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MULLER UNDER FIRE.

Cross-Examination of Dr. Meyer's Confessed Accomplice.

His Disgraceful Career in the West Freely Admitted.

The Effect of His Testimony Not Shaken to Any Extent.

Several women gained entrance to the Court of Oyer and Terminer this morning, and were deeply interested spectators when the cross-examination of Carl Muller, the confessed accomplice, was taken up by Charles W. Brooke, in the trial of Dr. Henry C. F. Meyer, accused of poisoning Ludwig Brandt, alias Baum, to death with croton oil, antimony, arsenic and iron in March, 1892.

Muller is an informer, but it is not generally believed that any human being would become an informer and a State's witness, implicating himself in a foul murder, if no murder were committed.

Dr. Meyer says Muller's real name is Arnold Kirfel. The witness was known as August Wimmers in the conspiracy to defraud the insurance companies—the conspiracy which, it is charged, ended in the murder of one of the conspirators, Brandt, under the name of Joseph Baum—the collection of $4,000 worth of checks on the policies by Mrs. Dr. Meyer, claiming to be the widow of Baum, and the cashing of these checks by Dr Meyer, under the name of Woerner, the landlord of the flat where the alleged murder was committed, identifying him at the bank.

Mystery surrounds the case at every turn. The defense claims that Baum, alias Brandt, is alive, and it is believed that they will admit the conspiracy to defraud the insurance companies, but declare that no murder was committed, a logue corpse having been substituted for the alleged sick man Brandt,, alias Baum.

The mysterious woman with a striking resemblance to Dr. Meyer, the alleged poisoner, is a stranger to him, he declares, but to an "Evening World" reporter who interrogated him he said, with a significant expression, that he had a married sister living in this country. He would not admit, however, that the mysterious Mrs. Manger was that sister, although she has frequently consulted him about evidence that has been given and other evidence that is to come.

Mrs. Meyer was more serious in her behavior in court to-day. Evidently she had been receiving some good advice on that point to the effect that even innocent people or auditors in court were hardly expected to be gleeful and happy during the recital of the horrors told by Carl Muller.

Dr. Meyer had evidently had a talking to also, and his mouth, voluble on Saturday to an "Evening World" reporter, was freshly and more securely sealed again to-day.

MULLER'S DISGRACEFUL CAREER.

Mr. Brooke, cross-examining Muller, got him to tell, as Dr. Meyer told "The Evening World" Saturday, that he was born near Cologne, and his father was a schoolmaster.

"How came you to leave Germany?" asked Mr. Brooke, sternly.

"Because I lost my place."

"Was it not because you were charged with firing a building? And did you not get mixed up in an assault upon an aged priest?"

"No, sir," replied the witness without the faintest show of resentment in his voice or manner.

To the succeeding questions Muller said his father gave him the money to come to America in 1888. He registered on the steamer as Karl Kirfel. He was never a professor of music at Antwerp, but spent a little time as a teacher at Aix la Chappelle.

He reiterated his denial of having played the piano in disorderly houses in Antwerp. He went to Philadelphia after a little stay in New York, but he could not remember what houses he stopped at in either city. After five days in Philadelphia, he went to Newport, Ky., for ten days, there he stopped at a saloon, and looked for work with Hubert Dreinacht, a miller, who came from Germany with him.

Kansas City held Muller and his friend from June to September, when he lived at 03 Main street, a boarding-house kept by August Krieger. His father gave him 500 marks, or $123. He paid $22 for his passage.

From Kansas City he went to Chicago, where he was in a hospital with typhoid fever, which he contracted on the train. After two months in the hospital Muller went to a boarding-house for two days, then to August Hacker, a cake-baker, at Division and Larramee streets, for two weeks, learning how to bake cake, at $3 a week and board.

HIS ENGAGEMENT AS PIANO PLAYER.

He was discharged by the cake-baker returned to the boarding-house for a week and then got employment with Clancey, a milk dealer in Claiborne avenue for two weeks at $3 a week and board. Then Muller went to the German Society, 49 La Salle street, and then to Desplaines, to live with a farmer. After two days he returned to Chicago to 62 Welch street, a saloon kept by Keyser. There he played a piano at $5 a week for one consecutive week. Then he went to 56 Welch street, another saloon and boarding-house, where he lived for two weeks, and was employed in a disorderly house as a piano-player.

