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SCANDAL IN NO. 3.

Serious Charges Against Principal Southerland and a Lady Teacher.

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Trustee Tinsdale's Official Charges Attributed to Spite.

The troubles in Grammar School No. 3, in the Ninth Ward, which led to the transfer of Miss Isabelle F. Lewis, one of the teachers, to Grammar School No. 16, on the recommendation of Chairman E. J. Tinsdale, of the Board of Trustees, and her subsequent retransfer to No. 3 by the Board of Education on her appeal, were fully described in THE EVENING WORLD about six weeks ago.

At the time the appeal was heard by the Board of Education, Trustee Tinsdale declared that there were other reasons for the transfer of Miss Lewis than those he had previously stated, and intimated that the charges which he could prefer against her were of such a serious nature, that a more thorough investigation should be made.

At the instruction of the Board, Supt. Jasper requested Mr. Tinsdale to make a full statement of his charges, which he filed with the Superintendent a week ago.

His statement is as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMON SCHOOLS
OF THE NINTH WARD.
GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 3, 488 HUDSON ST.,
NEW YORK, Feb. 5, 1890.

To Mr. John Jasper, City Superintendent of Schools.

SIR: I received from you on the 6th ult. the following communication:

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY SCHOOLS,
HALL OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
146 GRAND STREET, NEW YORK, Jan. 6, 1890.

Mr. E. J. Tinsdale, Trustee Ninth Ward.

SIR: At the last meeting of the Board of Education, upon motion of Commissioner O'Brien, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Superintendent be and is hereby instructed to investigate the claim made by Trustee Tinsdale, of the Ninth Ward, before the Committee on Teachers, on hearing of the appeal of Miss Lewis as to his reason, other than those given to the Committee, for removing her from one class to another.

In accordance with said resolution, I would respectfully request you to submit to me in writing, at your earliest convenience, your reason, other than those given to the Committee on Teachers, for removing Miss Lewis from one class to another.

Yours respectfully,
CITY SUPERINTENDENT.

WHAT LED TO THIS LETTER.

Before answering it I desire to make, by way of preface, a statement of what took place at the hearing of the appeal before the Committee on Teachers of the Board of Education, held in your private room on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1889. There were either present then present, viz.: Chairman Holt, Commissioners Traud, Hunt and Schmitt, City Superintendent John Jasper, Clerk McMullin, Trustees Benedict, Faure, McNamara and myself, and Miss Isabelle F. Lewis.

After a great deal of time had been spent upon the reasons for her transfer, as they appeared upon the record, Commissioner Holt asked her if there were any additional reasons she wished to offer why her appeal should be sustained, and thereupon she made a statement as follows: She said that Edward McTaggert, the janitor of Primary School No. 24, had notified her to report to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees on Friday, Oct. 11, 1889, at 7.30 P. M., that she sent the reply back that she would be there, but upon informing the Principal of her department, Mr. B. D. L. Southerland, he advised her not to go, and she gave this reason to the janitor when he called on her the next day for an answer. She further stated that she was directed to report at the Board room in Grammar School No. 3 on the following Monday morning, Oct. 14, 1889, but that she no reason was assigned to her outside of those which appeared upon the written record. She admitted that two days thereafter, after having had a personal interview with him, she wrote a letter to Trustee Benedict, offering to take a voluntary reduction of grade and salary in her own department if he would not vote to transfer her to Grammar School No. 16.

I thereupon notified Commissioner Holt that we had not opened up this matter, and would claim the right to answer what was brought out by the appellant.

Thereupon Miss Lewis stopped.

DID NOT TELL THE WHOLE STORY.

In answer to the inquiry of Commissioner Holt I stated that, at the written request of the Principal, I consented to give Miss Lewis a hearing and to present to her the reasons more at length for her transfer on the following Tuesday morning, Oct. 15, 1889, which reasons I had given to him on the previous Monday morning, and that I had given them to her at that time, and that she was there as appellant to reveal them and speak for herself if she saw fit.

I further said that I deemed it for the best interest of the system not to give at that time the additional reasons, not on the record, for which the transfer was ordered.

As Miss Lewis did not attempt to deny that I had told her what were the reasons for the transfer, and as none of the Committee saw fit to ask her what those reasons were, I did not imagine there was a burning thirst on their part for any additional knowledge on the subject. I assumed that they would follow the usual course of sustaining the action of the Board of Trustees, where the salary of a teacher has not been reduced by reason of the transfer.

