WHO KILLED LARBIG?

Detectives Hint that He Was Shot by Dovie Comstock Herself.

Important Developments Expected at To-Night's Inquest.

Gen. Meserole Visits His Son in Jail—Larbig's Body Buried.

The mysteriousness of the Brooklyn police and the reticence of District-Attorney Ridgway, taken in connection with numerous hints let fall by detectives working on the case, have led to some startling theories in regard to the shooting of Theodore Larbig in Mrs. Dovie Comstock's flat in Sackett street last Saturday night.

They all point to a different version of the shooting from that told by Mrs. Comstock and young Darwin Meserole at the Butler street station after the affray.

One theory is that Mrs. Comstock herself did the shooting, and that the story of the assault upon her by Larbig, and his subsequent attack upon Meserole, was invented by the pair to shield the woman, and to establish a case of shooting in self-defense.

It is said by Meserole's friends that he was never known to carry a revolver and was mild and peaceable in his disposition.

On the other hand Mrs. Comstock is known to have been a woman of violent passions, and when Larbig came in after his return from the races Saturday night and charged her with treachery towards him she may have fired the shots herself.

It is intimated that an insurance policy for $15,000 upon Larbig's life, made out in favor of Mrs. Comstock, was found in her room and is now in the hands of the District-Attorney, in addition to two other policies in which his wife was the beneficiary, and that this also may have furnished a motive for wishing to put him out of the way.

The other theory is that Larbig and Meserole first began the row, and that in trying to separate the men Mrs. Comstock received the blows which blackened her eyes.

It is argued that Larbig must have been in the apartment for some time previous to the shooting, for his coat was found folded up and hung over the top of a chair in the front room, and his hat lay on the piano.

According to Meserole and Mrs. Comstock, Larbig did not come into the front room at all, but was admitted by the door at the back of the hall into the dining-room in the rear. It was then that he first attacked Mrs. Comstock and chased her into the small bedroom adjoining, when Meserole came to her assistance, revolver in hand, and fired point-blank at his rival.

How the coat and hat came to be in the front room is a mystery which has not yet been cleared up, although District Attorney Ridgway is said to be in possession of very damaging facts against the woman, which will be brought out at the inquest this evening.

Several persons living in the house where Mrs. Comstock has her flat, have been subpoenaed to attend the inquest. It is said that one of them heard Mrs. Comstock when she ran out into the hall, cry out:

"Don't shoot him! For God's sake, don't shoot!"

District-Attorney Ridgway said this morning that he had not the slightest doubt that the shooting was done by Meserole; but he declined to say what information he had in regard to the part the woman played in the affair.

To one of the detectives Mrs. Comstock said: "Larbig cared enough for me to give me a policy of insurance on his life."

Kate McCaffrey, Mrs. Comstock's servant, said she was in charge of the flat, and expects that her mistress will come back after the inquest this evening. The rent was paid up to July 1, and the agent of the house last evening told Miss McCaffrey that it must be paid in advance at once or he would have Mrs. Comstock's furniture moved out.

Miss McCaffrey said she had talked with Mrs. Comstock at the jail about the shooting.

"Mrs. Comstock told me she ran out of the room as soon as she saw Mr. Meserole with his pistol in his hand, and called to him not to shoot.

"She was in the next room when the shooting took place and did not see it at all.

"Afterwards Mr. Meserole came out and said he had shot Larbig and thought he had killed him, and then they went together to the police station."

"On the day of the shooting," said Miss McCaffrey, Mr. Larbig came in about lunch time. He was introduced to Mr. Meserole by Mrs. Comstock, who said she had rented her front room to him.

"Larbig did not say very much, and I did not see him show any annoyance on account of Mr. Meserole's presence. He only remained a short time and then went away."

Mrs. Comstock and Meserole remained in close seclusion to-day in the Raymond Street Jail. Gen. Meserole visited his son in his cell during the forenoon.

The body of Larbig was taken from his house, at 28 Second street, this morning and was buried in Bay Cemetery. Only a few members of his family accompanied the hearse and the ceremony was private.

BIG DRY-GOODS FAILURE.

The failure of the retail dry-goods firm of Kreuder, Kline & Kreuder, at Broadway and Ninth street, was announced this morning.

Judgments aggregating about $50,000 were entered to-day in favor of numerous creditors of the firm.

Among the largest creditors are the H. B. Claflin Co., $13,000; Sweetser, Pembrook & Co., $6,000; Tefft, Weller & Co., $5,500; W. J. Lee, $8,191; Union Square Bank, $3,994; W. H. H. Hall, $3,210; Samuel Eiseman, $2,821; Raphael Elias, $1,070; Wm. Meyer, $1,802; Horace S. Sylvester, $1,274; Abram B. Knapp, $1,189.