"You were known as 'Piano Charlie,' weren't you at this place, 109 Michigan avenue?" asked Mr. Brooke.

Muller declared that he didn't know. He got "$1 a night and extras" for this work.

After a fortnight there he took a similar position at "Cora Pearl's," 112 Michigan street.

"At Cora Pearl's you were known as 'The Professor,' weren't you?" asked Brooke.

Muller didn't know. He got $1 a night and such "extras" as patrons of the place chose to bestow.

"You hadn't seen Rosie yet?"

"No, sir," replied Muller, dejectedly.

Muller was half a year at Cora Pearl's, and six months in another place of the same sort. Then he said he played in seven different houses in Dearborn street dividing his talent among them nightly. This brought him down to March 22, 1893.

"I lived at 190 Twelfth street during that time," said Muller.

"Had you yet become acquainted with Rosie?" The woman with whom you lived, introduced as your wife and called Rosie?"

"Yes, sir. I met her at a disorderly house at 499 South Clark street, but I never passed her off as my wife," said Muller faintly.

"I was arrested March 22, 1890. I was arrested with George Purtier, charged with swindling farmers by false advertisements for husbands for two young girls," said Muller, meekly.

"I said in the advertisements that a young girl of respectability wanted to get married. I got answers from farmers who wanted wives. Then I sent on photographs of the young girl and got sums of money," confessed Muller in answer to Mr. Brooke's questions.

"I was arrested and sent to jail in Chicago by a United States Commissioner. I was convicted June 30 and sent to Joliet Prison for using the mails for fraud. I was convicted of schemes to defraud under the name of Rosa Muller," said the witness. "I had known Purtier three or four weeks. It was his scheme."

"How much money did you earn by that scheme?"

"About $150 in two weeks."

"Up to that time you had never heard of Dr. Meyer, Parker, Brandt or Baum, had you?"

"No, sir. I first met Parker in the jail. He was there for forgery. He was not confined in the same part of the jail as I.

HIS MEETING WITH MEYER.

"Parker was the name by which Gustave M. A. J. Baum was known in the jail," continued Muller. "I met him walking on the floor of the jail about April 20, 1890. He had read in the newspapers about me. He spoke to me and Purtier. Parker asked me what part of Germany I came from. We talked about our cases. I next saw him with Dr. Meyer the latter part of May. I had heard of Dr. Meyer. He had become a prisoner a few days before. Parker introduced us. I never saw Parker speak to him again until we were both in Joliet Prison.

"Dr. Meyer came to the door of my cell in the jail early in June. He talked with me twenty minutes. He said it was not the first time he had been in Cook County Jail. He wanted me to write a letter for him to the Germania Life Insurance Company. He said he had been arrested for trying to defraud that company by forgery.

"I had met Brandt in the jail, and met him again in State prison; but did not know who he was till I met him after my discharge from Joliet, when I met him at Dr. Meyer's.

"I was discharged from Joliet in May, 1891, and went as piano-player to Miss Lillie's at $15 a week. From there in a month I went to Miss Alexander's, 123 Custom-House place, as a piano-player. I was there one year."

Mr. Brooke was quick to notice the discrepancy. A year brought the career of this rascal down to June, 1892, three months after the alleged killing of Brandt. But Muller wiggled out of the lawyer's grasp, saying he was not quite a year at Miss Alexander's disreputable resort.

HE LEFT A WIFE IN GERMANY.

"Did your wife come from Germany with you, or did she remain behind?" demanded Brooke, abruptly.

Muller hesitated. Prosecutor McIntyre protested.

Justice Barrett said the witness must answer, and then Muller admitted that he left a wife at Sistich, in Germany. They had one children. He had sent $290 to his wife Sept. 19, 1892.

"Where did you get that money?"

"From Dr. Meyer."

"You are sure of that?"

"Yes, sir."

"When did you marry Mary Neiss?"

"April 24, 1893. I first met her in Toledo, Sept. 26. I met her in South Bend, Ind., next, and we were married in Chicago. I took her away from Dr. Meyer, Jan. 9, and took her to 234 Twenty-fourth street, Chicago. That is a respectable house."

"You didn't take her somewhere to make a living for you?"

"No, sir. We lived together, but were not married till April 24."

HE IS A BIGAMIST.

