Connor; city sexton, Barney Means; directors of the Belt railroad, Edorus M. Johnson and August Keifer; City Board of Health, Dr. Frank E. Morrison, Dr. H. N. Cunningham and Dr. W. J. Browning; veterinary surgeon, Dr. Pritchard; policeman for Military Park, John Garrity; policeman for University and Circle parks, P. H. Dunn; policeman for Blind Asylum Park, Barney Dougherty; policeman for Garfield Park, Louis Kuechler; policeman for Illinois-street tunnel, A. Robinson.

The County Commissioners, who refused to do anything in the way of improvements about the court-house under the administration of Mayor Denny, because, they said, the county could not afford them, have been very generous in their efforts to make things comfortable for the in-coming officers. The ante-rooms and offices in the basement have all been cleaned and the walls and wood-work repainted. The room which Street Commissioner DeRuiter formerly occupied, adjoining the offices of the city clerk, has been carpeted and furnished for a councilmanic committee-room, and Patrick Harrold, the newly elected street commissioner, will have his office on the south side of the main corridor. City Engineer-elect Mansfield will occupy Mr. Shawver's room for his office, but will have a room for his draughtsmen also in the south side. Other minor changes will be made.

There is still some dissatisfaction over the condition of affairs in the newly-elected Board of Health. Dr. Brennan resigned because he did not receive the office he desired, and Dr. Frank E. Morrison was chosen to take his place, and, it is said, the members of the board have already disagreed on the appointment to the subordinate positions. The selection of Frederick Gaul as a member of the sanitary force is opposed by one of the members because he thinks the Irish element in the local Democracy should not be further recognized. The new board will meet at 11 o'clock next Thursday morning to take possession of the office. At 10 o'clock the same morning the present board will meet to receive the final report for the year of Chief Clerk Edward C. Hedden.

A Melancholy Fact.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It is a melancholy fact that Senator Farwell, of Illinois, is talking away his chances of re-election at a very rapid and more or less ridiculous rate.

John Feriter was detected last night by officer Sweed, of the Panhandle company, stealing five ducks from Arthur Jordan & Co.'s poultry house. Feriter was put under arrest and slated at the station-house for petit larceny.

NEW parlor goods at Wm. L. Elder's.

TOPICS OF THE ECONOMISTS

Address of Francis A. Walker Before the Meeting of the American Society.

His Views on Socialism, the Single-Tax Idea, Currency Inflation and Contraction, and Immigration—Subjects of Papers Read.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The fourth annual meeting of the American Economic Association was held this afternoon in the hall of the Columbian University. In the absence of the president, Gen. Francis A. Walker, the meeting was called to order by Prof. J. B. Clark.

The first paper read was on "The Concepts of Utility, Value and Cost," by Prof. F. H. Giddings, of Bryn Mawr College. Prof. Charles A. Tuttle, of Amhest College, then read a paper on "The Term Wealth in Economic Science—a Study in Economic Theory." He was followed by Miss Marietta Kiss with a paper on "The Ethical Principle in Industrial Relations." Prof. J. B. Clark, chairman of the committee on economic theory, presented the report of that committee.

At the evening session Prof. Francis A. Walker, the president of the association, made an address. This address surveyed at length the most important economic developments within the United States during the two years since the association last met in Philadelphia. The extraordinary growth of pseudo-socialism, under the local name of Nationalism, he attributed to the fact that the masses of the people, alike among the more fortunate and the less fortunate classes, had at last come to appreciate the supreme importance of industrial relations, but had not yet learned, by a careful study of history and of the material conditions of human existence, within what narrow limits exertions for the amelioration of mankind must necessarily be confined. All these reformers, now so defiant of established economic principles, would, sooner or later, become recruits of the economic army. Regarding the apparent growth of the single-tax party, the speaker expressed the opinion that economists were coming to take the view that something more of economic rent than the State had been accustomed to exact, could advantageously be brought into the treasury; while, on the other hand, the practical politicians, the more they studied the subject were more and more impressed with the hopelessness of the project in view of the opposition of the farmer class and of the holders of small village and town building lots to an increase direct taxes.

CURRENCY INFLATION AND CONTRACTION.

Mr. Walker referred to what he termed the remarkable weakening in the present financial crisis of many of those who alike through the greenback and the silver contests, stood most stiffly up against every measure of possible inflation, but who now had seemingly ceased their resistance to the further coinage of silver, if they did not actually desire it. He attributed this largely to the views of the most orthodox of the American economists on the subject of money, and especially of their indifference to the money supply. These views, he said, had not been sustained by the best European opinion, or by the common sense of our own people. He continued: "Of an irredeemable and fluctuating currency—that alcohol of commerce—it may truly be said, 'it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder,' and with equal truth may be added that strangulation and suffocation are words not too strong to express the agony of the industrial body when embraced in the fast-tightening folds of a contracting money supply." In the lack of natural leadership, he said, we could only hope that prudence may rule the hour, and that the instinctive conservatism of the American people may enable them to pass through this perhaps the most perilous crisis of their financial career, without a wreck.

