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A MOURNING SOUTH.

Its People Will Come in Throngs to Jefferson Davis's Funeral.

The Crescent City to Be Crowded with Visitors To-Morrow.

True Sympathy, in Which Both Living and Dead Are Remembered.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—In the time during which the body of Jefferson Davis has lain in state it is estimated that over one hundred thousand people have passed through the Council Chamber of the City Hall to look upon the features of the dead.

To-morrow, the day of the funeral, it is expected that the city will be crowded with visitors, and railways and hotels are making their arrangements to accommodate the rush.

Several Governors, with their staffs, will be among those in attendance, and there will be many veteran organizations as well as bodies of State militia.

The city is now almost completely dressed in mourning symbols, though so great was the demand for draperies and decorations that the supply of neither was at first sufficient, and the work was in consequence somewhat slow.

The frank and friendly action of the Grand Army men and their announced intention of taking part in the funeral ceremony has been one of the grateful features in these days following the ex-leader's death, and another is the appreciative way in which the best Southern press has treated Secretary Proctor's graceful reply to Mayor Shakespeare's official notice of Mr. Davis's passage from life.

The *Picayune*, of this city, concludes the Secretary "adopted what he believed and what we believe was a wise and conservative course."

Floral offerings in memory of the dead are sent in from all sorts of people and organizations, and are very beautiful and tasteful expressions of sorrow and sympathy.

But in remembering the dead the living are by no means forgotten, and there is every assurance that the proposed fund for Mr. Davis's family will be promptly subscribed in full.

A TROUBLED TRUST.

Fears of a War of Rates Between Combined Steamship Companies.

It was authoritatively stated downtown to-day that a feeling of dissatisfaction exists among some of the representatives of the various steamship lines which threatens to cause the dissolution of the "steamship trust."

The pool is composed of all the steamship lines sailing from New York to Mediterranean ports, and consequently absolutely controls this extensive branch of the shipping industry.

Thomas E. Sanford is Secretary of the conference. He denied that he had heard of any trouble in the pool.

A representative of one of the steamship companies interested, however, acknowledged that there had been a feeling of discontent at several of the recent meetings of the concern, but declined to go into details. He would not state whether it had been caused by a proposed reduction in the freight or traffic rates, or whether it was in the nature of a personal grievance between some of the members.

"The trouble, which is not yet patched up," the steamship agent said, "is of a serious character, and the odds were even at one time that the conference would be disbanded. If such should have been the result you can readily see that a sharp cut rate war would have followed."

The following steamship lines make up the conference: Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, Rotterdam, Red Star, Anchor, Fabre, Florio Rubertino and one other.

THE COW DRIVER LET GO.

Policeman Barmstorff to Be Put on Trial for Reckless Clubbing.

Henry Koh, the young man who was leading the vicious cow that gored Mrs. May Foster, of 415 East Eightieth st, at First avenue and Eightieth street yesterday, was arraigned before Justice Wilde at the Harlem Police Court this morning.

Alfred Pickard, the butcher who bought the cow in Westchester County and directed Foh to bring her to the city, exhibited a permit from the Board of Health, allowing him to lead the cow through the streets of the city.

This permit disposed of the charge of violating the code and Foh was paroled.

Mrs. Foster's condition is said to be serious, but not dangerous.

Supt. Murray has instructed Inspector Steers to bring charges against Policeman Barmstorff, who clubbed several people in the crowd which gathered to watch the cow's antics.

DEATH FOUND HIM ALONE.

An Aged Clerk Dies Suddenly in a Bowery Lodging House.

William T. Patterson, sixty years old, clerk in C. B. Rouss's auction rooms, has for four years occupied a little "coop" in the lodging house 262 Bowery, called Schirmer's Hotel. He made few acquaintances, was regular in his habits and at times appeared depressed.

This morning he did not get up at the usual time, and when the clerk went to call him he found the old man lying across his bed, dead. Life had been extinct for many hours, the physicians said. Death resulted from natural causes. He had friends in the country whom he occasionally visited, but their address is unknown.

SUGAR TRUST BREAK.

Certificates Fall Headlong To-Day on an Alarming Rumor.

Sugar Trust certificates fell headlong on the Stock Exchange to-day from 68⅛ to 61⅞ on a report that the Trust would be enjoined from paying the recently declared dividend.

Gramercy Council Election.

