

FIELD AND "M. E. J."

His Failure Revives Tales of Tarrytown's Beautiful Suicide.

Cyrus Field's Doctors Pronounce Him Convalescent.

Robbed by His Son of Only a Small Part of His Fortune.

Investigation into the past life of Edward M. Field, consequent upon the financial wreck of his firm and his honored father, together with his own disgrace and alleged madness, has recalled a tragedy of not long ago with which his name was connected. That was at Tarrytown, June 20 last, when the body of a beautiful young woman was found in the Hudson at Croton Landing. Attached to the gown of the drowned girl was a paper on which was written:

I am sick and tired of life, and if my body is to be found I would like to be buried in the Tarrytown Cemetery.

On one finger was a circlet of twisted iron wire, and a similar one was found on her wrist.

Despite the initials, "M. E. J.," many people of Tarrytown, to which village the body was removed, positively identified the body as that of Dolly Davis, a vivacious variety actress and dancer, who had lived with her foster father, J. Charles Davis, in Tarrytown for years.

It was not till June 23, when Dolly Davis herself peered into the face of her double in the Tarrytown undertaker's shop, that people were satisfied of their mistake. That day a prosperous looking young man, who said his name was Frank Atwood and that he came from Cleveland, appeared at the undertaker's carrying a baby girl in his arms.

Atwood, however, proved to be a half-mad man, the listless baby had been stolen on the way to Tarrytown by him, and finally he turned out to be Victor George Herding, of this city.

ON HER DEAD BABY'S GRAVE.

Then certain good people of Tarrytown came forward to state that they had seen the suicide prostrate on a tiny grave in the old Sleepy Hollow cemetery, weeping as if her heart would break. That was the day before the baby was found.

A careful search in the cemetery discovered a gold ring and a gold bracelet on the grave of a baby boy, who was buried there.

Then it came out that the dead woman was Marie Eugenie Josephine Arigasea, a young Frenchwoman, who had been a member of the household of Edward M. Field at Tarrytown for several years.

The baby boy, on whose little grave she had cast her rings, was her own. She had faithfully kept the secret of its paternity during its short life, had wept away in bitter tears her last earthly hope, and had carried her burden of shame unbroken to the fatality bed.

In 1883 she first came to live with the Fields as an expert seamstress. She was an attractive, stylish young woman, who did not appear much in public, but when she did pass through the streets of Tarrytown she was the observed of all observers because of her beauty and elegant carriage.

A little more than six years ago she left the Field home, and gossip said that it was because of her conduct. She went to her mother, who is one of an old and honored family in Paris, and there her baby boy was born. She called him Eugene Duval, but when she refused to disclose who was the baby's father her mother turned her away from her home.

Marie returned to America, and one day, with her babe in her arms, she knocked at Mr. Field's door. She was taken in. Her baby was given in charge to the wife of the gardener, but he soon sickened and died.

Faithfully the poor mother visited the little grave for years, till one day she disappeared again. She lived in a boarding-house in West Forty-second street. No one ever visited her there, and she rarely went out.

She had not been seen in Tarrytown for some weeks till Friday, June 19, when she surrendered to despair on the grave of her child. Next day her body was placed in the river.

Then it was discovered that Marie Eugenie Josephine Arigasea was again about to become a mother.

FIELD'S FRIEND PAID FOR HER BURIAL. When the coroner took charge of her body he placed it in the care of Undertaker Charles Vanderlind, of Tarrytown. Dr. H. B. Condit, Field's family physician, told Vanderlind he would pay all expenses, and Condit did pay the bill.

A friend of Vanderlind said he didn't know where the funeral money came from, but he suspected it was paid indirectly by Field, through Condit.

POLICE INVESTIGATION WAS BLOCKED. It is known that Eugene destroyed several papers and letters before she left her boarding-house last time. The fragments were gathered up and sent to Chief Police Nosser, of Tarrytown. Among them he found a bill from Tiffany & Co. for a gold watch, which had been bought for her and charged to the account of E. M. Field.

