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# SENT THREATENING LETTERS. PLANNED TO KILL ACTRESS.

## PRETTY DIVORCEE IS SEXTON'S BRIDE.

### Rev. Father Duffy, of St. Agnes's, Declares Now that He Was Deceived and that Marriage So Obtained Is Regarded by the Church as Invalid.

The marriage of John B. Sexton, former Police Commissioner and now the new President of the Board of Health, has been declared invalid by the Rev. Father Duffy, pastor of St. Agnes's Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn, where the ceremony was performed two weeks ago. So far as the Catholic Church is concerned, both Mr. Sexton and his bride are still in a state of single blessedness, as it is charged that the marriage was secured by misrepresentation.

According to the law of the Catholic Church, no divorced person can marry in the Church during the lifetime of the person from whom the divorce was obtained.

Mrs. Sexton is a divorcee, but that fact, the priests at St. Agnes's Church say, was concealed from them when Mr. Sexton and his bride applied to have the ceremony performed. When asked, in accordance with the rules, if she had ever been married before, Mrs. Sexton replied, according to Father Duffy, that she was a "widow" and it was with that understanding that the Rev. Father Blader consented to unite the couple.

"If it is true," said the Rev. Father Duffy this morning, "that Mrs. Sexton is a divorced woman, then according to the laws of the Catholic Church the marriage is invalid. It is beyond the power of any one in the Catholic Church, even the Pope, to marry in the Church a divorced person. That is one of our great teachings.

"It is a surprise to me that Mrs. Sexton is a divorced woman. She appears on the record as a widow, and, of course, there being nothing to make us think differently, the marriage was solemnized. Nothing can legalize the marriage in the Catholic Church but the death of the woman's first husband. "In that event an entirely new ceremony would have to be performed, for if the facts are as related no marriage has taken place between these two parties. It is strange that there should be such misrepresentation."

### Marriage Is Legal.

Mr. Sexton, however, has one consolation. It has been held in previous cases of a similar character by the courts that such a marriage stands in the eyes of the law, the pair having been pronounced "man and wife" with their own consent by a person so authorized by the statutes.

Behind Mr. Sexton's marriage is a little romance. Mrs. Sexton is a tall, handsome woman, and her beauty has attracted much attention in the social set in Brooklyn in which she moved. She is twenty-eight years old. Her maiden name was Mary E. Lappe, her family living in Philadelphia, where her father is employed in the Pennsylvania Railroad office.

Two years ago in the Quaker City she met Tommaso Gioe, a young Italian, who was an importer and commission merchant, with headquarters at No. 19 Whitehall street, this city. Gioe's father is a wealthy Italian fruit grower at Bally, and his son represented him in this country.

It was a case of love at first sight between Gioe and the handsome Philadelphia girl. Their friendship continued, and a little over three years ago they were married in this city.

Their married life, however, proved unhappy. The wife, in fact, her husband was too fond of other women, and especially of a certain well-known

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JOHN B. SEXTON.

## FIFTEEN WILL GO TO ALBANY.

### Committee Will Work to Eradicate Vice from Tenements.

The Committee of Fifteen, almost a man, will go to Albany next Tuesday, when a hearing will be held before the Cities Committee of the Legislature on the report of the Tenement-House Commission.

## COMEDIAN BUSH CRUEL, SAYS SHE

### So His Wife, Grace, Sues Him for a Separation.

Grace B. Bush is suing her husband, Frank Bush, comedian, for a separation before Justice O'Gorman in Supreme Court. Through her lawyer, Abraham Levy, Mrs. Bush told the Court her husband had been cruel to her until she could no longer endure it. They were married in this city in August, 1899. Mrs. Bush testified that in September, 1899, the comedian drew a revolver and ordered her out of the house.

She left and has not seen him since.

### Warning Posters in Peking.

BERLIN, March 22.—A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from Peking says an Imperial decree in accordance with Article 19 of the Peace Conditions has been passed on the basis of Peking, threatening all anti-foreign societies with punishment.

### To Cure a Cough in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. See

## OPPENHEIM IS DISBARRED.

### Charge that He Cooked Up Evidence Sustained.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court today handed down a decision disbaring Benjamin Oppenheim. Oppenheim was charged with conspiracy in having evidence cooked up in a suit against the Metropolitan Street Railway Company for damages for injuries to a child named John Nestler.

## TRY TO CHANGE A CAR ROUTE.

### South Brooklyn Citizens Want Extension to Go to Bay Ridge.

The adjourned hearing of the petition of South Brooklynites to have the route of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit extended to Bay Ridge instead of the Borough Hall and the Flatbush avenue depot, was held this afternoon before the Railroad Committee of the Municipal Council.

