POLICEMEN'S WIVES PROTEST.

They Do Not Favor the 2 Per Cent. Pension Tax.

Strong Points Made by Women Against the Plan.

Supt. Byrnes's report to the Police Commissioners that the Captains' canvass of the force shows that 90 per cent. of the members are in favor of the 2 per cent. assessment on their salaries to preserve and increase the Police Pension Fund, has occasioned no little excitement and not a few protests among the wives of policemen.

The policeman is a public character, and his name frequently appears before the public from various causes, sometimes highly creditable to the officer and occasionally very discreditable. But of the policeman's wife little if anything is ever heard. At best her life is a rather hard one, for the duties that confine her husband to the station-house deprive her and her children for the most part of his company, excepting when his "day off," which not infrequently he is obliged to put in at a police court with a prisoner, whom he was obliged to arrest the night before, or shirk his duty.

In view of these facts it is not unreasonable for the policeman's wife to insist that her wishes be consulted when the disposition of her husband's salary is called into question.

The complaint of "A Patrolman's Wife," in a letter to "The Evening World," seems not ill-founded, and some of the points she makes are apparently worthy the consideration of the Police Board before that body secures Legislative sanction for its proposed plan.

"A Patrolman's Wife" writes:

"What benefit will the 2 per cent. the patrolman signs away be to his wife? Unless he has been ten years on the force his widow would get nothing in the event of his death.

"The scheme is well enough for the old men who have only a few years to serve and then retire. God knows they pay enough between the roundsmen's charges and their uniforms, and when there are four or five children to feed and clothe there is nothing left. The poor patrolman pays for all, while all the others have the fat of the land.

"If this was an insurance scheme to benefit their families, and not leave them penniless, like many of them are nearly always in debt, it would be well enough. As it is, it is an injustice to tax a man for a benefit to which neither he nor his family are yet entitled.

"Several patrolmen's wives, seen by an "Evening World" reporter to-day, echoed the above sentiments. Said one:

"It's nothing for Supt. Byrnes, with his success in his Wall street and real estate speculations, to give up $120 out of his $6,000 a year. When he gets ready to retire he can draw the still handsome salary of $3,000.

"My man is now getting $1,000. I could not draw a pension if he should die before he had been on the force ten years, and meanwhile he would have paid over $1,200 into the Pension Fund, which, instead of benefiting us, might cripple us."

Said another bluecoat's wife:

"Under this scheme my husband will have to give up $24 a year, for his salary is $1,200. For that money he could keep up a solid, substantial insurance on his life, which would be infinitely preferable to the uncertain widow's pension the Commissioners might or might not give me.

"A policeman's widow never draws over $300, and she is entirely at the mercy of the Commissioners. As we have no children, I doubt very much if I could get a cent in the case of my husband's death, unless it was shown that I was absolutely in want or abject poverty."

HOW RIVAL HOTELS MADE MONEY

They Divided the Trade and Each One Had Its Share.

You have all heard of the rival hotels in a town, which ruin each other by the process of cutting rates and blackguarding their rivals. A much better plan was that followed by the proprietors of the only two hotels in the town of Webster a few years ago, says the Boston Courier.

It was tacitly agreed that the trade was to be divided between the two. Accordingly, to one hotel all the drummers who struck town betook themselves and a travelling man who had tried banging up at the other hostelry would have found a cold welcome.

On the other hand, all the show companies put up with the other landlord. The drummers were made happy with sample-rooms, meals at hours convenient to the trains and a big room where story-telling could go on into the wee sma' hours. The theatrical folk at the other place had late breakfasts, midnight suppers and the beefsteak and onions which every country landlord considers an indispensable dish for the table that caters to show people. In this way neither of the hotels starved and both sets of people were better cared for than if they had indiscriminately gone to either place.

Converted Him.

[From Truth.]

"There," said Wagley, after having kicked Cadley all around the room, "I think I have made him believe in metempsychosis!"

"What's metempsychosis?" asked Tagley.

"The passing of one man's soie to the body of another."

Both Sides of the Family.

