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Clothing Recognized by His Parents, His Face by a Friend.

His Father and Mother Coming After the Body.

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STORY OF NORCROSS'S DEED.

His Visit to Russell Sage's Office and the Bomb-Throwing.

The appalling crime, the perpetration of which has fastened upon Norcross, was committed a few minutes after noon of Friday, Dec. 4.

At 12 o'clock he came into the office of Russell Sage, in the Arcade Building, at 71 Broadway, just about 12 o'clock. He was neatly dressed, wore a silk hat and carried a small leather grip-sack.

His demeanor was quiet and nobody noticed him at first.

Mr. Sage was not in his office at the time, and he remained in the waiting room until the stranger took a seat on the little settee, and putting his satchel on his knees, waited.

There were several other persons in the office. Charles E. James was in the private room of Mr. Sage, also waiting for him, as he had an appointment. In the general office were Joseph J. McGuire, Mr. Sage's brother-in-law; H. E. Norton, a clerk; F. J. Menzie, stenographer; W. K. Laidlaw, a clerk for John Bloodgood & Co., and Charles W. Osborne, the bookkeeper.

Outside in the waiting-room Frank Robertson, a stock clerk for W. M. Imbrie & Co., was making a delivery at one of the windows. Norcross was the only one of the windows.

Mr. Sage came in at 12:07, and passed immediately into his private office. A few minutes after Norcross got up and went to the window, behind which Norton was standing, and asked to see Mr. Sage.

"He is very busy," said Norton. "Will you tell him that a gentleman with a letter from Mr. Rockefeller wishes to see him?"

Mr. Menzie took the message to Mr. Sage, and the latter, excusing himself from Mr. James, came out to see his visitor. Smiling pleasantly at Norcross, he asked what he could do for him.

Norcross did not reply in words, but unbuttoning his overcoat slowly took out a long envelope, which he handed to Mr. Sage, all the time holding his satchel in his right hand.

The envelope contained a long type-written document, which Mr. Sage started to read.

"By his amazement it set forth in a wild, rambling way that unless Mr. Sage would at once give to the bearer \$1,200,000 in money the whole building would be blown to atoms with ten pounds of dynamite which the visitor had in his satchel.

Mr. Sage looked up, and seeing the gaze of the man riveted upon him as he read, saw that he had a crazy man or a desperate crank to deal with.

He folded up the paper and put it back into the envelope, handing it back to Norcross. Smiling as blandly as he knew how, he said to his visitor:

"Your request surprises me. It would take some time for me to collect so much money as that."

"I must have it at once," replied the man fiercely, now speaking for the first time and advancing towards the open door of his partition. Inside which Mr. Sage was standing.

Just then Mr. Laidlaw came towards Mr. Sage. The latter stepped back a couple of paces, saying to his crazy visitor hurriedly:

"All right, I will have it for you in two minutes. Wait here."

At the same instant Mr. Sage saw the man open his satchel and take out what looked like a glass globe about the size of a baseball.

Without a second's warning the bomb, for such it was, dropped from the hand of the madman to the floor, and the terrific explosion which followed stunned every one for a few minutes, completely wrecking the office, and starting every body in the lower part of the city.

The building itself was jarred and rocked to its foundations, and its passengers, occupants fled in terror to the streets, where an enormous and excited crowd quickly gathered.

Mr. Norton had been blown bodily from the window of Mr. Sage's office, and was picked up lying in the street. He lived only a few hours.

All the other occupants of Mr. Sage's office were more or less seriously injured. Mr. Osborne's skull was fractured by flying debris; Robertson, the clerk for Imbrie & Co., was terribly cut and bruised.

Col. Stocum and Mr. Menzie were torn and cut by flying splinters. Mr. Laidlaw was seriously injured internally and Mr. Sage himself thrown down and stunned. His face and body cut by pieces of glass and woodwork.

The bomb-thrower's body was blown to atoms, the only portions of it remaining being the ghastly staring head and one leg and an arm.

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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.

Died at the End of a Rope. Bernard Schwartzberger, thirty-two years old, of 23 Essex street, committed suicide by hanging himself. He was found dead at 4 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Aetor Goes to Europe. Mr. Wm. Aetor left for France to-day on the steamship La Bretagne. Other passengers on the same vessel were Baron Jean de Bail, Edward W. Weston and wife, G. S. Campbell and T. V. O. Reed.

Only One of the Five Fled. Four of the five persons arrested in the case of Dora Offenberg, of 22 Orchard street, who is suffering from mania, were discharged in the Essex market court to-day. Miss Offenberg will take the girl medicine, to be held for trial. Miss Offenberg is now out of danger.

Burglar Captured by a Woman. Kelve Katzenboezen, a peddler, of 72 Clinton street, was held in Essex market court to-day on a charge of burglary. Mrs. Elizabeth Fitch, of 239 East Houston street, caught him ransacking her apartments yesterday.

Another Speaker Candidate. Assemblyman George H. Bush, of Ulster county, called on Mayor Grant this morning. He is expected to be the speaker of the next House, and it is believed that he will be the one that will reach it.

Assemblyman Brennan's Father Dead. John Brennan, father of Assemblyman Michael Brennan, of the fifth district, and of Alderman James Brennan, of Albany, died this morning at his son's residence, 18 Grand street. He was seventy-two years of age, where he has been for the past six months.

After Little's Vacated Place. Friends of Patrick Carroll and Edward J. H. Tamsen, rival candidates for appointment as School Commissioner to succeed Congressman J. J. Little, called on the Mayor to-day to urge their claims. They were accompanied by J. J. Little, called on the Mayor to-day to urge their claims. They were accompanied by J. J. Little, called on the Mayor to-day to urge their claims.