All this was told simply and as if it were the most ordinary affair not a crime for which he will probably be punished when this trial is over, for bigamy is a crime in Illinois.

"Who told you to marry Mary Neiss?"

"Nobody."

"Not Galyk with Pinkertons before you married her?"

"No, sir."

"Were you threatened with arrest by the Pinkertons unless you married Mary Neiss?"

"No, sir."

To the next question he said the Chief of the Toledo Police called on him and offered $500 to him if he would locate Dr. and Mrs. Meyer. He agreed and led the police to the Meyers in Detroit. Again he denied that he had been employed by the Pinkertons at $3 a day, and declared that he had never seen any Pinkerton detectives.

In response to a question as to how Chief of Police Ben Riggs, of Toledo, came to employ him to look up Dr. Meyer, Muller produced a letter addressed to "Mr. Charles Miller, 234 Twenty-fourth street, Chicago," July 18, 1893. It asked Muller to hunt up a horse and carriage supposed to have been stolen by Dr. Meyer from Toledo. There was a promise of $50 reward.

The same day of the receipt of this letter a man came to Muller in Chicago and offered $500 for the capture of Dr. Meyer. Muller snapped at this chance. He knew where Dr. Meyer was located, for he had just received a note from him from Cleveland. Before he could discover Dr. Meyer's Cleveland address a saloon-keeper of Detroit wrote to Muller to ask about Dr. Meyer's standing, as the doctor wanted to live with him and had no money.

THE HUNT FOR MEYER.

"A lawyer came to me," began Muller, when Mr. Brooke interrupted.

"Sure it wasn't a Pinkerton detective?"

"No, sir, it was Mr. Julian."

"Oh, the officer of the Mutual Insurance Company! Did he pay you the $500?"

"No. I got that of the Chief of the Toledo Police, July 19, 1893."

"Did you locate the horse and buggy?"

"I did, but somebody else had located them, too, and I didn't get the $50," said Muller, naive y.

Muller told how he led the police to Dr. Meyer's hiding-place in Detroit, and how he was arrested. Then Mr. Brooke returned to the period when Muller was in the Chicago jail, and the subsequent months during which the scheme of swindling insurance companies was broached, planned and unfolded by Dr. Meyer.

"I told Dr. Meyer I had had trouble enough. I didn't want any more trouble.

"Oh, now; you told Dr. Meyer that you didn't believe the scheme would work; that the companies were too sharp, didn't you?"

"Yes."

"You were afraid you'd get caught, and that was the reason you didn't want to go into it?"

MULLER'S "SCRUPLES."

"Yes; and then I didn't think we had money enough," added this high-toned rascal.

"Who is Lena Kaufuran, with whom you were walking in Lincoln Park, Chicago, when you met Dr. Meyer?"

"A respectable girl. She had nothing to do with Dr. Meyer's scheme. I went to the Park to meet her. Then I took her to Dr. Meyer."

"Was it after you began living with Mary Neiss?"

"No, sir."

"Was it after you were married to the girl Rosie?"

"I was never married to her. I only lived with her."

"What did Dr. Meyer say to you in the presence of Lena Kaufman?

"He said that Parker (the real Baum) had been arrested again in Cincinnati, and the papers said he was very sick."

Here Muller stopped. He was confused for a moment, and then he declared that nothing was said so that Lena could hear, but he admitted that she was present.

Brandt told him the first time he ever saw him that he was going to bleed the insurance companies.

"He told me that he and Dr. Meyer were going to take out four insurance policies in four different companies in the name of Baum, but that he and Dr. Meyer had not money enough. He wanted me to go in and put up some money. I gave them $2."

DR. MEYER'S INSTRUCTIONS.

Muller supplemented his story of the departure of himself with Brandt for New York by relating that when Dr. Meyer placed in his hands the tickets to New York he said:

"'You shall go where the green Germans come from, rob them of their money with morphine.'

"Dr. Meyer said we should go to New York, hire a flat, put the name 'Baum' on the door bell and wait for him, as New York was the place where he could get plenty of sick men to die for us to collect life insurance on," said Muller.

Muller told again that the day before he and Brandt set out for New York Dr. Meyer had given him a small package in a blue wrapper, on which was written "Antimony," and told him Brandt was to be made sick in the New York flat by doses of the antimony sprinkled on his food. If Brandt didn't take it willingly he must be fooled into taking it without knowing it.

