this city, with these two heading a list of nine charter members.

Upon this foundation was reared the Imperial Council for the Western Hemisphere in 1876, and now there are 10,000 Illustrious Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the United States.

"To attain to this position is the highest ambition of a Mason," said a Noble to-day. "It is nonsense to say that Billy Florence ever retrograded from his exalted position.

"Mr. Florence was a member of the Northwestern Masonic Mutual Aid Association, and his widow will receive $5,000 from the treasury of that organization. She will also get $5,000 from the Knights Templars' Insurance Association.

"It is preposterous to suppose that these insurances would not have lapsed had Brother Florence abandoned Masonry, and I'll be bound Mrs. Florence will accept those two sums, despite her religious prejudice against the great and ancient order."

Police Inspector Peter J. Conlin, brother of the dead actor, receiving a representative of THE EVENING WORLD in his sick-chamber at his Harlem home, where he is slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia, said:

"The Catholic Church has expressed its satisfaction with my brother's spiritual condition in the last hours of his life. It believes it has the man, body and soul.

"The Masonic Order of the Mystic Shrine expresses its satisfaction. Why should the public care? My brother is dead. It is a matter solely between the man and his Maker.

"Although I am a Mason—have been a member of the Blue Lodge ever since 1862, when I joined New York Lodge—I regret to say that I can give no information upon Mr. Florence's connection with the order.

"I know as a matter of public knowledge that he was a Mason many, many years. I know that he brought the Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine to America from Egypt more than twenty years ago. But I never spoke of Masonry with Billy so far as I can remember.

"I can hardly believe that my brother renounced his vows to Masonry. It was not like him to do that. But the priest, Rev. Father Flanagan, of St. Mary's Church, in Philadelphia, has said that my brother renounced Masonry, confessed and received the last sacrament. The Catholic Church was satisfied. Let the dead bury its dead."

Inspector Conlin, Edward, John and Benjamin Conlin, the brothers of William J. Florence, and Mrs. Wiard, his sister, announce that they have finally decided not to contest the will of the dead actor. The Inspector says:

"My brother said before he died that he had made a codicil. We wondered that no codicil appeared when the will was filed for probate, but we have decided not to contest."

WALT WHITMAN SLOWLY DYING.

End of the Good Gray Poet's Long Life Is Near.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 22.—Walt Whitman, the aged poet, is slowly but surely sinking, and his physicians have given up all hope of his recovery. He may pass away at any moment.

His strength has been almost exhausted, and in the feebleness of his old age he cannot last under the strain much longer. One of his lungs is in a state of total collapse and the other is able to do very little service. The fever continues and the patient's temperature is alarmingly high.

His frequent fits of coughing threaten to wear him out very soon.

The "Good Gray Poet" has made his will. It is in his own handwriting, and no one knows its contents but himself. All he owns is the little cottage where he lives, in Mickle street, and his library, manuscripts and copyrights of his works.

Dr. Buck, of London, Ont., the poet's biographer, is expected in Camden to-day, having been sent for at Mr. Whitman's request.

NO DIVORCE FOR LOUIS HARRISON

He and His Wife Deny that Any Suit is Contemplated.

It was announced this morning that papers in a divorce suit had been served upon Louis Harrison, the comedian in "La Cigale," by his wife, who was formerly known on the stage as Miss Emma Schultz.

"The story is absolutely without foundation," said Mr. Harrison to an EVENING WORLD reporter, who called upon him at the St. James Hotel. "It probably originated in my having taken a room here recently, in which to complete some literary and dramatic work upon which I am engaged. My wife remains at our rooms in the Gedney House.

"To convince you that our domestic relations are perfectly happy, kindly accompany me to the Gedney House and hear what my wife will say."

The greeting between Mr. and Mrs. Harrison dispelled any suspicion of discord, and Mrs. Harrison reiterated the assertion that there had never been any thoughts of a separation.

FEUD BETWEEN BROTHERS.

Begun in Italy, It Culminated in a Stabbing Affray Here.

An Italian feud between brothers was disclosed in the Tombs Police Court to-day when Carmino Purill was arraigned and committed to await the result of injuries inflicted by him upon Antonio Purill.

The brothers quarrelled ten years ago in Italy. Carmino stabbed Antonio and then fled to America. Antonio swore to be revenged, and a few months ago he came to New York to look up his brother for that purpose.

