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Accused Ex-Gerry Society Agent Becker Seems to Have Had Plenty of Money.

Kept a Team and Bought Much Real Estate.

The Alleged Blackmailer Lived in Style at Williamsbridge.

Maintained Two Establishments There and Was Considered a Wealthy Man.

The charges against Edward J. Becker agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and son-in-law of Supt. E. Fellows Jenkins, of that Society, of levying blackmail to the extent of $500 each upon the keepers of two houses of questionable reputation in Allen street, have created a lively sensation in the village of Williamsbridge, where he has lived for the past three years.

Becker, as an agent of the Society, has lately been receiving a salary of only $1,000 a year, yet he has been living in a style that the possessor of an income of $3,000 could hardly afford. He keeps a horse and carriage, owns a handsome house, where he lives with his family, has been paying rent for another house, occupied by his parents and his sister, and recently purchased other property in Williamsbridge worth $6,000, upon which he is putting up a fine house and barn, to cost about $4,000 more. This new house, he told his neighbors, he intended to occupy as soon as it was completed.

It is only within the past three or four years that Becker has received so large a salary as $10 a week, which he was in receipt of at the time of his arrest, and it is a mystery where he has been able to obtain the money to meet all these large expenses. He had been living in a luxurious manner, for Williamsbridge, at least, and dressed his family in a style that evoked frequent remark from his humbler neighbors.

Within the past month he astonished his fellow-townsmen by purchasing a fine plot of land at Fourth street and Thirteenth avenue, near the outskirts of the village. There was a mill acre in the plot, and it is a very choice site. About three weeks ago he began building a house upon this land, much larger and finer than the one which he now occupies with a fine barn adjoining. Both house and barn are nearly completed now.

Just before his difficulty with Capt. Cross of the Eldridge street station, occurred Becker told his friends he was going to move in and occupy his new house with his own and his father's family. He wanted to sell the house which he at present occupies, and it is now on the market at the knock-down price of $4,000, for he has made considerable improvement upon the place since he bought it two years ago.

THIS PUZZLES HIS OLD NEIGHBORS.

The question now agitating the people of Williamsbridge is, how could Becker have lived in this style with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, and accumulated so handsome a property in real estate upon a salary of $1,000 a year, which is all that he has ever received from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children?

The answer has not yet been given by Becker, for very little has been seen of him in Williamsbridge since his arrest as an alleged blackmailer. He never told his friends in the town what he received as the agent of the Society, but he allowed them to believe that he held a position of high influence and importance in that organization.

AN EVENING WORLD reporter paid a visit to Williamsbridge a few days ago, and found plenty of Becker's acquaintances who were willing to talk upon the subject which is at present uppermost in interest in the town.

Upon investigating Becker's real estate transactions it was found that his speculating in village lots during the past year had been the talk of the town. According to Real Estate Dealer W. C. Havens, the oldest man in the business in the place, Becker had bought a number of lots within the past six months in the newly laid out part of the village up on the hill, and had sold them at a profit.

His heaviest purchase was made a little less than a month ago of the acre of land at Thirteenth avenue and Fourth street. Curiously enough this property was purchased from Emanuel Burlando, formerly an agent of the Gerry Society, who was dismissed by Mr. Gerry himself on Sept. 1, 1890. Burlando is now a building contractor in Williamsbridge and has put up a great many houses there of late. He has also speculated largely in real estate and is said to be backed by an Italian banker in this city.

Becker's last purchase of real estate extends through from Twelfth to Thirteenth avenue, and includes the entire front age on Fourth street. According to the records in the County Clerk's office at White Plains, Becker paid $3,500 for this property and assumed the mortgage of $1,500, which had previously been put upon it. The transfer was recorded on April 20.

PAID A GOOD PART IN CASH.

Lawyer Dennis H. Shell, who looks after Burlando's real estate business in Williamsbridge, informed THE EVENING WORLD representative that Becker agreed to pay $6,000 for this plot of land and had paid down a considerable sum when the deed was delivered to him. He thought it might have been as much as $2,000 that Becker paid down.

Within a week after purchasing this property Becker began building his new house and barn. The house is a neat three-story frame structure with an extension, and is furnished with all the modern improvements. The style is somewhat fanciful, and the sides are shingled instead of clapboarded. The barn corresponds in style with the house and is only a short distance from it.

