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STRIKERS MENACE TROOPS.

3 SHOTS FIRED

SYNDICATE MILLER'S FATE WITH JURY!

Motion to Acquit Him Denied and His Attorneys Declined to Offer Evidence in His Behalf—Argument of Counsel.

The fate of William F. Miller, of 520-per cent. Franklin Syndicate fame, was turned over to the jury shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

When Judge Hurd had finished his charge Juror Fales wanted to know whether if the jury were convinced that the Franklin Syndicate was a swindling scheme they should apply it to the case of Mrs. Moeser's $1,000.

Judge Hurd said that they should.

Court reconvened before Justice Hurd in Brooklyn this morning. Juror Holwedl, whose illness caused an adjournment of the trial last week, had to be wheeled to the court-house.

Frederick B. House renewed the motions argued last Wednesday. The first was for a dismissal of the indictment, and the second that the Court instruct the jury to acquit.

Both motions were denied and then as the lawyers for Miller had decided not to offer any evidence in his behalf, ex-District-Attorney James W. Ridgway, of Miller's counsel, addressed the jury, closing the case on the evidence adduced by District-Attorney John F. Clarke.

He urged, as Miller had always met every obligation, paid every customer, and had actually made out the checks for the payment of outstanding debts, due at the close of the week in which the police shut up the Floyd street "bank," the presumption is that he intended to pay and would have paid Mrs. Moeser's $1,000 when it became due.

"Are you willing to sit here as jurors and make this court a collection agency for a lot of speculative lawyers?" demanded the pleader.

"The argument of the prosecution is that Miller was about to steal all the money. They arrest a man and charge him with burglary. No burglary has actually been committed, but they argue that the man was about to commit the burglary and he ought to be convicted of the burglary."

If you believe that Miller intended to pay Mrs. Moeser her $1,000 when the week was up, that ends this case and you must acquit him and send him free."

Mr. Ridgway talked for nearly two hours.

Assistant District-Attorney Morton Littleton followed in reply.

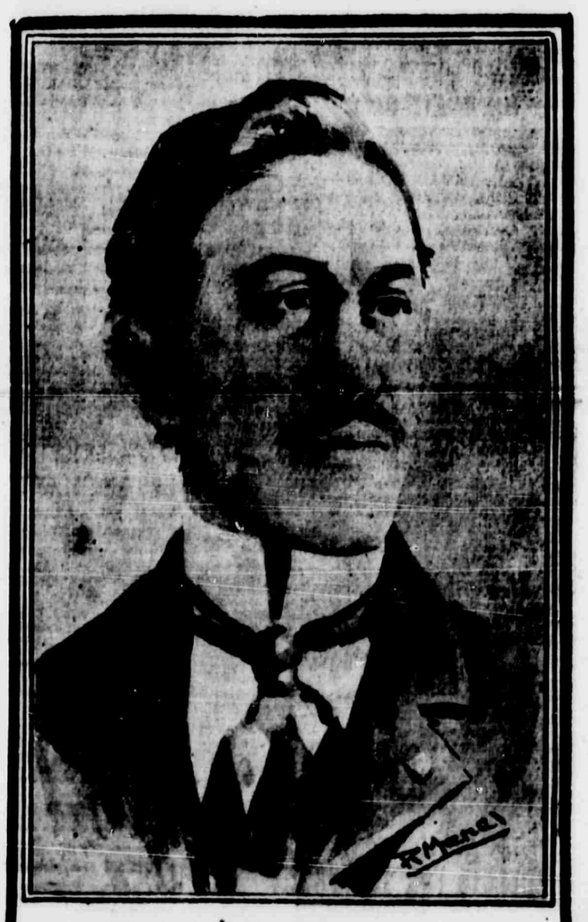
Said Mr. Littleton:

"The one class of thieves most difficult to guard against is that to which Miller belongs. He can always find victims among those people who are ignorant about the business he pretends he is about to engage in and they intrust the possession but not the title of their money to him.

"His circular says he is a banker, a broker, a dealer in stocks, bonds, grain and cotton, and he will net you a profit of $52 on $10 if you invest it. It is all a lie.