[From Brooklyn Life.]

She—I took the present you gave me to my aunt and she thought it was lovely. But she wants to know what we will do with it after we are married.

He—That's very simple, dearest. Tell her I shall take it to my uncle.

A Lawless Profession.

[From Truth.]

First Messenger Boy (looking up from his dime novel)—Say, Bill! Let's go West and hold up trains. Hey?

Second Ditto—Naw! Let's go to Chicago and become cab-drivers.

Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething softens the gums and allays all pain, 25c.*,*

MRS. DR. STEELE'S TROUBLES.

Reports from Florida that She Is Virtually a Prisoner.

Despatches from Jacksonville, Fla., seem to indicate that Mrs. Dr. Steele, who, prior to leaving for the south a few weeks ago, accused her husband of methodical persecution and of keeping her a prisoner in her room at the Gilsey House, has not yet found happiness or relief from her troubles.

According to telegraphic reports Mrs. Steele, while in Jacksonville, was closely watched and not allowed to leave her room. The same scenes enacted at the Gilsey House were repeated there.

Her sobbing and wild appeals to her husband to be allowed her freedom were heard by other guests, and aroused such deep interest that the doctor was obliged to pack up and move to St. Augustine.

Mrs. Steele is alleged to have expressed the belief that her life would soon end. She begged to be allowed to communicate with her children and friends in the North, but it is not stated that the privilege was allowed.

MRS. HOEY WILL SUE.

She Intends to Oust the Influence Club's President.

Mrs. Mary Frost Ormsby, President of the National Democratic Influence Club, has repudiated that organization, and refuses to attend its meetings, although she retains possession of the charter and other papers and documents belonging to the Club.

Mrs. Ormsby's remarks about several of her fellow-members, including Mrs. Hoey, the Secretary, and Mrs. Hulbert, another leading member of the Club, have given great offense, and now Mrs. Hoey is going to bring legal proceedings to oust Mrs. Ormsby from office, and recover the Club's books and papers.

She has retained Assistant District-Attorney George Gordon Battle as her lawyer, and declares that she will also bring a suit for damages for defamation of character against Mrs. Ormsby, as well as an action to recover a balance of $80 due her for salary as Secretary.

Mr. Battle said this morning that no action had yet been commenced, but the papers would probably soon be prepared.

FUNERAL OF W. H. DE GRAAF.

The Body Taken to Schenectady To-Day for Burial.

The body of William Henry De Graaf, who died Sunday morning from pneumonia, was taken to Schenectady to-day for burial. The funeral services were held last evening at his house, 2152 Fifth avenue, and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Virgin.

Mr. De Graaf was well known in business circles in this city, and was also prominent among the wheeling fraternity, being one of the oldest officers of the New York Division of the L. A. W.

Among his friends he was familiarly known as "Pop" De Graaf. He was a familiar figure at all the club rooms of the organizations to which he belonged, from the beginning to the closing of the sessions.

Delegations from the Manhattan Athletic Club and Harlem Wheelmen attended his funeral, and the Masonic Constantine Commandery, of which he was also a member, was represented.

HIS EIGHTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Charles L. Tiffany Will Celebrate It To-Morrow.

Mr. Charles L. Tiffany, founder of the well-known firm of Tiffany & Co., will celebrate his eighty-first birthday to-morrow.

Mr. Tiffany was born in Killingly, Windham County, Conn., Feb. 16, 1812. He began business in a small way at Broadway and Warren street about fifty years ago. After he had been in business about three years he married Harriet O. Young. They celebrated their golden wedding Nov. 30, 1861.

Mr. Tiffany is a descendant in the fifth generation of one of three brothers, natives of England, who were among the early settlers of New England. He has four children, of whom Louis C. is well known as a water-color artist and the head of the Tiffany Glass Company.

MRS. PAUNCEFOTE AT LAW.

Sir Julian's Sister-in-Law and Grandnephews Figure in a Suit.