Antonio met Carmino last night in a Mulberry street saloon for the first time since their fight in Italy, and drew a stiletto to take his revenge.

Carmino was too quick for him, however. As a result of the encounter Antonio is now in a hospital in a critical condition from stab wounds.

PLUCKY MRS. RUSSELL SAGE.

Unaided She Ejects a Threatening Crank from Her House.

Another attempt to extort money from Russell Sage by threats of exploding dynamite is reported to-day. The story is told by the millionaire's wife.

A man forced his way past the servant at the door of Mr. Sage's house Saturday night and, announcing that he had come to kill the millionaire, demanded $2,500 at once.

Mrs. Sage, on the stairs, heard the colloquy between the crank and the servant and, with the strength of desperation, sprang at the man's throat and forced him out of the door, when he disappeared.

The house is now guarded by policemen.

MEXICO IS HURLBERT'S REFUGE.

He Cannot Be Reached There by English Law Officers.

The announcement is made exclusively in to-day's WORLD, that William Henry Hurlbert, the ex-preacher, ex-editor and author whom English detectives have been seeking on a warrant for his arrest on the charge of perjury in the Gladys Evelyn trial, has fled to Mexico.

The United States is the only country from which Hurlbert could be extradited for perjury. It is learned that Mrs. Hurlbert sailed for Holland, and it is expected that he will sail for that country from Mexico.

SANTA'S GREAT LOAD.

(Continued from First Page.)

Josies, Annies, Mamies, Toms and Dellas who have lost confidence in the Christmas deity, here's your chance—almost your last chance.

NELL NELSON.

MME. ALBANI AT THE TREE.

She Will Visit the People's Theatre and Help Distribute.

Mme. Albani wants to come to one of THE EVENING WORLD Christmas Trees!

Yesterday she paid $20 for admission and the privilege of helping distribute the toys and goodies. This gifted artiste, who can put enough soul in the three words "Sweet, Sweet Home" to make a Queen cry, did not dream that there were any "poor children in America."

"I have been all over the States," she said to me yesterday, "and I never saw a hungry looking child. Everything is so prosperous in this country that no one actually wants. In England it is very different. Take London for instance. There are 4,000,000 people there, and the poverty of the poorest class is simply appalling.

"I have, in going from my carriage to the stage door of Covent Garden, caught little children peering into my face with a woe-begone expression that has haunted my thoughts for days after. Really, the condition of some of thousands of the babies in the streets of London is indescribable.

"All my life I have done a little charity work—selecting the children of the poor for the benefits of my feeble efforts. I have taken part in fairs, dinners, pantomimes and like projects, but in all my experience I never encountered a scheme of such gigantic proportions as the one undertaken by THE EVENING WORLD.

"Christmas presents and Christmas sweets for 30,000 boys and girls? Why, I never heard of such a thing!

"I want to have a glimpse of the entertainment. May I? Without hurting the feelings of the little creatures or embarrassing their people.

"I will gladly pay $20 for a ticket. I promise to go away in five minutes.

"I belong to the East End Guild. I want to see for myself if there can possibly be any resemblance between the east end of London town and the east end of New York town.

"I will endeavor to come. Nothing will keep me away but a cold," and Mme. Albani thrust her pretty white fingers into the depths of a little silver purse and took out two gold pieces.

"There, now send me a ticket, please, and make it good for two, as I want my husband to accompany me.

"I have a little boy home at school, and I am not certain that his love does not prompt my curiosity. A woman need not be a mother to open her heart to the children of the world, but she cannot be a mother and keep it closed against them.

"And you say that 600 newsboys are to be the guests of THE WORLD at a Christmas dinner, in addition to the 30,000 midgets at the Christmas Tree. Really? Well, all I have to say is this: The compassion of the American people is sublime. One need not go to your literature for the stories of life. They can be read in the daily papers.

"Now, if I should get interested in the children and decline to be dismissed at once is there anything I could do to help?"

When told that there were a great many services she might render, that there would be a couple of barrels of popcorn, five thousand boxes of candy and five thousand toys in the hall to be distributed, Mme. Albani opened her dancing gray eyes in astonishment and agreed to do her share.

"I will take charge of one barrel of popcorn, or I'll agree to distribute the dolls to the little girls," said La Diva, "and my husband shall help. It will do him good. We are only happy by contrast. If there could be more contact of the well-to-do and the miserable, closer intimacy between the children of Dives and the sons and daughters of Lazarus, this world of ours would be vastly better than it is."