"Stealing the principal in the end is what happened Nov. 24, when he ran away leaving $1,126,000 of deposits unpaid."

Mr. Littleton talked ninety minutes.



WILLIAM F. MILLER — FROM HIS MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

REFEREE ALMOST MOBBED.

Over 1,000 Claimants Against the Miller Syndicate Appeared in Court—Hearing Adjourned.

Six negroes, one Chinaman, about 1,000 women and many lawyers tried to get into the United States Circuit Court in Brooklyn this morning, where Referee Koehler had announced a hearing in connection with claims against the Miller Syndicate, defunct.

A number of deputy marshals were sent to the court room to drive out part of the crowd.

A motion was made to consider each claim separately. As there are 17,000 of them, it was denied.

Referee Koehler will sit to-morrow at 2 P. M. to hear objections to any of the claims.

12 BIG MILLS SHUT DOWN.

American Steel and Wire Company Makes Surprising Announcement.

The American Steel and Wire Company authorized the statement this afternoon that twelve of its mills would be closed down immediately.

The Steel Trust was recently formed and this is what is believed to be the first move in the plan to put up the prices of the material manufactured.

Secret conferences of the members of the Executive Committee of the Trust have been held recently in the West. Little leaked out as to what the object of these conferences was, but J. W. M. Gates, the Chairman, was sent East two days ago to confer with the representatives in this city.

Mr. Gates was at the office of the company here this morning, and at noon authorized the statement that the company would close down most of its mills.

Thousands of men will be thrown out of work in consequence. The action of the Trust nonplussed the business world, for it was understood that the steel industry was on the boom.

Wall street had the tip on the news early this morning and the stock tumbled 8 points, closing at 43.

Pennsylvania Railroad Trains to Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis

And Cleveland have no superiors. Fast schedules, superb equipment, magnificent roadbed and every protection known to invention are all features of the "Standard Railroad of America."

"L" ENGINES SOON TO GO.

Manhattan Co. Preparing to Put In Electricity.

The engines on the Manhattan Elevated Railroad system will soon be supplanted by electricity. Work will be begun immediately on a new power-house, to be located between Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, Avenue A and Eastern street.

It will cost $750,000.

The plans for changing the motor power of the vast system are complete in every particular.

"We shall get to work at once on the power-house," said Vice-President Alfred Skitt, "and it will not take us very long until we have the third rail system in operation instead of the present motor power, which seems to be rather behind the age."

WED A NEW YORK GIRL.

Philadelphia's Director of Public Safety Married Quietly in This City.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—The discovery was made to-day that Director of Public Safety Abraham L. English, one of the most popular members of the present city administration, had stolen off to New York and married Miss Cora Beggs, of that city, on Wednesday last.

Mr. English receives a salary of $10,000 a year from the city and is commodore of the Philadelphia Yacht Club.

MILITIAMEN GUARD BRIDGE; TROUBLE FEARED TO-NIGHT.

Four militiamen are guarding the Bowery Bridge at the Croton Dam. They are a thoroughly scared quartet. Trouble is anticipated to-night, unless the guard is increased several fold. No one is allowed within the works or across the bridge without a pass.

Major Denike, after an investigation of the three shots fired to-day, said that two of these were from the rifles of members of the Mount Vernon company. The guns went off while the men were cleaning them. The third shot is still a mystery.

NEW YORK VS. CITY COLLEGE.

CITY COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
NEW YORK	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	9

BROOKLYN VS. COLUMBIA.

COLUMBIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
BROOKLYN	3	0	1	0	3	4	5	4	1	21

OTHER BASEBALL GAMES.

At Philadelphia—Final score: Montreal 3, Philadelphia 9.
At Boston—Final score: Toronto 8, Boston 15.

LATE RESULTS AT AQUEDUCT.

FIFTH RACE—Sky Scraper 1, Tyrshena 2, Sweet Caporal 3.
SIXTH RACE—Onduras 1, Kenilworth 2, Tonicum 3.

FLORIZAR WINS TENNESSEE DERBY.

