BROOKLYN NEWS.

WAS IT A MAFIA PLOT?

Police Suspect that Espsito Was Marked for Death.

He Furnished Evidence in the Puglisi Murder Case.

The Wounded Man Identifies Sistore as His Assailant.

Joseph Espsito, an Italian, thirty years old, of 185 Twenty-first street, Brooklyn, is dying in the Norwegian Hospital, from three stab wounds, two over the heart and one in the abdomen, and the police are busy working up evidence in the case on the theory that he is a victim of the Mafia.

One man, also an Italian, is under arrest for the crime. He describes himself as Moriano Sistore, thirty-five years old, living at 181 Twenty-first street. Both men live in the heart of the Italian colony.

According to the first story of the affair which reached the police, Espsito walked into a grocery store which separates his home from that of his alleged assailant at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

As he stood waiting for a clerk to fill an order, he drew a letter from his pocket and began reading it. A few minutes later Sistore entered, and spoke to him. Angry words followed and the men parted out on the sidewalk. Suddenly there, it is alleged, drew a knife and plunged it into Espsito's body. Again and again he jabbed the ugly blade into his victim. Then he turned and fled.

When the police arrived the injured man was lying unconscious on the sidewalk, where he had fallen. An ambulance was summoned, and Surgeon Ferris discovered the three wounds described above.

Espsito was removed to the Norwegian Hospital, where it was said this morning he was likely to die. Detective Peter McCormick, of the Fifth avenue station, and several officers started out to find Espsito's assailant. They got a clue which led them to suspect Sistore. After a long search they discovered him hiding in a woodshed in the rear of his home. He was dragged out and taken to the station-house. He denied any knowledge of the affair.

According to a witness who was in the grocery when the quarrel began, Sistore asked Espsito the name and address of somebody living in Italy.

"I don't know," was the reply.

"I think you do know," Sistore retorted.

"Well, I don't, and if I did I wouldn't tell you."

Then the men exchanged blows and the stabbing followed.

A story which reached the police last night was to the effect that the attack on Espsito was the outcome of another murder case which occurred last February. Espsito, it seems, gave the police information which led to the arrest of Petro Puglisi, an aged Sicilian, for the murder of John Tutalo. Tutalo, who was Puglisi's landlord, had ordered him to leave his house because of his refusal to pay rent. Puglisi met him on the street and drove a sword into his body. Puglisi was convicted of murder in the first degree. The jury recommended him to mercy. Puglisi is now under sentence of death, but an appeal is before the Pardon Board asking for a commutation of sentence.

According to the story which reached the police last night, the letter which Espsito was reading was sent to him from Italy, and was a warning from the Mafia telling him to make reparation for the wrong he had done in giving evidence against Puglisi up to the police. The letter, according to report, that Espsito's friends were numbered. It is a significant fact that the letter and the knife with which Espsito was stabbed have disappeared.

Sistore has been identified by Espsito as his assailant. In the Butler Street Police Court to-day he was held for examination on May 24.

POST-OFFICE ANNIVERSARY.

Celebrated by Colonial Dames in the "Breeze Cottage."

GARDEN CITY, L. I., May 17.—The one hundred and first anniversary of the establishment of the first post-office in America was celebrated at noon today at this place by the Society of Colonial Dames of the State of New York. The exercises were held at the "Breeze Cottage," the home of Morrison Patterson Ferris. A special car conveyed the invited guests to Garden City.

Papers were read by Mrs. Morrison Patterson Ferris and Mr. C. W. Ernst, of Boston, and addresses were made by Frederick S. Tallmage, President of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution; Dr. Dr. Morgan Dix, President of the Society of the War of 1812; Sir Frederick De Peyster, President of the Society of Colonial Wars, and others.

TROLLEY BROKE HER ARM.

Conductor and Motorman Charged with Assaulting Mrs. O'Brien.

Michael Murphy, of 163 Siegel street, and Thomas Campbell, of 143 Union street, respectively motorman and conductor of trolley car 3,310, of the cross-town line, were held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day on a charge of assault. Bail was furnished by an officer of the company.

Last night their car struck Mrs. Alice O'Brien, fifty-three years old, of 318 East Eighty-fourth street, this city, as she was crossing Bedford avenue at South Fifth street. Her left arm was broken, and she was removed to St. Catherine's Hospital. Policeman Davis, who was on the car, arrested the conductor and motorman.