As an evidence that her interest in "the other side" is not theoretic it might be mentioned right here that Mme. Albani was knitting on a little woollen jacket.

"This is for the East End Guild and I believe you are inwardly laughing at me. But let me tell you. I am responsible for the attire of poor children, to be delivered at the clothing bureau in Stepney Green the last week in the year.

"I am supposed to make the garments with my own hands and that's what I am faithfully doing. This jacket may not be finished this Winter, but I have a sweet sister at home and she will see to it that I am honorably represented, that my two suits are delivered at the Bureau this week, properly labelled as to the measurement, age of child, &c.

"In the mean time I shall go right on knitting, and by the time Summer comes there will be a Winter suit ready for next season. I only work at odd moments, but I keep pace with my obligations."

"And you will come to our tree? To the People's Theatre?"

"I will come if my throat does not bother me. Only a cold will keep me away."

Letters containing contributions of money should be addressed to Cashier N. Y. World, Pulitzer Building.

All parcels or packages containing donations of toys, clothing, books or other articles should be addressed to the Manager "Evening World's" Christmas Tree, 74 FIFTH AVENUE.

The American, United States, National and Westcott Express Companies will convey all packages of 25 pounds weight and under addressed as above free of charge.

The Fifth Avenue Storage Warehouse Co. will call for large packages in the city free of charge.

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Little Albert	1.00
J. L.	.50
C. J.	.50
Olen Globen	.10
Bell Boy	.50
Culver B. Knox	.20
Frank and Alice	.50
Amelia Kochersberger	.05
Little Joe	.50
Sarah and Lizzie	.10
A Well-Wisher	.25
Charles McGuirk	.10
M. V. Z.	.10
H. C. V. Z.	.10
A. B. C.	.20
B. H. J.	.36
Little Sepple and Gretchen	.45
Harold Scollay	.25
J. L.	.10
Lillie L.	.10
Louie, Harry and Albert	.50
May and Marguerite	.10
A. M.	.50
Maud Peyroux Wycherly	.10
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Grandma	.55
Freddie C. Lovell	.10
Bloomfield, N. J.	.55
For the Children	.25
Eddy Jonnson	.25

Maggie Cline's Gift.

To the Editor:

Inclosed find $5 for the children's Christmas tree, wishing you great success in your benevolent task. I wish I could be there Christmas to witness your good work.

MAGGIE CLINE.

To Buy a Fire Engine.

To the Editor:

Inclosed you please find 25 cents. I hope it will help to buy a steam car or a fire engine for some little boy, that's what Santa Claus is going to bring me, and a large Xmas tree.

LITTLE EDDY JOHNSON.
Atlantic street, Brooklyn.

A Brooklyn Boy's Gift.

To the Editor:

I am a little boy nine years old, and send this $6 for your Christmas-tree. Hoping it will make a great many children happy.

HOIE B. CAMPBELL,
135 Sixth avenue.

Mr. O'Donohue's Gift.

To the Editor:

I inclose my check for $50 for the poor children, to make them happy Christmas. Trusting it will be a great success is the sincere wish of yours truly,

JOSEPH J. O'DONOHUE.

An Address Wanted.

Will the party who called at 74 Fifth avenue requesting the cart to call for two barrels of toys, name believed to be Wagner, kindly send address, as it has been mislaid.

From Their "Jack" Bank.

To the Editor:

We have the funniest penny bank you ever saw. We call it "Jack." It is always smiling, and will eat all the pennies we put into its mouth. Last night we took "Jack" to pieces and removed everything we found inside—pennies, buttons and a piece of wood. We send you 100 pennies to buy some poor boy or girl something for Christmas and to make believe that Santa Claus sent it. With love, from LILLIAN, OTTO and ROBBIE.

Very True, Freddie.

To the Editor:

I inclose 10 cents for the Christmas Tree. It isn't much, but if 1,000 boys sent 10 cents each it would buy lots of presents. I hope some boy will get 10 cents worth of fun out of this. FREDDIE C. LOVELL, Mount Vernon.

Many More Like You.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find 25 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund. I wish I could send more.

A WELL WISHER.

Two Little Girls.

To the Editor:

Our papas were very good to-day, and gave us 45 cents which we send you for your Christmas-Tree Fund. LITTLE SEPPLE. GRETCHEN.

Thanks, Will Print Names To-Morrow.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find check for $20. Kindly publish all the names as written. Hoping the contribution will accomplish the good desired, we remain

EMPLOYEES AND VISITORS WESER BROS.

