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LAWYERS BEGIN TANGLING UP GILMAN MILLIONS

JERSEY HAS ITS "BLACK BARTS."

They Hold Up a Stage, Bind the Driver and Search for Valuables.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PLAINFIELD, N. J., March 11.—John Teeple, driver of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company stage between Plainfield and South Plainfield, has reported to the police that he had been held up a mile from Plainfield Saturday night by three men.

The highwaymen stopped the stage and, binding Teeple, went through his clothes.

After being released he hastened home. Here he missed $25 which had been in his pocket when he left Plainfield. A search was begun for the robbers, but was unsuccessful, as all that Teeple could remember was that two were tall and one short.

This morning he came to Police Headquarters and reported that he had found the money in another pocket, and that through his fright he had forgotten where he had put it.

FORGOTTEN SCANDAL IS RENEWED IN COURT

Suit Against Magistrate Crane Brings to Life Old Breach of Promise Charge Against Peter F. Meyer.

A sensational story that died at its birth was revived to-day in Supreme Court when the suit of Lawyer Thomas J. O'Neill against City Magistrate Leroy B. Crane came up for trial before Justice Clarke.

O'Neill sues for $3,750 which, he alleges, was his share of the sum of $15,000 paid by Peter F. Meyer, Dock Commissioner and partner of Richard Croker, to settle out of court a breach of promise suit said to have been brought against him in 1898 by Miss Emma Von Raven, then of No. 113 West One Hundred and Twentieth street.

O'Neill alleges that he was associated in the settlement proceedings with Mr. Crane and that ex-Lieut.-Gov. William F. Sheehan represented Mr. Meyer. He says the suit was settled upon the payment of $15,000, but that he never received his share of the fee.

Miss Von Raven's suit against Meyer was brought originally in 1896. She alleged that Mr. Meyer had shown her marked attention, but refused to marry her as he had promised. She sued for $75,000 damages.

Owing to the settlement the case never came to trial.

"It is simply a case of blackmail," said City Magistrate Crane to an Evening World reporter. "Young O'Neill was then a poor law student, and I took him in my office. I bought him $500 worth of books, gave him some business and befriended him in various ways. This is the thanks I get for it.

"He was never a partner and was not associated with me in the case in which the fee was received."

"Was that the case in which Peter F. Meyer was sued for $75,000 for breach of promise?" was asked.

"I will mention no names," replied Mr. Crane. "I am pledged not to."

SLAYER OF GIRL ACTRESS GUILTY, SAYS CORONER.

At an inquest held this afternoon by Coroner Zucca and a jury Antonio Triolo, twenty years old, of 55 Oliver street, was found guilty of killing Marie Cirelli, sixteen years old, an actress, whom he shot on the night of March 5 at the corner of Bayard and Mulberry streets.

Triolo was remanded to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

LAWYER'S COAT STOLEN IN COURT.

During the trial of the Whitmeyer will contests before Surrogate Thomas this afternoon the overcoat of Lawyer Warren Leslie, of 203 Broadway, was stolen. The coat contained nearly all the papers in the case. In its place was left a shabby old coat of a boy's size.

GEN. HARRISON SOMEWHAT BETTER.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 11.—At 8.30 o'clock this evening the physician thought Gen. Harrison was somewhat better and that he will not sink into a state of unconsciousness before morning.

Photograph of a picture of Mrs. Blakely Hall by Carl J. Blenner.

MOTHER SUICIDE; MOURNED SON.

Mrs. Kind's Soldier Boy Dead, She Cared Not to Live.

Worn by illness and the bereavement at the loss of her son who died in the Philippines, Mrs. Pauline Kind, of No. 448 West Forty-eighth street, committed suicide to-day by drinking carbolic acid.

She was suffering from erysipelas and had been in ill health for more than a year. Her son Henry, who was twenty-seven years old, was a member of the Twenty-seventh U. S. Infantry in Luzon. He died of appendicitis in November, and his body was brought home for burial a week ago. He was her favorite child, and after the funeral she was inconsolable.