She was asked at the conclusion of the hearing if she had any correspondence from the Principal in her possession, and in response thereto she produced a letter from Mr. B. D. L. Southerland, which was passed over to Chairman Holt, who said that it would be kept as the basis for a further inquiry.

While I deeply deplore that the subject matter is reopened, and hadhoped, for the benefit of the system and those who will be affected by this inquiry, that the whole affair might have been settled in another way, yet, in view of the resolution calling for an investigation upon your part and the notoriety given through the public press in publishing interviews with different parties, and as further silence on my part might be misconstrued, I very reluctantly furnish the full reasons that induced the action of the Board of Trustees in making the transfer of Miss Lewis from Grammar School No. 3 to Grammar School No. 16.

A CLANDESTINE MEETING.

On Sept. 19, 1889, about the hour of 5 P. M., I stopped at the Board of Trustees' room in Grammar School No. 3 for a statement of the amount of the incidental fund of the ward which was to be furnished by the clerk of the Board of Trustees, and which he had agreed he would leave upon the table in that room that afternoon. The clerk was also the Principal of the male department of the school.

It was not there, and thinking he might be upstairs making out the statement, I went up to the fourth floor and looked up the short stairway leading up from the fourth story to see if the door of his private room was open; I saw it was closed.

I then entered the assembly room, and hearing the noise of sweeping in one of the rooms, I called out loudly if Mr. Southerland was in the building.

The janitor's nephew answered: "He is in his room."

I went out on the landing, ascended the short stairway leading to his room, opened the door, and found Mr. B. D. L. Southerland and Miss Isabelle F. Lewis in the southwesterly corner of the room in the recess formed by the right angles of the wall and the bookcase, back from the southerly window, of which the Venetian blinds were all the way down, whereby neither could be seen from the street.

The situation was too embarrassing for all of us; neither of them saluted or greeted me as I entered, nor did I them.

I finally ventured to ask if he had made out the promised incidental fund account statement. With much hesitancy he said he had not. I requested it to be furnished in the morning, and without any further exchange of words left the room. I was obliged to leave the city the next morning, and did not return for about a week or ten days.

SUCH MEETINGS HABITUAL.

Shortly after my return information was received to the effect that Mr. Southerland and Miss Lewis made a practice of resorting to his private room with the door shut after all the teachers were gone, and after consulting with Trustees Benedict and Van Arsdale, with myself constituted the Committee on Teachers, all of the facts above detailed having been fully considered, it was decided that it would be best to notify Miss Lewis to report to me at Primary School No. 24, in order that I might then and there inform her that the Committee on Teachers intended to recommend that she be transferred to another school as well as to inform her of the grounds for this action.

It was contemplated, later on, to take such further action as the case would require of the Board of Trustees.

It was deemed injudicious to have Miss Lewis report at the Board room in Grammar School No. 3, for the reason that it might give further notoriety to the matter.

TO AVOID FURTHER NOTORIETY.

The janitor of Primary School No. 24 was directed to notify Miss Lewis to report to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at said school on Friday evening, Oct. 11, at 7.30 P. M. It was the nearest school to her residence, 150 West Sixteenth street, except Grammar School No. 16, in which evening school was then held. She answered him: "I will be there at that time." Shortly after that, on the same day, he received this note from Mr. Southerland:

FRIDAY NOON.

Mr. McTaggert:

Did you notify one of my teachers to attend a meeting in Horatio Street Primary at 7.30 o'clock this evening, by order of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees? Yours, B. D. L. SOUTHERLAND.

Miss Lewis did not come in response to the message, and the janitor was directed to call on her at her residence the next morning, Saturday. He did so as directed, and told her, by my direction, that if she understood the previous message her presence was not desired; if she misunderstood it, then she was to report to me that evening at the same time and place.

She stated to the janitor that, after he had left her the previous day, she had informed Mr. Southerland of the message and he had advised her not to go, and she would explain further when she saw the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

On Monday morning, Oct. 14, Miss Lewis was notified to report to the Board room, and she was then asked if she had received the message to report to Primary School No. 24, and she answered she had, and that she had refused to come by advice of Mr. Southerland. She was thereupon informed that her transfer to Grammar School No. 16 would be deemed desirable for the best interests of the system, and that Miss Carrie Smith would take her class.