A Tea Firm's Gift.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find check for $5 for the contribution of O. & O. Tea Co. for the Xmas-Tree Fund.

THE ORIENTAL & OCCIDENTAL TEA CO., LIMITED.

Never Too Late.

To the Editor:

"Better late than never." Our mite to make some children happy for Xmas.

ALICE and CHESTER BROWN and ANNIE.

Money and Dolls.

To the Editor:

Inclosed I hand you $2 for your Xmas Tree Fund. I am a strong champion of THE WORLD for its many acts of mercy and goodness, and am especially interested in this branch, viz., care of neglected children. Please do not fail to send to the address as below for a package of dolls which I have dressed for your tree. ESTELLE.

Harold's Quarter.

To the Editor:

I send 25 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund to help make some little girl or boy as happy as I am. HAROLD L. SCOLLAY,
Brooklyn, eight years old.

Lillie's Dime.

To the Editor:

I am a little girl who has no more than a dime and wishes it was a hundred times as much. Please accept it for your Christmas-Tree Fund. LILLIE L.

Intentions are Good.

To the Editor:

Please accept 10 cents for the Christmas Tree. If I were doing well it would be dollars instead of pennies for such a purpose.

S. L.

Wish You Luck.

To the Editor:

I tossed a coin to decide whether I should buy a cigar for myself or send the money to your fund. Fortune turned up your side of the coin, so please accept the inclosed dime. It was fairly won. OBEN GLOBEN.

N. B.—I will try it for a quarter to-morrow.

They Will Have It.

To the Editor:

Kindly accept 50 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund, and I heartily hope the children will have a right good time. BELL BOY.

Baby Lover's Gift.

To the Editor:

Here's $1 for the buds of promise. Three cheers for the Christmas-Tree Fund.

BABY LOVER.

From Carrie's Bank.

To the Editor:

I send you $1.12, taken from my little savings bank. I don't want it for my Xmas, as I will get everything I want. I hope it will make some poor child happy at this time. My papa wrote this.

CARRIE E. MATHEWS, three years old.

Entertainment in Brooklyn.

To the Editor:

Josephine and Morgan Ebbets got up an entertainment at 501 Madison street, Brooklyn, for the poor children. They amused the guests, who paid five cents admission, by a magic-lantern show, singing, dancing and playing, and last but not least, one of the most earnest workers, Florence Riley, gave a number of amusing recitations. Little Miss Riley displayed a great deal of talent. Proceeds were $2.

A Slice of Happiness.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find $1, which I hope will help make some one happier and swell your most praiseworthy fund.

MRS. W. A. JONES.

Likes Presents, Too.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find 20 cents for the Poor Children's Christmas-Tree Fund. I am a little boy, and I like presents, too.

CULVER B. KNOX.

Kind-Hearted Employees.

Employees of Messrs. John F. Rottman & Sons have contributed $7.75 to the Christmas-Tree Fund. Following are the names:

C. G., 15 cents; Ad. D., 25; F. Heuer, 50; John Kraftlivfer, 25; John Kleman, 50; Conrad Leugenfelder, 25; Adam Houser, 25; George Sandt, 25; Gooring, 25; M. H. R., 50; O. K., 50; G. Ruege, 25; J. Faust, 25; Henry Heidelrick, 25; Otto Pixis, 25; Anton Faust, 25; Frank Lang, 25; Billy Faust, 25; John Kiemer, 25; John Wirfe, 25; Otto Yungquist, 50; E. Bruech, 50; John Harms, 25; M. L. S., 50; E. K., 10.

An Eight-Year-Old's Gift.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find 10 cents contribution for the Tree Fund. I am eight years old.

MAUDE PEYROUX WYCHERLEY.

With Pleasure.

To the Editor:

Please accept this mite for the children's Christmas-Tree Fund.

MAY and MARGUERITE.

Unknown Friends.

A subscription list accompanying $7 has been received for the Fund. No name was given to indicate the sender, but the following initials were attached:

C. B. M., F. J. H., I. E. W., W. A. P., L.N.M., E. C. A., F. W. A., B. C. W., O. Y., C. A. A., B. C. W., E. P. G., J. F. L., S. D. C., F. W. F. Jr., Jr.; F. C. S., W. R. S., E. V. B., G. F. E., W. G. Sears, W. H. R., H. R. R., H. P. F., J. A. F., T. G. P., J. F. G., J. G. O'K., H. L. H., 25 cents each.