MEMPHIS, April 16.—The Tennessee Derby, run here to-day was won by Florizar. F. W. Brode was second and The Conqueror third.

SHOPLIFTER HELD FOR GRAND JURY.

In Jefferson Market Court this afternoon Addie Wilson, of 126 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, and Annie Scott, of 646 Bleecker street, Brooklyn, the women arrested on April 15, for shoplifting in Sixth avenue stores, were given an examination. Magistrate Brann held the Scott woman for the Grand Jury, as her picture is in the Rogue's Gallery. The Wilson woman was discharged.

CHICAGO HAS APOLOGIZED.

Spanish Minister's Sharp Reply to Invitation to Attend Dewey Celebration.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Mayor Harrison to-day received from the Duke d'Arcos, the Spanish Minister at Washington, the following reply to an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration:

"Sir—I return to you here inclosed an invitation from the city of Chicago for the celebration of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila, which I take for granted has been sent to me by mistake; as it is the first discourtesy I have met with since I am in the United States.

"It is impossible for me to believe that you have advisedly asked me, the representative of Spain, to go to your city and rejoice with you on the destruction of the Spanish ships and on the death of so many brave sailors—my compatriots. That would have been simply an insult; and, as I do not deserve it, and it cannot have been in your intention, I am perfectly sure, as I say, that all this is the result of an error.

"I have the honor to remain, Sir,

"Very respectfully yours,

"ARCOS."

In reply Mayor Harrison has written the Minister explaining that the invitation was sent through the carelessness or ignorance of a clerk, and extending sincere apologies.

The Cotton Market.

The closing prices of cotton to-day were: April, 9.60 to 9.62; May, 9.58 to 9.60; June, 9.52 to 9.53; July, 9.51 to 9.52; Aug., 9.23 to 9.24; Sept., 8.65 to 8.66; Oct., 8.14 to 8.15; Nov., 7.88 to 8.09; Dec., 7.89 to 8.00; Jan., 7.89 to 8.00; Feb., 8.02 to 8.03; March, 8.05 to 8.06. Market very steady.

GIRL SOCIALIST A SUICIDE.

Drank Carbolic Acid While Boarders Were Eating Dinner in an Adjoining Room.

Bertha Massel, nineteen years old, who held pronounced Socialistic views and frequently dilated on the unequal conditions of life, killed herself in her apartments, at 410 Cherry street, at noon to-day.

She had prepared dinner for two boarders, Maurice Schultz and Solomon Levine, and while the men were eating went into an adjoining room and drank a quantity of carbolic acid.

Once before she had tried to poison herself, but the acid she attempted to swallow was knocked from her hand. That was a year ago when her mother died. Ever since she has been moody. Grief over her mother's death and her Socialistic convictions made her a prey to despondency and few in the house were surprised to hear of her suicide.

Two sisters of Miss Massel lived with her.

DR. HILLIS DROPPED.

CHICAGO, April 16.—The whole matter of Presbyterian doctrine was taken up by the Chicago Presbytery to-day. A committee's report admitted that chapter III., sections 3 and 4, of the Confession of Faith were "sources of embarrassment" and not essential.

This Committee reported on Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis's request that his name be erased from the rolls. The report was adopted with only one dissenting voice.

The Presbytery then, by unanimous vote, adopted resolutions introduced by Dr. Herrick Johnson, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, overturing the General Assembly to appoint a committee to report on the Scriptural question of the Presbyterian creed.

SHERIFF MOLLOY FEARED MASSACRE OF DEPUTIES.

ANGELO ROTELLA, RIOT LEADER.
He is in supreme command of the Croton Dam strikers.

Squad of Soldiers Sent to Investigate Shooting Found No Trace of Rioters—Troops Are in Charge of Works.

Three shots were fired from ambush at the Eleventh Separate Militia Company of Mount Vernon as the soldiers marched through Croton Valley to the riot district at Croton Dam, this afternoon.

The volley came from Italian strikers intrenched on the hill overlooking the road.