MISS LEWIS WAS "SASSY."

She became very abusive and impertinent in language and offensive in conduct, and thereupon left the room.

The Principal, Mr. Southerland, was sent for immediately, and asked if he had advised Miss Lewis not to report to No. 24, and why? He answered he had, but that he now saw that it was a mistake on his part.

I thereupon informed him that rumor associated his and Miss Lewis's name together in a way that was detrimental to the best interests of the system, and in view of what I had witnessed I was not surprised at it, and that I deemed it for the best interest of his department, himself and Miss Lewis, that they should be separated, and that she should be transferred to Grammar School No. 16. The reason why Grammar School No. 16 was selected was because Mr. Southerland has a daughter teaching in that school, and that he would not be apt to visit it very often.

He then and there concurred with me that it would be for the best interest of all concerned to transfer Miss Lewis from his department. On the afternoon of that day, Oct. 14, 1889, I received a note from Mr. Southerland, of which the following is a true copy:

4.20 P. M.—MONDAY P. M.

MR. TINSDALE: Had no chance to talk with Miss L. only for a minute, as the superintendents were here and detained until 4 o'clock.

At present she is not willing to ask for a transfer, as she does not wish to go to 16 at all.

To oblige me, see her in the morning and put your arguments before her better than I can. Yours, &c., B. D. L. S.

To oblige Mr. Southerland, as requested in the foregoing communication, I attended at the Board room the next morning, Tuesday, Oct. 15, and after giving Miss Lewis a further hearing put the "arguments" before her that had induced him to write me to see her again that morning.

I asked her if she had been informed by the Principal of the additional reasons for her transfer, and she answered she had, but would let me know what they were later on; this was said in an impudent tone and very offensive manner.

TO KEEP THEM APART.

She asked that I would repeat them to her, and I answered that, without entering into a discussion of the information from various sources that I had received and which most forcibly emphasized the necessity of the transfer, the mere fact that I found Mr. Southerland and herself in a corner of his private room with the door shut at about the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon, alone in the building, after all the other teachers had gone, I deemed sufficient to require the Board to separate them and to make her transfer a necessity, and still more so if, as I had been informed, it was a common practice to so meet him there in private.

I further told her that I intended to bring the matter before the Board of Trustees and let them determine what should be done in the matter.

That same day Miss Lewis called on Trustee Benedict, had a personal interview with him, and afterwards wrote him a letter offering to take a voluntary reduction of grade and salary in Grammar School No. 3 if he would not vote to transfer her to Grammar School No. 16.

Trustee Benedict showed the letter to Trustee Van Arsdale and myself that night at a meeting of the Committee on Teachers, and it was thereupon decided to send to Miss Lewis and direct her to be present on the next evening, Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Board room, in order that the Committee might learn from her what objections, if any, she made to the proposed transfer.

SAYS SOUTHERLAND OWNED IT UP.

Miss Lewis came to the Board room at the appointed time. She was informed that the previous notice she had received to attend at Primary School No. 24 had been sent to her by direction of the Committee. She said she objected to the transfer. After some discussion Trustee Benedict notified her that he would recommend it to the Board. The next day the Principal, Mr. Southerland, was before Mr. Van Arsdale, Mr. Benedict and myself, as Committee on Teachers, and in their presence he admitted the circumstances detailed above in respect to my finding himself and Miss Lewis in his room at the hour named with the door shut, and also coincided with the suggestion that she ought to be transferred from his department.

On Friday evening, Oct. 17, testimony was given before the same Committee to the effect that Miss Lewis was in the habit of remaining in the school building and going to Mr. Southerland's room and remaining there with him with the door shut after all the rest of the teachers were gone, both before and after the above date I saw them there, as I have stated above.

After this testimony had been received, I insisted that it and the whole matter should be laid before the full Board; but I was urged otherwise by my associates on the Committee, who said that, if it was done, Mr. Southerland would commit suicide, as he had threatened to do in their presence.

Trustee Common Schools, Ninth Ward, New York City. E. J. TINSDALE.

PRINCIPAL SOUTHERLAND INDIGNANT.

Principal B. D. L. Southerland, against whom Mr. Tinsdale's allegations are just as serious as those against Miss Lewis, was found this morning at the school-house, 490 Hudson street.