Chief Nosser said to a reporter that the coroner refused to allow him to examine the contents of the dead girl's trunk, and that any information as to the identity of her betrayer which might have been found there was kept in lock up with the trunk.

The chief is also the belief that the man who was employed by some person to get possession of the body and bury it in such a manner as to prevent further investigation. The village authorities in Tarrytown refused to bear the expense of any further investigation, and Nosser did not feel called upon to prosecute the search at his own charge.

CRIME WITH CONSEQUENCES. This morning Cyrus W. Field's physician, Dr. E. M. Fuller, did not issue a driving bulletin for his patient's condition. A matter of fact, Mr. Field is now considered out of danger, and is making good progress toward recovery, that his family have been relieved from anxiety in accordance with his hopes. It was reported that Mr. Field had passed a restless night, and was this morning and tonight, but at any time he was prostrated after six weeks' death.

Mr. Field can now sit up and eat solid food, and under the present treatment will probably be about in a few days according to doctors' matters.

NOT A POKER MAN AT ALL. It is now proved that so far from being made penitent by his wife's speculation, Mr. Field has a comfortable fortune remaining, and as a matter of fact his resources

were very slightly impaired by the failure of his son's firm.

Edward Field had borrowed large sums of money from his father at various times, and these in the aggregate are believed to have amounted to something like \$500,000 or \$600,000.

Field's fortune is estimated at several millions of dollars. At one time he was ranked in wealth in the class with Jay Gould, Russell Sage and the Vanderbilts, but he lost a great deal of money in comparatively recent deals in Elevated Railroad and other stocks before he retired permanently from the speculative market.

EDWARD FIELD DISHEARTENED. Within the past day or two Mr. Field has had several consultations with his counsel. A friend of the family says that the lawyer was called in to assist Mr. Field in making some changes in his will.

It is believed that Edward Field is disheartened and that he has prevailed only for his support at the asylum where he is confined.

THE ALLEGED INSANITY CONTINUES. Word was received by members of the family this morning that the condition of Edward M. Field at his Mt. Vernon asylum was practically unaltered. Although he appears to be recovering, he continues to remain in a state of extreme depression, and apparently does not realize his situation.

Wall street is still incredulous about his insanity, and many believe that his present attack is only the result of over-stimulation by liquor, which if he could be made to trace his nerves for the crisis when he saw that it was inevitable.

ONE DEACON WHITE \$50,000. One other development of the case to-day is the announcement of the fact that, while it was generally believed that Field's firm had lost money through the failure of F. V. White & Co., it is now ascertained that the firm were creditors of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co. to the extent of \$50,000 at the time of the failure.

PLUTONIUM OF THE BROKEN FIRM. Although Assignee Gould will not confirm the report, it is rumored in Wall street this morning that the meeting of the directors of Field, Lindley, Wiechers & Co. have been held.

The amount is not stated, but it is said to be considerable. In addition it has been learned that about \$12,500 in margins, which Field's firm had up with other brokers, will have been closed out.

"There is no possibility of a statement being made at present," was the word Mr. Gould sent out by his clerk to all callers at his office to-day.

ROUND TO GET HIS SECURITIES. The only creditor of the firm who appears to be doing anything in the way of pushing his claims is H. E. Heitz. At present, however, for some unaccountable reason he has left up on the partners of Field, and has called off the sheriff who had orders of arrest for all the members of the firm.

Lawyer Ward, Detroit, counsel, says his client is going to get his money or his securities, but declines to say what further steps will be taken in the matter. A rumor prevails that Field's family are trying to effect a settlement with this creditor.

UNION PACIFIC WILL LOSE \$100,000. According to Artemus H. Holmes, counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad, that company will get back only its securities which were rehypothecated by Field.

On many of them, however, it will have to pay an advance of 10 to 15 per cent. on the original sum borrowed, for Field managed to realize this amount on the rehypothecation of the bonds.