PORTLAND, Feb. 15.—In the case of Mrs. Louisa Pauncefote and her daughters, Clara Evelyn and Eleanor Pauncefote, against Julian Pauncefote Inglefield and Lionel Dalton Inglefield the State Circuit Court has ordered the sale of the property, valued at $50,000, and the division of the proceeds among the parties.

The property was bequeathed to them by Capt. Henry John Phillips, U. S. A., who died in New York in 1879. Mrs. Pauncefote is a sister-in-law of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister. She is a sister of Phillips. The Inglefields are grandnephews of Sir Julian.

A KILLING AT THE CARNIVAL.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 15.—While the Rex parade was in progress yesterday afternoon there was a terrible jam at the corner of Canal and St. Charles streets.

A party of hoodlums were roughly jostled by a number of ladies, when J. Fitzpatrick, who is Harbor Master, but no relative of the Mayor, remonstrated with them.

W. Hooper, a painter, thereupon stabbed him in the neck with a putty knife, severing the jugular vein. Fitzpatrick is expected to die. Hooper is in jail.

Sherry's Porter a Thief.

Alfred Janieur, twenty-four years old, of Hoboken, N. J., was held in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing $20 worth of silverplate from Sherry's, Thirty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, where he was employed as porter. He admitted his guilt.

New Jersey Rector Removed.

WESTFIELD, N. J., Feb. 15.—In accordance with the decision of Bishop Scarborough, Rev. J. B. Jennings ceases to be rector of Grace Church in this town to-day. Mr. Jennings was removed from the church at the solicitation of many of the leading members of the parish, who signed a petition to the Bishop.

BURTON C. WEBSTER'S APPEAL.

The Case of Goodwin's Slayer Before the General Term.

His Counsel Argue that He Was Improperly Convicted.

The appeal of Burton C. Webster, from the judgment of conviction for manslaughter in the first degree, after his second trial for the murder of Broker Charles E. Goodwin, in the Percival Flats in August, 1891, was argued to-day before the General Term of the Supreme Court.

The appeal is based entirely upon exceptions taken to the admissibility of evidence during the last trial, and it is claimed by Howe & Hummel, the counsel for Webster, that there were many errors in the rulings of the Court.

In the first place, they argued, that there was not sufficient proof that the statement made by Goodwin just previous to his death, which was used with such effect by the prosecution, is to be regarded as a dying declaration, for at that time Goodwin did not expect to die.

Then it was claimed that Webster shot Goodwin in self-defense, and that the evidence shows this. Among the minor points brought out it was conceded that the testimony as to the alleged opium-eating habits of Fannie Romain, the maid servant, was improperly admitted.

Mr. Stapler argued the case for the people contending that all the evidence taken in the trial was properly admitted, and even if there had been mistakes in rulings, the statement made by Webster himself was sufficient to convict him of the crime of murder in the first degree, for there was no proof that there had been any sufficient provocation for the shooting. Decision was reserved.

Webster was sentenced by Justice Ingraham Oct. 4 last, to nineteen years at hard labor in State Prison. An effort was afterwards made by Lawyer Howe to have him admitted to bail pending his appeal, but he was unsuccessful. He is now serving his time in Sing Sing.

REUNITED AFTER THIRTY YEARS.

Woman Remarries the Man She Thought Was Killed in the War.

MASCOUTA, Ill., Feb. 15.—Thirty years ago Simon Hayes was married to Miss Elizabeth Hayes. The couple became estranged in some way shortly after their marriage, and the husband went to the war in the Third Iowa Regiment. He was desperately wounded and was reported among the killed.

Hayes returned from Utah a few days ago and found that his wife had been married, but her second husband had been dead some years. There was a joyful reunion and another marriage at Belleville yesterday.

DEATH OF JOHN DURY.

Pneumonia's Second Victim This Week in the Finance Department.

It was announced at City Hall to-day that John Dury, a messenger in the City Finance Department, had died of pneumonia at his home, 81 West Ninety-first street, yesterday.

Mr. Dury was connected with the Finance Department since 1880. He was a Frenchman and fifty-two years old. His is the second death from pneumonia in the Finance Department this week. Tax Receiver McLean died of the disease on Monday.