"All I can say," he replied when he had been informed of the charges, "is that these insinuations are false in every particular, and that there is not a single action of mine or Miss Lewis that cannot bear a full investigation.

"I do not care to make any statement now, because the matter will undoubtedly come up before the Board of Education, and that is the place for me to reply to these charges.

ONLY A COINCIDENCE.

"I will say this, however, so far as regards Mr. Tinsdale's visit to my private room when Miss Lewis was there in consultation with me, that whenever I have anything to communicate to any of the teachers of the school I generally receive them in my private office after school hours.

"The fact that Miss Lewis was there when he called is simply a coincidence, and could only be tortured into a situation such as Mr. Tinsdale insinuates by a person who was trying to do me or the young lady an injury. We were simply sitting and talking together when Mr. Tinsdale entered."

Miss Lewis was busy with her class at the time and sent out word that she did not care to reply at present to the charges made in Mr. Tinsdale's statement.

Trustee John P. Faure was highly indignant when he saw a copy of Mr. Tinsdale's report.

"It is a perfect outrage," he said, "and you may say that I denounce Mr. Tinsdale's action in this matter without measure.

"I have been conversant with the matter ever since the trouble arose, and know just what efforts have been made to get Miss Lewis out of the school.

"I know that Mr. Southerland has been Principal of the Hudson Street School for twenty-two years and has been a teacher for thirty-five years, and not once during that time has any charge of this kind been made against him.

"Why did Mr. Tinsdale never make these charges in the Board of Trustees, if the facts are as he now states them? He would have been justified in demanding the resignation of both Mr. Southerland and Miss Lewis on the spot, if half he hints at were true."

Trustee Tinsdale was found at his house, 67 Bank street, this morning. His attention was called to that part of his statement where he described his visit to Mr. Southerland's private room, and he was asked if he could supply the apparent omissions.

"I positively decline to say anything more about that at present. I shall have more to say later on.

"But you merely say that they were sitting by the window, was there anything embarassing about that?"

"If you read the statement carefully you will see that I do not use the word 'sitting' at all," Mr. Tinsdale replied.

"How is it that you did not immediately report your discovery to the Board of Trustees?"

"I have my own reasons for that, and shall state them at the proper time."

Trustee L. J. McNamara, M.D., was also called upon.

"I have been a member of the School Board of the Ninth Ward for three years, and I have always observed that Mr. Tinsdale has had a peculiar propensity for bringing charges, especially against female teachers.

"The allegations contained in Mr. Tinsdale's report are nasty insinuations, and should not be considered unless the charges are made more definite.

"If Miss Lewis had any male protectors I do not think the matter would have ever come to this stage.

"Miss Lewis has always borne an unblemished reputation, as has Mr. Southerland, for whom I have the highest respect and esteem. The trouble arose out of the jealousy of one of the female teachers in the school."

MRS. SOUTHERLAND BELIEVES THE STORY A LIE.

Principal Southerland is sixty-seven years old, and lives with his wife and family at 203 East Seventy-first street. An EVENING WORLD reporter called at the house this morning, and in answer to the reporter's summons Mrs. Southerland entered the parlor.

Mrs. Southerland was averse to talking of the grave accusations made against her husband. She said that Mr. Southerland had told her everything about the matter, and she did not believe one word of the charges made against him.

"This persecution is due to spite," said she. "Mr. Southerland has been in poor health for a couple of years, and the doctor and myself have been urging him to give up his position as clerk of the Board, and he finally decided to do so. His withdrawal has thrown the work on another man, who doesn't understand it, and he has consequently had to have assistance from one of the trustees. In this way Mr. Tinsdale, his accuser, has had a great deal of extra work thrown upon his shoulders.

"Why, it is only a few weeks ago that I heard that Mr. Tinsdale had said there was no man in the ward for whom he would do more for than my husband.

"In my opinion, Mr. Tinsdale is angry because Miss Lewis was reinstated in her old position, and he has taken this means to square himself.

"Mr. Southerland is an old New Yorker. He has been in the schools for many, many years, and during that time has borne a spotless reputation. These charges against him do not deceive his friends, nor any one in fact who is acquainted with him. His past record is too clean."

The reporter learned that Mr. Southerland has been closely connected with several churches, and had been superintendent of several Sunday-schools, among which was one on Perry street and another on James street.

