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NELLIE BLY'S REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE WITH A MIND-READER---NEXT SUNDAY'S WORLD

EXTRA.
2 O'CLOCK.

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ORDER OF ARREST, HIS GAME BLOCKED.

Justice Barnard Signs the Papers Committing McKane.

Brought from Poughkeepsie by Lawyer Werbberg.

The Gravesend Case and His Satellites Awaiting Their Fate.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Justice Barnard, Gen. Tracy's assistant in the prosecution of John V. McKane and others, charged with contempt of court in the Gravesend election cases, appeared before Justice Barnard this morning and handed him five orders of arrest, commanding the Sheriff of Kings County to forthwith execute sentences of the Court in which John V. McKane, Justice Richard V. B. Newton, Nicholas J. Johnson, Harlan Crandall and James G. Crosey are sent to jail for thirty days each and required to pay a fine of \$25.

Justice Barnard promptly affixed his name to the orders, and Mr. Werbberg left for Brooklyn on the train due at the Grand Central Depot at 11:30 A. M. Judge Barnard positively refused to say anything further than that he had granted the orders of arrest.

When questioned about the possibility of a stay being granted, he also refused to be interviewed.

As Gov. Hill some time ago pardoned a man sent to jail for contempt, because there was no procedure by which an appeal could be taken, it is doubtful if the judgment in the McKane case can be arrested.

Mr. Werbberg arrived in Brooklyn with the orders shortly before noon. He gave them to Lawyer Lamb, who said he would take them with the County Clerk as soon as he could do so conveniently.

John V. McKane did nothing this morning but listen to the grumbling of a dozen henchmen and gaze from the window of his office at 40 Court street, Brooklyn. It was dreary without and equally dreary within.

His companions were those who attend him in the little City Hall, which he once thought his own, at Coney Island. They received reporters with humor; said the boss wasn't in, but they were not so confident in their bearing as they had been in the past.

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SANTA CLAUS SUSTAINS THE HEALTH BOARD.

Hospital Doctors So Diagnose Mrs. Chapman's Ailment.

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"She muttered something about a letter she had received, and I imagine this must have had something to do with her act, if, indeed, she did attempt suicide."

Mrs. Chapman was taken from the Grand Union Hotel to Bellevue in an ambulance last night. She had been heard groaning in her room in the hotel, and on the door being forced she was found in an unconscious condition.

At Bellevue a surgeon arrived at the same time as Dr. Wilmarth, and a stomach pump was applied, as from the empty bottle she had taken poison.

At the hospital this morning it was ascertained that Mrs. Chapman was suffering only from hysteria, and that she will have recovered in all probability by the time her husband gets here.

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EXTRA.

2 O'CLOCK.

STATE BANK ROBBED.

The General Bookkeeper and Paying Teller Accomplished.

They Are Held on a Specific Charge of Stealing \$1,200.

Alexander Eisberg Confessed When He Was Accused.

Alexander Eisberg, twenty-seven years old, of 277 East Seventy-ninth street, and Carl Abrecht, twenty-eight years old, of 1025 Jefferson avenue, East New York, were prisoners in the Tombs Police Court this morning, charged with the embezzlement of \$1,200.

The complaint is made by the State Bank of New York. Eisberg was general bookkeeper of the bank, and Abrecht was paying teller.

It is alleged that the men acted in concert and manipulated the books in their charge so that money could be abstracted and false entries made to cover up all discrepancies.

It is also alleged that on July 21 the entry in the cash book showed the amount of cash on hand to be \$29,917.33, when it should have been \$41,117.33, a difference of \$11,200.

Eisberg, upon being accused, made a confession. Both men were held for examination next Tuesday, bail being fixed at \$1,000 each.

Eisberg furnished bail, and Abrecht was locked up.

SUGAR UP TWO POINTS. Its Advance Sustains the General List.

Sugar was the overshadowing feature of the stock market in the early trading this morning. It advanced on fairly animating trading from 72 1/2 to 81 1/2. There was nothing in the way of news to account for the advance, which appeared to be due solely to the covering of shorts.

The jump in sugar sustained prices in the general list for a while, but subsequently the Grangers weakened, and quotations were shaped all around.

The movement was sluggish and entirely devoid of significance, concerning the finances of that Company. He says the January interest will be paid.

New England declined 1 to 27 1/2; St. Paul, 7 1/2 to 62 1/4; Rock Island, 3 1/2 to 67 1/2; General Electric, 1 to 37 1/4; Louisville, 1 to 44 1/2; American Tobacco, 1 to 75; and Chicago Gas, 5 1/2 to 67 1/2.

Directors of the Union Ferry Company have declared a dividend of 1 per cent, payable Jan. 8, 1901. This is the first dividend paid since the Company was reorganized.

SHE COULDN'T FIND WORK. So Sarah Evans Took a Dose of Paris Green.

Sarah Evans, a domestic, eighteen years old, presented a pitiful picture of woe and wretchedness in the Yorkville Police Court this morning, when she was arraigned or attempted suicide at her home, 524 West Forty-fourth street yesterday afternoon. Her face was of a deathly pallor, and in her weakened condition, from the dose of Paris green she swallowed, she supported herself with difficulty against the wall in front of the judge's desk.

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WERE LIVES LOST? Dory Sighted Floating Bottom Up at Sea.

Thomas Shields, one of the pilots on boat No. 16, reports this morning that on Tuesday, in latitude 40.20, longitude 74.05, the crew saw a fisherman's dory floating bottom side up.

The dory's bottom was painted yellow. The pilots tried to pick up the boat, but failed, owing to the heavy sea.

CHURCH BURNED. New Holland Edifice at Warten-dyke, N. J., Completely Destroyed.

WARTENDYKE, N. J., Dec. 15.—The handsome new Holland Church here was destroyed by fire last evening. The cause is supposed to have been an over-heated stove in the kitchen.

The church was only recently completed at a cost of \$4,000 by the dissenting congregation of the city. It was partially insured.

Masked Robber Holds Up a Stage. ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 15.—The stage between Ashland and Neenah, Wis., some eight miles north of here, was held up and robbed by a masked highwayman. No passengers were hurt, and \$1,200 was taken.

The highwayman was recognized by the stage driver and United States officials as a known criminal.

Hopkins Army Band. HADLEY, Mass., Dec. 15.—Fire yesterday destroyed the Hopkins Army Band in this town. The band, which accumulated fifty pupils, was located in 2100, 11th St.



"This Soft Coal Smoke Is a Nuisance."

HYSTERIA AND NOT POISON. TENANTS FLEE FOR LIFE. CITY RAIN AND SLEET BOUND.

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