JOHN HUNTINGTON'S ESTATE.

The Trustees Compelled to Prove the Paige Forgeries in Open Court.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—The trustees of the estate of the late John Huntington, the Standard Oil millionaire, will be compelled to prove the famous Paige forgeries in open court in order to save the heirs and charity the $1,000,000 represented by the paper negotiated by David R. Paige.

Suits for the collection of $40,000 have already been filed, and others are expected to follow. The Huntington trustees will fight every case to the United States Supreme Court rather than pay the notes which Mr. Huntington declared were forged.

Coming Events.

Entertainment and reception of Madison Lodge, 278, Association, Knights of Pythias, at Harlem Turn Hall to-morrow evening.

Paper, the Rev. W. H. Ward, "Oriental Seal Cylinders," American Numismatic and Archæological Society, Academy of Medicine to-morrow, 8.15 P. M.

Lecture, Charles Emory Smith, "The Lights and Shades of Life in Russia," Pilgrim Church, Harlem, Friday, Feb. 24, 8 P. M.

Yale Alumni Association of New York, Sherry's, Friday evening, Feb. 17: meeting, election and supper.

Service in memory of Phillips Brooks at Carnegie Music Hall to-morrow evening.

Entertainment and sociable, under the auspices of Phœnix Lodge, at Beethoven Hall Friday evening.

AFTER "THE GRIP,"

or in convalescence from pneumonia, fevers, or other debilitating diseases, your quickest way to get flesh and strength is with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. That gives purity to your blood, plumpness to your body, and puts every function into perfect working order. It makes thoroughly effective every natural means of repairing and nourishing your system. For pale, puny, scrofulous children, especially, nothing approaches it. It builds up completely their flesh, their strength, and their health.

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Try Dr. Sage's Remedy for your Catarrh.

RAILROADS AND RAILROAD MEN.

News and Gossip of Interest in Transportation Circles.

Charles G. Eddy, who resigned the Vice-Presidency of the Norfolk and Western, entered upon the duties of Second Vice-President of the Reading to-day.

The death is announced of James Welsh, President of Knights of Labor Flint-Glass Workers' Union No. 1, Pittsburgh.

Canadian brass manufacturers have formed a "combine" under the name of the Brass Manufacturers of Canada.

Candidates for members of the Committee of Arrangements have been nominated by the Stationers of Philadelphia.

Albert Walther, A. Hess and C. Rohn-ider have been added to the Arbitration Committee of Textile Workers Union No. 2.

The Swiss Government has appointed experts to send a delegation of workmen from that country to the World's Fair.

John Burns and Tom Mann are among the English speakers invited to address the Labor Congress during the World's Fair.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual masquerade ball of Conductors' Union No. 66 at Knights of Labor Assembly Rooms next Saturday.

The deafness of Mannion has compelled the workmen to stop the roar of machinery in order to obtain a hearing.—Thomas Burt, M. P.

Wages were advanced this week in car shops under the jurisdiction of the Never-Rip Patternmakers' Union. Last week the Union gained thirty-nine new members.

Judge Sprendlell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has declared that owing to the greed of the trusts he would in the future hold no one for stealing coal.

William Horstein was elected Recording Secretary of the New York Section of the Knights of Labor last Tuesday evening, and George Bergert was made Financial Secretary.

Belgium has a new law regulating female and child labor, according to which children under twelve are no longer allowed to work, the hours for women are limited to twelve per week.

The majority of the cloakmakers employed by A. Friedlander & Co., Broadway and White street, have joined the Cloakmakers' Union, and soon the shop will be thoroughly organized.

William Vaughan has resigned as Walking Delegate of the Tin and Sheet-Iron-Workers' Union, and Murray Pratt was unanimously elected to fill Vaughan's unexpired term. New officers will be elected in April.

The shops of the Mexican Central Railroad at Chihuahua have been closed to Union men for one year, and the American machinists employed there were discharged. Yesterday 42 places have been taken by cheap-working Mexicans.