Executions were at once issued to the Sheriff, and Deputy Sheriff Heimburger is now in possession of the store.

The firm is composed of Adolph Kreuder, Charles Kline and Frank E. Kreuder. About a year ago they bought out the stock of D. Fox & Co., and continued the business.

PRINCE GEORGE WITH US.

The Royal Greek Will Visit His Brother Prince To-Night.

Prince George, of Greece, who is travelling incognito under the name of Count Folster in this country, had many callers this morning at the Brevoort House, where he is stopping with his travelling companion, Capt. Lomen, of the Russian Navy.

The Prince refused to see all visitors except Mr. Greger, Charge d' Affaires of the Russian Legation; second Secretary of Legation Batkin, and Mr. Botassi, the Greek Consul General, with whom he went to lunch at Delmonico's at noon.

At 2 o'clock the party visited the Brooklyn Navy-Yard.

The Prince is besieged with invitations to attend receptions, but he has declined all public demonstrations proposed in his honor. He has, however, accepted the invitation of Mr. French, of the Garden Theatre, and will this evening, with his party, occupy two boxes at the performance of his brother, "Prince Karl." Then he will hear Gilmore.

Harmonious on Independence Day.

The Jeffersonians, the Abingdon Club, the Ninth Ward Pioneer Corps, the New York Democracy Association and the Republican Club all in the Ninth Assembly District have contributed $50 each to a common fund for fireworks and music for Fourth of July celebration.

It Will Give You Pleasure

To drink a glass of perfect soda water at Riker's, 1st ave. and 22d st.

POINT FOR BEN ALI.

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spread on a sheet of white paper on the table before him.

They looked like talons! Each talon was tipped with a long nail protruding from half an inch to an inch beyond the end of the finger.

Then Fincke told the prosecution that he didn't think it possible that the murderer of old Carrie Brown could have escaped from the scene of the butchery by way of the iron ladder to the scuttle in the roof, and after this the witness was turned over to Lawyer House.

Mr. House asked questions about the shape, color and appearance of each of the forty or more blood stains which the officers had so carefully collected and preserved, and then asked:

"Now do you say that all of these blood spots and stains were dark and dry?"

The witness said they were, and Dr. Heidekoper, Prof. Mott and Dr. Gibler each made a note of it.

The detectives had described three blood-stains that he had found on the dirty bed-tick in room 33, and Mr. House asked:

"Can you swear that that is the tick that Frenchy slept on if he slept in room 33 that Thursday night, April 23?"

The witness could not, and then Juror James Shipman, the white-bearded patriarch in the third chair in the jury box, took him in hand.

"What day of the week and month was it that you searched for blood and did all these things?" propounded the hard headed old carpenter.

"Tuesday, April 28," replied the witness."

"Five days after the night of the murder!" gasped Juror Shipman.

Then Juror No. 5, Henry Lichtig, asked:

"You have testified that the scuttle on the next house adjoining the East River Hotel was always closed. Do you know that? or did you ask some one?"

"I am sure it was securely fastened. I examined it closely and it was securely locked. Besides, I think Mr. Thompson told me it was always locked, and that no one could escape from the top of the East River Hotel by way of that hatchway."

Juror No. 10, Harris Brown, took a hand. He tested Detective Sergeant Fincke's memory by asking what color the paint was on the doors of the top floor in the East River Hotel.

The witness thought it was slate color.

Doorman John Joandas, who had been referred to by the lawyers as Jaudes, came to the stand to relate how he removed Frenchy's shoes and stockings shortly after the prisoner was put in his care and carried them to the Captain's room, where Chief Byrnes and Capt. McLaughlin were in solemn convocation with the sleuths of the greatest detective force in the world.

Capt. McLaughlin came next to add his version of the many-times repeated story of the awful scene of the carnage as it looked to him when he visited that terrible top floor on the morning when the murder of old Shakespeare was discovered.

OLD BLOOD-STAINS EXAMINED.

Under cross-examination Mr. House brought out that Capt. McLaughlin, under orders from Chief Byrnes, went with Detective-Sergt. Crowley to the room where Carrie Brown was murdered on June 20, and that Crowley cut out blood-stained portions of the bed tick on which the mangled body of the sexagenerian was found after her murder.

"Now, sir," demanded Mr. House.

"You are quite willing to swear, Captain, are you not, that at that time the bed-ticking was exactly as it was on the morning when the murder was discovered?"