Mr. Brooke asked fifty questions about the color, quality, quantity and appearance of the powder, and Muller told him he didn't know, only it was white.

After fifty other questions Mr. Brooke asked Muller if he did sprinkle the antimony on Brandt's food. The witness said no, he gave the package to Brandt without opening it and never saw it again.

Then he couldn't explain how, if the blue paper was never opened, he could be sure that the contents were a white powder. He finally said that Dr. Meyer had told him so.

Muller said Dr. Meyer told him to register in New York as "Otto C. Stein," and he did so.

Muller could not explain why Brandt, who had come to New York to establish himself and identify Baum, of Chicago, signed the Cosmopolitan Hotel register "O. M. Salten, Buffalo, N. Y."

Later Muller admitted that in this city he engaged himself as a piano-player in disorderly-houses in the Tenderloin precinct.

Recess.

THE REVISED TARIFF BILL.

Full Committee Has It---Will Report Early as Possible.

Changes in the Rates on Woollen Goods, Tin, Carpets and Silks.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The revised Tariff bill was laid before the Ways and Means Committee this morning.

The Republican members offered amendments and discussed them from time to time. It is the intention of the majority members to report the bill as soon as possible in its present revised condition.

Among the changes made in the bill since it was reported to the Republican minority two weeks ago, are the following:

Lead in sheets, pipes, shot, lead wire and glazier's lead, duty advanced from 1 cent to 1 1-4 cents a pound; carpets, lower grades, duty advanced from 20 per cent. ad valorem to 25 per cent.; pearl buttons, duty changed from 40 per cent. ad valorem to 1 cent a line and an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent. in addition.

UTAH STATEHOOD BILL.

Republicans in Congress Cease to Filibuster Against It.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The morning hour having arrived in the House to-day, Mr. Kilgore, of Texas, was about to call up the bill for the admission of Utah, when Mr. Dingley, on behalf of the Republican side, made a statement declaring that the bill was of too much importance to be considered during the morning hour, but that no objection would be made from his side if ample opportunity were allowed for debate and amendment.

Thereupon Gen. Wheeler asked unanimous consent that to-morrow and Wednesday, after the morning hour, be set aside for the consideration. Without objection this order was made.

It is understood that a delegation of Republicans from Utah was instrumental in inducing the Republican leaders to recede from their filibustering programme.

SCHLOSS & CO. SUED.

Salesman Lehmeyer Wants $20,300, Run Up on Expectations.

(By Associated Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 11.—Sylvan Lehmeyer,, of New York City, has begun an attachment suit in the Sangamon Circuit Court against the New York firm of N. J. Schloss & Co., clothing merchants, which failed recently.

Lehmeyer was for a number of years a travelling salesman for the firm, and asserts that he allowed his salary and commissions to remain in its hands until it now owes him, he claims, $20,300. This was because Lehmeyer expected to become a partner in the firm.

Writs of attachment were issued to the counties of Adams, Alexander, Will, Jo Daviess, Henry, Champaign, Macon, McLean and Livingston, for the purpose of garnisheeing whatever outstanding accounts may be due the firm from its customers in these counties.

WILL BE COLDER TO-NIGHT.

And the Weather Prophet Says It Will Snow To-Morrow.

According to local weather forecaster Dunn, it will be colder to-night and warmer to-morrow, with prospects of a light snowfall to-morrow evening.

"The weather is generally fair and colder this morning," said he. "Light snows prevail in the Lake region, where the temperature has fallen from 20 to 30 degrees. The temperature has fallen from 10 to 15 degrees in the Atlantic States."

The temperature in this city, at 8 o'clock this morning, was 28 degrees; Boston, was 24 degrees; Albany, at 16 degrees, and Buffalo at 14 degrees.

It is snowing in Chicago, and the temperature is at 24 degrees.

Weather Forecast.

The forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 8 P. M. to-morrow is as follows: Fair to-day, followed by increasing cloudiness and light snow by Tuesday night; colder Tuesday morning, followed by slightly warmer during the day, westerly, changing to northeasterly winds, Tuesday afternoon.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the morning hours as indicated by the thermometer at Perry's pharmacy: 3 A. M.....25 6 A. M.....30 9 A. M.....29 12 M.....29

BY MASKED ROBBERS.

Burglars Hold Up Hotel-Keeper Blanch's Family at Woodside.