SUPT. JASPER RETICENT.

AN EVENING WORLD reporter found Supt. John Jasper busy at his desk in the Board of Education building this morning. Mr. Jasper acknowledged the receipt of Trustee Tinsdale's statement.

"I was instructed by the Board of Education in December to investigate certain peculiar matters in the affairs of School No. 3," said Mr. Jasper. "I have, pursuant to those instructions, gathered together all of the evidence I can find. But this evidence was incomplete at the time of the February meeting of the Board, and my lips are sealed until I have officially reported to the Board of Education at its next meeting."

"Did Principal Southerland or Miss Lewis ever deny the allegations made by Trustee Tinsdale?" asked the reporter.

"Really, you must excuse me, but I cannot answer you. I must say nothing in advance of my report to the Board."

"How old is Mr. Southerland, and how long has he been a teacher in the city schools?"

"He is sixty-seven years old, I should think, and has been a teacher in our schools thirty-five years."

"And Miss Lewis? Is she young and pretty, or is she, too, beyond the prime of life?"

"Miss Lewis is about twenty-seven, not a beauty, but only an ordinarily attractive young woman. She has taught nine years. You must not ask any further questions, for I will be compelled to refuse to answer. Such a scandal is much to be deprecated."

A WEDDING PARTY DROWNED.

Twelve Persons Including Bride and Groom Thrown Into the River.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A distressing accident, by which a party of twelve people, including a newly-married couple, met death by drowning, is reported from Pontivy.

The party was in a large wagon, which upset and threw the occupants in the river.

To Abolish the Chamberlain.

Assemblyman Hoag introduced at Albany to-day the bill to abolish the office of City Chamberlain in New York.

No Contracts Till Monday.

When the matter of awarding the contracts for the new Criminal Court's building came up before the Sinking Fund Commissioners to-day, Recorder Smyth moved that, as the tabulation of bids had not been completed, action could be deferred until next Monday. The motion was carried.

The Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.
American Cotton Oil T. rec'ts.	28¾	29	28⅝
Atch., Top. & Santa Fe.....	25⅞	26⅜	25⅞
Canada Southern.....	53⅝	53⅝	53⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	24⅝	24¾	24
Chesapeake & Ohio 1st pref..	61½	61½	61½
Chesapeake & Ohio 2d pref..	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞
Chicago Gas Trust.....	67	67⅞	66⅝
Chic., Bur. & Quincy.....	102⅞	102⅞	102⅞
Chic., St. Louis & Pitts.....	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
Chic., St. Louis & Pitts. pfd.	49⅞	50⅝	49⅞
Chicago & Northwest.....	106⅝	106⅝	106⅝
Chic., R. I. & Pacific.....	96⅝	96⅞	96⅝
Chic., Rock Island & Pac....	92⅞	93	92⅞
Clev., Cin., Chic. & St. L....	66⅝	66⅝	66⅝
Colorado Coal & Iron.....	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝
Del., Lack. & West.....	136	136	135⅞
Denver, Tex. & Ft. Worth....	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝
Tex., Va. & Ga.....	10¾	10¾	10¾
Houston & Texas.....	4	4	4
Lake Shore.....	105⅞	105⅞	105⅝
Lake Erie & Western pfd.....	65⅞	65⅞	65⅞
Louisville & Nashville.....	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝
Manhattan consol.....	104	104⅞	104
Missouri Pacific.....	73⅞	73⅞	72⅞
Mobile & Ohio.....	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞
Nash., Chatt. & St. L.....	105⅞	105⅞	105⅞
Nat. Lead Trust.....	188	188	187
New York & Northern pfd.....	23	23	23
New York & New England.....	40⅞	40⅞	40⅞
N. Y., Lake Erie & West.....	29⅞	29⅞	29⅝
N. Y., Susq. & West.....	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞
Norfolk & Western.....	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞
Northern Pacific.....	21⅞	21⅞	21
Northern Pacific pref.....	54⅞	54⅞	54
Oregon Transcontinental.....	26	26	25⅞
Pacific Mail.....	38⅞	38⅞	38⅞
Pipe Line certificates.....	105⅞	105⅞	105⅞
Phila. & Reading.....	20⅞	20⅞	20⅞
Rich. & West Point Ter.....	27	27	26⅞
St. Paul, Minn. & Manitoba..	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞
St. Louis, Arb. & Texas.....	9	9	9
Southern Pacific.....	32⅞	32⅞	32⅞
Sugar Refineries.....	84⅞	86⅞	84⅞
Texas Pacific.....	26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron.....	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron pfd.....	110	110	110
T., St. L. & K. C. Ann Arbor & N. M	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞
Union Pacific.....	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞
Wabash pfd.....	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞
Western Union Telegraph.....	84⅞	84⅞	84⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	14⅞	14⅞	14⅞
Wheeling & Lake Erie pfd.....	60⅞	60⅞	60⅞
Wis. Central.....	30⅞	30⅞	29⅞