Gramercy Council No. 114, C. B. L., at Gramercy Hall, 326 East Twenty-first street, last night has elected the following officers: President, Thomas M. O'Neill; Vice-President, Thomas Kelly; Secretary, John J. Moran; Treasurer, Herbert E. Pierson; Orator, Joseph T. Donohue.

AFTER THE SOUND SMUGGLERS.

A Revenue Cutter Ordered to Patrol Duty in Long Island Sound.

Surveyor Lyon said to-day that the revenue cutter Manhattan will to-night, by order of the Washington Treasury officials, take up a position in Long Island Sound to prevent smuggling in that locality.

In time the Manhattan, will be replaced by a naval steamer.

CLARA'S CHARGES.

They Bring Consternation to the Camp of Her Lawyers.

Miss Chester's Conspiracy Affidavit a Genuine Bombshell.

Abe Hummel Says the Case Will Go On Without Her.

A large-sized bombshell exploded this morning in the camp of the lawyers engaged in the Chester-Newcombe-Lederer proceedings for abandonment, bigamy and divorce, when THE WORLD disclosed the fact that Miss Chester, who appears as complainant against Lederer in the first two proceedings, had run away, leaving behind her an affidavit retracting all the statements she had made against the defendant, and renouncing her claim to be his wife.

The affidavit is a remarkable document, and in it Miss Clara Chester Binns charges not only Mr. Newcombe and his law firm of conspiring to induce her to appear against Lederer, but practically says that one of Col. Fellows's assistants is guilty of subornation of perjury, and seeks to place Justice Hogan in a rather delicate position by saying that she told him in the course of the recent proceedings at the Tombs, that she wanted to retract and withdraw the charges.

The disclosures place all the proceedings in a somewhat parlous condition, and opinions in the matter among the lawyers interested in the various cases were rather misty this morning.

It is certain that Miss Chester has left town, but where she has gone is a mystery. Nor could it be ascertained who aided her in drawing up the startling document which at first view seems to knock all the proceedings against Lederer, both civil and criminal, into a cocked hat. It makes it particularly unfortunate for Miss Florine Newcombe's divorce suit.

Little Abe Hummel, who has charge of the abandonment case, though greatly taken aback at the disclosures, came up smiling as ever.

"Our case will certainly go on at the date for which it was set down at the last hearing. We have no further use for Miss Chester, as she has sworn to contrary facts several times already."

"What do you think of the affidavit?"

"It simply shows that she is still the dutiful wife of George Washington Lederer, and is completely under his control. His influence is shown all through the statement. The affidavit was drawn up at a place within a stone's throw of his uptown office, and Edward L. Bloom, one of the witnesses, I know to be an old and intimate friend of Lederer, and if he or his counsel deny that she was so influenced they may be set down as monumental prevaricators, not to use a stronger term."

Mr. Hummel also hinted at punishment for those who obstructed the obtaining of evidence in a legal action, and intimated that there were strong grounds for suspecting something of that sort in the present case.

He also said that "Mrs. Lederer" had been under severe pressure all the time to abandon the proceedings against Lederer, but that she had never yielded, although she was on the point of doing so several times.

Lawyer Edmund E. Price, Lederer's counsel, professed the greatest astonishment in learning of Miss Chester's flight and her retractions.

"I know nothing about it, except what I read in THE WORLD this morning. I don't know how it will affect the case, but it certainly looks bad for the other side. They are pretty serious charges which she makes and speak for themselves."

Assistant District-Attorney Goff, who has charge of the bigamy proceedings, was very indignant when he read Miss Chester's affidavit, in which she charged him with "doctoring" her statement and inducing her to swear to facts that were untrue.

"She never came to my office but once," said Mr. Goff, "and then she only remained about five minutes, before she went before the Grand Jury. No such conversation as she alleges ever occurred, nor was there any one with her from Mr. Newcombe's office. She came in with her sister and some other friends. Mr. Cardozo was not there. The statement is absolutely false."

It was reported about town this morning that Mr. Lederer had also disappeared, but he disproved this statement by appearing downtown this forenoon with his counsel, Mr. Frank, whom he met at the Court-House.

He appeared to be in the most jubilant spirits, and when asked what he knew about Miss Chester's disappearance and the affidavit he replied:

"Absolutely nothing. I haven't seen her since she was in court nearly two weeks ago, and as for the affidavit, I was told last night by a reporter that such a document was in existence, but I have never seen it."

"You had nothing to do with its being drawn up?"

"Nothing whatever; but, of course, I am very much gratified that she has done it. I have been expecting it all along, for I knew that she could not stick to the story she first told."