Willing, but Poor.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find 10 cents for the Christmas-Tree Fund from one of your Little Defenders. The heart is willing but the pocket is light. CHARLES MCGUIRK,
eleven years old.
72 Smith street, West Hoboken.

Two Wishes.

To the Editor:

Please find inclosed 36 cents, and I wish it was more. I wish your noble plan every possible success. H. H. J.

Two Little Helpers.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find 50 cents, hoping it will help your Christmas-Tree Fund.

SAM and CARYL MARKS,
335 West Thirty-second street.

Morristown Friends.

To the Editor:

Please find inclosed 50 cents for the poor children's fund. I hope it will make some little child happy and that you will get all the money you want. We should like to have the pleasure of seeing the poor children.

EVA, FLORENCE, ANGELO and ALICE.
Morristown, N. J.

Father also incloses $1 given by the boys in the store.

Peck & Son's Employees.

To the Editor:

We beg to hand you our check for $14.50 as per list inclosed, collected from our employees for the benefit of THE EVENING WORLD Christmas-Tree Fund, which kindly apply to the same. Sincerely trusting that the Christmas tree will gladden the hearts of the little ones, we remain,

Yours very truly, PECK & SON.

Following are the names:

D. T. Peck, S. W. Peck, $1 each; Unknown, 25 cents; Unknown 10; Unknown 10; A. B. F., 50; I. R. S., A. N., F. R., A. H., J. R., Robin Hood, K. P., G. Geller, Weidman, 25 each; Waldmyre, Myre, 10 each; Pryor, 50; F. M., 10; G. R., 5; Undersigned 50; Werschmidt, Pfaff, Schrump, 10 each; Hauser, 25; Johnson, 50; Noberg, 10; Wallie, Todd, 25 cents each; Lauer, 10; Benz, Keller, 5 cents each; O'Connor, 25; F. C., 5; Brown, 25; Pfeifer, Richey, 5 cents each; Cash, Leritz, 25 cents each; Silenskey, 5; Noth, Wilhelm, Muller, Muller, Quick, Hamburger, Stuffbold, Kaiser, Leonhardt, Hartmann, Hamburger, 25 cents each; Blumberger, Strum, 10 cents each; Trosler, Wachter, Nord, 25 cents each; Ohlnem, 10 cents; A. Trosefer, Hordford, 25 cents each; Stehmetz, 10 cents; N., G. Todd, N. Miller, 25 cents each.

More Generous Employees.

The following have subscribed $12 to the fund: F. E. Fitch, $3; G. C. Fiegel, $1; J. V. Kavanagh, 25 cents; L. S. Haskell, 25; E. B. Brainard, 25; E. H. Spear, $1; J. Sargent, 25 cents; J. D. Hadwin, 25; P. F. Duff, 25; F. E. Dingee, 50; E. J. Carr, 25; L. Uppenheimer, 25; E. Liebermann, $1.65; Cash, 50 cents; Theo Hagan, 25; A. B. Lewis, 10; S. Koppel, 25; E. F. Seiscas, 25; W. B. Cozzens, 25; B. Markowitz, 25; Harwood, 25; G. B. Salmon, 25; F. D. Biggs, 25; C. W. Boyd, 25.

They Appreciate the Fund.

To the Editor:

Inclosed you will find $25, which we would be pleased to have you receive for THE EVENING WORLD'S Christmas Tree, as we entirely agree with you in your kind efforts towards alleviating some of the distress of the poor people of New York around Christmas time.

MICHAELS & CO.,
112 and 114 West Twenty-third street.

One Dollar Each.

To the Editor:

Inclosed you will please find $1 each from Anne, Eddie and Audrey to help along your Christmas-Tree Fund.

Garden City, L. I.

An Interested Friend.

To the Editor:

Please find inclosed $5 for Christmas-Tree Fund. With best wishes,

ONE WHO IS INTERESTED.

Fritz and John.

To the Editor:

Inclosed find $1, which we took out of our bank. Please buy some toy for a poor little boy or girl. We will also send some nuts.

FRITZ and JOHN,
Englewood, N. J.

Bowling Club's Kitty.

To the Editor:

Saturday evening, while some of the members of the Cable Bowling Club were enjoying a little game, their friend Bernie suggested that the "kitty" be sent to that good cause, the Children's Christmas-Tree. Herewith please find $5. To the memory of Bernie's whiskers.