Ten Dollars for a Simple Guess.
See the Saturday Price, a 6-cent family story paper for 3 cents; a lady's gold watch free.

"BLUEBEARD, JR.," IN COURT.

Manager Meade's Chorus Tots Divided Into "Exhibits."

Tiny Witnesses at His Trial for Permitting Them to Act.

Children of the old woman who lives in a shoe swarmed in the brown-stone Court-House to-day and made the grim and rusty corridors of the old building ring with merry laughter and echo with the music of happy innocence.

They were chaperoned by their mothers, sisters, cousins and aunts, and they took possession of every heart.

They were there in attendance on the trial of Manager James H. Meade, of the "Bluebeard, Jr.," company.

Manager Meade is charged with misdemeanor, in disobeying the law forbidding the appearance of children under sixteen years in any theatrical performance or singing, dancing or performing on the stage, and those joyous little buds were the children.

There was Aladdin, without his wonderful lamp; Robinson Crusoe; Jack, the Giant Killer; Little Miss Muffet who sat on a tuffett, and the nine children of the old woman who lived in a shoe, and they prattled and hummed, and sang and laughed, and made merry till every man in the building felt like declaring the law forbidding their performance on the stage a foolishly absurd law.

Charley Brooke appeared before Judge Fitzgerald as counsel for Manager Meade, and was surrounded by Managers Dan Frohman, J. W. Rosenquest, Richard Barker, of London; Ed Gilmore, Charles Thomas, Ed E. Rice and J. M. Hill.

Assistant District-Attorney Jerome had President Gerry, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Assistant Superintendent Stocking.

Augustine J. Wilson, agent of the Society, who made the report upon which the complaint was drawn, testified that he visited Niblo's on the evening of Feb. 3, and witnessed the production of "Bluebeard, Jr."

In the first act four Little Lord Fauntleroys appeared for fifteen minutes.

"Let's have 'em in," interrupted Charley Brooke, rubbing his bump of benevolence.

The door at the right of his honor opened, and there appeared thirteen bright-eyed, red-cheeked, giggling little boys and girls.

They bustled each other across the room in front of the august Judge, and huddled before the witness, darting saucy flashes from their eyes as they went.

Wilson picked out Lillie and Rosie Sutherland, Aaron Pohly and Amelia Stevens, as the four "Little Lord Fauntleroys," and the jurymen smiled upon the little ones and looked as if they'd like to catch them up and kiss them.

Prosecutor Jerome said: "We will mark these four 'People's Exhibit No. 1,'" which tickled the little ones, and made the faces of one or two jurors take on a resentful expression.

Then Robinson Crusoe, Jack the Giant Killer and Aladdin were identified, much to their own happiness.

Nine laughing mites were pointed out as the children who lived in a shoe, and the witness told how reprehensibly, and to the imminent danger of society and their own morals, they did battle with pillows on the stage in the third act, and did other dreadful things against the peace and welfare of the State of New York.

Agent Edward Becker, the next witness, said that these children, besides doing the things on the stage which Wilson had described, actually played "Cinderella and Her Golden Slipper;" played "Jack and the Giant" and other things, besides once coming on the stage with presents for old Bluebeard.

Johny Stump was brought forward by the prosecution. He was marked "Exhibit III."

Johny is an "inch and a half" young man, about the color of roasted coffee, and enjoys the distinction of being Robinson Crusoe's man Friday.

Becker said Friday appeared on the stage half naked. Horrible!

But the court audience smiled with that smile which conveys approval, admiration, sympathy and love for the little black boy.

Lawyer Brooke then began the defense.

VERY LIKE MARIE HALTON.