BROKE HIS RIVAL'S ARM.

Boser Found Harmon Talking to Their Landlady's Daughter.

Justice Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, to-day held John Boser on a charge of assault preferred by Ignatz Harmon.

The two men board at 114 North Sixth street, and both, it is said, are in love with the daughter of their landlady.

Monday night Boser saw Harmon and the young woman talking together and after upbraiding the girl, Boser grabbed Harmon and threw him downstairs, breaking his arm. Harmon managed to get out yesterday and secured a warrant for his rival's arrest.

TO PREACH IN BROOKLYN.

Cardinal Gibbons Will Attend a Church Dedication.

(By Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, May 17.—Cardinal Gibbons will leave here to-day for Brooklyn, N. Y., where, on Sunday next (Trinity Sunday) his Eminence will preach a sermon on the occasion of the dedication of the Church of St. John the Baptist.

While many complain of dull trade, Geo. C. Gray Co., of West 14th st., say the low prices for Furniture give them plenty to do.

REV. SECRETARY PECK DEAD.

For Many Years Connected with the Foreign Missionary Society.

Passed Away at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn.

Rev. Dr. J. O. Peck, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of America, died at 6 o'clock this morning at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, from Bright's disease of the kidneys. He had been suffering for some time, and was under the care of Dr. Rushmore, of Pierrepont street. His wife and two sons, one of the latter a minister, were at the bedside.

Dr. Peck was born in Groton, Vt., Sept. 4, 1836. In his youth he was a blacksmith, farmer and stage driver. He was graduated from Amherst College in 1862.

His first pastorage was at New Haven, Conn. He was then transferred to St. John's Church, Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, where he remained two years. He then became pastor of the Hanson Place M. E. Church, Brooklyn, one of the largest churches of that denomination in this country.

After serving the usual time there he was transferred back to New Haven. Two years later he became pastor of the Simpson M. E. Church, Brooklyn, where he served a year.

In 1888 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church of America, and in 1892 was re-elected, and was still serving in that capacity at the time of his death. For some months past he had made his home at the Hotel St. George.

EXCITEMENT AT A FIRE.

Woman Faints and Man in Convulsions at a Brooklyn Blaze.

There was a very exciting fire on Norman avenue, Williamsburg, last evening, and during the course of it two ambulances were summoned.

At 6 o'clock fire broke out in the one-story building 168 Norman avenue, and spread to the four-story tenement at 166. The latter house is thickly populated, and as the fire occurred when nearly all the women and children were at home, there was a great deal of excitement.

The tenants came downstairs with a rush, and some of the little children were trampled upon.

Mrs. Richard Taller, who occupies rooms on the fourth floor, ran downstairs to the second-story landing and there she fainted. A number of other women saw her but made no remark, and had it not been for some little children Mrs. Taller would probably have been suffocated.

The youngsters told a policeman and he ran into the house accompanied by a fireman and carried the woman out in safety.

Ambulance Surgeon Neeson, of the Eastern District Hospital, worked over her for half an hour and then she revived sufficiently to be taken to the house of a friend.

A number of neighbors were on hand aiding the tenants in removing their furniture. Among the crowd was Albert Muller, of 156 Norman avenue, who worked very hard. Suddenly he was attacked with convulsions, and it took four men to remove him to a neighboring drug-store. The St. Catherine's Hospital ambulance arrived this time and Muller was taken home after receiving medical attendance.

The damage done by the fire was about $10,000.

SHOT THE WRONG MAN.

Meade Fired at a Supposed Thief, and Hit His Neighbor.

John J. Meade, forty-one years old, of 317 Furman street, Brooklyn, a watchman at the Wilson Steamship line pier at the foot of Montague street, was held for examination, May 23, by Justice Tighe, in Butler Street Police Court, this morning, on the charge of shooting John Walker, of 314 1-2 Furman street.

Meade was on duty last night on the Wilson line pier, when he saw Luke Joyce, a sailor, crawl away from the steamship Hindoo. He thought Joyce was a thief, and says he called to him to stop. Instead of doing so, Joyce ran up an alley towards Furman street.

Meade fired two shots. Neither of them brought down Joyce. Instead, two shrieks came from the end of the alley near Furman street.