Secured $400 and Money in the Children's Savings Banks.

Disarmed Their Victim, Looted His Barroom, Then Escaped.

WOODSIDE, L. I., Dec. 11.—Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning three masked men broke into Blanch's Hotel, on Jackson avenue, and held up the entire family of the hotel-keeper at the points of revolvers.

Hotel-Keeper Blanch and his wife and young children slept in rooms adjoining the barroom, on the first floor.

The hotel-keeper was aroused from his sleep by hearing a noise, and when he turned up the lamp he saw some one pushing open the door, against which was a child's cradle. The youngest child of the family was asleep in this cradle.

Before Blanch could realize it, three men, wearing masks, had forced their way into the room.

Blanch's wife began to scream, and one of the robbers held a revolver close to her head and threatened to blow her brains out if she didn't keep quiet.

Another of the burglars took two revolvers from under Blanch's pillow, apparently knowing they were there.

The robbers then commanded Blanch to give up all the money he had in the house. The man who acted as spokesman told Blanch if he did not promptly comply with their request he and his whole family would be murdered.

The hotel-keeper then surrendered all the money he had. The thieves even took the contents of the children's savings banks.

Before the burglars went away they helped themselves to liquor and cigars in the barroom.

When they were ready to leave, they told Blanch and his wife that if they attempted to give an alarm they (the thieves) would come back and kill them.

The hotel-keeper and his wife did not make known the daring robbery to their neighbors until after daylight this morning.

Blanch says that the robbers took altogether about $400 in cash. He did not see the faces of either of the men, but thinks they must have been thoroughly familiar with his premises from the way they acted

The police of Long Island City are aiding the Newtown authorities to search for the burglars, but no clue has yet been obtained.

ROBBED BY A WOMAN.

She Grabbed Doyle's Watch and Fled from the Hotel.

Joseph Doyle, twenty-four years old, a car conductor, living at 339 East Thirty-sixth street, says he visited a hotel at 115 Thompson street last night with Mary Helen. He was under the influence of liquor and fell asleep, and charges that when he woke up he saw her searching his pockets.

When the woman saw him watching her, he says, she hastily grabbed his watch and chain and fled.

Doyle shouted out of the window, and Policeman Reddy, who chanced to be near by, followed the woman and arrested her at Thompson and West Third streets. The watch had been thrown away, but was recovered. Doyle was arrested for being drunk.

At Jefferson Market Court to-day the woman was held for trial.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Bad Weather Prevents the Parade of Delegates in Chicago.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The thirteenth annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor opened in the City Council Chamber to-day. Over ninety delegates from all parts of the country were present when President Samuel Gompers called the Convention to order.

A parade had been planned for this morning, but on account of the increase of bad weather the idea was abandoned and the delegates marched from the headquarters to the Council Chamber without display.

It was expected that Gov. Altgeld would be present to assist in the opening exercises, and a committee was sent early to wait on him, but he had not arrived from Springfield.

FORGER PLEADS GUILTY.

Fifteen Bogus Checks Were Traced to George Harrison.

A well-dressed man, who bore traces of former prosperity and who said he was George Harrison, sixty years of age, a salesman, with no home, pleaded guilty of forgery in the second degree before Recorder Smyth, in the General Sessions, to-day, and was remanded until Dec. 19 for sentence.

Fifteen forged checks were traced to him. Joseph Kessler, a painter, of 152 Park avenue, charged that on Sept. 28 that Harrison gave him a spurious check for $6, drawn on the Newark City National Bank.

BEGGED WITH HER CHILD.

Mrs. Mary Rogers Arrested by a Gerry Society Agent.

Mrs. Mary Rodgers, a poorly clad woman, with a two-yearold child in her arms was held in the Yorkville Court this morning charged with being a beggar by Agent Barkley, of the Gerry Society.

He found her at Third avenue and Fourteenth street holding the child in her arms and begging under the guise of selling lead pencils.

A CASE OF GENUINE ADMIRATION.

Boss Platt Contemplates the Republican Party of New York.

EVA RAY AGAIN IN COURT.

Required to Produce Madge Irene Gaul To-Morrow.

The Child's Mother Wants to Regain Possession of Her.

The whilom Mrs. Eva Ray Hamilton, who has figured in a sensational way before the public many times, was to-day before Justice Ingraham, in Supreme Court, Chambers, in habeas corpus proceedings.