Wish It Could Be.

To the Editor:

Inclosed please find $5 to help make a merry Christmas, and I hope your Fund will be large enough to give something to every child too poor to have a tree at home.

MRS. G. T. M.

Their Savings.

To the Editor:

Allie and Aggie each send 10 cents of their savings for the poor little ones.

ALLIE HAY, six years,
AGGIE HAY, three years,
1440 Broadway, Brooklyn.

A Four-Year-Old's Letter.

To the Editor:

I send you $1 given me by Aunt Mollie for the Christmas Fund for poor children who have not as much as I. ACELIE T. WHELEN,
La Tourette House, Bergen Point, N. J.
Dec. 19, '91.

Three of a Kind.

To the Editor:

Inclosed find $1 for the Christmas-Tree Fund, hoping it will help along, and wishing them all a merry Christmas, from

NORA,
HERMAN,
EDWARD.

A Connecticut Friend.

To the Editor:

Inclosed find $2 for the Christmas Fund. I send it in the name of my baby boy, and trust it may give to some unfortunate child a day of pleasure. Regretting that it is not more. GEORGE W. ROBINSON,
New Haven, Conn.

Packages Received.

Packages containing toys, clothing, &c., have been received from the following: Seichow & Bighter, 390 Broadway; boxes from Louis Bauer, from Koch & Co., West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, and Hellmus & Dreyfus, 99 Mott street; confectionery from C. M. Hoefler, 27 Wooster street; Edyth Ketcham, Jersey City.

Maude McMahon, Yonkers; F. J. Folger, Annie Folger, six little children of Evergreen avenue, Brooklyn; K. Webb, Flushing, L. I.; Maude McMahon, Mrs. Mills's little twins, L. V. Silver, jr., E. A. J. and J. L. R.; from six little children; Lewis Jenkins, Grace Jenkins, Walter Walker, Arthur Johnson, Louise La Fetra, Gladys Erskine, of Mount Vernon, N. Y.; J. J. S., Lillian Flending, Shaw Martin, American Paper Pail and Box Company, Willie O. Bogert, Mrs. Stone, B. S., Alice Frisby and W. Hazelberg.

Lonely Mother's Gift.

A Lonely Mother.—Send your welcome offering to 74 Fifth avenue and it will be disposed of in accordance with your wishes.

DEAD IN THE STREET.

An Unknown Man Supposed to Have Been Murdered in Jersey City.

The dead body of an unknown man, apparently a sailor, was found at 12.30 o'clock this morning on Hudson, between Morris and Essex streets, near the South Cove, Jersey City.

There was a cut on the face, either the result of a fall or a blow from some blunt instrument. The body was removed to Speer's Morgue. The police are investigating the case and think it is a murder.

The dead man was about 5 feet 8 inches in height, between forty and fifty years of age and had a gray mustache. There was nothing found upon his person to indicate who he was.

RAN INTO A STEAMSHIP.

Ferryboat Morristown Collides With the Exeter in the Fog.

The Hoboken ferryboat Morristown, which, during the fog late last night ran into the Bristol line steamship Exeter City, Capt. Weiss, is found to-day to have been damaged about $1,000.

The Exeter City cleared yesterday for Bristol and anchored in the North River, off Fourteenth street, pending the clearing up of the fog. She was uninjured by the collision.

Armonk's Church Centennial.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

ARMONK, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The Methodist Episcopal Church at this place is to-day celebrating its 100th anniversary. The programme is elaborate, and includes addresses by many well known Methodist clergymen.

Three Women Charged with Robbery.

Jennie Johnson, Emma Quirk and Carrie Algul were held in the Jefferson Market Court to-day charged with having robbed William Henry, of Hempstead, L. I., of $170 in the house at 265 West Fortieth street last night.

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WAYLAID, MURDERED, ROBBED.

Aged Hugh McGuire's Body Found in the Woods Near Peekskill.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

PEEKSKILL, Dec. 22.—People here are horrified at the discovery of what is believed to be evidences of a dastardly murder.

The body of Hugh McGuire, an aged resident of Verplanck's Point, was found yesterday morning in the bushes beside a lonely road leading from Oldfield's brick-yard, about a mile from the village.

The dead man's face was badly scratched and battered. There was a deep cut in the back of the head, as if made by a blow with some blunt instrument or a stone, and his clothing was torn and showed evidences of a severe struggle.