Meade ran towards Furman street, as did Policeman Ross, of the Amity street station. Meade found that his neighbor, John Walker, was the victim of his unsteady aim. Joyce came back and explained that he belonged on the ship.

Walker is now in the Long Island College Hospital in a precarious condition. Meade said this morning that the shooting of Walker was an unfortunate mistake. He said he did not see Walker at the time he fired at Joyce, and did not know that he had injured him until he went up to Furman street and found him suffering from two bullet wounds, one in the left thigh and the other in the groin.

THEIR TIME MAY BE CUT.

Navy-Yard Mechanics Fear the Fate of Laborers.

Mechanics employed in the Brooklyn Navy-Yard expressed their anxiety this morning over the order issued by Commandant Gherardi, placing fifty laborers on half time.

The appropriation for the yards for the current year's expenses is running short, and, as all the Departments will be operated as economically as possible until more money is forthcoming, some of the mechanics may also be placed on half time.

The order of Commandant Gherardi does not affect the important work now in progress.

Mrs. Selasky's Sudden Death.

Mrs. Liba Selasky, of 15 Siegel street, was preparing her husband's breakfast this morning at 7 o'clock when she suddenly fell backward on the floor and expired. Death is supposed to be due to hemorrhage of the lungs, complicated by heart disease.

There's no longer any need of wearing clumsy, chafing trusses, which give only partial relief at best, never cure, but often inflict great injury, inducing inflammation, strangulation and death.

HERNIA (Breach), or Rupture, no matter of how long standing, or of what size, is promptly and permanently cured without the knife and without pain. Another Triumph in Conservative Surgery is the cure of TUMORS, Ovarian, Fibroid and other varieties, without the perils of cutting operations.

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TO GEN. SLOCUM'S MEMORY.

A Monument in Brooklyn Proposed by His Friends.

The City Will Be Asked to Bear the $30,000 Expense.

A committee of fifty of the most prominent citizens in Brooklyn met at the City Hall this morning and decided that the city should erect a monument to the memory of the late Gen. Henry W. Slocum.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. S. T. Stranahan, the "First Citizen" of Brooklyn.

Among those present were Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi, Gen. Woodward, Gen. McLeer, Andrew McLean, Murat Halstead, Joseph Weschler, Daniel F. Lewis, William Berri, Gen. Wingate, Rev. Father Malone, Regent of the State University, and Aldermen Clark and Guilfoyle.

Gen. Woodward, representing Rankin Post No. 19, G. A. R., asked the Committee not to consider the proposition to have the monument to Gen. Slocum's memory erected by popular subscription. He believed the city should bear the expense. Gen. McLeer, William Berri and others were of the same opinion.

A resolution was then unanimously adopted asking the city of Brooklyn to erect the monument at a cost of $30,000.

Alderman Clark asked to have the sum of $50,000 substituted for the amount in the resolution. The resolution was reconsidered, and upon the suggestion of Silas B. Dutcher the original Committee of Five was authorized to confer with the city authorities and fix the amount to be expended on the erection of the monument.

CEMETERY VANDALS CAUGHT

Men Who Felled Trees Held Up by Armed Officials.

FLUSHING, L. I., May 17.—Col. J. E. McAlpin, Superintendent of the Cedar Grove Cemetary, has been much annoyed by vandals, who have cut down the locust trees in the cemetery. These trees were an ornament to the cemetery and their destruction detracted from its natural beauty. Col. McAlpin decided to lay in wait for the vandals. Yesterday the Colonel was informed that the trees were being cut down.

He summoned Constable Methven and together the two lay in wait for the woodmen. After a while they saw three men in boats towing locust trees down Flushing Creek and out into the bay. The men had felled these trees in the cemetery. Col. McAlpin and Constable Methven, both armed with revolvers, waded out into the muddy creek up to their waists.

They ordered the three men at the muzzles of their revolvers to hold up. The men did so and were arrested.

They gave their names as Walter Thomas, John Casey and Charles Hanmes, all of Newtown. They were arraigned to-day in court and fined $10 each.

PRAYED IN THE STREET.

In Police Court Gordon Evinced a Desire to Undress.

Frank Gordon, of 179 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, was found about 6.30 o'clock this morning by Patrolman Burgmeyer noisily praying at Macon street and Stuyvesant avenue. The policeman ordered him to move on, whereupon Gordon, in a paroxysm of fury, sprang upon the officer and seized him by the throat.