### More Troops from Manila.

MANILA, March 22.—The United States Army transport Grant sails for San Francisco tomorrow with the Twenty-ninth and Thirty-second Regiments of Volunteer Infantry.

### To Prevent Pneumonia and Grip.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine remove the cause.

## GOL. MURPHY DECIDES TO REDISTRICT TENDERLOIN.

Police Commissioner Murphy announced this afternoon that he had decided to redistrict the Tenderloin Precinct. The Commissioner says the precinct has grown so immensely that it is impossible for one captain to keep in touch with all the territory. Sections will be cut off all four sides and added to the nearest precincts. The south end will probably be Twenty-third street instead of Fourteenth street as now. No new precincts will be established.

Commissioner Murphy says he has inaugurated a new inspection policy for places where pool-rooms are run. Hereafter, he says, all suspected places will be visited by detectives at certain intervals.

### \$1,000,000 FOR NAVY ARCH.

This city will be asked to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the naval arch to be erected in Battery Park. This statement was made this afternoon by Chairman Park Benjamin, of the Naval Arch Committee.

### RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

FOURTH RACE—Dissolve 1, St. Gatian 2, Gertrude Elliott 3.  
FIFTH RACE—Swanman 1, J. E. Barnes 2, Dagmar 3.

## CONVICTS' SWIM OF NO AVAIL.

### Two Prisoners Escape from Blackwell's Island and Almost Get Across River.

Two convicts who tried to escape from the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island had a long swim, only to find themselves again in their cells today.

Just after the convicts in the penitentiary had retired last night, which was about 8:30 o'clock, the two convicts, who were employed in the bake shop of the penitentiary, in some manner escaped and jumped into the river.

They at once swam lustily for the New York shore. A tugboat, passing close near rounding the men down, and they shouted and the tugboat stopped and pulled the men in.

They were recognized as convicts and taken back to Blackwell's Island. The fugitives had nearly reached the New York shore when they were picked up. The names of the convicts are Morris Kelly, sentenced to nine months for attempted larceny, and J. H. Nestler, serving one year for a like offense. They were put on bread and water today.

## REMEMBERED HER IN HIS WILL

### Reece Leaves His Son \$700; Miss Brookhouse the Rest.

Charles Reece, in his will filed today in the Surrogate's office, leaves \$700 to his son, Thomas, provided that the son is alive or has not otherwise died at the time of the testator's death.

### GREENBERG TO SERVE TIME.

Louis Greenberg was convicted of abduction in the General Sessions today. The charge against him was that he lured his young wife into a life of shame after he had eloped and married her at the City Hall. Greenberg made a miserable effort to refute the horrible charge, but failed.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday for New York City and vicinity: Fair to slightly fair and warmer Saturday; fresh southerly winds.



MISS MAY BUCKLEY.

### So Fearful Was May Buckley That She Asked the Police to Guard Her Against Moulton, Who Shot at Her and Wounded Managers Dingwall and Leffingwell.

Robert Haydon Moulton, a young architectural student who had been paying court for some time to May Buckley, the actress, driven insane by jealousy and drugs, attempted to kill her in Pabst's Ratskeller at Forty-second street and Broadway early this morning, and severely wounded Alexander W. Dingwall, resident manager of the Broadway Theatre, and slightly wounded John B. Leffingwell, assistant manager of the "Price of Peace," which opened at the theatre last night and in which Miss Buckley is the leading lady. Broadway had a rumor late this afternoon that Moulton had been married to the actress, but it could not be substantiated. Miss Buckley was wedded a few years ago to a reputedly wealthy man named Garlick. There is no record of her having been divorced.

Had Moulton been married, Moulton had written the actress a number of threatening letters, and finally, becoming fearful that he would do her harm, she appealed to Capt. Titus, of the Detective Bureau, for protection. Detectives have kept an eye on him for some time, as well as guarded the actress, but the villain seems to have been relaxed at the time of the shooting.

Moulton occupied a box all by himself at the opening of the Broadway last night and wildly applauded Miss Buckley at every opportunity. After the show the sight of the woman whom he loved in company with Leffingwell, of whom he was savagely jealous, threw him into a murderous frenzy and he brought his revolver into play on the party.

Mr. Leffingwell, in telling the story to the newspapers, sought to shield Miss Buckley by saying that the woman shot at was Miss Minnie Seligman.

### Fired Without Warning.

They were seated in the corner booth of the crowded Broadway cafe when Moulton entered and, without warning, opened fire.