Mr. Lederer added that he had no intention of running away, but said that he should stay right here in New York, and if his enemies showed any more fight he would see it out to the bitter end.

Mr. Frank also expressed his surprise at the disclosures made by THE WORLD. They were entirely unexpected, he said, and he knew nothing whatever of the affidavit.

Mr. Lederer said that he knew neither of the witnesses to the affidavit.

Lawyer Richard E. Newcombe, who is generally credited with having a particular interest in all the proceedings against Lederer, looked rather worried this morning.

"I don't think this affidavit amounts to much," he said, "because it was taken in no regular proceeding. The young woman has undoubtedly been influenced to take this step.

"She came to me first, without solicitation, and from her statements and letters which she placed in my hands I have not the slightest doubt that she was in law the wife of Lederer. Many of the statements in the affidavit I know to be false.

"Now that she has run away, if this is so, I suppose it will put an end to the bigamy proceedings, for they could not go without the chief witness. As to the other proceedings, I do not care to make any statement."

According to the belief of Mr. Hummel Miss Chester, or "Mrs. Lederer," as he always calls her, has not gone to California, but is within easy hailing distance of New York, waiting orders from her husband.

NO LICENSES PRINTED.

But the Organ Grinders Can Play for a Few Days Without Fear.

No organ grinders were licensed to-day, although Mayor Grant signed the ordinance allowing them to play at a late hour yesterday, as told in the sporting edition of THE EVENING WORLD.

The law cannot be carried into effect because the Mayor's Marshal has no license blanks and can issue no licenses.

He will not be ready to issue these licenses for several days, but in the meantime will receive applications for them.

This delay will assist the Marshal very materially in finally dealing with the applicants, for only 300 can be licensed under the provisions of this ordinance, and it is his endeavor to license the most deserving, not the first comers.

Women and couples will be served before able-bodied men.

One result of this failure to procure licenses will be a great difference with the organ-grinder, for it is understood that the police will not interfere with them, even if they do not display their license numbers, and they will be allowed to play until they procure licenses.

After the 300 licenses are issued it will be hard with an unlicensed grinder who attempts to tune up within hearing of a blue-coated officer of the law.

STONE MUST HANG.

The Young Colored Jockey's Death Sentence Affirmed To-Day.

His Last Hope Dashed by the Court of Appeals.

To Die for Murdering Bartender Henry Miller at Coney Island.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment in the case of Jockey Stone, under death sentence for the murder of Hermann Miller at Gravesend, L. I., on the night of June 21, 1888.

This seals Stone's fate.

James, or "Cooley," Stone is a young jockey formerly well known at the Sheepshead Bay Track.

Stone is thirty-one years old. He lived with his wife in that part of the West end of Coney Island known as "The Gut," and has been known for ten years as a jockey.

On June 21, 1888, Stone gave his wife a $5-note and sent her to the hotel of Frederick Steinzoy, in West Brighton, Long Island, for a pitcher of beer. Frederick Miller, the bartender, drew the beer, and, mistaking the denomination of the bill, gave Mrs. Stone change for one dollar.

She afterward returned and told Miller of his mistake, and Miller finding that he had a $5 bill in his drawer, gave her the $4 change. But Jockey Stone a day or two before was suspended as a jockey for disobedience. He had been drinking in consequence, and he "wanted trouble." He visited the saloon at about midnight with Samuel Obydie, another colored man.

Stone reviled and abused Miller, and drawing a small revolver fired several times. Miller ran about ten feet, threw up his hands and fell dead with a bullet in his heart.

A thousand people in "The Gut" were excited into a frenzy by the occurrence, and the colored men, who had fled, were hunted down. Stone was found in hiding in a shanty at 2 o'clock in the morning, and the police had difficulty in protecting him from a lynching.

Stone had three trials. In the first two the jury disagreed, and the greatest surprise was felt when, after all this, a third jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree April 25 last, after fifty-five minutes' deliberation. An appeal was taken, and the decision of the Court of Appeals is recorded above.

Stone is the last murderer in the State of New York who will suffer the penalty of death by hanging. All others are held for murder committed since Jan. 1 last, when the electrical execution law went into effect.

Stone will be brought into the Brooklyn Court of Sessions on Friday probably, and will then be again sentenced to be hanged.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED.

Result of the Manhattan Athletic Club's Interesting Balloting.

The result of the election for officers of the Manhattan Athletic Club was not announced until 2 o'clock this morning, and even then there existed doubt as to the election of one of the trustees. The opposition ticket, with one exception, was successful. The unsuccessful candidate was G. Buckingham Smith, candidate for trustee.