His strength was enormous, and he might have choked the policeman to death had not two passing pedestrians interfered.

When placed in the prisoners' pen in the Gates Avenue Court, Gordon again began to pray, and also commenced to take off his clothing. It required all the strength of Court Officers Webb and Cleary to restrain him and prevent his appearing in court stark naked, as he insisted upon doing.

Justice Connelly remanded him for a week for examination as to his sanity.

LEAGUE BEHIND TIME.

Members Make Charges, and Ask for a Receiver.

An application was made this morning to Justice Gaynor, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, for a receiver for certain property held by the Triennial Benefit League, of Brooklyn.

An injunction was also asked restraining President Ladd, of the League, from disposing of the property. The application was made in the interest of George M. Fawcett and others, members of Lodge No. 16.

The relators claim that the time has passed when their certificates of $300 should mature. They claim that the certificates have not been satisfied by the League, and they are anxious as to the final result.

Justice Gaynor took the papers and reserved decision.

MORE WATER FOR BROOKLYN

Permission to Extend the System as Far as Massapequa.

City Works Commissioner Andrew T. White, of Brooklyn, said to-day that application would be made to the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen for a $3,000,000 appropriation to extend the water-works system of Brooklyn as far as Massapequa. Such an extension would increase the water supply by 25,000,000 gallons a day.

Mayor Schieren, Commissioner White and a committee of Aldermen inspected the water-works yesterday. They found that many improvements had been made since last year, which Commissioner White said this morning, were due to the crusade of "The Evening World" against the pollution flowing into the supply from impure streams.

MAY BE INDICTED.

Grand Jury Will Be Told of the Attempt to Bribe Friday.

Lawyer George F. Elliott, of 26 Court street, Brooklyn, refused to state this morning what legal steps would be taken against the friends of ex-Czar John Y. McKane who attempted to bribe Assemblyman W. H. Friday, of the Sixteenth District in Kings County, to defeat the Gravesend Annexation bill.

It is said, however, that the matter will be placed before the Kings County Grand Jury and several indictments asked for.

Mrs. Buchlant Seeks Divorce.

Chief Judge Clement, of the City Court, Brooklyn, this morning heard testimony in the suit for absolute divorce brought by Mrs. Margaret Buchlant against her husband, Michael Buchlant. They were married on Oct. 13, 1881, and lived together five years. Mrs. Buchlant accuses her husband with being too intimate with a widow named Reinhardt, who lived at 17 Hamburg avenue, Brooklyn.

To Take Charge of Flatbush Mail.

Commencing to-morrow morning the Brooklyn Post-Office will take charge of all the mail matter of Flatbush. A sub-station has been established in the newly annexed ward, and all letters deposited in the boxes will be collected by regular carriers.

STRIKE MAY FOLLOW.

Bricklayers Object to Sheehan's Non-Union Workmen.

Work on Long Island City Sewers May Be Stopped.

The Police Commissioner Was Asked to Hire Only Union Residents.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., May 17.—The various labor unions of this city are up in arms against Mayor Sanford and Police Commissioner John C. Sheehan, of New York, for employing non-union bricklayers on the various sewers now in course of construction in Steinway and Dutch Kills.

Mr. Sheehan has already secured two contracts in this city, amounting to nearly $500,000. Until the taxpayers and trades unions protested against the employment of unskilled laborers as inspectors there were only two bricklayers employed in that capacity.

A delegation from the Bricklayers' Union waited on Mayor Sanford a few weks ago and asked that none but skilled laborers be employed as inspectors on the sewers.

The Mayor called the attention of the General Improvement Commissioners to the matter soon afterwards, and said, among other things, that "if any more inspectors were appointed he would withhold his approval of the pay warrants." A resolution was also adopted by the Common Council recommending that none but union men and residents of Long Island City be employed in any capacity upon the works.

Nothing further was heard of the matter until last evening, when the Bricklayers' Union discovered that Inspectors John Rooney, Edward McDonald, John Flanagan, John Reed and John Mulligan were non-union bricklayers and were blacklisted. Two of these men were appointed on Monday last.