She no longer calls herself Eva Ray Hamilton, but is now known as Mrs. Frederick Hilton, of 403 West Twenty-third street.

In the application for the writ of habeas corpus to-day, it was alleged that Mrs. Hilton has possession of her little niece Madge Irene Gaul, against the wishes of the child's mother. The application was to compel her to produce the child in court.

Justice Ingraham signed the writ directing her to produce the child in court to-morrow morning.

The papers presented by Lawyer Maurice Meyer allege that Mrs. Gaul and her husband were married five years ago at South Sea, England, and that Madge, who is about two years old, is the only child of that union.

They came to this country three years ago and took up a residence at 152 East Eighty-second street. They afterwards went to live at 141 East Ninety-sixth street, where they lived until last Monday.

It is alleged that Gaul is of a jealous disposition, and annoyed his wife by charges of infidelity. She finally went to her cousin in her trouble.

Last Wednesday she went to the flat and demanded the child and her clothing, but she alleges that Gaul refused both the demands and said he would get it himself.

Mean time it is said Mrs. Gaul's father, F. C. Flowerdun, arrived here and at once employed a lawyer for his daughter.

Mrs. Gaul alleges that her husband told her last Thursday that he intended to sail for England with the child next Wednesday, and that in the mean time he had put her in the keeping of her aunt, Mrs. Hilton.

Mrs. Gaul's lawyer claims to have called on Mrs. Hilton Saturday afternoon and demanded his client's daughter, but was refused.

Frederick Hilton is now said to be a salesman. Recently he was said to be a boarding-house keeper.

STOLE HIS FRIEND'S WATCH.

Then Ballowitch Demanded Ten Cents from Goldstein.

Jacob Ballourtich, eighteen years old, of 172 Clinton street, was held for trial on a charge of larceny in Essex Market Court to-day.

Last night he visited his friend, Isaac Goldstein, of 235 Cherry street, and stole a silver watch from the latter's vest as he was asleep on the lounge.

When Goldstein awoke he called on Ballourtich and demanded the return of his property.

"I'll give it to you if you give me 10 cents," Ballourtich is alleged to have said in reply.

He was arrested and the watch was found on him.

Accused Politicians Give Bonds.

CLINTON, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Former Assemblyman Thomas W. Fitzgerald, George Van Nalle and Edward Lawson, charged with a misdemeanor in a primary election fraud at Port Richmond last February, by Lawyer A. Schoonmaker and Deputy Assessor Lott, Republicans, appeared in Justice Wheeler's court here and gave bonds amounting to $500 each for appearance at the Grand Jury session. The examination in the matter in the matter charge of perjury, made against Sheriff Lent, Lawyer Schoonmaker, District Attorney Fitzgerald, have been further indefinitely postponed.

Sailor Says a Woman Robbed Him.

Patrick O'Malley, a sailor, accused Alice Anderson, of 17 Water street, to the Tombs Police Court this morning, of robbing him of $40 while drinking with her at 141 Duane street, last Saturday. She was remanded.

THEY SET HIM AFIRE.

Italian Rioters' Awful Vengeance on a Customs Official.

Poured Oil Over Him and Then Applied a Match.

A Peasant Had Just Been Shot Down by Gendarmes.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Dec. 11.—A despatch from Bitonto says that a Custom-House officer named Curci assisted the local gendarmes yesterday to pull down some firework petards which had been constructed by the people in order to celebrate a religious festival. The inhabitants were furious with this interference with their fete, and attacked the gendarmes with stones.

The officers replied by drawing their revolvers and firing upon the mob, killing a peasant. This only served to further enrage the people, who renewed their attack upon the gendarmes, and eventually drove them into their barracks.

The mob then pursued and caught the Custom-House officer, Curci, saturated his clothing with petroleum and set fire to him. The custom-house officer would have been burned to death on the spot had not the gendarmes received assistance in time to rescue Curci, who was flaming like a torch. He is so severely injured that he will die.

EXPLOSION KILLS EIGHT.

Careless Handling of Cartridges Leads to Death at Belgrade.

(By Associated Press.)

BELGRADE, Dec. 11.—An explosion occurred last night in the arsenal, owing to the careless removal of some cartridges. Eight persons were killed.

CHOLERA AT SALONICA.