The last topic touched upon by the speaker was that of immigration. The American people were now loudly called upon to decide whether there was any limit to the extent to which they would share their birthright with strangers. Not only the enormous increase of immigration, but the manifestly lower character of the recent comers, especially those from eastern Europe, made the question one of urgency. Our first duty, he said, was to ourselves and our own descendants. Our next duty was to help as far as we could in raising the condition of the oppressed masses of Europe. We were not necessarily to do this by receiving their overflow indiscriminately, but, most of all, we should endeavor to make this experiment of a free commonwealth of educated labor the greatest possible success. If the continued admission of degraded peasants from the old world would interfere with this great work, we were called upon, not less as philanthropists than as patriots, to put a stop to it.

COUNTERFEIT SILVER DOLLARS.

Discovery of a Conspiracy to Flood the Country—Italians Arrested at Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—A gigantic conspiracy to flood the United States with counterfeit silver dollars has been unearthed, and to the energy and intelligence of the officials of the first police district of Pittsburg is due the credit. Nineteen persons are already under arrest, and $1,100 in spurious coin is in the hands of the police. The money was brought from a central depot in New York city to Pittsburg by a gang of Italians employed to pass it. The money was all in silver dollars, and United States Detective McSweeney says it is the best counterfeit of the standard silver dollar that was ever made. The coin is perfectly formed in every detail, and its ring is identical with the good coin, its only fault being that it is a little light in weight. Two of the Italians, named Ello Darige and Nelson Maggorina, accompanied by their wives, attempted to pass the spurious money over the bar of the Black Bear Hotel, but were detected by the proprietor and arrested. The party at first refused to say where they lived, but the women finally broke down and told the police that they had been living at No. 523 Lincoln avenue, East End. The house was quietly surrounded and fifteen Italians arrested. Secreted under a bed in one of the rooms was found a pile of counterfeit money amounting to $1,100. The prisoners were removed to the central station and locked up.

After the house had been thoroughly searched the detectives interviewed the prisoners, one at a time, and succeeded finally in gaining the information that the money was made in New York, and they had been sent here to dispose of it. Similar gangs were sent to other cities, but the men could not tell what particular cities were being operated on. Not a mold, or die, or any kind of counterfeiting machinery was found in the possession of the gang arrested here. Detective McSweeny says the government has been after the New York gang of counterfeiters for a long time, and, while several arrests have been made from time to time and considerable of the counterfeit coin has been recovered, the real head of the organized band has not been uncovered.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the gang of Italians was given a hearing, and two, who appeared to be the principals, were held for court. They were Mazzettino and Marieta, the wife of the former also being held as a witness. Detective McSweeney, of the United States service, is in communication with the New York officers, and expects to assist in unearthing the parent people in the East who have been manufacturing the clever imitation and shipping it here for distribution.

Confession of a Bogus Divorce Lawyer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—William P. Buener, the former partner of W. Duryea Hughes, the bogus divorce lawyer, made a partial confession to Inspector Byrnes to-night, at police headquarters, where he has been kept since his arrest. He said that he was guilty of larceny, but not of forgery, he merely receiving the money under false repersentations. His partnership with Hughes was formed in June 14, 1888, but was subsequently dissolved. While the partnership lasted they distributed circulars throughout the country. It brought them hundreds of clients and their records were kept accurately in books adapted to the purpose. He related how, in several instances, some of the firm's clients after receiving the decree of divorce learned the utter worthlessness of the decree and made so much trouble that he and his partner were compelled to refund their fee, which was never less than $100. He said that one of the victims was the Rev. Harper, a colored clergyman of New Jersey.

VICTIMS OF THE FLAMES.

Mother and Three Children Perish by Fire in Their Burning Home at Rochester, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A fire occurred this morning, about 5 o'clock, whereby a woman and three children lost their lives. The victims were Mrs. John Dietrich, of No. 7 Orchard street, and her three children—Libbie, aged six years; Jacob, aged three years, and Louisa, aged eleven months. How the fire originated is a mystery. Mrs. Dietrich had arisen at 4 o'clock to start a fire in the kitchen stove and awakened her husband soon after with an alarm of fire. She rushed into a room to save her three little children and perished in the flames. Her husband and one son escaped. The department soon arrived and succeeded in saving the house from utter ruin. But they arrived too late to save Mrs. Dietrich's life or the lives of the three young children. When the firemen succeeded in quenching the flames they found in the room where the woman had slept her body lying across the bed with the feet on the floor. Beside her lay the three little children, their bodies burned to a crisp, as well as that of their mother.

Aged Woman Burned.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Gibson, aged eighty years, was burned to death at her home, on Ash street, early this morning. Mrs. Gibbons was addicted to smoking.

Fatal Street-Car Collision.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—The violent snowstorm which set in here this morning resulted in a bad accidant on the Plainfield-street end of the Union railway. The snow covered the tracks of a steep grade on that thoroughfare, and when a car was coming toward the city, at 11 o'clock, the brakes failed to work and the horses stampeded down the hill towards the city. Another car was just turning into the switch at the junction crossing, and a collision could not be averted. Conductor Alexander Waterman cut his horses loose. The horses on the west-bound car were both ground under the wheels of Waterman's car and were instantly killed. Waterman was thrown from his car and his head split open. He was otherwise injured and there is little chance that he will live. Conductor Atwood, of the west-bound car, had both his arms broken and was injured internally, and will probably die. None of the passengers was injured.

Lost in the Sewers of a City.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26.—A laborer, Gustave Larson, lost himself in one of the city's big sewers, this afternoon, and wandered over three miles before he could get out. He had gone down to do some repairing, and the man-hole was closed after him, leaving him in the dark. The foul air had almost overcome him when he made his exit at Cedar avenue and Fourth street.

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