Those elected are C. C. Hughes, Secretary, who had the field to himself; Eugene Van Schaick, Fire Lieutenant; F. A. Ware, Second Lieutenant, and C. M. Britton, N. A. Appelius, H. Bleecker Rathbone, C. A. Gerlach and Warren Sage.

Either Lincoln A. Stewart or C. Vanderbilt Cross, candidates for Trustee on the regular ticket, has been elected, but a further count today will be necessary to determine who is the successful one.

Judgment Against Carl Strakosch.

In a suit brought by Justice Steckler in behalf of William G. Dietrich, leader of the orchestra in the Clara Louise Kellogg Opera Company, Justice O'Gorman, in Common Pleas, to-day gave judgment to the musician for $768.50 against Carl Strakosch, manager of the company.

Extend the "L" to Fordham.

At to-day's meeting of the Board of Aldermen a committee was appointed to ask the Suburban Elevated Railroad Company to extend its line from One Hundred and Seventieth street to Fordham, in accordance with the provisions of its charter.

Tenor Vogl Arrives.

Herr Heinrich Vogl, principal singer to the King of Bavaria, and one of the Metropolitan Opera-House tenors, arrived here to-day on the steamship Ems from Bremen.

The Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.
American C. O. Trust receipts	32¼	32¼	31⅞
Atlantic & Pacific	..	..	..
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	34	34¼	33¾
Brunswick Land	30	30	30
Canadian Pacific	72⅞	72⅞	72⅞
Canada Southern	55⅞	55⅞	55⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio 1st pref	60¼	60¼	60
Chesapeake & Ohio 2d pfd	45⅞	45⅞	45⅞
Chicago Gas Trust	43⅞	44	43⅞
Chic., Bur. & Quincy	105⅞	105⅞	105⅞
Chicago & Alton	134¼	134¼	134¼
Chicago & Northwest	111⅞	111⅞	111⅞
Chicago & Northwest pfd	142⅞	142⅞	142⅞
Chic., R. I. & St. Paul	69⅞	69⅞	69⅞
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	113⅞	113⅞	113⅞
Chic., Rock Island & Pacific	98	98⅞	98
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	32	35	35
Chicago & Eastern Illinois pfd	85⅞	85⅞	85⅞
Cleve., Cin., Chic. & St. Louis	74	74	74
Cleve., Cin., Chic. & St. Louis pfd	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞
Colorado Coal & Iron	30⅞	30	30
Delaware, Lack. & Western	139⅞	140	139⅞
Denver, Texas & Fort Worth	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
Lake Shore	107⅞	107⅞	107⅞
Louisville & Nashville	83⅞	84⅞	83⅞
Manhattan Consol	104	104	104
Michigan Central	92⅞	92⅞	92⅞
Mil., L. S. & Western	90	90	90
Minneapolis & St. Louis	11⅞	11	11⅞
Missouri Pacific	67⅞	68⅞	67⅞
New Jersey & Texas	10	10	10
Nat. Lead Trust	194	204	194
New Jersey Coal	0	0	0
New York Central	107	107	107
N. Y. & New England	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞
N. Y., Chic. & St. Louis	38⅞	38⅞	38⅞
N. Y., Lake Erie & Western	25	25	25⅞
N. Y., Pennsylvania & West. pfd	97	97	97
Northern Pacific pfd	70	70⅞	70
Northern Pacific	17	17	17
Ontario & Western	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
Or. Transcontinental	35⅞	36	35⅞
Oregon Improvement	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞
Pacific Mail	50⅞	50	50⅞
Pipe Line certificates	10⅞	10⅞	10⅞
Philadelphia & Reading	44⅞	44⅞	44
Rich. & West Point Ter.	21⅞	22⅞	21⅞
Rich. & West Point Ter. pfd	52⅞	52⅞	52⅞
St. Paul & Omaha	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞
St. Paul, Minn. & Manitoba	84	84	84
St. Paul, Minn. & Manitoba	110⅞	111	110⅞
St. L. Alt. & Terre H.	8	8	8
St. Louis & San Fran.	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
St. Louis & San Fran. pf	90⅞	90	90
St. Louis & San Fran. 1st pf	94⅞	94⅞	94⅞
Southern Pacific	35⅞	36⅞	34⅞
Sugar Refineries	67⅞	68	67⅞
Texas Pacific	20	20	20
Tenn. Coal & Iron	78	78	77⅞
Union Pacific	91⅞	91⅞	91⅞
Wabash, St. L. & Pacific	40	40	40
Wabash, St. L. & Pacific pfd	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞
West. Union Tel.	85	85⅞	84⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie	6¼	6¼	6¼
Wis. Central	33⅞	33⅞	33

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DEATH'S RIOT.