President Gompers sent $50 to P. J. McArthur, Secretary of the Miners' Union at Butte, Mon., yesterday, as part of the contribution from the American Federation of Labor for the defense of the Knights of Labor miners who are under indictment for riot.

General Secretary C. C. McGlogon, of the International Brotherhood of Brass Workers, announces that a member of the Brotherhood has donated a gold watch to be given as a prize to the member who secures the largest number of new members to his local branch by June 1, 1893.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 1 of the Silk-Ribbon Weavers' Union fourteen new members were enrolled. A special committee was appointed with instructions to settle differences in several shops, if possible. Should the Committee fail in its mission, strikes will probably be ordered.

The General Executive Board of the Retail Clerks' National Protective Association announces that the organization now has over 8,000 members in good standing. The new constitution is ready, and copies have been forwarded to local branches. The next National Convention will be held in Nashville, Tenn.

One hundred dollars have been contributed to the Homestead Defense Fund by the Manhattan Association of Ship Joiners; Executive Assembly of Engineers No. 3,129, K. of L., gave $25, and Local Assemblies 2,968, 9,73, 4,188, 3,329 donated $5 each, while Local Unions No. 22, 16 and 1,563 subscribed $10 each.

The Detroit Trades and Labor Council has adopted resolutions requesting Congress to prohibit immigration for the term of three years from March 4, excepting citizens coming from the countries of North and South America; also that Congress pass a compulsory school law for the United States, to deport $100 with the Treasury Department.

For the first time since its foundation, D. A. 225, K. of L., building contractors, will parade Labor Day this year. The annual picnic of the district is to take place in Brommer's Park Aug. 12. The arrangements are in the hands of Thomas Lapine, John McAndrew, William Forbell, Thomas Hand, John Cummings, Joseph Stagman and Leon Pichant.

A labor meeting was recently prohibited by the police at Frankfort, Germany, upon the allegation that the object was to threaten the public peace and order. Upon the handbills by which the meeting was called it followed such words as "Down with the Government of the Capitalists," "Down with the Government of Labor," and "Universal Suffrage." Such a meeting on May 1 would be a different matter.

William J. Fisher, President of the American Flint-Glass Workers' Union, says in its last monthly circular that the trade is generally very dull, and that the factories are working only a few days per week. The number of members in good standing is now 3,000, a gain of 1,000 since last report. The financial condition of the union is reported as very good, the total receipts for the month being $3,000, and the total expenditures $2,000. The number of members in arrears is now 1,000, a gain of 500 since last report. The Executive Board has issued a circular to the National Labor Union, to the effect that unless the Union is prepared to "make a stand for the protection of trades," organize for the purpose of amalgamating the Homestead Defense Committee, and generally for the purpose of establishing the Homestead Defense Committee on a permanent basis, the energy of one of the colossus to which it is the individual representing the Sovereign Iron Workers' Union, the latter body, at a special meeting last Monday night, voted to withdraw its activity to prevent that any of their number ever to take the places of strikers. The challenge has been sent to the Building Trades Section of the Central Labor Union, which meets to-night.

Delegates to the Suspenders, Knee-Pants, Shirt, and Children's Jacket-Makers' unions were admitted to the central body of the United Hebrew Trades Union this week. Credentials of the Flatmakers Union were laid over for investigation. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the police for interfering with the pickets of the striking button-makers, and moral and financial aid was assured to the latter. Delegates were elected to attend the mass-meeting to protest against the treaty with Russia. The striking mattress-makers will also be given assistance. Next week new officers are to be elected.

TWINS JOINED FACE TO FACE.

Eight-Year-Old Japanese Boys Who Sleep at Different Times.

TACOMA, Feb. 15.—Advices from China by the steamer Victoria report that the Nanking correspondent of a Shanghai paper writes that a Tientsin man came to that city bringing his two sons, aged eight years.

The boys were like their fellows in face and form, with the exception that they are connected with each other by a piece of flesh as thick as a finger, which joined together just below the waist, which makes them stand face to face. The twins never fall asleep at the same time.