Mr Aronson Thinks He Saw the Fugitive Soubrette Yesterday.

Theatrical circles were all agog and excitement this morning over the announcement that Marie Halton, the vivacious soubrette who ran away to England with Mr. Joseph Lewis, a wealthy Englishman, had returned to town and was quietly paddling about under an assumed name.

"Yes, I have heard the report," said Rudolph Aronson this morning, "and am inclined to believe it. I was riding in a Broadway car yesterday, and happening to glance out the window saw Miss Sylvia Gerrish walking with a woman who looked to me like Marie Halton. I could not say it was her, but it resembled her wonderfully."

Miss Gerrish was at home when the reporter called and when asked if Miss Halton was in town, replied:

"No. Of course not. She's in England."

"But you were seen walking with her on Broadway yesterday?"

"Oh, that's it, is it?" said Miss Gerrish merrily. "I wondered why every one was looking at us. That was not Miss Halton, however, though I admit she resembles the lady I was walking with yesterday.

"Oh, no; Miss Halton is in England and making more money than she could here. I wish she would come back, don't you? The boys all liked her so."

Other inquiries were made, but it is evident that the report was somewhat premature.

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has for years maintained its excellence. Druggists.

Nell Nelson in the New York Factories. A striking series of articles about working-girl life will appear in THE EVENING WORLD next week. Don't fail to read them.

THE VALENTINE THAT MR. PLATT OUGHT TO GET.

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

A Medical Student Killed in a Duel at Freiberg.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

FREIBURG, Feb. 14.—Edward Salomon, a medical student here, has been killed by a fellow-student in a duel, with pistols, at three paces.

Whistling Gossip from London.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

LONDON, Feb. 14.—It is reported that Mrs. Shaw, the American whistler, is engaged to a widowed Earl, who has for the past fortnight been paying her devoted attention.

Mrs. Shaw refuses to discuss the matter.

Whistling, by the way, is the latest aristocratic craze.

The Princess of Teck practises daily; also, Countess Cadogan and Countess Dudley, all of whom are professionals in the art.

During the present season, whistling parties in country houses have formed a lively opposition to Lady Folkenstone's string band.

A dozen young daughters of noblemen have formed a whistling band, and will shortly give a concert at the house of the Duchess of Portland.

Reported Royal Match-Making.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—It is reported that the Regents of Servia are endeavoring to arrange a marriage between their boy King and the Czar's eldest daughter, the Grand Duchess Xenia, and that the proposition is being favorably considered at St. Petersburg, although the proposed bridegroom is only thirteen and the bride fourteen.

An Eiffel Tower in Ice.

[DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.]

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—An Eiffel ice tower has been completed here.

It is over one hundred and fifty feet in height, and is composed of 10,000 blocks of ice.

On the first platform is a grand restaurant, and a most brilliant effect is produced by lighting the entire structure with electricity.

Earl Sydney Dead, with His Title.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, Feb. 14.—John Robert Townshend, first Earl Sydney, is dead, aged eighty-four years. He leaves no son or heir to the title, which was created in 1874.

HIS WIFE RELENTED.

Mrs. McLaughlin Failed to Prosecute Her Husband for Assault.

Jockey Frank McLaughlin, brother of the famous Jimmy, of turf renown, was in Justice Tighe's police court in Butler street, Brooklyn, this morning, to answer a charge of assault preferred by his wife, Almira, a pretty woman of thirty years. Mrs. McLaughlin, however, failed to appear and her husband was discharged.

Mrs. McLaughlin was in court yesterday, and asked that a warrant be issued for the arrest of her husband on the ground that he had struck her a violent blow in the face. A diamond ring on his finger had cut her nose, inflicting a painful and ugly looking wound.

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LAST EDITION

IS IT SUICIDE OR MURDER?

Some Mystery About the Unknown Man's Death in Harlem.

A Man Seen Running After the Fatal Shots Were Fired.

There were many blood-stains on the ground about the northwest corner of One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street and Lexington avenue, this morning, marking the spot where an unknown man fell dead with two bullets in his brain, about 8.30 o'clock last night.

Who he is, or what he was, or whence he came, is a mystery.

The police think he committed suicide; others believe he was murdered.

He was seen in conversation with another man at 8.20 o'clock. They leaned against a wooden picket fence a few feet high, and seemed to be very earnest in their conversation.