Borlando lives in a large, handsome, bright yellow house, which can be seen about a quarter of a mile distant from the new Becker homestead. The cost of Becker's new house and barn was estimated by Mr. Havens at $4,000.

A number of carpenters and plasterers, mostly Italians, were engaged upon the house and barn when the reporter visited the place. It is about a mile and a half from Williamsbridge station and is located high up on the hill in that portion of the village which lies in Westchester County just over the New York City line.

The house which Becker has been occupying for the past two years is much nearer the village on Second street. It is one of a row of moderate-sized frame buildings. In the back yard is a long wired chicken run, where a number of fancy fowls were confined. Several dogs, including a St. Bernard, a pug and a fox terrier, were sporting on the lawn in front of the porch.

The servant who opened the door said that Becker's father and mother and sister, who had been living together in another house only a few doors away, the rent of which was paid by Becker, gave up the place on May 1, and went to live with Becker.

Becker's family consists of himself, his wife and an adopted child about five years old. His wife is a stepdaughter of E. Fellows Jenkins, Superintendent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He married her about five years ago. She was twenty-four years old at that time, and Becker is now only twenty-six.

SPORTS A STYLISH TURNOUT.

About a year ago Becker bought a bay horse for which he paid $250, it is said, and several vehicles, including a village buckboard, phaeton and buggy, and his rigs are the most stylish in town.

Becker's father was formerly a tailor, it is said, but has not been engaged at his trade for several years. His son has supported him. The neighbors say that Becker paid him $10 a month to take care of his horse.

John Young, a builder, of Williamsbridge, is well acquainted with Becker. He told the reporter that he had always understood from Becker that he was receiving a good salary and that he had wealthy friends.

"When Becker bought his house on Second street about two years ago," said Mr. Young, "he was a member of our building and loan association, but he did not ask for any money from the Association. He told me that he got his money from private sources.

"I don't know whether he has fully paid for the house yet or not, but my impression is that he owns it without any encumbrance."

"Has Becker been living in an extravagant style lately?"

"Well, that depends upon what you call extravagant. For a man who is getting only $1,000 a year I should call it rather extravagant, for he must have spent three times that sum during the past year buying horses, carriages and real estate. I must confess I don't see how he was able to do it, but I didn't think it strange at the time, believing him to have a large salary, besides a good private income.

ANXIOUS NOW TO SELL OUT.

"Since these stories have come out, however, I have been thinking a good deal, and these things seem to be a little clearer to me now.

"As to the Building and Loan Association, of which Becker was elected treasurer last year, the members feel sure that the accounts have all been kept straight, and that there was no stealing.

"Since the stories about his doings in New York have come out, though, some of the boys are beginning to get a little shaky, and I shouldn't be surprised if some of them insist upon an investigation of the Treasurer's accounts at the next meeting.

"At any rate, they say he must resign the office of Treasurer, for it wouldn't do to have a man in that position while such charges as those against Becker are pending."

Mr. Young added that Becker was Secretary of the lodge of the Royal Arcanum in Williamsbridge, and that there had been talk before the recent developments came out of running him for one of the village trustees at the next election.

It was said that the intimacy between Becker and Burlando had been very close ever since the latter had come to live in Williamsbridge. Recently this combination had been known as Becker, Burlando & Co., for it was common talk in the village that they had engaged in real estate deals together.

When Lawyer Shell was questioned by the reporter in regard to Becker's recent purchase of the property where he is now building, he said that Becker was now very anxious to sell and would make good terms with any purchaser.

"What will he sell it for?" the reporter inquired.

"Well, he paid $6,000 for it," replied the lawyer, "and considering the improvements he has made there, it ought to be worth a good deal more than that now. It is a very choice location."

When Supt. Jenkins was questioned by an EVENING WORLD reporter in regard to the real estate operations of Becker, he said that he knew nothing about them. He understood that Becker was a member of some building association in Williamsbridge, and had obtained money from it to purchase the house where he lived.

"I have seen Becker but once since he was arrested, and that was when his shield was stripped off and he and Finn were suspended from the Society. For any other information I must refer you to Mr. Gerry," said the Superintendent.

MR. GERRY SURPRISED BUT NOT INVESTIGATING.

Mr. Gerry was equally surprised when he heard of Becker's real estate dealings and mode of living in Williamsbridge. He declined to be interviewed on the subject, but stated that Becker was in no way connected with the Society at the present time.