Lineman Clausen's Awful Fate Arouses a New Crusade Against the Wires.

Electrical Experts Testifying as to the Death of Last Week's Victim.

Underwriter Wire Caused the Tragedy in Harris's as in Clausen's Case.

Will the Electric Light Companies Be Indicted and Prosecuted?

The sacrifice of yet another life to the electric wire demon in the tragic killing of Lineman Clausen at Third avenue and One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street last night has made a deep impression on the public.

As in Feeks's case the blame was laid to high tension and improperly insulated wire, and a cry went up for justice and prompt action on the part of the authorities.

In the light of this latest tragedy, the inquest into the death of Henry Harris, the young salesman who was killed by a wire of the Brush Illuminating Company while taking in a metallic case from in front of Bernard Callan's dry-goods store, 675 Eighth avenue, on the night of Nov. 30, assumed increased importance.

The inquest was begun before Coroner Messemer and a jury in Part IV. of the Superior Court this morning.

Lawyer Leonard Bronner appeared to look after the interests of Mrs. Harris, wife of the deceased, and he had present an electrical expert, R. W. Pope, Secretary of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and Otto A. Moses, a builder of the National Electric Light Company. Paul D. Cravath, appeared as counsel for the Brush Company. Assistant District-Attorney MacDona appeared for the people.

Policeman John W. Wallace was the first witness called and testified to finding young Harris dead in front of the dry-goods store.

"What was done with the body?" asked Coroner Messemer.

"It was taken in an ambulance to the Visitation Home, West Forty-seventh street, and, later, taken to his home at 349 West Forty-fifth street.

Policeman Morris testified that the lamp which was supplied with light by the wire that killed Harris was about 8 feet 3 inches from the sidewalk, and might have been touched by a man reaching his hand up.

Bernard Callan, dry-goods merchant, for whom Harris worked, was the next witness called.

"I have two stores, one No. 675 and one 677 Eighth avenue, and there are three electric lights supplied by the Brush Company in front of my stores," he said.

"I do not know how high they are from the ground. They were alight and seemingly in good working order on the night of Nov. 30. Harris worked for me between four and five years, but I did not see him killed, and have no knowledge of the occurrence except what I have been told," he concluded.

Expert Schuyler Wheeler, of 141 West Thirty-fourth street, New York, an electrical engineer, who is employed by the Board of Electrical Control, told the jury that on the Monday morning after the accident he inspected the lamps in front of Callan's and found they were about seven hundred inches above the ground, and that the carbon projected at least an inch below the lamps, and that the lamps were connected by the dangerous underwriter's wire.

In answer to Mr. MacDona's questions he said that any man touching this exposed carbon with a metallic connection and standing on an iron grating, as Harris had been, would surely receive a terrific electric shock if the circuit was not properly insulated.

"If perfectly insulated at other points then Harris would not have received a shock then?" inquired Mr. MacDona. "No, sir, he would not," replied the expert positively.

"It is the rule of the Board," he continued, "that every lamp should be nine feet above the street. The lamps in front of Callan's were only eight and one-third, so there was a violation of ordinance.

"Would you consider that lamp safe or unsafe?" asked the Assistant District-Attorney.

"I would think it was a very unsafe one," answered Mr. Wheeler.

Asked by Mr. Bronner: "Now, Mr. Wheeler, Rule 21 of the Board of Electrical Control provides that all circuits must be tested every hour, and when a ground—a leak—comes an effort must be made to remove it at once. Failing in this the current must be turned off until the insulation is restored. Now, if that rule had been followed do you think this accident to Mr. Harris could have occurred?"

"I do not. I am sure it could not have occurred."

"Then the rule must have been violated?"

"Yes, sir."

He was shown the lamp under which Harris died such a fearful death, and Mr. Wheeler testified that was the one he had examined, and showed the jury one spot where the wire had not been insulated at all.

Lawrence Hughes, the young salesman who was assisting Harris to take in the case, related the fact of the occurrence:

About 11.15 Saturday night, Nov. 30, he said Harris took the inside and I the outside of the case, going into the store. He was backing into the store. I was on the stone walk. He was on the iron grating. Suddenly he uttered a fearful yell and dropped the case. A second later he sank himself in a sitting position. Then we found he was dead and carried him into the store."