The Captain said that the tick had not been disturbed; in fact, the room had been locked by the police.

This is the most important point yet brought out for the defense. This blood is conceded to have been shed by Carrie Brown, and it is supposed to be the only specimen of the undisputed blood of the dead woman that the experts had to work upon.

The defense claim that so long a time after death it would be impossible to determine that it was intestinal blood, and impossible, if it were intestinal blood or blood mingled with intestinal fluids, to determine what the dead person was digesting when death came.

Capt. McLaughlin said that the stain of blood on the wristband of Frenchy's old flannel shirt was a faded one half an inch wide and two inches long.

That on the back looked as if a hand had smeared it.

Assistant District-Attorney Charles Simms stood up with his back to the jury, and Mr. House and the Captain used him for a model to illustrate the location of the bright red stain on Frenchy's shirt.

The Captain indicated with his hand that the stain began at the very centre of the back, just between the shoulder blades, and extended to the right three or four inches.

The prosecution have sworn witnesses who testified that Carrie Brown was dead before she was carved and mangled, and of course could not have put a bloody hand on Frenchy after death.

This stain was at a point where Frenchy could not reach it himself.

How did that blood-stain get there?

Mr. House asked Capt. McLoughlin if he examined both the inside and the outside of the front of Frenchy's shirt, and the Captain said "only the outside."

Mr. Levy, at recess, asked the Recorder for an order directing a physical examination of Frenchy. This was, of course, to determine whether the blood on the shirt might not have been shed by the Arab himself.

Mr. Levy suggested that Drs. Mott, Herdekofer and Herold be designated to make the examination.

The Recorder said he'd consider the request, and a recess was ordered.

At the afternoon session Detective-Sergt. Crowley testified to cutting a piece out of the mattress upon which the body of "Shakespeare" was found.

BYRNES ON THE STAND.

Inspector Byrnes was the next witness. He carried with him to the witness chair a bundle of large blue envelopes which looked formidable enough, stuffed as they were to the capacity of the envelopes.

"What are those papers?" asked District Attorney Welman.

"They contain pieces of wood clipped from the floors of Rooms 31 and 33 of the East River Hotel, pieces of the bed covering, some parts of a stocking found on the prisoner, and pieces of wood taken from the doors of both Rooms 31 and 33.

"Here are also pieces of bed ticking which Detective Crowley gave me and said they were cut from the mattress in the room where the body of Carrie Brown was found.

"I gave these specimens, as they were, inclosed in their original packages, to Dr. Edson, of the Board of Health. I turned over all the specimens given to me by the different officers to Dr. Edson without examining them."

Attorney House did not cross-examine.

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Dr. Henry F. Formad, the Acting Professor of Pathology in that Institute, was summoned as an expert on blood corpuscles by the prosecution. He said he had made in his professional service seventy-six examinations, in as many different criminal cases, of blood stains.

"I came to New York June 19," he said. "In answer to a telegram from the District Attorney, and visited Dr. Edison, who gave me fourteen different packages."

The witness enumerated them.

All these fragments, the expert said, contained blood—not human blood but mammalia blood—and all but six of the articles contained such blood mixed with intestinal matter.

Dr. Formad went into an exhaustive lecture in the construction of the cells of the blood, and illustrated a portion of his dissertation on a blackboard which faced the jurors.

The most damaging testimony to the prisoner was the declaration by Dr. Formad that the wristband and a piece of the front of the shirt worn by "Frenchy" at the time of his arrest, and which he submitted in evidence, contained precisely the same character of blood mixed with intestinal matter that was found in the bedticking which was cut from the mattress on which the body of Shakespeare was found.

On cross-examination by Lawyer Levy, Prof. Formad said in all the twenty different specimens submitted to him for examination, he could not swear that the blood he had described was human blood.

Suicide of an Unknown Man.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

ORANGE, N. J., July 1.—An unknown man shot himself on Orange Mountain, near Eagle Rock Hotel, this morning. He was about thirty-five years old, heavily built, and wore a red mustache.

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CITY NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

To-Day's Record of Minor Happenings About Town.

Chronicles Briefly Drawn from Note-book and Docket.

Optician Woolman Assigns.

Optician George S. Woolman, 116 Fulton street, assigned to-day, with preferences of $2,743.91.

Found His Wife Dead.

The Coroner's office is investigating the case of Mrs. Christina Fischer, who was found dead in her rooms at 51 Lawrence street, last night, by her husband.

Patriotic Sunday-Schools.

