

BURGLARS LEFT HALF A MILLION.

A Well-Laid Scheme to Rob Ex-Boss Hugh McLaughlin's Daughter.

FOILED BY A FLUCKY MAID.

She Entered the House Thinking Burglars Were There and Phoned for Help.

SILVERWARE PILED UP IN HEAPS.

The Big Vault Containing \$400,000 in Wedding Gifts Resisted Jimmies.

Burglars entered the residence of the late Dr. Alex F. Carroll, at 156 Washington Park, Brooklyn, last night and were endeavoring to force an entrance into...



the famous jewel vault, containing some \$400,000 worth of valuables, when frightened away.



WAS SCHNEER AFRAID OF THESE 'REVOLVERS'!

Dr. Carroll married Hugh McLaughlin's daughter, Helen, a few years ago, and the bride was made the recipient of thousands of costly presents. There were three diamond necklaces alone worth over \$100,000 each, in addition to diamond earrings, pins, brooches, snuff boxes, in fact, almost everything into which a diamond could be set.

To properly care for the valuables Dr. Carroll had a large vault built in his cellar. Masons cut a door three feet wide by four feet high through the massive foundations, and a hole about five feet square was excavated and a substantial vault built of brick and cement inside it was lined with iron plate and finished with polished cherry.

It was on July 4th that the burglars, who were aided by an ex-servant of the household, entered the vault and attempted to force their way in. The burglar who had been taken into the house, was taken to the police station and there, after a long fight, he was released.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Carroll and her children went to their summer home near Babylon, leaving but one servant to guard the house. Last evening the servant had occasion to go out for an hour, and on her return she was startled to find that the basement door had been forced. The remembrance of the vault with its nearby half a million dollars worth of valuables... she did not scream, but, after locking the door to prevent the escape of any burglar that might be in the house, she stole quietly upstairs to the doctor's study and telephoned to Police Headquarters that there were burglars in the house.

Inspector McKelvey at once notified Police Capt. Kitter, who sent down a patrol wagon full of officers from the station at De Skill and Classon avenues. The patrol wagon stopped at the corner of Willoughby avenue and Washington Park and the men marched quietly to the house.

Every avenue of escape was cut off. Then half a dozen policemen entered the basement door and made a thorough search of the house. No burglars were found. They had fled before the police arrived.

There was every indication that they had been at work, undisturbed, for an hour. Silverware and other articles of value were piled up, ready to be taken away, and tools, such as a saw, a crowbar, and a pickaxe, were scattered about. It was shown that they had been at work there when disturbed, probably by the entrance of the servant girl.

FISHED OUT OF THE RIVER.

Strange Story Told by John B. Aitor to the Police.

A young man jumped into the North River from the pier at the foot of West Twenty-fourth street shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. He was rescued and taken to the Thirty-fourth street station-house, where he said he was John B. Aitor, eighteen years old, and the son of wealthy parents, who live in Charleston, S. C.

He evidently was insane. He declared he had been put into a freight car in Charleston by his father ten days ago, with a can of water and a loaf of bread, and told to stay there under penalty of death. He found himself some days later in Philadelphia, he declares, and "beat" his way to this city on freight trains. Aitor was turned over to the Charities Commissioners.

Three-Cornered Fight in Hudson Street.

John Duggan, forty-nine, a workman; William Noonan, twenty-two, laborer, and Thomas Corbett, twenty-two, laborer, were arrested at 44 West Hudson street, where they were fighting over a woman.

The Pursuit of Happiness

Michael Gould, of 351 First avenue, says he had his heart set on marrying Miss Jennie M. Gould, daughter of John Gould, who was the owner of the station at 164 Park street. The marriage was celebrated last night at the home of Mrs. Gould's mother, Mrs. Gould, at 164 Park street. The bride was Miss Gould, who had been engaged to be married to a young man who was killed in the war.

TAMSEN DUSTS DELINQUENTS

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had pistols, and that they pointed them at the crowd. When they held me up with the revolver, I saw the muzzle of the pistol. I thought I ought to have allowed myself to be shot rather than give up. I have lived long and happy since.

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After Taking Morphine They Turned on the Gas in Five Rooms.

TRAGEDY IN LEXINGTON AVE.

They Tried to Die Together. Wrote Five Farewell Letters to Friends.—In One Was a Key to the Flat.