It is believed that the Company's loss from this cause will reach nearly, if not quite, \$100,000.

AS TO THE STATE CANVASS. Decis on the Board's Power to Adjourn Anxiously Awaited.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) Albany, Dec. 4.—The reconvening of the State Board of Canvassers, as by agreement of the Republican and Democratic caucuses, before going on with the canvass.

Some lawyers hold that the five-day law is imperative, others that it is permissive. It is believed that the board will be held in session until the 10th inst., when the board will adjourn for the winter.

When the board finally met it was given authority to adjourn until the 10th inst., as the powers of adjournment.

A recess was taken until 5 o'clock.

ARE THEY TO CONSOLIDATE? The Rumor About the A. D. T. and M. T. Messenger Companies Revived.

The report that the American District Telegraph Company and the Mutual Telegraph and Messenger Company are negotiating for a consolidation of interests was revived to-day.

It is believed that there is some ground for the rumor, as several conferences between the two companies have been held in New York, and it is generally expected that the two companies will be consolidated.

It is believed that the consolidation will be effected, and that the new company will be organized in the near future.

GALLIVAN'S BIG LUCK. He Got Off Feet Free for Killing Poor Curmudgeons.

Michael J. Gallivan is a free man to-day after spending five hours in the jury box on the charge of killing a poor curmudgeon.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and Gallivan was discharged.

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FLOORED BY THE WIRES.

Pennsylvania Road's New Depot Damaged \$75,000.

An Exploding Gas Meter Aided in the Destructive Work.

Books and Papers Worth \$200,000 Burned—Traffic Not Blocked.

Fire and an explosion of gas destroyed early this morning a portion of the new passenger depot, train shed and office buildings which have just been erected at a cost of nearly a million dollars by the Pennsylvania Railroad in Jersey city.

The fire broke out about 3.30 o'clock in a part of the old wooden depot, inside the new building, and spread rapidly owing to the temperature. The lower portion was a brick men's waiting-room and the upper portion was an exit for passengers.

The names were first seen on the roof of this structure by Policeman Fred Hillier, capt. Wilson, of the Jersey city fire department, and he notified the fire signal, which was at once taken up by the train in the vicinity and the locomotives in the yard.

This was the primitive method in force of giving an alarm before Jersey city had a paid fire department, and Capt. Wilson's foresight in adding this morning undoubtedly saved the new depot from a total loss of fifteen minutes before the firemen arrived on the scene.

Policeman Hillier ran to box 81, located in the freight depot, about 200 yards from the fire, and turned the crank. It was not until he had run about a mile that he was able to get to the depot.

Hillier then made double-quick time for box 12, corner of Montgomery and Greene streets, and that box registered the signal.

In the mean time Battalion Chief Gutten had been aroused by the whistles. He saw the fire in the distance on the direction of the river and sent out engines 1 and 2 in search of the fire.

About the same time he received a telephone message from the central Telephone office telling him the Pennsylvania depot was on fire, and the alarm from Box 12 came in.

As soon as he arrived at the place he sent in a third alarm.

Then there was more delay on account of the danger from electric wires. The depot and part of the office building are lighted by arc lights, and it is supposed that one of the wires set fire to the roof of the old depot.

Then shortly after came an explosion of gas, which was heard in the street, and the fire turned off, in another part of the burning structure. This was plainly an effect, not a cause of the fire, the origin of which is attributed, however, to the electric wires.

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SEEKS RESPIRE FOR LOPPY.

Lawyer Howe Asks Gov. Hill to Delay the Execution.

The Wife-Murderer, However, Does Not Want to Be Reprieved.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) SROEN SIMO, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Martin D. Lopp, condemned to die in the electric chair as a wife-murderer, has written Governor Hill a letter asking for a reprieve.

There is neither day nor night for Lopp now. The ghins of sunlight which find their way into the death house give him no respite, and the lighting of the gas in the darkness comes no longer marks the approach of the hours of slumber.