At the meeting of the Park Board held to-day permission was granted the Sunday-schools of Tremont to give an exhibition of fireworks in Claremont Park Saturday evening.

Steward Cordes's Body Found.

The body of Frederick Cordes, chief steward of the Kaiser Wilhelm, was picked up in the North River to-day off the Bremen Pier, Hoboken. He was drowned several days ago.

Caught a Thief in a Pawnshop.

John McCormack, of 305 Madison street was held to answer to-day at Essex Market for stealing a shawl, which he was found trying to pawn in Park Row.

Held for Dog Fighting.

Dan Bohen, of 790 Dean street, and John Leary, of 701 Butler street, Brooklyn, two local politicians, well known in the Ninth Ward, were held for examination by Justice Walsh this morning for engaging in a dog fight in a vacant lot on Grand avenue, between Dean and Bergen streets. The stake was $50.

Sugar Trust Dividend Enjoined.

Judge Barnard has granted an injunction restraining the payment of the regular dividend on the stock of the American Sugar Refineries Company.

Paid for the 1886 Excise Contest.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment to-day allowed Lawyers Elliott Sanford and A. J. Dittenhoefer $1,000 for counsel fees in defending the claims of Excise Commissioners Haughton and Morris to retain their offices in 1886.

Mrs. Clayton Gets Her Divorce.

In the Brooklyn City Court this morning a decree of absolute divorce was granted to Mrs. Hannah L. Clayton, wife of Builder Ransom F. Clayton. Mrs. Margaret F. Oakley was named as co-respondent.

Didn't Get the $4,000.

Conrad Engel, of 211 East Eleventh street, was found concealed last night in William Beste's saloon, at 88 Broad street. He had a pair of brass knuckles and two silver watches. He was held at the Tombs this morning. There was $4,000 in Beste's money drawer at the time of the arrest.

A Jockey Without Pull.

Jockey Robert Fitzgerald, aged twenty-nine, of 509 Bergen street, was arraigned before Justice Walsh in the Adams Street Police Court, Brooklyn, this morning for being intoxicated on the sidewalk at 1.30 a. m. He was fined $2. He had no money or pull and was sent to jail.

Young Terrell Sent to a Reformatory.

Young Howard S. Terrell, son of a wealthy Brooklyn livery stable keeper, convicted of complicity in the criminal operation that caused the death of Lillie M. Cook, was sent to the Elmira Reformatory to-day by Justice Cullen in the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

Awoke to Find Himself Blind.

Charles Miller, a barber, was brought to the New York Eye Hospital to-day from Little Ferry, N. J., having awakened to find himself totally blind. He is sixty-five years old, and had trouble with his eyes before.

Stole a Wagon Wheel.

James Smith, of Jersey City, and Jeremiah Barrett, of 120 Henry street, were to-day held for trial at Essex Market, charged with stealing a wagon wheel.

Locked Up for Mutiny.

William Galloway, William Bing, Oliver McLeod and Edward Gurdon, Bremen, were taken off the tramp steamship Limmington by harbor police to-day, and were remanded at the Tombs Court on a charge of mutiny. The men said they had been deceived about the voyage and had refused to work.

Butler Becomes Walking Delegate.

Charles P. Rogers, the President of the Board of Walking Delegates, has resigned both as President and as delegate, and will return to work as a marble cutter. He has been a member of the Board five years and is well known among the employers in the building trades. His successor as walking delegate is J. Butler.

Feeling the Boycotts.

It is reported from labor headquarters that the revival of the boycott on the Third Avenue Surface Railroad and the imposing of a boycott on the Ninth Avenue line by District Assembly No. 49 at the request of District Assembly No. 75, has already affected both roads and that many workmen are patronizing rival railroads.

Took a Week to Commit Suicide.

Henry Otter, forty-one years old, died this morning at his home, 11 Milton avenue, Jersey City Heights, from the effects of Paris green taken a week ago with suicidal intent.

A Miserable Woman's Miserable Death.

Tillie Freeman, an abandoned woman and a laudanum fiend, died in the cabin of a scow in the Cove at the foot of Henderson street, Jersey City, early this morning, from the effects of an overdose of the drug.

Pole-Raising on the Fourth.

The Tammany Hall Club of the Tenth Assembly District will celebrate Independence Day with a pole-raising at the Club House, 94 Second avenue. Congressman Cummings and Assemblyman Connelly will speak.

Buncoers Met and Fleeced Him.

John Wales was held to-day at the Tombs Court to answer to the charge of buncoing Nathaniel Couch, of Boston, out of a gold watch. Both are colored men, and Couch had not been in the city two hours when he fell a victim.