She went to a drug store this morning and purchased the poison, and going home entered the kitchen and prepared the death draught. One of her daughters was in the next room, and to her Mrs. Kind cried, "Good-by!" and swallowed the acid.

She died shortly after being admitted to Bellevue.

12 MUTINEERS HELD FOR TRIAL

Magistrate Sends Camperdown Men Before U. S. Commissioner.

The dozen sailors who mutinied aboard the British steamship Camperdown on her voyage from Matanzas, Cuba, to New York, and who were arrested yesterday afternoon on the arrival of the vessel in this port, were taken to Centre Street Court early to-day and sent by Magistrate Olmsted to the United States Commissioner in the Federal Building. The Magistrate had no jurisdiction over the case, which is one of the high seas.

The Camperdown ran aground off North Carolina, and after she got off leaked a little and the men refused to run the ship, because, they said, they did not want to risk their lives.

Capt. Smith said he would put in at Norfolk if the ship leaked too much, but the men would not work the vessel, and the captain and mate, with the aid of the cook, messboy and the engineers, succeeded in getting into this port.

The men had to subsist on hard tack and water all the rest of the way after the mutiny, but the captain, who refused them their regular food, did not put them in irons.

The United States Commissioner held them for trial.

DANCER IN A DERELICT AT SEA.

Water Logged Warwick in Path of Steamers for the West Indies.

The New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company's steamer Arkadia, which arrived last night from Port De Paix, Hayti, reports that on Friday, March 8, in latitude 29.18, longitude 74.16, the Arkadia passed within thirty yards of the three-masted schooner Warwick of Providence, waterlogged and abandoned.

The Warwick was standing upright and filled with water, the hatches were broken in and the decks were awash, the lumber of which the vessels cargo consisted was floating from the hold. The three masts and top masts were standing. The jib boom was broken and hanging alongside. All the sails were fast to the masts but torn in ribbons. The wreck is floating in a position dangerous to navigation and is directly in the track of steamers bound to and from the West Indies.

The crew of the Warwick abandoned their vessel Feb. 27 in latitude 29.20, longitude 75.35. They were taken from the wreck by the Italian Bark Santa Anna and Marie. The Warwick was bound to Port Spain from Fernandina.

SAY CASTELLANES ARE NOW HERE.

Boni and the Countess Reported on La Champagne Coming to Raise More Cash.

The steamship Champagne, of the French line, was reported late this afternoon off Fire Island.

It was said that Count and Countess Castellane were aboard.

They are reported to be on a mission to the Countess's family which has for its object a further swoop into the Gould exchequer.

Boni is known to be dissatisfied with his present allowance of $250,000 yearly. He has been confined to that expenditure since the recent suits of his bride-brac dealers resulted in the establishment of a trusteeship over the wife's estate.

The name of neither the Count nor Countess was on the passenger list when the Champagne left Havre. But it is quite possible that they sailed incognito to avoid publicity.

TREE FELL UPON THE ENGINEER.

As train No. 706, an eastbound express on the Jersey Central, was speeding through Bloomsburg, N. J., at 7.40 o'clock last night, a huge tree was blown down by the gale across the tracks and crashed through the cab of the locomotive.

Engineer Tice, of Jersey City, was stricken down at his post by the tree, but the fireman jumped to the throttle and checked the speed of the train.

When the engineer was pulled from beneath the fallen tree it was found that both his jaws were broken, his nose fractured and his head badly cut.

His injuries were treated as best they could be on the locomotive. He refused to leave when the train got to Elizabeth, but pluckily stuck to his post until Jersey City was reached, when he was taken to the nearest physician and his wounds dressed.

The locomotive cab was wrecked.

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MILL HANDS CAUGHT IN FLOOD

(Special to The Evening World.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 11.—George W. Weeden's mill on Woodward road, in North Providence, was destroyed by the flood from a broken dam at noon to-day. Miss Minnie Wildy, a young operative, was caught in the torrent and drowned. Several other workers were rescued from the ruins of the mill.

The heavy rains of last night and to-day caused a rise in all mill streams of the State, and precautions had been taken to avoid damage. The dam above the Weeden mill was too weak to hold the rush of the water, and at noon gave way. All the operatives were not in the mill, several having gone home to lunch.