JAPANESE CABINET CRISIS.

It Arises Over the Failure to Pass the Budget.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15.—The steamship Empress of China arrived from Yokohama last evening, having been but eleven days and twenty hours on the passage. Among the passengers are the Ceylon Commissioners to the World's Fair and a large party of Singalese.

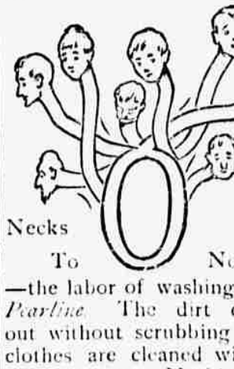
The steamship brings news from Yokohama that the budget had failed to pass, and the members of the Japanese government were thinking of resigning.

Brewers' First Annual Banquet.

At the Hotel Brunswick last night the first annual banquet of the Lager Beer Brewers Board of Work of New York was held. President Louis J. Heintz presided. Seated near him were Commissioner W. S. Andrews, Congressman A. P. Fitch, Senator B. P. Mccarren, Henry Clausen, jr., C. A. Stadler and H. C. Donnenberg. About a hundred members of the Board were present. The menu was elaborate.

Fears for Snowbound Miners.

CRESTED BUTTE, Col., Feb. 15.—Anxiety is felt for twenty miners employed in the Cumberland mines, on the north side of the Butte Mountain, twelve miles distant. Nothing has been heard from them for more than a month and it is feared that they may have met death from a snowslide during the storm.



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AMUSEMENTS.

ARION SOCIETY. GRAND MASQUERADE BALL, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, ON DAY, FEB. 17, 1893. TICKETS $10, FOR LADY AND GENTLEMAN. TICKETS (SINGLE) $5. For particulars see other papers.

GARDEN THEATRE. Evenings at 8. Mat. Saturday at 2. LILLIAN RUSSELL OPERA COMIQUE CO. THE MOUNTEBANKS. GEORGE GROSSMITH.

HUBER'S 14TH ST. MUSEUM. MARQUIS.

BOWERY THEATRE. Evenings at 8. Matinees Wed. and Sat. 10th Week. THE BOWERY BURLESQUERS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 14th St. & Irving pl. Evenings at 8. Mat. Wed. & Sat. BLACK CROOK.

KOSTER & BIAL'S. MATINEE TO-DAY. VIOLETTE, MARINELLI, DE LACY & DUREMONT. OPERA, VAUDEVILLE, NOVELTIES.

DALY'S THEATRE. Every night at 8.15. Matinee to-morrow at 2. TAMING THE SHREW. Miss Ellen Mr. Otis Skinner. Clarke. LAST MATINEE SATURDAY. Tuesday, Feb. 21, Twelfth Night. Seats now ready.

NIBLO'S. UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. Evenings at 8. Sat. Mat. To Day. Last time.

BIJOU THEATRE. EVGS 8.15. MAT. SAT. 2. M. B. GRANT IN The New Clerk. ON PROBATION.

PALMER'S THEATRE, B'way and 30th st. Mr. Palmer's co. in LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN. Evenings at 8.20. Sat. Mat. at 2.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE. Reserved Seats, Orchestra Circle and Balcony 50c. WED. MAT. TODAY: THE LOST PARADISE. SAT. MAT. Next week: THE DIAMOND BREAKER.

HARLEM OPERA-HOUSE. MR. E. H. SOTHERN. CAPT. LETTARBLAIR. DAILY MATINEE SATURDAY.

14TH STREET THEATRE. Near 6th Ave. Evenings at 8. Matinees Wed. and Sat. Reserved Seat, Orchestra Circle and Balcony, 50c. MRS. POTTER and MR. BELLEW in a new comedy, by Alexander Dumas, entitled THE MARRIAGE SPECTRE.

CASINO. BROADWAY AND 39TH ST. Evenings at 8.15. Matinee Saturday at 2. THE DANCING MASTER. WILL T. HAMPTON.