Frederick La Fontaine, who for a long time has been a salesman for the American Grocery Company, formerly Thayer, Wyland & Co., was found dead at his home, in the five-story brown-stone flat-house 143 Lexington avenue, at 5:20 this morning with his wife lying by his side unconscious.

The couple had agreed to die together, and made the most careful and deliberate preparations for the deed. When discovered all the gas jets in their five-room flat, which is on the street floor, were turned on full heat. The husband was dead, and the wife nearly so, but by prompt attention her respiration was restored to an extent that seemed to augur well for her chances of recovery.

La Fontaine was sixty years old, but well preserved. His wife was forty years old. He weighed fully 250 pounds, and the few friends he made in the neighborhood of his home, a jolly good fellow, fond of fun and wine and not jealous of time or money.

In fact, they say he was over-fond of wine, and to this, which superinduced a morbid sentimentalism, they attribute the motive for suicide.

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CHICAGO GAS WREAK ALL DAY.

General Market, However, Was Strong and Near Top Prices.

Banks in Better Condition than the Statement Indicates.

The bulls were in control of the market again this morning. Chicago Gas was knocked down a point or so at the opening. Chicago Gas was knocked down a point or so at the opening.

Money nominally 1 1/2 per cent. on call. Foreign exchange strong at 48 3/4 a 49 for bankers' long sterling, and 48 1/4 a 49 for demand. The business was strong and near top prices.

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EXPLOSION IN JERSEY CITY.

Five Men Injured by the Bursting of a Big Condenser.

Coach Courtney Talks Dismally of the Chance of Defeat.

About 8:30 o'clock this morning there was a terrific explosion in the zinc works of Manning & Squires, which are located on the Newark meadows, west of the Hackensack River and near the Newark Bank road.

An investigation showed that a steam condenser had blown up. Word was sent to the Jersey City Hospital for ambulances.

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CORNELL OUT OF FORM.

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Lady Colin Campbell Says American Sportsmen Are Unprincipled.

LONDON, July 6.—(Reviewing the prospects of the Cornell crew at the coming regatta at Henley, Mr. W. B. Woodgate, the expert English oarsman, who has carefully watched all the crews entered for the Grand Challenge Cup, predicts that the Leander and New College crews will be first and second.

Mr. Woodgate expresses the opinion that the Cornell crew will not be able to hold out after passing Pawley Court against the long-reigning crew of the English crew. A representative of the Associated Press had an interview today at Henley with Charles E. Courtney, the coach of the Cornell crew. He said: "We may as well tell you the truth. Five of the men are sick and I am discouraged. It is difficult to see how our prospects have seemed to vanish. The boys are troubled with pains in their loins and drowsiness, and the food they partake of does not seem to nourish them."

Hager, who pulls 3, and Fenell, who pulls 5, are the worst sufferers in this connection. The worst of it is that Fenell has been the life of the crew, keeping them jolly and light-hearted, and now he is sick and glum. I am sick myself, but I say nothing in order not to discourage the boys. Our time over the course has fallen to 17 1/2, and it is too late to use substitutes if we hope to win."

"I attribute the trouble to the sudden change of weather, and I must admit it. I have had a touch of malaria. Nobody ever worked harder than myself to insure success, but fate seems against us."

Even Fred Colton, the coxswain, as bright a man as ever steered a boat, is suffering from depression. I have talked with several experts in boat-racing regarding our condition, and they all say that we are in a bad way. I am beginning to see that we are in a bad way. The Cornell crew started practice at 10 o'clock this morning. They looked discouraged, somewhat lifeless and were not nearly in as good form as they were ten days ago. But, in spite of this, the team from Ithaca made an excellent showing, pulling over the course in 2m. 41.5s.

After the spin Courtney said: "We did well enough this morning, but Hager, Fenell and Frehorn were completely done up at the end of the first half mile. The other five pulled the boat. I ask nothing more of the boys were as fit as they were ten days ago."

Four of the Cornell crew, headed by Mr. C. S. Francis, of Troy, N. Y., one of the trustees of Cornell University, attempted to make a surprise to-day to representatives of all the crews tracks are to compete at Henley next week to draw lots for heats and positions.

Cornell was drawn against the Leander crew for the first heat. Cornell secured the Bucks or most favorable side of the river.

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