One of the Servia's Crew Drowned.

Robert J. Blythe, a seaman, twenty-seven years old, this morning fell into the North River from the steamship Servia, at her pier at the foot of Clarkson street. He was fished out alive and attended by Police Surgeon Morrison, but died soon after.

Two Drowned in French River.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS]

PARRY SOUND, Ont., July 1.—Albert and George Cotton, aged twenty and fifteen years respectively, were drowned in French River while bathing last night.

Wife Killer Derringer's Sentence.

Phillip Derringer, convicted of manslaughter in the second degree, in the killing of his wife, was to-day sentenced by Judge Martine, in General Sessions, to twelve years and six months in State Prison.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

HEALTH FOOD COMPANY'S GLUTEN SUPPOSITORIES cure constipation and piles. By mail, 50c. 61 Fifth ave. and all druggists.

TAMMANY REACHES FAR OUT.

And the Aqueduct May Come Under Its Control.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment sprung a mine on the Aqueduct Commission to-day which is liable to create consternation in the ranks of the big army of well-paid employees who are retained by the Commission.

President Barker, of the Department of Taxes and Assessments, lighted the train, and the explosion will come when the resolution which he offered and which was adopted to-day reaches the Aqueduct Commission.

Mr. Barker discovered that under the Laws of 1883, chapter 490, section 41, the expenditures and administration of the Aqueduct Commission are subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

This right of this Board to approve has never been recognized by the Commission or insisted on by the Board of Apportionment.

The Aqueduct Commission has gone on spending millions in construction and other millions in maintaining a high-priced staff of engineers and other employees and have never been interfered with by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Mr. Barker's resolution has in it an intimation that this order of things must change, for it directs the Aqueduct Commission to furnish at once a list of all employees of the Department, with a statement as to the particular employment each is engaged in, and especially to note the necessity for continuing the employment of each since the aqueduct has been turned over to the Department of Public Works.

If the report is not satisfactory to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment it is understood that it will exercise its right of approval, and will cut down the aqueduct staff to suit itself.

What remains of it, too, will understand that it is subject to removal by the Tammany Hall Board, and may thus become a strong factor in next Fall's local campaign.

GILROY MANS THE AQUEDUCT.

The Present Employees Transferred To-Day to His Pay-Roll.

Commissioner of Public Works Gilroy assumed to-day the maintenance and operation of the new aqueduct, under the opinion of Corporation Counsel Clark that the Aqueduct Commission had been only empowered to construct.

Foremen Henry O. Cole, James F. McDonough, A. J. Sparrow and William J. Walker; Axeman Peter Nevins and Laborers Peter B. Lynt, Charles Burpo, Thomas Foley and Augustus Travis were dropped from the aqueduct pay-rolls in consequence.

These men had charge of the gate-houses and blow-offs.

Commissioner Gilroy has simply transferred these men to the payrolls of his department.

RUMORS OF BATTLE IN CHILI.

Heavy Fighting Reported Taking Place on Land and Sea.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

GALVESTON, July 1.—Advices from Iquique give rumors of heavy fighting between Huasco and Coquimbo on land and sea.

No particulars have yet been received.

BILLY SMITH KNOCKED OUT.

Jack Slavin Finishes Him in the Forty-Ninth Round.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—The Australian heavy-weight, Billy Smith, and Jack Slavin, brother of the well-known Frank Slavin, met at the Occidental Club last night in a finish fight, for a purse of $1,150.

Slavin scored a knockdown and first blood in the fourteenth and another knockdown in the sixteenth, but was sent to the floor himself in the fortieth round.

The men were apparently on even terms at the end of the forty-second, with Smith doing most of the leading.

From the forty-second to forty-eighth Smith continued to hammer Slavin, but the blows, either from long delivery or lack of force, failed to make much impression. Slavin continued cautiously to seek Smith's jaw with straight left or right hand counter, and near the end of the forty-seventh sent Smith through the ropes to the floor.

Smith had not recovered from the effects of his fall when he came to the centre of the ring in the forty-eighth round, and Slavin sent him down for the last time with a left-hander on the jaw.

FLAGSHIP CHICAGO DISABLED.

Crossheads to the Port Engine Broke Near Fortress Monroe.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD]

FORTRESS MONROE, Va., July 1.—The Chicago, flagship of the squadron of evolution, left the Norfolk Navy-Yard at 4 o'clock this morning for Boston.

About half way between Norfolk and Fortress Monroe the crossheads of the port engine broke and the vessel was stopped.