Soon after this discovery was made a special meeting of Bricklayers' Union No. 40 was held at the headquarters, 97 Borden avenue. John W. Moore, the Gleason candidate for Assembly at the last election, presided.

Resolutions condemning the employment of non-union bricklayers were adopted. A committee of four was appointed to wait upon Mayor Sanford and the General Improvement Commissioners on Monday, and ask that the non-union inspectors now employed on the sewers be compelled to join the union. In the event of their refusal to do so, all the union bricklayers will be withdrawn and the work tabooed. The payroll of the Commission and its employees now amounts to more than $3,000 a month.

Alderman Joseph McGee, a member of the Improvement Commission, said today that there were too many inspectors on the work.

"I claim it is robbery of the tax-payers," he said, "to put on any more men. It is an outrage, and an injustice to those citizens living along the lines of the improvements, who will have to pay the assessments. Those inspectors now employed who are not practical mechanics ought to be dismissed."

MUST PAY CITY OR BE SUED.

How an Electric-Light Co. Surreptitiously Obtained Water.

Unless the politicians controlling the Citizens' Electric Light Company, of Brooklyn, pay the city $9,954 for use of water surreptitiously taken from the mains, within a few days suit will be commenced for the recovery of the amount.

The Company's plant is located on De Kalb avenue and Rockwell place. The stock of the Company is owned by John Delmar, T. F. Nevins, "Bub" McLaughlin and other ex-officials.

Recently it was discovered that for four years the Company had evaded payment of its water taxes by supplying its boilers by a surreptitious connection with a city main.

A gauge was then put on the secret connection, and from its register it was computed that the Company owed the city for 99,540,000 gallons of water.

HER LICENSE REVOKED.

Mrs. Watkins, a Midwife, Failed to Make Adoption Reports.

Health Commissioner Emery, of Brooklyn, to-day revoked the license of Mrs. Jemima Watkins, of 815 Bergen street, who offered to give an "Evening World" reporter a baby on payment of $5.

At the hearing several days ago Mrs. Watkins admitted that she had given out infants for adoption without filing a record with the Health Department.

On her own statements, the Commissioner concluded that further testimony was unnecessary, and sent her a notice to-day that she was no longer authorized to practice midwifery.

WALL HAD SMALL-POX.

But It Wasn't Discovered Until He Walked Into a Hospital.

William Wall, thirty-nine years old, a lodger at 29 Bowery, was removed to North Brother Island this morning suffering from small-pox.

He walked into Chambers Street Hospital yesterday afternoon and complained of being sick.

It was found he was suffering from small-pox, and he was hastily removed. Several patients who were in the waiting-room at the time were vaccinated, and the room was fumigated by Board of Health officials.

Examining Building Department.

The Commissioners of Accounts to-day began an examination of the books of the Building Department. This will be the first examination since the Department was organized in 1892.

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NEW JERSEY NEWS.

JERSEY CITY'S VILE WATER.

It Is Filthy and Unfit for Drinking or Washing.

Residents of Marion Walk Great Distances to a Spring.

An "Evening World" reporter found Grocer Bock, of Tonnelle and St. Paul's avenues, Jersey City, washing his hands in Rhine wine this morning. In response to the caller's expression of astonishment, Mr. Bock held up a pop-bottle filled with what looked like dishwater, only there was a quarter of an inch of mud in the bottom of the bottle.

"That is the sort of water Jersey City provides us for laundry, kitchen and table use," said he. "I filled that bottle from the faucet after the water had been running all night."

Investigation showed that the city water in all that section of the west end of Jersey City Heights known as Marion, is extremely filthy. It smells as if it came from a stagnant pool, and is absolutely thick.

This water comes from the high-service reservoir on Summit avenue, which is supplied by the Passaic River Aqueduct. This pipe taps the Passaic River in the very heart of the city of Passaic, and the water is unfit for any use.

A plumber told the reporter that it was no fault of the construction of the pipes, mains or reservoir, but that the water itself is always unfit for use, and for weeks at a time presents the appearance shown in Grocer Bock's bottle. Residents of Marion corroborate this statement, and a man who runs a street-sprinkling cart told the reporter he had been obliged to give up the job several days ago because the impurities in the water from the hydrants clogged up the tubes of his sprinklers so that the water could not run out.