He sleeps when the feeling overcomes him, and there have been spells of two or three days at a time since he came to Sing Sing, which he has not enjoyed when he lay down. He seems afraid to sleep, perhaps because visions of his murdered wife haunt his sleep, forcing him after a few short hours of dreaming to again take up the restless pacing of his cell.

Lopp keeps an accurate trace of the flight of days, however, as though he had a calendar, and his readiness to die is not lessened week the law allows him to live. He was restless last night, and several times lay down on his narrow bed without undressing. It was from one of these broken sleeps that he was aroused for breakfast this morning.

Lopp does not smoke, but after sending an attendant to get a cigar, he smoked and took a generous chew of tobacco and resumed the reading of his Bible, which he almost constantly peruses.

The heartless badinage of the cold-blooded Melville can stir the mild-mannered Trezza to protest, but it falls unheeded upon the ears of Lopp, who is apparently preparing to meet his end with fortitude.

To Captain Egerton, the prison chaplain, Lopp has written a letter in which he has expressed his desire to obtain a reprieve. He is ready to accept his fate, but he would rather accept his fate now than to be granted a reprieve before his death.

The last test of the machinery of death has been given, and the machinery will be put to rest another annual unless the scientists request a further trial.

The locked ward leading from the chamber of death, and sheltered by neighbors. This last night he went home crazed by drink. He has a wife and two children. He grewled at his wife and found fault with his children. The family all sleep in one bedroom. He finally locked his wife and children in this room with himself and hid the key under his pillow.

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His frightened children clustered about their mother for protection. She is a quick-witted woman. She pretended to put them to bed. In the mean time her husband began to doze, being stupefied with drink.

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When he saw his wife passing out of the bedroom door he started up, and with the evident intention of killing them. As they ran before him he began shooting. The children were already out of the room, and he fired upon the outer door and all rushed out into the hall.

The drunken man kept firing after them until he had emptied his revolver, but he was so drunk that his aim was wild and uncertain. The bullets intended themselves in the woodwork, but did no harm.

The terrified mother and children were taken in and sheltered by neighbors. This morning Malcom was arrested and held by Mayor W. Wickie to await the action of the grand jury.

Howe & Hummel to-day made a last appeal to Gov. Hill for a reprieve. They sent the following letter to the Executive:

Gov. Hill, Albany, State of New York. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst., in relation to the case of Martin D. Lopp, who is now under sentence of death, to be executed to-morrow.

Through the intervention of Mr. Assistant District Attorney McKean, we were requested to appear before you to urge the appeal of the case of Lopp, who is now under sentence of death, to be executed to-morrow.

As much as I have rendered my professional services throughout the case, I feel it my duty to state to you that the case of Lopp is one of the most extraordinary cases which I have ever had the honor to handle.

Mr. Hummel, we cannot state what further steps will be taken. We do not believe in punishing the innocent, and shall not make any application in any case where the guilty are granted a reprieve.

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MEANT TO SLAY HIS FAMILY.

James Malcom Fired Six Shots at Wife and Children.

Officers Detailed to Serve as a Court Martial.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) MATAWAN, N. J., Dec. 4.—James Malcom is a pretty bad fellow when he is drunk, and his latest debauch came near ending in a tragedy. Last night he went home crazed by drink. He has a wife and two children. He grewled at his wife and found fault with his children. The family all sleep in one bedroom. He finally locked his wife and children in this room with himself and hid the key under his pillow.

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Preparations are being made at the Army Building for the court-martial of Major Charles B. Throckmorton, Second Artillery, U. S. A., which it was announced this morning would be convened on Dec. 9.

The order suspending the trial has been reconsidered and revoked, despite the fact that the Major's accusers have withdrawn their complaints.

The Major is charged with duplicating vouchers. It is alleged, and the merchants by whom it is alleged, the duplicates were cashed now say it was all a mistake.

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