Dr. Ralph W. Pope gave some technical testimony regarding electricity, after which the hearing was adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

A BOX ON THIS POLE, TOO.

Lineman Clausen's Tragic Death and Desolate Young Widow.

Peter Clausen, lineman, twenty-nine years old.

Add that name to the lengthening list of martyrs—sacrifices to the greed of corporations.

Another wife crushed with the deepest anguish that befalls a wife.

A young wife in that delicate condition which makes her pitied and reverenced, waiting, with happy anticipation, the return of her husband from the labors of the day.

Instead there comes to her a messenger to say that her loved one has been stricken, wrested from her at the last moment of his work, just as he was about to come to her.

Peter Clausen, a lineman for the North New York Electric Lighting Company, ascended the thirty-foot pole at the corner of One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Third avenue, Morrisania, at 4.15 yesterday afternoon with a bit of "underwriters" wire in his hand wherewith to mend a break in a light wire there.

Little Minnie Dahl, just got home from school, turned her great black eyes up saucily at him as he thrust his climbers into the pole, and he laughed back at her and tossed a kiss to her.

Reaching the wire on which he was to work, he threw his left arm over another wire, and puffing at his briarwood pipe, began with his nippers.

Little Minnie watched him. Suddenly there was a convulsive doubling up of the body of the sturdy lineman, and then there was a short, hissing sound.

Minnie cried out: "Mamma! Mamma! The man is burning!" and Mrs. Dahl, hearing the cry, ran to her window, the upper one in the three-story apartment house on the corner, and saw ten feet below her head almost within reach, another tragedy of the wires.

The lineman's spurs still retained their grip in the pole, and his body was doubled up sideway, his arms still thrown over the wires, and his head dropped forward on his breast.

The pipe fell from the lifeless hand, the pipe fell to the ground. Little puffs of smoke arose from the right wrist.

In two minutes there were hundreds of people in the avenue, gazing up helplessly at the poor victim on the wires.

Some ran to the police station four blocks above, and some one else to the station of the Electric Light Company.

Policeman Arthur Carey, of the Church street station was on the "L" station of the Suburban road, not ten feet away, when when little Minnie screamed, and after he and head clerk Sellers Sharpe had satisfied themselves that they could not help poor Clausen unaided, Carey ran to the police station, and a patrol wagon brought Roundsman Thomas Murphy and Policemen Kuhlmann, Gilday and Carey to the scene of death just as the current was shut off at the lighting station.

Clausen's face was a bluish black, the result of the rush of blood to the head at the shock.

A rope was looped around the body and he was drawn over to the roof over the stairway leading to the station, which was nearly on a line with the body and only some four or five feet distant.

Physicians were summoned, but of course they could give no help to the lineman. He was dead.

When the wife was told, ever so gently, by Officer Gilday, her anguish was heart-rending. She was led away from the now dismal home, 351 East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, to that of her sister, Mrs. Young, 1791 First avenue.

Coroner Schultze was notified and gave a permit to remove the body to the undertaking rooms of Yorke & Swift, East One Hundred and Fortieth street, where it now lies awaiting the action of the Coroner.

There is not a blemish on the strong young frame save a long, cruel burn running diagonally across the right wrist.

Clausen was poor and his wife, so soon to be a mother, is literally penniless and without friends. Supt. John B. Bowen, of the North New York Electric Lighting Company, has seen the body at the undertaker's and left, saying, that he was going to see what could be done about a funeral.

While Mr. Bowen is "seeing what can be done," the good people of the neighborhood where the fatality occurred, are dropping little offerings of sympathy into a spice-box which was nailed up against the pole on which Clausen died by two workmen whose faces are sad, but who went away without telling who they were.

Clausen bought the furniture of his cosy home from a well-known firm on Park Row and owed them for most of it, but in sympathy for his widow they sent her the following note to-day:

Mrs. Peter Clausen, 351 East One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.

DEAR MADAM: We beg leave to offer you our sympathy for your great loss in the sudden death of your husband. Please give yourself no uneasiness in regard to your furniture, as we are glad to cancel your indebtedness to us. Herewith you will please find a receipted bill for the amount—$110.16.

B. M. COWPERTHWAIT & CO.

There need be no difficulty in fixing the responsibility for the awful death of Peter Clausen, for there is not an electric light wire above the Harlem River belonging to any other company than the North New York Electric Lighting Company. On the pole where Clausen was killed were eight light wires and seven Western Union Telegraph wires.