More than thirty residents of the neighborhood were found waiting in line for their respective turns at a fine spring that gushes sparkling pure water from the rocks at the west end of the Erie Railway tunnel, and they all denounced the city authorities for their failure to provide decent water for Marion. Some of them had come a distance of half a mile or more with buckets, pitchers and cans to get a supply of wholesome water for the day's use. Others carry water for greater distances, going to hydrants that are not supplied from the Summit Avenue Reservoir.

"This water is never fit to drink," said one citizen. "We filter it and boil it before using, but even then it is unfit for drinking. If the authorities don't remedy the matter very soon I fear that Marion will experience an epidemic of malaria, diphtheria and other kindred diseases. Indeed, there are a number of people ill now."

TO LONG BRANCH.

Sunday Excursions Begin May 20.

On next Sunday the New York and Long Branch Steamboat Company will begin their regular Sunday excursions to Long Branch.

Many families find the trip to Long Branch a most convenient and inexpensive way of enjoying a day's recreation. It is a delightful sail of three hours each way, with four or five hours at the Branch. Round trip tickets may be had for fifty cents. Sunday boats leave foot of Jane street, North River, 9 A. M.; Battery Pier, near Barge Office, at 9.15 A. M.

SWELL CLUBS NOT INDICTED.

But for a Time It Looked Blue for Elizabeth Sports.

Union County Grand Jury Makes Presentments Against Gamblers.

ELIZABETH, N. J., May 17.—The Union County Grand Jury came into court at noon to-day and handed up a batch of twenty-seven indictments to Judge Van Syckle. Among the number is one against the poker joint of Jacob Reuter.

Judge Van Syckle, who had called the attention of the Grand Jury to this place in his charge, thanked the jurymen for fearlessly performing their duty in this matter, and then discharged them.

Some months ago Jacob Reuter's cafe was raided by the police, and a lot of poker chips and other gambling paraphernalia were seized, and eleven well-known citizens, who were in the place were arrested and fined $2 each and costs.

It is said some of the Grand Jurymen not only wanted to indict Reuter, but every place where the game is played, including some of the swellest clubs in the town. One juryman is said to have gone to the court the other day with a list of clubs where he charged the game was being played. Among them was the Mattano Club, the leading exclusive social organization of the town, and of which Mayor Rankin, who is foreman of the Grand Jury, is a prominent member.

It is rumored on the streets that this kicked up a big fuss among the Grand Jurors, as several decidedly objected to having such sweeping measures taken, unless the proofs were forthcoming that gambling was really carried on in the club-houses.

A number of the members of the different organizations against whom accusations of gambling were made have been hauled up before the Grand Jury, but what was got out of them on the subject has not leaked out.

An amusing incident, it is said, occurred in the jury-room. One of the witnesses subpoenaed, a well-known young man, while being subjected to a sharp cross-examination, drew out his handkerchief to mop his brow. He pulled from his pocket with it several poker chips, which fell on the floor.

The witness was painfully embarrassed by the episode, but one of the jurymen restored him to his self-possession by exclaiming: "I go you one better," at which all the others laughed heartily.

None of the social clubs, however, was indicted, as a large majority of the jurymen were strongly opposed to such a proceeding. The few who held out and wanted wholesale indictments found eventually weakened, and agreed to a final adjournment.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT

Telephone Company Has Collector Wimans Arrested.

NEWARK, N. J., May 17.—The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, through its Newark manager, Henry R. Baker, has caused the arrest of Collector Charles Wimans on the charge of embezzlement.

Wimans, who resides at 78 North Fifth street, is accused of keeping $36 belonging to the Company. His books are now being gone over. When arraigned before Judge Conlon this morning Wimans was held in $1,00 bail for trial.

IS NELLIE THE BURGLAR?

Officials Trying to Fasten Jersey Depot Robberies Upon Her.

Price, Whom She Accused, Says She Threatened to Be Revenged.

HACKENSACK, N. J., May 17.—Nellie Ackerman, the pretty twenty-year-old girl who is locked up in the Hackensack Jail, charged with burglarizing the N. J. and N. Y. Railroad station at Fairmount, N. J., late Sunday night, or early Monday morning, has given the Bergen County Videocs a rather difficult problem to solve.

The girl is allowed to see no one except the prosecutor of the county. The jail officials refuse to admit reporters to the jail. To Deputy Sheriff Tuffy Berthoff this morning Miss Johnson declares that the young woman's name is neither Ackerman nor Westervelt.