He was not making any investigation of the charges against Becker himself, he said, but was going to let the law take its course. If the men were proved to be guilty of the charges against them he would request the Court to impose the severest penalty that the law allowed. There would, Mr. Gerry said, be no attempt to shield the man or palliate his conduct because of the accused man's relationship with the Superintendent of the Society.

Mr. Gerry admitted that opportunity was offered for men to do wrong for a long time without discovery where great confidence was reposed in them by their employers, and that the case of Becker might be one of that sort.

The records of the Society show that Becker entered its employ about seven years ago. He had previously been an assistant bookkeeper for the firm of Fisher & Co. of this city. When he entered the employ of the Society he was at first a clerk in the office at a very small salary. He was promoted from time to time and his salary was increased until it reached $1,000 a year.

BECKER ENTERS SOME DENIALS.

When a second visit was made to Williamsbridge by an EVENING WORLD reporter Becker was found at home. He seemed very much disturbed when he learned the reporter's mission.

"It is not true that I own any property in Williamsbridge," he said, "except the house in which I live, and that is mortgaged for nearly its full value. I have only lived in it two years, and I have not yet been able to pay for it fully."

"How about your purchase of land from Burlando and the new house you are building?"

Becker seemed taken aback at this, but finally denied that he had bought any land from Burlando despite the fact that the records of the County Clerk's office at White Plains showed that he had.

"I have never had any dealings with Burlando," he said, "and have no bought any property from him. Neither have I speculated in real estate.

"You knew Burlando before he was discharged from the Gerry Society?"

"I knew Burlando slightly, but I never heard that he was dismissed," replied Becker, who then refused to talk further on the subject.

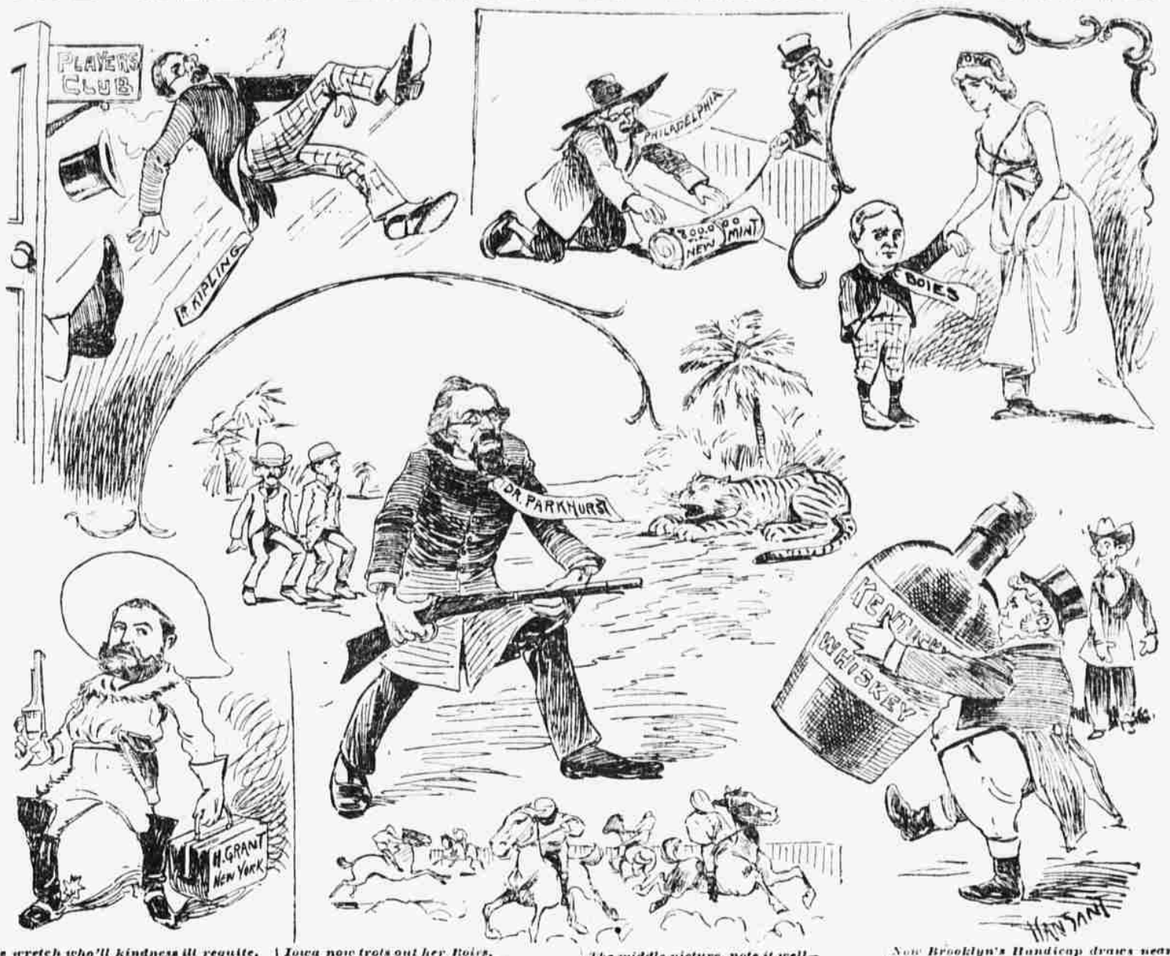
PROPERTY REFRANSFERRED TO BURLANDO.