AMERIKA THEATRE. Eve. 8.15. Sat. Matinee. Last performances. Der Vogelhaendler. 3D MONTH.

HOYT'S MADISON SQUARE THEATRE. Evenings at 8.30. Saturday Matinee at 2. CHINATOWN.

H. R. JACOBS' THEATRE, cor. 43d St. and 4th Ave. Mats. Mon., Thurs. and Sat. ONE OF THE BRAVEST. Next week: WHITE SLAVE.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE. Evenings at 8.15. Matinees Wednesday & Saturday. LAST WEEK OF GLORIANA.

PARK THEATRE. BROADWAY. CORNER 35TH ST. Mats. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. MAY HOWARD COMPANY. 14TH ST. MUSIC HALL & ALHAMBRA COURT. 14th and 6th Ave. THE MONSTER ORCHESTRION. Plays every afternoon and evening.

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COLUMBUS THEATRE. NELLIE McHENRY, A NIGHT AT THE CIRCUS. MATS. WED. AND SAT.

LYCEUM THEATRE, cor. 4th Ave. and 23d st. AMERICANS ABROAD. SAUDOU'S COMEDY. Mats. Thurs. & Sat.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC. WEEK OF FEB. 20. Extra Matinee Washington's Birthday. MR. DIGBY BELL.

COLUMBIA. EDWIN KNOWLES & CO. Proprietors. Every Evening. Matinees Wed. and Sat. BABES IN THE WOOD.

BEDFORD AVENUE THEATRE. This week. Matinees Wednesday and Sat. Thursday at 8 o'clock. THE OUTSIDER. Next Week: Gus Williams.

LEE AVENUE ACADEMY. To-night and Matinee Thursday and Saturday. THE BIG 4 VAUDEVILLE CO. AND AUSTIN COLLINS. Also announced for concerts. Next Week: ACROSS THE POTOMAC.

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MANHATTAN OPERA-HOUSE. TO-NORROW, THURSDAY, NIGHT, The New "ATLANTA" Spectacle, the WONDERS OF AMERICA. Seats, 25c., 50c., 75c., $1.00.

EDEN MUSEE. OPEN FROM 11 TO 11. THE WORLD IN WAX. PRINCESS DOLGORUKI, GUERRA, COURVILLE, DANKO & GABORIS, ASHO & OMEO, GYPSY BAND.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE. MR. HENRY C. MEYER, Proprietor. WALTER SANFORD'S SUCCESS, A FLAG OF TRUCE.

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There was blood on everything in the room. It was on the desk at which the dead man had been seated; it was scattered over the papers; it lay in little crimson pools upon the blotting pad and the carpet; in the last desperate struggle it had spurted from his gaping wounds against the window curtains and walls; the very atmosphere of the chamber seemed imbued with it. A horrible murder had been committed.

Paul Pelaufski, Chief of the secret police at St. Petersburg, had paid the penalty of his outspoken hostility to Nihilism.

My name is Alfred Cassagne. I am thirty years of age, and I am a detective.

The following telegram to the Department of Secret Police in Paris had resulted in my taking the next train to the Russian capital:

"Pelaufski fatally stabbed early morning Nihilists. Send best man at once. Must be stranger to Russia. Ours too well known. Expense no object.

"GURLOFF."

Four days later fashionable St. Petersburg was apprised of the arival in the capital of a young French gentleman, rich, and, rumor had it, titled, though travelling under the nom de voyage of M. Anton Riccard. He was accompanied by a single man servant, a middle-aged person of grave deportment. Pierre Chauffaud was one of the most courageous seconds in the employ of the Parisian secret police. On two occasions he had been known to risk his life to save that of his principal. I had chosen him to accompany me.

On making myself known at Police Headquarters I was at once taken to the scene of the tragedy. Nothing had been disturbed. I found it as described in the opening paragraph of this story.

The police were entirely at sea in regard to the identity of the murderer. Gurloff placed the case in my hands, and I at once proceeded to make an examination of the material before me.