Mr. McGuire was last seen alive Saturday afternoon, when he visited Peekskill, and started to walk to his home, about three miles, shortly after 5 o'clock. His road lay through a lonely country. On his way out of Peekskill he stopped at Benner & Cole's brick-yard, where his son James had worked, and got an overcoat which he had left there.

It is known that when Mr. McGuire left Peekskill he had considerable money with him, which he carried in an old worn pocket-book.

Nothing was seen of him after he started on his journey afoot. He did not come home the following day, and his family began to get anxious. Sunday night a search party was organized, and the whole of the rough and unfrequented region between Peekskill and Verplanck's Point was explored.

Early yesterday morning they found his body in the condition described. The overcoat which he had carried with him was missing, as was the pocketbook containing his money.

The spot where the body was found is several hundred yards from the main road, and it is believed that the murderer came up behind the old man in the dark and struck him the stunning blow in the back of the head which killed him. He was then robbed, and the murderer, after dragging his body some distance, pitched it into the bushes and made his escape with the booty.

There is a small colony of Italian laborers about half a mile to the east of the spot where McGuire's body was found, and it is suspected that some of these people may know about the crime. As yet, however, no evidence against any of them has been discovered.

Coroner Sutton began his investigation of the crime this morning, and it is expected that several arrests will soon be made. The Italians spoken of are kept under close surveillance.

HORSEPLAY ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

A Saloon Stabbing Affray That May Cost Two Lives.

William Delahunt, a truck driver, twenty-five years old, of 348 West Eleventh street, was stabbed and seriously wounded in a fight in Doyle's liquor store, known as the "Washington," at Washington and Perry streets, shortly after midnight this morning. His assailant, James E. Fuller, was arrested. He is a plumber, forty-nine years old, and lives at 135 Perry street.

Delahunt was stabbed three times. Both men had been drinking.

Delahunt is married and has two children. Last night he was out buying Christmas presents for his children, and on his way home he stopped at the saloon. He had several bundles, and among other things a small banjo for one of his little ones.

He amused himself by hitting some of the men in the barroom over the head with the banjo, and indulged in all manner of horseplay, and finally came in contact with Fuller.

The latter is a big man, and he didn't like Delahunt's prank. The two got into a dispute, and, seeing that a row was imminent, the bartender put Fuller out.

He came back in a few minutes and Delahunt again began to annoy him.

Before any one could interfere Fuller drew a jackknife and stabbed Delahunt twice in the back and once in the breast. Fuller then ran out before any one could stop him.

The wounded man sank to the floor, and it was thought he was dying. Some one called in Policeman Burns. Detective Hunt hurried to the saloon and got a statement from the injured man, after which he was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Hunt arrested Fuller in a saloon at Charles street and Washington Hall an hour later.

At the hospital Delahunt was found to be seriously hurt. The wound in the lower part of the back, above the left hip, it is believed, may have fatal results. The other wounds are slight.

In court this morning Fuller was remanded to await the result of Delahunt's injuries.

Rise and Fall of One Baron.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

ALBERT LEA, Minn., Dec. 22.—Oscar, Baron Wedel Yarlsburg, of Christiania, Norway, died in a barn here yesterday. He was a young man, known here as Oscar Wedel. A few days ago came information of the death of his father and his own succession to the barony. A remittance of $5,000 accompanied the letter. The new Baron at once went on a spree which ended in his death.

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Bar Pins	"	7.50	"
Necklaces	"	12.75	"
Scarf and Stick Pins	"	3.00	"
Studs	"	4.50	"
Sleeve Buttons	"	7.50	"
Lockets	"	6.50	"
Ladies' Chains	"	12.00	"

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Lace Pins and Brooches	"	3.00	"
Bracelets	"	3.75	"
Necklaces	"	3.25	"
Vest Chains, 14 kt.	"	10.00	"
Ladies' Chains	"	5.00	"
Scarf Pins and Stick Pins	"	1.00	"
Studs (sets of 3)	"	1.50	"
Sleeve Buttons	from	2.50	"
Sleeve Buttons with Initial	"	3.00	"
Lockets and Charms	"	1.50	"
Eye-Glasses and Spectacles in Solid Gold Frames	"	3.00	"
Opera Glasses in Morocco, Pearl and Aluminium, Achromatic lenses	"	3.00	"
Canes and Umbrellas with gold and silver handles	"	3.00	"

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