It was afterwards ascertained from Charles W. Hallock, a real estate agent in Williamsbridge, who has charge of Burlando's business, that the Becker property on Fourth street had been retransferred to him by Becker, and that this had been done within the past few days.

At the time of the first visit of the reporter to Williamsbridge Mr. Hallock had stated that Becker was still the owner of this property and was very anxious to sell it.

It is currently reported in Williamsbridge that Becker has been boasting since his arrest that the case against him would not be pushed, claiming that his relationship with Supt. Jenkins would protect him from prosecution. It is a matter of common gossip there that he told his friends that the Society would not dare to discharge him.

THE WEEK'S EVENTS IN BLACK AND WHITE.



The wretch who'll kindness ill requite,
By being kicked is treated right.
Uncle Sam has pulled the string,
In vain, behold the quaker spring.

Iowa now trots out her Boies,
And Western Democrats rejoice.
Navigating Texan plains
New York's Mayor health regains.

The middle picture, note it well—
"The Tiger Hunter" is its name—
It represents a parson bold,
Who's scheduled for the roll of fame.

Now Brooklyn's Handicap draws near,
The crack of training-whip you hear.
John Bull now owns the still-born wight,
John Barleycorn in legend hight.

CRUSHED TO DEATH ON THE L.

Switchman Morton Knocked Off a Third Avenue Motor.

James Morton, a switchman, employed on the Third avenue line, of the Elevated Railroad, was horribly mangled and instantly killed at 8.40 o'clock this morning, in the yard at Ninety-ninth street and Third avenue.

Morton jumped on the steps of Engine 228, in charge of Engineer Peter Forshay, which was drawing an "ashes" train out of the yard, going south.

Another engine was being driven into the yard. The tracks are very close together and as the incoming engine passed No. 228, Norton was struck and knocked off the steps.

He fell between the tracks, and had he lain still would have escaped injury. But he struggled to regain his feet and was hit again by one of the engines, and, dazed by a second contact with the engine, fell across the rails under the "ashes" car.

The wheels of the rear truck of the car passed over Morton's head and shoulders, crushing and mangling them so as to nearly destroy all human semblance.

Louis Binger, a switchman, of 1498 Third avenue, and Henry Mitchell, a yardman, of 115 East One Hundred and Sixth street, witnessed the accident, and ran to pick up Morton's body. They found that he was dead, but sent in an ambulance call to the Presbyterian Hospital. The ambulance surgeon, however, could do nothing more than to make a report to the Coroner's office.

Morton's body was placed in a shed at the yard to await the action of the Coroner.

The dead man lived at 1064 Second avenue. He was about twenty-five years old.

A policeman arrested Engineer Forshay and took him to the East Eighty-eighth street station. He will be held to await the Coroner's investigation. It was said by some of the employees that he could have stopped his train in time to prevent the accident.

POINTERS ON THE RACES.

A Well Filled Card Promises Fine Sport at the Hilltop.