The latter were above the crosspiece where Clausen was at work. The "underwriters'" or "undertakers'" wire, such as Clausen was using, is the same that has been condemned by the Fire Department. The alleged insulation of this wire is canvas soaked in white lead.

Coroners' Physician Jenkins will make the autopsy upon Clausen's body; then a Coroner's inquest will be held and a verdict reached, and then the Grand Jury will consider the case, and perhaps some one will be made to suffer for this last electrical murder.

RECOVERING FROM BRAIN-CUTTING.

And Strong Hopes That Willie Parke Is Cured of His Epilepsy.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—The results thus far in the case of six-year-old Willie Parke, the subject of the delicate operation for epilepsy, at Jefferson College Hospital, are most encouraging.

It is believed that he is now out of all danger from the effects of the operation itself, and the only question left is that of how radical and complete a cure has been accomplished by the removal of the ounce of diseased brain matter.

The little fellow has rested easily, with a very slight fever and not a symptom of convulsion, and in his wakeful moments his eyes have had a more natural appearance than before the experiment, being brighter and clearer.

He made no effort to talk up to this morning, but seemed to be engaged at times in a sort of silent wonder as to where he was and what might have happened to him.

Two years may be required to develop fully the result of the treatment.

$5,000 for City Hospitality.

The Board of Aldermen to-day asked the Board of Estimate and Apportionment to appropriate $5,000 for the entertainment of the Pan-American Congress.

Nervous and Dyspeptic Sufferers Find Sure relief in CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. 25c. *,*

A FATAL EXPLOSION

Two Men Killed at a Glycerine Factory in Pennsylvania.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 10.—A terrific explosion occurred this morning at the glycerine factory south of this town.

Two men are known to have been killed.

Probably there are more victims.

LATER.—James Wood and William Medill are the dead men.

Every house in the town, a mile away, was shaken by the explosion.

Reports of other deaths are coming in but cannot yet be verified.

BOY SHOOTERS DISCHARGED.

Old Mrs. Payton Is Seriously Wounded by Their Rifle Practice.

William Blackwood, fourteen years old, of 215 McDonough street, and Benjamin Baker, thirteen years old, of 1351 Fulton street, were arraigned in Justice Kenna's Court in Brooklyn this morning to answer the charge of accidentally shooting Mrs. Susan Payton, aged sixty-five years, of 1349 Fulton street, who was struck in the neck with a bullet from an air-rifle which the boys were practising with in Baker's back yard yesterday.

The little culprits wept copiously and after a severe lecture were discharged in custody of their parents, who gave a small bond that they would keep the peace.

The bullet struck Mrs. Payton in the right arm, passed through the muscles to the jaw, cutting off a portion of her tongue and dropping into the mouth.

She fell to the ground screaming with pain and nearly bled to death before a doctor arrived.

The boys smashed the rifle to pieces after the accident. Mrs. Payton will probably recover.

TRYING THE FIREBUG.

Convict Cassidy, a Witness Against His Father in the Catholic Protectory Arson Case.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 10.—The trial of Henry J. Cassidy, indicted for arson in having set fire to the Catholic Protectory building in the town of Westchester, was begun to-day in the Westchester County Court of Sessions.

Cassidy's son, who was jointly indicted with his father, and who was proceeded to serve a term of fifteen years in the State Prison, was brought down from Sing Sing to testify for the prosecution against his father.

Among the other witnesses are Father Leontine, of the Catholic Protectory, and some of Inspector Byrnes's detectives.

The entire morning was occupied in getting a jury.

THIRTY GOVERNORS MEET.

Discussing a Monument to Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Governors of about thirty States met at the Ebbitt House this morning, to take measures toward the erection of a monument to the signers of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution of the United States.

Initatory steps toward this object were taken in Philadelphia two years ago, and the meeting to-day is an adjourned one from that time.

Gov. Green, of New Jersey, presided.

A bill appropriating money for a monument has been prepared, and if it proves satisfactory to the meeting it will be presented to Congress.

TRACK-OWNERS AT PEACE.

Clifton and Guttenburg to Take Alternate days for the Races.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

HUDSON COUNTY DRIVING PARK, Dec. 10.—The meeting between the officials of the Elizabeth, Clifton and Guttenburg tracks has concluded this morning, and Clifton and Guttenburg signed an agreement to shut down after to-day, and that the Elizabeth people will race every day until Saturday, Dec. 21, or ten extra clear days.