The first bullet struck Mr. Leffingwell in the left arm. The next struck Mr. Dingwall in the back. The third penetrated Mr. Dingwall's shoulder.

The fourth shot was fired point blank and at close range at Miss Buckley's head, but Mr. Dingwall struck down the weapon and the ball passed harmlessly through her skirt.

Dingwall and Leffingwell were struggling with the madman when the fifth and last shot was fired. The revolver was discharged into the floor.

### Accused of Passing Forged Checks.

Moulton was seized. He is stone deaf. He insisted at the station-house he had no recollection of the shooting. In the West Side Court he preserved the same attitude. He was held in \$500 bail.

Detective Owen Trainor was in court with a photograph of the young man whom he charged with passing a forged check on Dr. James E. Newcomb, of No. 118 West Sixty-ninth street, for \$2 on Feb. 9, 1899. The check was in the Bank of New Amsterdam and was signed by Frank C. Sherman. Detective Trainor said at the time the warrant was issued Moulton's record was looked up. He had been a pupil at Dr. Wright's school for deaf mutes and had trouble on several occasions on account of checks.

### Leffingwell's Story of the Shooting.

Mr. Leffingwell seated at Dingwall's bedside in the hospital, recited for The Evening World the following experience, which is in substance that of Miss Buckley's name that of Miss Seligman was used.

"At midnight I escorted Miss Buckley to Pabst's. We were accompanied by her aunt, who acted as her chaperone. "We had the corner booth in the cafe in which is known as the officer's corner on the Seventy-sixth avenue side. I sat with

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### Special Train, Atlantic City to New York.

Sunday, March 21, via Pennsylvania Railroad. Leaves Atlantic City 10 P. M. Through Pullman Parlor Cars, Dining Car and Coach. Stops at Trenton, Elizabeth and Newark to let off passengers.

## STRIKERS HAPPY IN PATERSON.

### A Large Ribbon Firm Buys the Old Pioneer Silk Mill.

Two hundred more ribbon weavers will be set to work in Paterson, N. J., Monday morning. The Pioneer mill, one of the oldest in the city, has been purchased by DeGrana & Meyer, one of the largest ribbon firms in the country.

The strikers are happy, as this means a stronger support for them. This morning the following notice was posted on the Frank & Dugan mill door:

"According to local custom it is a custom that when you were put off in jail on Saturday last was misinterpreted as a sign of weakness on our part, so we now request you to call for your tools at once, as you are no longer in our employ."

FRANK & DUGAN.

## COMMONS ANGRY; PROTEST MADE.

### Government Neglected to Report Tientsin Settlement.

LONDON, March 22.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman this afternoon moved the adjournment of the House in order to call attention to the failure of the Government to give the House information yesterday of the settlement of the Tientsin dispute.

The Government leader, Mr. Balfour, declared he had never heard an adjournment suggested on such a frivolous pretext. Perhaps it was desirable that Lord Lansdowne should have sent the information to the House, but it was absurd to attack him (Mr. Balfour) for not doing so.

The House then divided on the question of the adjournment, which was defeated by a vote of 29 to 158.

## BROOKLYN AND TUNNEL PLAN.

### "AI" Johnson Talks for Change in Proposed Extension.

Albert L. Johnson, the bustling trolley railway builder, was before the Railroad Committee of the Municipal Council this afternoon to speak in behalf of the South Brooklynites who want a change of the route of the Brooklyn extension of the Rapid Transit (trolley) from the Fulton street route to Flatbush avenue and the Borough Hall to a route through South Brooklyn to Fort Hamilton.

### \$50,000 FOR TROTTERING RACE.

BOSTON, March 22.—The three great trotters, Crescus (294), Charley Herr (297) and Borama (298) have been matched to race Sept. 16 at the Readville track, near Boston, for a stake of \$50,000. The race is to be the best three in five heats, first horse to take \$20,000, the second \$20,000. Each owner puts up \$10,000 and Thomas W. Lawson adds \$10,000, making it the largest stake ever raced for by trotting horses.

All the gate receipts will be devoted to Boston charities.

## BORALMA, CHARLEY HERR AND CRESCUS MATCHED IN BOSTON.

### Twenty-five Hundred Dollars Forfeit Money Is to Be Paid by Each Owner at Once, and the Balance of the Stake Paid on the Day of the Race.

The big race was arranged by Mr. Lawson, who did not consider the Atlantic in his plans, as he had been discharged by the result of the recent attempt to match Borama with Mr. Seagraves' horse.