Twenty-four Cases and Eighteen Deaths in a Military Hospital.

(By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 11.—The occupants of the Military Hospital at Salonica have been quarantined, owing to an outbreak of cholera there.

Twenty-four cases and eighteen deaths from that disease have already occurred.

Special Spanish Police Corps to Combat Anarchists.

(By Associated Press.)

BARCELONA, Dec. 11.—A special police corps has been formed here to combat Anarchism. The outrage at Paris has revived discussion in Spanish political circles. Spain, it is said, will propose to other countries anti-Anarchist measures.

Tenderloin Club's Entertainment.

The Tenderloin Club thoroughly entertained on Saturday night, and a good success all the attendance was the largest this season. Those who volunteered were: Miss Barbanell, song and recitation; John Hall, the humorist; Frank Compton, baritone; Miss Chester, soprano; Miss Stanwick, who recited "Ben Hur;" Henry Lyons, who recited "Eugene Aram;" Dan Leeb, with comic songs, and Carroll & Mack of the "40; comedy, will did some clever clog dancing.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE ACTION.

Dates Fixed for Final Consideration of the 1894 Budget.

Money Granted for the Survey of the Harlem Speedway.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment meet to-day and fixed the dates for final consideration of the budget for 1894.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19, the estimates in general will be taken up. On Wednesday, Dec. 20, the Board will vote on the amounts to be allotted to the Fire Department, Departments of Parks and Public Works, and the Commissioner of Street Improvements in the Annexed District.

On Thursday, Dec. 21, the Police, Board of Education, Department of Charities and Correction, and Board of Health estimates will be passed upon.

A recess will then be taken until Dec. 26. On and after that date the other Department appropriations will be decided upon.

Provision was made to pay $1,50 to vaccinators for the month of November, $2,500 to special medical inspectors for the same month, and $2,000 for fitting up temporary quarters for Engine Company 31 at 65 Elm street.

The application of the Fire Department for an appropriation of $92,000 for building new engine-houses, was laid over.

Commissioner Daly was authorized to spend $24,400 for repaving Hester street, between the Bowery and Division street, and a part of Exchange place. This exhausts the special appropriation of $1,500,000 for new pavements.

Bonds for $115,880 were ordered issued to pay for the construction of the Ogden and Sedgwick avenue approach to the Cromb's Dam bridge.

At the request of the ayor the recommendation by the Park Commissioners to repay $48,583 to the Trustees of the Museum of Natural History, for refitting the museum was laid over.

Commissioner Andrews got a transfer of $1,600 from one of his appropriations to the snow and ice fund, which is exhausted.

Comptroller Myers presented the application of the Park Commissioners for $5,000 to complete the surveys and preliminary work on the Harlem speedway. The law gives the Comptroller power to issue the bonds without authority from the Board.

The Comptroller said he made it a rule never to issue bonds without the consent of the Board. The Board gave its approval.

A delegation of property owners from Corlear's Hook requested the Board to authorize payment on property to be taken for Corlear's Hook Park. They said it would be a hardship on the owners to be compelled to wait for their money. The amount to be paid is over $5,000,000.

The Mayor said he considered the fees of the Commissioners of Appraisal excessive (the Commissioners ask for $50,000), and he would like to submit the matter to the Corporation Counsel for an opinion. He requested the Corporation Counsel to make his report before the end of the year, which was satisfactory to the property owners.

ALL IN DEADLY PERIL.

18 Passengers and Crew of 15 in a Wrecked Lake Steamer.

(By Associated Press.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 11.—The passenger and freight steamer F. and P. M., No. 3, of the Flint and Pere Marquette line, went ashore at 4 o'clock this morning at Whitefish Bay, six miles north of Milwaukee.

The boat is exposed to a terrible easterly gale, and a heavy sea is running. A blinding snowstorm prevails.

There are eighteen passengers and a crew of about fifteen on the steamer.

The seas are running so high that the life-saving apparatus is being taken overland to Whitefish Bay

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POLICE MAKE A HAUL.

Three Alleged Burglars and Tobacco Worth $2,000 Captured.

In Four Weeks Tobacco Worth $4,100 Has Been Stolen.

Two of the Men Caught While Removing the Plunder.

Detectives Weller and Grabe, of the East Sixty-seventh street station, made a good capture early this morning. They caught three men implicated in the robbery of three big tobacco firms, and recovered about $2,000 worth of tobacco.