The Fire Department was called out and the firemen aided in the rescue. The highways were covered with three feet of water. The body of Miss Wildy was recovered.

At other points about the State there was damage by water. A switching tower on the Consolidated road in the Blackstone Valley had to be abandoned.

LOST EYE GAVE HIM FREEDOM.

Kena Helverson is a Norwegian and unlucky in that he had an eye shot out and is carrying a bullet in his back as the result of a little burgling expedition he embarked in the night of Feb. 4. He is lucky in that he was arraigned before a just and soft-hearted judge in the person of Judge Newburger and that the Swedish Consul has taken an interest in him.

Helverson was hungry when he broke into the butter and egg store of George G. Sheffield at No. 281 Lenox avenue. Private Detective Robert J. Cromie was in the store and shot the marauder, and the latter has been in a hospital ever since.

Helverson pleaded guilty in General Sessions to-day and then the Swedish Consul said he would take care of the man and send him to his native Norway if liberated.

"I think you have suffered enough for a man who was committing a crime while insane from hunger," said the Judge. "You will be maimed for life and I don't desire to inflict further punishment. Dismissed."

YOUNG BROOKLYN PREACHER'S FIX

Rev. D. Quimbley Gave a Check and Was Arrested.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, March 11.—The Rev. David P. Quimbley, of No. 623 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, has been at the Colonade Hotel in this city. He is thirty years old, quiet and good-looking.

To-day he offered in payment of his $8.50 hotel bill a check for $25 on the North Side National Bank, of Brooklyn. The clerk decided to call up the bank on the long distance telephone.

"No funds," said the bank cashier in Brooklyn. "The account is overdrawn."

The clerk sent for a policeman. The young clergyman was held in $400 bail for a further hearing. Word was sent to his parents. When brought the reply that his father would come to this city immediately and settle the bill.

Cashier Sackett, of the North Side National Bank, of Brooklyn, when shown the above despatch, said that Mr. Quimbley came of a very good family. When he had been called up by the Philadelphia hotel Mr. Sackett notified the father, who at once went to the Quaker City to settle the bill and bring his son home.

Mr. Sackett says the young man has been sick.

BRYAN IN VAN WYCK'S SANCTUM

Scene in Publicity of Mayor's Office Too Embarrassing.

William J. Bryan, the editor and head reporter of The Commoner, enjoys the distinction of being the only "newspaper man" ever invited into Mayor Van Wyck's inner sanctum. That distinction was conferred late this afternoon.

Congressman "Henry Cay" Sulzer escorted Col. Bryan into the Mayor's office, and Dr. John H. Girdner, Bryan's New York shadow, followed.

"Col. Bryan, I am very glad indeed to see you," said His Honor, crossing the main office to shake hands with the Nebraskan.

"Thank you, Your Honor; I have been enjoying the liberty of your city without having it conferred on me," said Col. Bryan, grinning.

Then Congressman Sulzer waved his hand, Daniel Webster fashion, over the group of reporters and said:

"Colonel, these are your friends, the newspaper men, and every man o' 'em voted for you."

"I'll accept your word for that without further evidence," said the Colonel.

"I was very well satisfied with New York City in the late campaign. She did better than some States, my own included."

An embarrassing pause followed, which the Mayor broke by taking Bryan's arm and leading him into the private office, from which he led him out into the main corridor ten minutes later.

Big Effort Is Being Made to Have the Will Probated in this City Instead of in Connecticut.

The Surrogate to-day appointed Theophilus Gilman, a half-brother, and Edward L. Norton, a nephew, administrators of the estate of the late George Francis Gilman, the millionaire tea merchant.

Papers were filed late this afternoon in the Supreme Court in a suit to partition the estate. The plaintiff is Frazier Gilman, a half-brother, and he names as defendants Theophilus Gilman, Anna K. Gilman and all the others interested in the estate.

It is in the nature of a friendly suit.