Guttenburg winds up its meeting to-day after seven months' successful racing. Naturally every owner is anxious to win a purse, and the entries are very heavy, the limit being reached in several events. The card is a great one and should furnish an excellent day's sport. The best race of the day looks to be the fourth, a handicap at six and a half furlongs. Badge, Pagan, Kimberly, Derango, Blitzen, Lord Harry, Little Fred and Vagabond are named to go, and they should make a horse race from start to finish. The mile race should also be interesting. The track will be in good shape and fairly fast. The selections are as follows:

First Race.—Purse $400, weights 20 lb. above the scale; selling; five furlongs.

Elmstone	125 Sweetbread	122
Blackthorn	125 Josie Wells	119
Stoltover	125 Knick Knack	112
Holsection	125 Silver Thread Lily	111
Coldstream	122 Lebanon	110
Battle Cry	122 Maggie Murphy	107
Deer Lodge	122 Cocoa	89
Quibbler	122	

The opening event may be won by Battle Cry, who is as fast as any of the others, and can carry the weight without trouble. Cocoa has an excellent chance for the place, and Maggie Murphy ought to beat the others.

Second Race.—Purse $400, for two-year-olds; allowances; half a mile.

One	115 Jennie Keene f	90
Uezeray	107 Tremp	90
Bonnet Hill	105 Carondale	90
Whitehead	105 Jack Lorell	90
Gladness Lily	102 Chippie	87
Mohammed	99 Imperatrice f	87
Putnam	90	

The finish in the race should be between Uezeray and One and they may finish as named. Mohammed ought to be third.

Third Race.—Purse $400, selling, five furlongs.

Tipstaff	114 Keystone	98
Kingstock	113 Laurenak s	98
Mohican	107 Bob Arthur	98
Oregon	104 Panway	92
Little Jake	101 Alma T	82

Tipstaff on the form he showed yesterday should have no difficulty in winning this race. The runner up may be Kingstock, and Alma T.'s light-weight ought to enable her to be third.

Fourth Race.—Purse $500, handicap; six and a half furlongs.

Badge	117 Lord Harry	107
Pagan	112 Little Fred	101
Kimberly	112 Lester	98
Derango	110 Vagabond	93
Blitzen	107	

Lord Harry is the best of the lot in this race and if waited with he should win easily. Kimberly may capture second money and Pagan should not be worse than third.

Fifth Race.—Purse $500, selling, one mile.

Firefly	112 Kempland	105
Pedlam	111 Virgie	104
Churchill Clark	108 Top Sawyer	104
Sir George II	105 Lady Pulsifer	102
Character	100 Irregular	91

Firefly, carrying top weight, should have no difficulty in landing this race, and Irregular should be second. Lady Pulsifer may beat the others.

Sixth Race.—Purse $400; selling; seven furlongs.

Lonstride	122 Jamestown	111
Prince Howard	122 Khaftun	111
Centaur	122 Algebra Kidd	111
Harbaca	120 John Winkle	104
Climax	115 Merry Duke	100
Amos	114 Brooklyn	100
Graduate	112 Marim Lily	97

The closing event may be won by Merry Duke, with John Winkle second and Prince Howard third.

Morning Papers' Selections.

AT GUTTENBERG.

First Race—Cocoa, Sweetbread.
Second Race—One, Mohammed.
Third Race—Panway, Little Jake.
Fourth Race—Pagan, Little Fred.
Fifth Race—Firefly, Virgie.
Sixth Race—Climax, Khaftan.

First Race—Cocoa, Battle Cry.
Second Race—Timmons's best (One or Putnam), Whitehead.
Third Race—Tipstaff, Little Jake.
Fourth Race—Little Fred, Badge.
Fifth Race—Firefly, Virgie.
Sixth Race—Khaftan, Climax.

First Race—Objection, Battle Cry.
Second Race—Mohammed, One.
Third Race—Mohican, Panway.
Fourth Race—Little Fred, Badge.
Fifth Race—Firefly, Irregular.
Sixth Race—Merry Duke, John Winkle.

First Race—Objection, Lebanon.
Second Race—Uezeray, One.
Third Race—Mohican, Alma T.
Fourth Race—Badge, Blitzen.
Fifth Race—Firefly, Lady Pulsifer.
Sixth Race—Climax, Centaur.

First Race—Deer Lodge, Coldstream.
Second Race—One, Uezeray.
Third Race—Tipstaff, Mohican.
Fourth Race—Kimberly, Badge.
Fifth Race—Firefly, Irregular.
Sixth Race—John Winkle, Climax.

"Evening World's" Selections.