Clifton will then begin on the following Monday and Guttenburg on Tuesday, and from that out they will race on the usual alternate days all Winter.

Barbed-Wire Works Burned.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 10.—The Joliet Manufacturing Company's extensive agricultural implement and barb-wire works were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $35,000; insured.

LAST EDITION

THE AXE UPLIFTED.

Dock Department Heads May Fall in the Official Basket.

Mayor Grant Wading Through the Huge Mass of Testimony.

The Department Will Undergo a Speedy Reorganization.

Mayor Grant was not ready this morning to say what he intended to do in relation to the report of the Commissioners of Accounts on Dock Department abuses.

He said that he had been unable to wade entirely through the mass of testimony which had been transmitted to him, which he would have to do, as the Commissioners had not furnished him with a resume or analysis of their report.

The necessity for doing this may be avoided, however, with the assistance of Corporation Counsel Clark, who conducted the examination of witnesses before the Commissioners.

He is thoroughly familiar with all the points of the testimony which bear on the "inefficiency and maladministration" charged in the Commissioners' report, and will assist the Mayor.

Although he said he probably would do nothing to-day with reference to the Dock Board, the Mayor intimated that his action will not be delayed for any great length of time; in fact, it was hinted about the City Hall that to-morrow the present Dock Commissioners will know their fate.

The nature of the action which the Mayor must take, should he determine, from his examination of the testimony, that the Commissioners ought to be removed, will be a citation to them to show cause why they should not be removed for certain causes which will be set forth.

This necessitates a hearing before the Mayor, which, if the Commissioners fail to justify their conduct, will result in a request directed to Gov. Hill asking for their removal.

Much comment was heard to-day on the abrupt termination of the Dock Board inquiry when it was apparent that the whole story had not been told.

This is explained, it is said, in a desire to reorganize the Dock Board as speedily as possible.

Whatever has been or would be testified to before the Commissioner of Accounts must be repeated at the hearing before the Mayor, and there was thought to be no necessity to go over the ground twice.

Corporation Counsel Clark knew that enough had been adduced to warrant the bringing of charges against Commissioners Post and Matthews, and when they are heard on these charges it is asserted that they will listen to a great deal of strong testimony which was not brought out before the Commissioners of Accounts.

The general supposition is that Commissioner Cram will justify himself before the Mayor, and will not be included in the request for removal which will be forwarded to Albany.

There is no doubt, however, that Mr. Cram will resign, and if the Governor shall remove the other Commissioners an entirely new Board will soon be in charge of the spacious office at Pier A.

The investigation before the Commissioners of Accounts was only suspended so far as the taking of testimony is concerned. The real investigation goes merrily on.

Accountants from the department are still burrowing in private books to determine, if possible, the whereabouts of that $13,000 fee of Col. John O'Byrne, and are also trying to ascertain where the immense profits of the Union Dredging Company went to.

STABBED AND DIDN'T KNOW IT.

An English Jack Tar Who Couldn't Identify His Assailants.

James Heath, an English sailor stopping at 304 Water street, was stabbed in the back while going through Oliver street a little after midnight this morning.

He saw two men approach him and the next instant run away. He said he did not feel the blade enter his back and did not know that he was cut till some minutes later.

Heath made complaint at the Oak street station, and Pedro Fernandez and Lorenzo Madrosa, two young sailors on the steamer Helena, were arrested on suspicion.

At the Tombs Police Court Heath could not swear that the Spaniards did the stabbing, and Justice Smith discharged them.

THEY TORE UP THE TRACK.

New London Officials Proceed by Force Against a Railway Company.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 10.—Early this morning a gang of men in charge of Street Commissioner Brown, and acting under instructions of Mayor Tucker, tore up all the tracks of the New York, Providence and Boston Railroad Company running on city property.

These tracks have been the subject of much controversy for a month past.

It is expected that the railroad Company will now order the city to remove its sewer outlet, which runs on the Company's property.

JUMPED TO HIS DEATH.

A Young Salesman Throws Himself from a Third-Story Window.

James Fitzgibbons, twenty-two years old, formerly a salesman in a Bowery hat store, while crazy from the effects of continued dissipation, threw himself out of a window on the third floor of the tenament house, 339 Avenue A, this morning.

He struck a couple of signs in his descent and broke them from their fastenings, and struck head first on the pavement, killing himself instantly.

He lived with his uncle in the tenement house, and had been out of work for a month past. His body was taken to the