The prisoners are John Pedcasek, a saloon-keeper, thirty-five years old, doing business at Seventy-second street and First avenue and living at 34 Taylor street, Astoria; James Clark, a truckman, twenty years old, of 1762 Second avenue, and Louis Bauman, a clerk, twenty years old, of 311 East Eighty-first street.

Within the past four weeks a gang of thieves, of which the three prisoners are alleged to be members, has robbed three of the principal tobacco factories in Capt. Strauss's precinct. The thieves have succeeded in carrying away tobacco valued altogether at $4,100.

On the night of Nov. 12 the factory of Samuel Josephs, at 305-311 East Seventy-first street, was broken into and $2,000 worth of Sumatra leaf tobacco was carted away. The burglars had forced an entrace from the rear of the place, and made their escape with their booty, which they are said to have carried away in bags which they had brought along with them.

Some time during Thanksgiving eve burglars visited the tobacco factory of Mr. Hood, on Second avenue, between Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth streets, and stole $1,100 worth of tobacco leaf.

Last Friday night the burglars made their third sucessful haul, and stole $1,000 worth of tobacco out of Silverman's tobacco factory at 399 East Seventy-second street. The burglars effected an entrance by way of the cellar, after which they had no trouble in visiting every floor of the factory.

In no instance was the burgary discovered until the thieves got away. Capt. Strauss determined to break up this gang of burglars, and since the night of the first burglary the Captain with his two detectives has had but little rest.

All the burglaries were laid to the members of the Horse Market Gang. The police for some days have kept a close watch on the movements of Saloon-Keeper Pedcasek, who, it was suspected, was the "receiver" for the gang.

Last night the detectives overheard a conversation which led them to suspect that Pedcasek had the tobacco, and that an effort was going to be made to have the stuff carted away from the saloon at 4 o'clock in the morning. Arrangements were at once made for the capture of the stuff and the men engaged in the moving of the stolen property.

Before 4 o'clock Weller and Grabe, with several policemen were secreted in different hallways out of observation, but affording a clear view of what was going on in the street.

Promptly at 4 o'clock Clark, one of the prisoners, came along on a truck and stopped in front of Pedcasek's saloon. No time was lost. The truck was loaded with the stolen tobacco some loose and some in bags, by Clark and Pedcasek.

After they had finished loading the truck and were about to start away to go to Pedcasek's home, in Astoria, the detectives appeared and arrested them and took them and the truckload of the stolen tobacco to the police station. There the two prisoners were locked up in separate cells, and the tobacco was unloaded and carried into the station-house.

At daybreak the detectives went to the home of the third prisoner, Bauman, against whom they claim to have evidence that he was one of the burglars, and placed him under arrest.

At 9 o'clock the three prisoners were marched in front of Justice Burke, at the Yorkville Police Court, simply charged with being "suspicious characters." At the request of the detectives the prisoners were remanded. In leaving the court with the prisoners, Weller said:

"We have the evidence, and all implicated in the burglaries will land in Sing Sing."

DEADLY TROLLEY AGAIN.

Little John Melia Killed in Brooklyn.

Three-year-old John Melia, of 36 Adelphi street, Brooklyn, died at the Homoeopathic Hospital at 10 o'clock this morning from injuries received by being knocked down and run over by a Park avenue trolley car.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the child attempted to cross Park avenue, near Adelphi street.

Car No. 22 struck him and he was thrown under the wheels.

His skull was fractured and he was horribly cut about the head.

Surgeon Welles took the child to the hospital.

Policeman Dugan arrested Patrick Hederman, the motorman, of 561 Eighth avenue, and locked him up in the Clermont avenue station on a charge of criminal negligence.

HAD HER MOTHER PUT AWAY.

Pretty Annie Starkey's Foster-Parent Defamed Her Character.

Annie Starkey, a pretty twenty-year-old girl, of 539 West Forty-fourth street, had her foster-mother, Elizabeth Starkey, forty-five years old, of 544 West Forty-third street, sent to the island for a month this morning, in Yorkville Police Court, on a charge of defaming her character.

Annie is employed as a domestic at the number given. She said that Mrs. Starkey adopted her when a child, and after she grew up continually defamed her. In her defense Mrs. Starkey said that Annie kept bad hours.