AT GLOUCESTER.

First Race—Rialto, Lavinia, Sir David.
Second Race—Manhasset, Disappointment, Flattery.
Third Race—Blackburn, Penzance, Richal.
Fourth Race—Sauntere, Raleigh, Schoolboy.
Fifth Race—Salisbury, Guard, Annie E.
Sixth Race—Easter, Sorrento, Middlestone.

LITTLE FEAR OF A CONTEST.

Lawyers Say William Astor's Heirs Will Abide by His Will.

Now that the provisions of William Astor's will have been made public, there is a good deal of curiosity as to whether the executors will have any contests on their hands. The only members of the testator's family likely to object to the disposition of his property are Mrs. Coleman Drayton, who is absolutely cut off from all share in her father's estate by the latest codicil of the will and Henry Astor, William's brother, who is expressly disinherited.

A provision of the will was that if any of its beneficiaries contest it or refuses to accept its provisions he or she shall forfeit all benefit from the will. This, of course, would not affect Mrs. Drayton should she contest, because she is already disinherited. Nor would it affect the rights of her children, to whom the share in the estate originally assigned to her has been given.

It is stated in the codicil revoking that portion of the will which provides for Mrs. Drayton in the same manner as Mr. Astor's other daughters that he has made other and ample provision for her. What that provision is the executors will not say, but it is supposed to be a special trust erected by her father before his death and after her recent domestic troubles which created so great a scandal.

In such a case it is not improbable that any attempt upon Mrs. Drayton's part to contest the will would result in the forfeiture of that special provision to which allusion is made in the will.

William Astor gave $600,000 to his daughter at the time of her marriage to J. Coleman Drayton, and some believe that this is the provision referred to. It yields her an income of about $30,000 a year. There is a rumor that an additional sum was given to her brother, John Jacob Astor, sufficient for Mrs. Drayton's ample support.

With regard to Henry Astor the language of the will is very explicit. The testator says:

> It is my will and intention that neither my brother, Henry Astor, nor his issue shall as heirs-at-law or next of kin receive any portion of my estate, and any such portion to which he or they would in any contingency be entitled I give to the trustees of the Astor Library for the corporate purposes of the said institution.

The only contingency, apparently, under which Henry Astor would be entitled to share in the distribution of William Astor's estate, would be in case the latter's will was broken. In such contingency, Henry Astor might be entitled to share in the estate received by William Astor from his father, William B. Astor, as this was in its terms a fee estate with the power of devising it by will.

Henry Astor married a country girl and is living happily with his family on a farm up in Columbia County. He received a comfortable fortune from his father and grandfather, and is said to be perfectly satisfied with his present circumstances.

The lawyers say that there will be no contest. Mrs. Drayton is reported as saying that she will live with her mother, and that they will probably spend most of their time in Europe during the next two years.

Since the funeral, Thursday, Mrs. Astor has remained in strict seclusion. She is at the house of her son, "Jack" Astor, at 374 Fifth avenue. Mrs. Coleman Drayton is living with her.

Mother and daughter will return together to Europe in a short time, and it is announced that they will go to southern France and remain at least a year with Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Delano, the latter the sister of William Astor.

John Jacob Astor and his wife will spend the early summer at Rhinebeck and afterwards go to Newport, but will not entertain. William Waldorf Astor will remain at his house in London. For the next two years, at least, very little will be seen of any of the Astor family in society.

FLOOD ALARM AT ST. LOUIS.

River Rising Steadily and a Heavy Rain Falling.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

ST. LOUIS, May 14.—At 4 o'clock this morning the situation here was more alarming than last night's reports indicated.

A heavy rainstorm came up about midnight and continues to pour down.

The rain extends as far north as Davenport, Ia.

The river, which is steadily rising at the rate of an inch an hour, now measures 32.7 feet.

U. S. SENATOR BARBOUR DEAD.

He Expires Suddenly, of Heart Failure, at His Washington Home.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Senator Barbour, of Virginia, died suddenly this morning at 6.30 of heart failure at his home. He had no previous illness and occupied his seat in the Senate yesterday.

John S. Barbour was born in Culpepper County, Va., Dec. 29, 1820, studied at University of Virginia for three years, and graduated from the school of law there in 1842. He was elected to the Legislature of Virginia from Culpepper County in 1847, and was reelected, serving four consecutive sessions.