The break cannot be repaired for at least ten days.

The Admiral will transfer his flag to the Newark.

MT. TAMALAPAIS STILL BURNING

Three Men Missing Who Were Among the Flame-Fighters.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., July 1.—The fire which started on Mount Tamalapais Monday, has greatly increased. The flames have spread from Williams Gulch, at the foot of the mountain, to A. E. Kent's estate, and destroyed the outbuildings.

Calls for volunteers to fight the fire have been answered from San Francisco and San Rafael.

Three men who engaged in the work are missing, and no trace of them can be found.

AN AERONAUT'S PERIL.

Dragged Over a Town and Dashed Against a Church Roof.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

CLOQUET, Minn., July 1.—The balloonist and parachute jumper Bruce after ascending to a height of about nine hundred feet over this place was unable to let go on account of the fog.

The balloon dropped to within forty feet of the earth and rolled across the town, dragging Bruce with it.

He was dashed against the roof of the Swede Church and rolled off the roof to the ground, receiving but slight injuries.

Light Showers, Slightly Warmer.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—*Weather indications:*

For Eastern New York and New Jersey—Light showers this afternoon; stationary temperature, except slightly warmer in extreme south New York; east winds.

TO ELECTROCUTE FOUR MEN.

Preparing for Next Week's Event at Sing Sing Prison.

The Fatal Machinery Found in Perfect Working Order.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD]

SING SING, N. Y., July 1.—At last, it is believed, the law's sentence will be executed in the cases of some of the condemned murderers in the big prison here.

Of the six men in the death-cells, four are appointed to die during the week beginning at midnight Sunday. They are: Shubeya Jogiro, the Japanese who stabbed in the back an inoffensive fellow-countryman; Harris A. Smiler, who shot Maggie Drabney, one of his three wives; James J. Slocum, who beat to death his dissolute wife, and Joseph Wood, the colored man who killed a fellow Aqueduct laborer.

At least three of these men, it is considered certain, will sit in the Death-Chair next week, and possibly all four.

Preparations for an electrocution have so often been made that the suppressed excitement which formerly marked the week before the date fixed for the great experiment is not noticeable this time, but, unlike former occasions, the expectation that the lawyers will step in at the last moment with writs staying the electrocution is absent.

The prison officials are going about preparing for their dread task with an apparent consciousness that they will be called upon to perform their duty.

There is really little, however, for them to do. The machinery of death has been in place for month—all that remains is to go over it carefully and assure themselves that it is still in perfect working order.

Electrician Davis, who assisted at the electrocution of Kemmler in Auburn and who placed the electrical apparatus in Sing Sing, is now here and will be in attendance until the fatal week has passed.

With Capt. Hilbert, the yardmaster, who designed the most complete plant for the scientific taking of human life which the prison now possesses, Electrician Davis yesterday inspected the machinery and wires and found everything to be in perfect order.

Warden Brown also yesterday began perfecting the details for next week's event. At his invitation Prof. Louis H. Laudy, of Columbia College, one of the three scientists chosen to supervise the electrocution, came to Sing Sing for a consultation.

It was arranged to make a test of the machinery of death at a convenient time between now and next Monday afternoon, when the other two scientists, Dr. Carlos Machado, President of the State Board of Lunacy, and Dr. Alphonse D. Rockwell, the therapeutic expert, will also be present.

The exact date of the electrocution has not yet been determined by Warden Brown, with whom it is discretionary during the week fixed by the Court, but it is not probable that the event will be delayed beyond the third day, and circumstances may decide him to perform his duty earlier.

As to the condemned men themselves, while they know this is the last week which, according to sentence, they have to live, they do not betray as yet any concern about the flight of time.

Each has passed through the ordeal of preparing for death too often to exhibit emotion at this stage. They have the hope born of experience that they will be saved at the last moment, and it will not be until the latter part of the week that they will begin to betray anxiety.

But the shadow of death is closing around them, and this time it is doubtful whether it will be withdrawn from more than one by the legal jugglery which has previously been exercised for their temporary rescue.

DEPEW'S VOYAGE POSTPONED.

Sickness in His Family Delays His Annual European Trip.

The Teutonic sailed away to-day without Chauncey M. Depew, and she carried a disappointed party of choice spirits who had arranged their affairs to make the voyage to Europe with "our Chauncey" and his wife.

Mr. Depew's failure to sail on the Teutonic was due to a sudden turn for the worse in the illness of Mrs. Depew's mother, Mrs. Hageman.