Two detachments of the Fourth Separate Company of Yonkers, the baggage train and hundreds of spectators had passed over the road without incident.

The strikers had fled from the road and the hillsides when the first platoons of soldiers hove in sight.

SHOTS FROM AMBUSH.

The Mount Vernon company, bringing up the rear, was fired on by stragglers in the hills.

The crack of Winchesters was heard through the valley. It made the soldiers nervous. They did not return the fire, nor break ranks. Capt. Snyder sent a detachment up the hill to capture the would-be assassins. Their search was in vain.

Sheriff Molloy heard the shots. "Trouble's beginning early," he said.

"I expected this.

"That's why I called out the militia.

"I feared a massacre of my deputies.

"It was only a question of time until the strikers and my deputies clashed. I was not alarmed by the talk of blowing up the dam.

"I was afraid of wholesale slaughter if the armed Italians turned loose on my men."

Sheriff Molloy wanted Major Denike, in command of the infantry, to deploy his forces around the valley instead of through it.

"We'll go right through, over the bridge and up the Bowery," said Major Denike. "If there's to be trouble let's have it at the start."

The soldiers didn't seem to share their commander's eagerness. The crowd about the station treated them with indifference.

ADVANCED BY FOURS.

The road through the valley and the hills above were lined with armed strikers when Major Denike gave the command to "Fall in."

With guns slung across their backs the men advanced in platoons of four.

Onlookers saw the strikers disappear from the roadway and the hillsides as the troops advanced.

The line of troops was two miles up the valley when the shots were fired.

Ten minutes later the soldiers crossed the Bowery Bridge. The band of strikers who had held the south approach since Friday against the deputies scampered away when the soldiers came. A detachment of twelve men was left on guard.

Approaching the Bowery, the troops shouldered arms. In front of Angelo Rotello's saloon a group of Italians greeted them with a serenade on guitars and mandolins.

When the troops broke ranks at the base of the dam the strikers

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BOERS ARE IN RETREAT

Blow Up Three Mines in Front of Buller's Army.

LADYSMITH, Natal, April 16, 9.45 A. M.

Native scouts have just reported that the Boers in the Elandslaagte district have retired beyond the Biggarsberg.

Other information tends to confirm the report that the Boers have succeeded in blowing up three important collieries near Wessels Nek, completely destroying the engine houses and plants.

FIGHTING GEN. BRABANT.

Boer Report Says De Wet Engaged Troops Sent from Bloemfontein to Aid British.

BRANDFORT, Free State, Friday, April 13 (via Lorenzo Marques).—Fighting with Brabant's Horse at Jammerberg Drift continues. Commandant Petrus de Wet is reported to have engaged the troops sent from Bloemfontein to Brabant's assistance.

There was also a brush with a British column advancing toward Bult Fontein without decisive result.

All the foreign attaches are now here.

CYCLIST KILLED ON THE RAILROAD TRACK.

SARATOGA, April 16.—George King, of Ballston Spa, while bicycling on the Delaware and Hudson Railroad track between Saratoga and that place at midnight, was struck by an express train and instantly killed.

Through Sleepers via Pennsylvania Railroad

To Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Nashville and

200 REBELS SURPRISED.

Attacked by Our Troops and Fifty-three of Them Killed.

MANILA, April 16, 8.55 P. M.—Capt. Dodd, with a squadron of the Third Cavalry, recently surrounded a village in Benguet Province and surprised 200 insurgents, living in barracks, apparently a recruiting centre for the province.

The enemy lost 53 men killed. Our troops also captured 44 men and burned the village.

One American was wounded.

SOLDIER STOPPED PRIEST?

Inquiry Into Major Knight's Alleged Insult to Father Tierney at Willet's Point.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Secretary of War ordered an investigation made to-day at New York City on the charge that Major John D. G. Knight, corps of engineers, commanding the engineer school at Willet's Point, N. Y., had interfered with Father Tierney, of the Roman Catholic Church, in the performance of his religious duties at the army post.

It is alleged that the priest had been stopped at the entrance to the post at the point of a bayonet and that the action of the sentry had been subsequently upheld by the commanding officer.