He was elected to the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth Congresses, and was chosen for United States Senator as a Democrat to succeed Harrison H. Riddleberger, Readjuster. He took his seat March 4, 1889.

There Will Be Racing.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

HOBOKEN, N. J., May 14.—Racing at Guttenburg to-day, rain or shine.

You are in a hurry.

You must get a new hand to take the place of the man who left this morning.

No time to go to "The World" office.

Don't like to send a boy.

What then?

Pull a "World" postal card out of your pocket, write your ad., mail the card.

That's all.

"The World" does the rest.

100,000 MAY GO OUT.

Many Trades to Be Affected by the Pavers' Strike.

Probable Enforcement of the Association's Lockout Next Monday.

Building Trades Widely Affected—Work on Grant Monument Stopped.

The last day of grace allowed by the paving contractors to the Pavers' Union for the latter to terminate its strike against the contractors will end to-night. If the work of paving the streets of this city is not resumed by Monday morning, there is every indication that the New England Contractors' Association will make good its threat, and force 10,000 paving cutters and quarrymen employed in the New England quarries out of work.

Retaliatory measures on the part of the pavers will follow this action, and the probable result will be one of the most far-reaching struggles between labor and capital that has taken place in years, and by far the most extensive of the stone industry.

A lockout of the paving cutters means that there will be sympathetic strikes all over the United States wherever stone is used that is turned out by the New England Association.

The number of men thus affected may before next week closes amount to nearly 100,000.

Not only will every branch of labor connected with the quarries cease, but the building trades will be largely affected. There will be a tie-up on all buildings where New England Association stone is used, as far West as Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Kansas City. Stonemasons will go out, which will force bricklayers, hod-carriers and truck-drivers into idleness.

Besides these there will be drawn in derrickmen, engineers, granite-cutters, marble-workers, freight-handlers and associate unions. As one paver expressed it this morning, it will "paralyze the building industry."

Work on the Grant Monument has already been brought to a standstill. A committee will wait on Gen. Horace Porter to-day to notify him that no stone will be received from the Union Granite Company, of Friendship, Me., which has the contract, until the lock-out is settled.

Other structures affected are the Mutual Life Building, the new Black Building, the addition to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Memorial Arch in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. No monuments or gravestones for Greenwood, Calvary, Trinity and several other of the big cemeteries will be made until matters are settled. The work of building the granite docks along North River will also cease.

Two or three big buildings in Philadelphia and Albany will be tied up, as well as the National Library Building in Washington.

The pavers say that they are bound to win. Everybody is standing firm, they declare, and there are no signs of weakening. The threat of the contractors to have 1,200 non-union German pavers on hand to continue the work Monday looms up, it is regarded as idle talk.

As the contractors profess to be equally confident of carrying on the work there may be some interesting developments next Monday.

There is no probability, it is said, though, of any outbreak. Deputy Commissioner Houlihan said the other day that if the contractors do not carry on their work by Monday without good reason they would have to pay the city the amount represented by the loss of work.

The streets on which work has been stopped are West near Canal, West Seventy-seventh, East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth, East One Hundred and Forty-fifth, East Ninety-first, Third avenue near Forty-sixth and Park place.

Commissioner Gilroy is being flooded with protests from merchants and property owners along the blocked-up streets, and West street citizens are talking of holding an indignation meeting if that thoroughfare is not soon opened.

Secretary Grant, of the Paving-Cutters Union, this morning received a letter from Contractor Webb, of Marlboro, Mass., a member of the Association in which application is made to the Executive Committee for a settlement of the existing differences between him and his men.

"The manufacturers," said the Secretary, "are circulating money in their efforts to get the men to come back. That scheme fails, they try intimidation."

Messrs. McNair and Grant, of the Strike Committee, will meet Commissioner Gilroy, at the latter's request, some time during the day.

AN IMPROMPTU DUEL.

Four Men Wounded in a Kentucky Street Shooting.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

FRANKFORT, KY., May 14.—In a shooting affray between John T. Johnson and Charles on the street four men were wounded. Johnson separated Owens and his wife six years ago.

When the 5.20 Louisville train came in, on which was Johnson, Owens, who had been waiting for him, walked up and said:

"Look out! You have destroyed my family and I am going to kill you."

Before Owens could draw his pistol Johnson fired the ball taking effect in Owens's abdomen.