Mr. Depew was at the banking-house of Drexel, Morgan & Co., concluding his financial arrangements, when he received a telephone message from Mrs. Depew, informing him that her mother was worse. He immediately abandoned preparations for the voyage, postponing it indefinitely.

To a reporter Mr. Depew said that Mrs. Hageman's illness was not of a very serious nature, only an aggravation of a chronic trouble, and he should not lose his vacation, though it was unavoidably postponed.

Mr. Depew, laughingly and then earnestly, said that the postponement of the voyage had no political significance; that he was not a candidate for Governor, and that he should go to Europe later in the season.

Mr. Depew's young son, Chauncey, jr., known in the family circle as "Buster," is also on the sick list, though he is not seriously ill. He has had a severe attack of neuralgia.

BLUECOATS OFF THEIR BASES.

Nineteen Tried for Going to Hunter's Point to Play Ball.

President MacLean, of the Police Board, at Headquarters to-day, tried the ball-players of the Union Market and East Twenty-second street stations charged with violating a rule of the Department, in leaving the city Saturday, June 20, and going to Hunter's Point, where they played a game of baseball.

Rule 154 prohibits members of the Department from leaving the city, except by special permission. On the day mentioned six patrolmen of the East Twenty-second street station and a sergeant and twelve patrolmen of the Union Market squad spent the day at Hunter's Point, where they had a jollification.

During the ball game one of the Eighteenth Precinct men fell and broke his arm.

The accused officers of the Union Market Squad were: Sergt. Quigley, Patrolmen Philip Birmingham, George Beller, John G. Clark, Godwin Brophy, Casper Bock, Ambrose Hussey, Martin F. Hogan, Henry Rosenthal, Edward Stoll, Edward F. Stringer, Henry Schaefer and John Wohlferth.

The Eighteenth Precinct men were Patrolmen Michael McCallion, William S. Coleman, John J. Magner, James A. Monahan, John O'Connor and William C. Schales.

They all admitted leaving the city, and the excuse offered by most of them was that it was their day off, and they didn't think they were violating the rule. One or two didn't know the rule, and one officer was on his vacation. Sergeant Quigley admitted the charge, too.

Patrolman McCallion, of the Eighteenth, who had his arm broken, was also charged with making a false report. After returning from Hunter's Point, he reported at his station that he had fallen downstairs at his home, and had his arm broken by the fall. Inspector Williams learned that this was untrue.

The nineteen ball-players will contribute some of their salary this month to the Police Pension Fund.

Music in Tompkins Square.

Leiboldt's Twelfth Regiment Band will give a concert at 8 o'clock to-night in Tompkins Square.

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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Branch A, United Machinists, will elect new officers next Monday.

Cigar-Makers' Union No. 144 has fined a member $20 for taking the sick benefit while able to work.

There are now fifty-eight desiccators in Hudson County, N. J., selling K. of L. cigars.

The printers of San Francisco, Oakland and San Rafael have won their eight hours without a struggle.

Nearly all the large cigar factories in Key West are closed. Four thousand cigar-makers are out of employment.

The prosperity of the land and machine owner rests upon the debts and the misery of the masses of the laboring people.

Firemen's Union No. 1 announces that they will no longer accept any picnic or other entertainment tickets. New officers will be elected on July 9.

The State Convention of the Ohio Farmers' Alliance will meet at Springfield, O., on Aug. 5 to nominate a candidate for Governor and a full State ticket.

The only candidate for delegate of the Socialist Labor party to the International Labor Congress at Brussels is Lucien Sanial, all other candidates having resigned.

One hundred thousand steel and iron workers to go on strike to-morrow unless Carnegie and combine sign the new scale of the Amalgamated Association. What will it all lead to?

The United Coat Operators' Union has raised its initiation fee from $2 to $3. New officers are: E. Killen, President, and S. Spitz, Recording Secretary.

From interviews with several manufacturers regarding the proposed reduction of wages in Fall River, Mass., it has been learned that there is not a unanimity of sentiment yet in favor of such a measure.

A joint conference of delegates from the different brassworkers' unions in this city and vicinity is soon to be held for the purpose of organizing a trade council.

Typographical Union No. 94, of Hudson County, has elected Thomas Scanlan, President; Thomas Brady, Vice-President; W. C. Smith, Secretary; Thomas Hedger, Treasurer; Edgar Brower, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The result of the vote for Walking Delegate by Local Union No. 497 of the Brotherhood of Carpenters has been as follows: Charles Schlecht, 133; James McKim, 121; J. Hart, 5, and Thomas Walsh, 4.