The assassin had evidently gained admittance to the Chief's apartment during the day, had remained concealed until nightfall, when escape was comparatively easy, and had then sprung upon his victim from behind. Pelaufski had turned to confront his murderer, but not quickly enough to avoid the knife, the first blow from which had struck him in the left breast, the second one lower down, squarely above the region of the heart. The murderer had then caught him by the throat to prevent his crying out, and held him while he slowly bled to death.

Diligent inquiry elicited the fact that a woman had been the last visitor to the dead Chief—a woman high in society, the Baroness Woronsko. Suspicion, however, in no way attached to her—in fact, she was one of the most trusted spies in the employ of the Government.

However, I immediately set Pierre Chauffaud to shadow her movements. My impression that she would bear watching was confirmed when I received his report.

The Baroness Woronsko, while in the employ of the Government, was in reality a Nihilist of the worst description. Suspicion then narrowed Itself down to this: Assuming her to be an accessory to the murder of Pelaufski, who was the actual assassin? It was absurd to suppose that a frail, slight woman like the Baroness Woronsko could overcome a strong, courageous man like Paul Pelaufski.

I had one clue, a clue so slight that it had been overlooked by the Russian police, but one which no really first-class detective would have passed unnoticed. On the dead man's throat were the black marks of the fingers which had strangled him. The thumb of the right hand had been pressed violently into the skin of the neck, so as to produce a deep abrasion.

I at once took a careful cast of this thumb-mark with the finest wax, thus reproducing every line exactly.

I know that the impression of no two thumbs in the world are alike. It is the prison-mark in China, remember, and there serves the same purpose as the Bogus Gallery in America to identify a criminal.

One other clue I had to guide me. A plain twisted ring, worn by the murderer, had left its mark distinctly on the flesh. I cause I to be impression of the band, ring and all to be photographed.

Furnished only with these slight clues, I was set out to find the murderer of Paul Pelaufski. Instinct told me I must pose, to look for him in the best society of the capital. My Parisian letters of introduction easily opened to me the best houses. In particular I sought the society of the Baroness, and I soon discovered that she was an chandoned to triguante. During her husband's absence on his country estates she became scrupulous! Assigned herself with a lover, one Rudolph Plesch, a Hungarian of handsome appearance and very finely educated. I soon discovered this man to be a red-hot Nihilist. The Baroness for the time was absolutely infatuated with him.

During all this time you may suppose that I kept a sharp lookout for the twisted ring. I did nothing of the kind. Amid the mass of jewelry nightly displayed in the drawing-rooms of St. Petersburg one might as well have searched for a needle in a bundle of hay. No, I only hoped to see that as continually evidence when I had found my man.

And I was fast finding him. Already I had gained the confidence of the Nihilists. During the third month Rudolph Plesch confided to me the outline of a plot to assassinate the Czar.

Bombs were to cut no figure in this last attempt. A peculiarly and singularly treacherous method was to be employed. People would never believe, I know, how the Czar met his death, but enough to infer it.

The circle to which I now belonged numbered 14 men. I had been 13 to gether, but to the chagrin of fellow-conspirators, I was informed, I was to be one until I could fill up the vacancy for the 13th member of the band.

That evening I was seated at the house of the Baroness Woronsko, when I was set out to find the member.

The Baroness here was in the Nihilistic Prospect. It was a large mansion surrounded by ornamental grounds, the interior was completely dismantled. Pierre Chauffaud was in attendance to thoroughly reconnoitre the place.

Night came. A brilliant ball was in progress. The Baroness had never looked so lovely. In the prime of her womanhood, she was a woman to turn the greatest assemblage in ecstasy. I looked around me. Rudolph Plesch, Chauffaud, and Chenkiante were there. The gathering was homogeneous with the Nihilistic element.

I felt my hand suddenly grasped, and turning around I was confronted by Gurloff. It was without ceremony of any kind. I regarded him with wonder. The secret is common of secret police, he must be well known to these people.

Then suddenly it flashed across me. Gurloff is also one of them. Nihilism has penetrated to the police department.

I had the fourth dance with the Baroness