Owens then fired six shots. The first took effect in Johnson's right arm, the second struck Judge M. L. Jett, a lawyer, in the left hand, and the third struck another bystander, Anthony Leach, a wealthy farmer. The next shot struck a telegraph pole that was shielding Johnson.

After emptying his revolver Owens rushed at Johnson and cut an ugly gash in his head with the butt end of the weapon.

Johnson then fired his second shot, which hit Owens' left arm. The latter walked to his hotel. Owens will die. Some months ago Johnson, in this country, shot and killed Tom Smith, but was acquitted.

McCoy and Davis to Fight.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

BRIDGEPORT, Ia., May 14.—Harry McCoy, of this city, the champion welter-weight of America, and Jack Davis, of Portland, Ore., have signed articles for a finish fight to come off the latter part of May for $500 a side. Both posted $250 forfeit.

Wire News in Brief.

An English syndicate said to have purchased the Trenton potteries for $3,000,000.

Edward Zehner attempted to murder his wife and killed himself at Perryville, Pa.

Sandilin Harter, Milwaukee, killed himself and later his wife poisoned herself and died. Domestic troubles.

Report of a big steel combine, with a capital of $10,000,000, in which the Carnegie works will be included.

PAXI, PAXI, PAXI, PAXI,
best all tobacco cigarettes, 10 cts. per package.

EXTRA.

2 O'CLOCK.

BROOKLYN HANDICAP.

This Great Event Will Open New York's Turf Season Next Monday.

Famous Horses to Contest for the Stakes of $20,000.

Possible Winners and Some of Their Notable Performances.

Cassius, Who Was Heavily Backed, Scratched at 9.15 To-Day.

Every man with sporting blood in his veins looks eagerly forward to next Monday, on which day the legitimate racing season in this State will begin, and the crack thoroughbreds of the country will meet to battle for a $20,000 stakes in the Brooklyn Handicap.

JUDGE MONAGH.

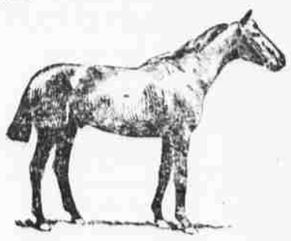
No turf event attracts as much attention as the Brooklyn Handicap, the first big race of the year, for which horses have been specially prepared during the early Spring.

Thousands of dollars are wagered upon these horses during the Winter in the future books, and every one connected with the stable, from the owner to the "rubbers," regards his particular horse in the light of a gold mine.

There will be no "pulling" in the handicap Every horse that goes to the post will be fit to run the race of his life, and will strain every nerve and muscle to be first past the winning post. The jockeys will ply whip and spur mercilessly in this royal battle.

RACELAND.

Which horse will win the big race? That question cannot be answered until Monday. It may be that Longstreet, the grandson of Longfellow, will carry the blue and red braces of M. F. Dwyer to the front a winner. Perhaps the purple and white cap worn by Judge Morrow's jockey will be the first to catch the judges' eyes. The familiar blue and red sleeves of Walcott & Campbell, may flash under the wire in the van, or possibly Raceland, Portchester, Major Domo, Clarendon, Russell or Madstone may finish in front. Every horse has a chance, for horse racing is the most uncertain sport that ever flourished. The favorite may gallop in, or a hundred to one chance may squeeze in and win by a head.



LONGSTREET.

The Brooklyn Jockey Club grounds will no doubt be crowded to their utmost capacity Monday. There are never less than 30,000 people present at this great race, and judging from the interest shown this year that number will be exceeded.

James Rowe will do the starting this year, and he is an able and conscientious successor to the prince of starters, James F. Caldwell. The latter has cast his lot with Gutenburg and is therefore ostracized on the tracks under the jurisdiction of the Board of Control, Brooklyn being among that number.

All eyes will be on Mr. Rowe Monday about 4 o'clock, for the race will probably be started at that hour. Albions owners and bettors will watch anxiously the movements of that little red flag.

If one had the presence of mind and the will power to face the crowd while the race is finishing he would witness a truly wonderful sight. He would imagine that the people had gone crazy. Truly, there is nothing so thrilling, so blood-stirring, as a close finish between noble horses, and every one gives way to his emotions. Men and women scream loudly, wave hats in the air and do all sorts of foolish things.

The writer, early in the Spring, selected