Chief Marshal Charles C. Townsend, who arrested Miss Ackerman, and Constable Henry Haring, of Hackensack, are working on the case and intimate that they hope to connect the girl with the several railroad depot burglaries which have occurred within the last few months.

Constable Haring is working on a clue, which, he says, may lead to the arrest of a well-known Hackensack character, who has already done time for crimes committed in the county. Whether or not Miss Ackerman is a member of an organized gang, the county officials are not prepared to say as yet.

Justice of the Peace Thomas H. Cummings, of Hackensack, before whom Miss Ackerman was taken after her arrest, said this morning that he was quite sure that Frank Price, the Oradell barber, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery, is perfectly innocent. Price was arrested on Miss Ackerman's word that he had stolen the $50 worth of railroad tickets, which were missed from the station Monday morning.

The girl told contradictory stories to Justice Cummings concerning the manner in which she got the tickets found in her possession when arrested. First she said that she was on the way to Englewood, where her father, Edwin W. Ackerman, lives. She was on the Northern Railroad of New Jersey, and sat beside a man who left the train at Palisade Park, a few miles north of Englewood.

When the man got up, Miss Ackerman says, she noticed that he had left behind on the seat, a box. She opened it and found that it contained the railroad tickets, and the station agent's stamp. She said she took the box with her when she got out at Englewood.

Questioned more closely, she told another story to the effect that the burglary had been committed by Price, to whom, she said, she was engaged.

Price is favorably known in Hackensack, and bears a good reputation in Oradell. He denied any knowledge of the robbery, and also denied that he was engaged to Miss Ackerman. He admitted that he had paid her considerable attention, but said that recently he had broken off with her. The girl had, he said, threatened to be revenged on him for being jilted.

Justice Cummings was inclined to believe his story and released him in $1,000 bail, which was furnished.

Miss Ackerman is an attractive girl, with a plump figure, light brown hair and big blue eyes, which, it is said, have done much damage to the hearts of rural swains throughout Bergen County.

Her mother is dead, but her father, Edwin W. Ackerman, of Englewood, is a well-known carpenter. She has an uncle, Jacob T. Voorhis, who lives at River Edge, near where the robbery occurred. All her relatives are respectable people.

The report that an article of female wearing apparel was found in the station after the burglary is denied. There is little doubt, however, in the minds of the jail officials that they have the right person under arrest.

This morning R. H. Johnson, a leather merchant of 37 Ferry street, New York, living at Tenafly, visited the Hackensack Jail to get a glimpse of the young woman. He immediately identified her as the domestic who was in his family for a week three or four months ago.

He says a large package, containing some of Mrs. Johnson's best wearing apparel, was found in Nellie's bedroom, and that jewelry also disappeared during the week she was in Johnson's family. Nellie stoutly denied the thefts this morning. Johnson declares that the young woman's name is neither Ackerman nor Westervelt.

HE HASN'T ELOPED.

Justice Martinez Returns, to the Confusion of Jersey City Gossips.

Justice of the Peace Martinez, with a jolly round face and luxuriant brown Dundreary whiskers, dispensed justice from a high stool in his office adjoining the First District Police Court in Jersey City as usual this morning, to the amazement of the neighborhood gossips, who for two days have been circulating a report that he had eloped with his landlady, the Widow Stimberger.

To an "Evening World" reporter Justice Martinez said:

"It is true, I left the city last Tuesday, and gave some valuable records to Police Captain Parrier to keep for me until my return. I went to the country to attend to some business. I can't say that the Widow Stimberger left at the same time. I know nothing of her movements."

"It's said you intended marrying the widow."

"Well, now, just listen to that. Why, bless you, my boy, the widow is old enough to be my mother. I mean no disrespect to her. She is an estimable lady; but the thought of marrying any one has never entered my head. I am courting no one, and intend marrying no one."

BELLIS SHOOTS HIMSELF.

He Was a Speculator, and Had Been Arrested for Larceny.

BELVIDERE, N. J., May 17.—Bert Bellis, a well-known speculator of this place, committed suicide near Belvidere this morning by shooting himself.

He borrowed a gun and said he was going out to shoot birds. He then went to a secluded place and killed himself. He had been arr