Raised Money on a Worthless Check. William Edsall, of 285 Second street, Jersey City, was arrested early this morning by one of Inspector Byrne's men for having passed a worthless check for \$100 on William Englehart, of 44 Grand street. He is locked up in Jersey city pending the issuance of extradition papers.

Sunday Lectures on Socialism. The American Branch of the Socialist Labor party will hold meetings on Socialism every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Chardon street hall, 100 West Broadway. The first of the series will be to-morrow evening, when W. C. Owen will speak. All are invited.

Young Doctors Resigned Perforce. Dr. W. A. Macy, Medical Superintendent of Ward's Island Insane Asylum, has demanded and received the resignations of Drs. William Flannery and Mann of the asylum staff. They were forced to resign because of the young doctors are said to have caused Dr. Macy's action.

Seabold—Joyce. Miss Mary E. Joyce, daughter of a well-known builder in the Annexed District, was married to Mr. Harry W. Seabold in St. Jerome, N. Y., last evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Jandy. Mr. Seabold is a well-known contractor.

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Suicide of an Insolvent English Banker's Sister. The sister of an insolvent English banker committed suicide by hanging herself. She was found dead in her room at 12 o'clock to-day.

Russian Artillery Instructor Killed by an Exploding Shell. A Russian artillery instructor was killed by an exploding shell. He was serving on the staff of the Russian army.

Next Candidate for the Electric Chair at Auburn Prison. The next candidate for the electric chair at Auburn Prison is a man named John Smith. He is serving a life term for murder.

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FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY. TWO COMMITTEES NAMED.

And the House Now Has a Recess Until Wednesday Next. President Likely to Wait the Result for a New Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The session of the House to-day was merely a formal one. The speaker announced the appointment of the following committee:

On Accounts—Messrs. Rusk, of Maryland; Cooper, of Indiana; Dickerson, of Kentucky; Moses, of South Carolina; Seelye, of Iowa; Pearson, of Ohio; Quackenbush, of New York; Leach, of Pennsylvania; and Cutting, of California.

On Mileage—Messrs. Castle, of Minnesota; Crawford, of North Carolina; Kendall, of Kentucky; Caldwell, of Ohio, and Flier, of Iowa.

An adjournment was then taken until Wednesday. It is not likely that the President will make any new appointments before the end of next week. This is due to his desire to first submit to the Senate for action all the appointments he has made since the adjournment of the 115th Congress on the 4th of March last.

There is a large number of these excess appointments, and their notification to the Senate will occupy two or three days of next week. The first batch was sent in last Thursday and would have been followed by others yesterday and to-day had the Senate remained in session.

Many important new appointments are to be made, chief of which is the vacancy in the War Department caused by the resignation of Secretary Proctor.

This office has been vacant since the 5th of last, and under the law the President has thirty days to fill it. It is known that he is not disposed to act hastily in the matter, and a prudent official is generally made until near the end of the time allowed.

William Brewster, of West Virginia, is mentioned as most likely to receive the appointment, but Assistant Secretary Grant is thought to stand a very good chance of getting it.

Other important nominations which, however, are not yet made, are those of the judges of the Circuit Court of Appeals, the Interstate Commerce Commissioners, the members to China and Japan, and a Judge to fill the vacancy in the Court of Claims.

It is expected that Lord Leveson will soon be in possession of the property.

M. and Mme. Morgan, French Explorers, Return to Paris. Paris, Dec. 12.—M. Jacques Morgan, the explorer, has returned to his city from his explorations in Northern Persia, Laristan and Arabistan. He was accompanied on his journey by his wife, and together they suffered severe hardships and had a number of exciting adventures.

Not So Much Political as Financial Gloom in Rio Janeiro. Rio Janeiro, Dec. 12.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro to the Exchange Telegraph Company declares that the reports as to the gravity of the political situation there are greatly exaggerated.

The despatch adds that the financial situation continues to be of the most gloomy nature. Many of the largest undertakings, it says, are likely to collapse at any moment.

Brazilian Protest Against French Honors to Dom Pedro. Rio Janeiro, Dec. 12.—A public meeting was held in this city yesterday at which strong protest was made against the imperial honors paid by France to the late Emperor of Brazil on the occasion of his funeral in Paris on Thursday.

The request of the Government that he resign his position as governor of the state of Rio Janeiro, and he is accordingly resigning in his resignation. He will be succeeded by Admiral Siqueira.

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The Morgenbessers Disappeared When It Broke Out.

Landlord Cohen Had Threatened to Dispossess Them.

Another Tenant's Little Daughter Thought to Have Perished.

Twenty Families Driven from a Delancey Street Tenement by the Flames.

Five people are missing as the result of a fire that broke out early before midnight in the big double-story brick tenement at 314 and 316 Delancey street. The fire was not extinguished until nearly 2 o'clock this morning.

Four of the missing ones are Herman Morgenbesser, his wife and two children, in whose apartment on the second floor the flames first broke out.

The other is Gustav Sprauch, two years and a half old, the daughter of Jacob Sprauch, who lived on the third floor. Whether she perished in the flames or wandered away in the excitement that ensued is not yet definitely known.

Twenty families, comprising one hundred and thirty families, were rendered homeless and destitute by the fire, which is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

The first outsiders to discover the flames were William Murphy, a bartender in Alderman Cianci's saloon near by, and Policeman Monaghan, who ran to the nearest box and sent in an alarm. Then they turned their attention to arousing the inmates of both houses and getting them out.

TENANTS FLED IN A PANIC. When the firemen arrived the flames were pouring out of the