The temporary administrators were required to furnish bonds in $300,000.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 10.—Four contests that bid fair to outvie in their sensational phases the developments immediately following the death of George Francis Gilman, are now fairly inaugurated for possession of his large fortune.

Contest No. 1—Between Mrs. Helen Blakely Hall, who offers to prove at the proper time her title valid for the entire estate, and all the blood kin of the tea Crœsus who have united to fight her claim.

Contest No. 2—The blood relatives against the half-blood relatives, whose heirship claims are to be fought to the end.

Contest No. 3—Among the direct kin relatives whose conflicting claims cannot be settled without long and costly litigation if Gilman really died intestate.

Contest No. 4—Between New York State and State of Connecticut over the place of residence of the dead millionaire.

Fight of States.

New York State, backed by the half-blood heirs, will fight to have the estate admitted to probate in New York City, claiming that Gilman was really a resident of Manhattan.

The State of Connecticut, supported by all full-blood heirs and next of kin, will try to retain control of the estate and to have it admitted to probate here.

Under the laws of this State half-blood relatives are cut out from any share in an intestate estate while the full-blood heirs are alive.

New York State recognizes the claims of half-blood heirs along with the direct heirs, hence the fight over this phase of the strange case. Probate Judge Nobbs said to-day:

Connecticut Claims Him.

"For the purposes of probate this Court will hold that George Francis Gilman was a resident of Bridgeport and had been for several years prior to his death. This Court will also hold that it has exclusive jurisdiction over the personal estate of the late Mr. Gilman wherever the estate may be found, and it will hold to a strict account all persons who have charge of it.

"If any contest arises over the residence of the late Mr. Gilman the Court will hold that that must necessarily come after probate."

This announcement is victory No. 1 for the full-bloods over the half-bloods, but it in no way affects the claim of Mrs. Helen Blakely Hall.

Her right to the estate, whether it is by will, by the fact of her adoption or by death-bed gift, in the presence of competent witnesses, the decedent being at the time of sound mind, is in no wise involved in this important statement by Judge Nobbs.

That is a matter to be fought out later when Mrs. Hall has divulged the basis of her claim.

Mrs. Helen Blakely Hall holds the key to the situation. All of the would-be heirs are watching her to-day, expecting a sensational coup at any moment. It will come, it is believed, in the shape of a legal document proving Mrs. Hall to be Gilman's adopted daughter.

She says she has a valid claim to the estate, which will be made known at the proper time.

The fight for millions was temporarily transferred to New York to-day. Mrs. Hall went there to spend the day in consultation with her attorneys, Edward S. Percival and Edward C. Norton. Blood relatives of Mr. Gilman who spent Sunday in the house with Mrs. Hall and her mother, and brother also went to New York for the day to confer over the situation with their attorneys there.

Legal Action on Monday.

Messrs. Canfield & Judson, attorneys for the blood relatives, who claim the Gilman millions but who have as yet found no will in their favor, said that the legal situation would remain practically as it is until next Monday, when the probate judge will pass upon the appointment of an administrator.

It is the belief of the Gilman relatives that Mrs. Hall has some instrument of writing on which she bases her claim to the entire estate. Whether that instrument is a will or merely a statement by George F. Gilman, that Mrs. Blakely Hall was his adopted daughter, has not developed. Mrs. Hall knows, but she has not told. She has not yet disclosed her hand. It is very likely that the anamolous condition of affairs at the mansion of the dead millionaire will continue throughout the week, in which each side will watch the other, waiting for developments.

Mrs. Hall has manifestly the advantage at present. Until the court acts she cannot legally be dispossessed, and she will not go out in any other way.

Mrs. Hall, who, before her marriage, was Helen Standish, an actress with the Boston Museum Company, is a woman of exceptional business ability. During the three years of her stay at Black Rock the aged millionaire left to her the entire management of the place and many of the details of his business.

Was a Stage Beauty.

Mrs. Hall, whose maiden name was Potts, is about thirty-eight years old, but looks much younger. She met her husband twelve years ago, when she was on the stage, and a year later they were married. Miss Standish was then considered one of the prettiest girls in the profession. Besides her Boston Museum

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