Samuel Salomon, Secretary of Cigar-Makers' Union No. 89, had Henrietta Stolling, who keeps a cigar store at 661 Wythe avenue, Williamsburg, arrested yesterday for selling cigars in boxes with counterfeit union labels. Judge Goetting fined her $10.

The strike is off at the Standard oil barrel factory near Belleville, N. J., and the men resumed work. Their demand for an increase of 25 cents per day has been successfully resisted by the big monopoly.

The clerks and salesmen all over the country are organizing, but how is it that our New York and Brooklyn folks are indolently waiting for their country cousins to get ahead of them?

The thirteen silk weavers who struck against a reduction of 20 per cent. at the Butler Silk Manufacturing Company's mills, in Paterson, N. J., returned to work, making a compromise at a reduction of 10 per cent.

About thirty members of the Suspender-Makers' Union have been blacklisted, and they are in a pitiable condition, being unable to work in any other trade. The Union cannot do anything for them, as it was destroyed by the strike.

The Federation of Railway Employees is on the brink of disruption. The trainmen have been expelled for treason, and now the conductors, led by a politician, withdraw, giving as a reason that the trainmen were treated unjustly.

The Cigar-Makers' Local Strike Committee reports that S. Josephs & Co. are trying to get "scabs" from among the men on strike at the shops of Polacek & Kander and Monelis & Co. Some of these men have accepted work from S. Josephs & Co.

The Secretary of the Journeyman Brewers' Union has been instructed to notify all members of the union belonging to other societies that they will be fined $5 each for every time they may be caught drinking beer from non-union breweries.

Twenty-two new members were enrolled this week by Cigar-Makers' Union No. 90. One member has been fined $25 for making false entries in his wage account. The general vote for the special assessment resulted in favor of levying the same.

The central body of the United Hebrew Trades Unions has decided in favor of political action, and all members are advised to join the Assembly District organizations of the Socialist Labor party. A special committee was elected to agitate during the campaign.

Cigar-Makers' Union, No. 10, has several suits on hand against houses who were using counterfeit union labels. Delegates to the Convention of the International Union will be elected on July 11. On July 4 the office will be closed, and no district meetings are to be held on that day.

The Cumberland Manufacturing Company, of Pittsburg, by whom Italians and Slavs were imported to replace American workmen, has recently paid 100 per cent. dividend. Their workmen at present do not belong to any union and receive just 100 per cent. less wages than their predecessors, who had an organization.

The Western Central Labor Union, of Washington State, has commenced a suit in the Superior Court of King County, Wash., against the Oregon Improvement Company to compel them to disarm their blood detectives who have been shooting down a number of striking miners. This is the first suit of its kind in the United States.

The striking surgical instrument makers of the E. A. Yarnall Company, Philadelphia, were told yesterday that they would not be reinstated unless they resumed work to-day. They refused, and yesterday afternoon they took their tools from the factory. All instrument makers are requested to stay away from Philadelphia for the present.

Otto Schaefer and Robert Blumenberg have been elected delegates to the District Council by Carpenters' Union No. 513. The delegates to the Central Labor Federation were withdrawn. The union desires all other unions to know that at present they cannot give financial aid for strikes, as there is ebb tide in their treasury. Next Monday the new officers will be installed.

The United Tin and Sheet-Iron Workers' Protective and Benevolent Union has elected: Mathew Barr, President; John Kennedy, Vice-President; Morris King, Recording Secretary; Robert A. Nolan, Financial Secretary; Daniel Almond, Treasurer; George K. Lloyd, Sergeant-at-Arms; Thomas Garland, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; D. Almond, Wm. F. Barr, Claude J. Dafles, Trustees; Daniel Almond, Charles Volkert, Samuel Dark, Walter Hartford, Charles Fager, Charles W. Lubsdorf, John D. Warren, Edward Molle, Executive Committee.

Labor organizations never lost anything through strikes. If they were successful the gain in wages or reduction of hours more than repaid the loss sustained by not receiving any wages during the strike, and if the strike was a failure they gained men who will never again be reconciled with the present industrial system.

Of the capmakers who lost their strike after more than six months' fighting, about 150 are unable to find work. In order to support them, an assessment of 30 cents per week has been levied. The bosses have reduced the wages for one dozen of caps from 50 cents to 25 cents. Many of the men earn only $1.50 to $2.00 per week. The bosses are now getting square with the strikers, taking from their wages what they lost in business through the strike, and they have this advantage, that they cannot be arrested for "extortion," like Hughes and Barondess.

The House Painters' Union has fined three members $25 each for working nine hours. They will appeal to a general vote of the members. Tickets