J. Brandt, a builder, who lives at 1 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, glanced at them casually as he passed on his way to Third avenue. Before he crossed the street he heard two pistol-shots, and turning, he saw one man clutching wildly at the picket fence for support, while the other was rapidly disappearing in the darkness.

Mr. Brandt ran across the street just as the man fell to the ground. He raised the prostrate man's head, and noticed two big holes behind the right ear, from which blood was spurting. A 38-calibre revolver was by his side.

By the flickering light of a neighboring gaslight Mr. Brandt could see the wounded man's face. It was very white, streaked with blood, and the black eyes glistened like diamonds.

"How did this happen?" he asked.

The injured man spoke rapidly, but mumbled his words so that Mr. Brandt could only understand, "me," "pistol," "how."

A crowd, attracted by the shooting, had gathered, and Policeman Slevin, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, got a candle, lighted it, and by its wavering rays, as he held it down to the man's face, saw that he was dead.

The corpse was that of a muscular young man, comfortably dressed in a black suit and white shirt.

Under the shirt was a checked calico "jumper."

Two cotton handkerchiefs, marked with the initial "N," were in his pocket, but there were no other marks of identification.

The body was carried on a stretcher to the police station, and later on was sent to the Morgue.

At first Mr. Brandt thought it was a case of suicide. Later on he decided that it was murder, and is convinced that the man whom he saw running is the murderer.

Detective Mott, when seen by an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning, said: "It is a strange case, but I am pretty positive that the man killed himself. The bullets went into the brain from a spot behind the right ear.

"A little girl, who lives in a tenement-house opposite where the shooting took place, says she saw the man kill himself.

"However, I have ordered, Capt. Westervelt's direction, Detective Price and myself are now working on the case, and hope to find the man who was with the suicide before nightfall."

The reporter went to the row of tenement-houses where the little girl is said to live. Mr. Mott did not know her name. There were many little girls, and women and men beside who had heard the pistol-shots, but none of them saw the crime committed.

They were all of the opinion that the man had been murdered, however, and declared that the suicide theory only came in when the police found that the dead man was unknown and that his friend had fled.

Mrs. Foley, who lives on the second floor of one of the tenement-houses, said: "This neighborhood is becoming very dangerous. My husband coming home from work the other night was "held up" by two toughs, who demanded money from him.

"When he refused, it they struck him in the face, and one of them put some weapon to his breast, remarking with a sneer, 'I've a good mind to kill you.

"My husband's cries for help frightened them off, she concluded.

Capt. Westervelt believes the man last night committed suicide.

A WORLD'S FAIR, AND IN '92.

On So Much of the Project the Select Washington Committee Agrees.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The select World's Fair Committee adopted a report to-day expressing the universal demand for the celebration in 1892 of the four-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, and declaring that all nations should be invited to participate in ceremonies including a World's Fair, which ought to surpass every other national commemoration preceding it.

The Committee unanimously indorses this proposed recognition of the great accomplishment of Christopher Columbus.

The question of site is left to the House to be decided by vote.

Gypsy Maidens at the Fair.

The fair in Day's Hall, South Brooklyn, in aid of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, has been very successful and will continue this and to-morrow afternoon and evening. Among the pretty young ladies dressed in Zingara costumes who preside over the booths are Miss Eliza Maycock and the three sisters, Effie, Anna M. and Gertrude L. Martin.

Of Five Heirs to $48,000,000.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

KEOKUK, Ia., Feb. 14.—Mrs. Thomas Mears, of this city, claims to be one of five heirs to an estate of $48,000,000, left by an Englishman named Ford. Other heirs reside in Illinois and Iowa. The case has been placed in the hands of lawyers.

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LANDSLIDE A MILE LONG.

Buildings Swept Away, Two Chinamen Buried and a River Turned Back.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

WEAVERVILLE, Cal., Feb. 14.—News is just received of one of the biggest landslides ever known on the Pacific coast, which occurred fifty miles below here a few days ago.

The land slid into the Trinity River, raising the water to a depth of 300 feet and backing up the river fourteen miles.

The sliding mass was about a mile long and 400 yards wide.

Many buildings were swept away with their entire contents. Two Chinamen were buried in the debris and several persons barely escaped.

BROKER DRAKE MULCTED.

His Cashier Found Short in His Accounts and Arrested.

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