

VANDERBILT IN CONTEMPT

Alfred G. Fails to Respond to Summons for Jury Duty.

MAY PAY FINE OF \$10.

Justice Fitzsimons Says "Wealthy Young Men Neglect Duties of Citizenship."

The failure of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt to appear before Judge James H. Fitzsimons, in Part I. of the City Court, to-day will cost the young millionaire \$10, this being the maximum fine for contempt of court in such cases and the costs of subsequent proceedings.

Owing to the lenient custom prevailing in the City Court, young Vanderbilt will not be compelled to appear in person when proceedings for contempt are instituted against him, nor is there any probability that he will be compelled to suffer imprisonment.

The custom makes it possible for any one to ignore a summons to jury duty with no more disagreeable consequence than the payment of a fine and costs.

Young Vanderbilt has simply followed a custom adopted long ago by men of wealth, who would rather pay what is to them a nominal fine than undergo the discomfort of jury service.

A year ago Cornelius Vanderbilt, Alfred Gwynne's brother, ignored a summons under similar circumstances and paid the fine. The practice has become so common as to excite no comment, and although judges have frequently expressed their annoyance, no step has ever been taken toward the adoption of measures to compel personal attendance in response to a summons.

In this case young Vanderbilt was out of the city, being on a coaching trip to Philadelphia. Inasmuch as the summons was sent by mail, however, it probably reached him or some person identified with his affairs, and his failure to be reported in court by some person with a proper excuse for his non-appearance makes him as much in contempt of court as if the service of the summons had been made in person by an officer of the court.

Mr. Vanderbilt's name was on the panel ordered to report for duty at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He failed to respond to his name and the clerk of the court notified Judge Fitzsimons.

The judge said that his case would be allowed to take the usual course. This means that some time during the month the Corporation Counsel will issue an order requiring the young millionaire to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court.

Should the defendant set forth that he was not served with the summons or give some other suitable excuse the case will be dropped. In all probability, however, he will allow the case to go by default, simply paying the fine and costs through an attorney.

Judge Fitzsimons said to-day that he had no intention of making an example of Mr. Vanderbilt, but he would certainly make no exception in his case.

"These wealthy young men habitually ignore their duty as citizens," he said to an Evening World reporter. "It seems to me that the least they could give us would be their presence or some suitable reason for their failure to appear."

"We do not want to make any duty a hardship for any one, and if it would seriously interfere with large business interests that fact might be sufficient to excuse a person from service."

In the case of the Vanderbilts and others like them, though, they do not even deign to offer an excuse. All we can do is to impose the maximum fine upon them, and I shall do that in this case unless it should develop that Mr. Vanderbilt has some excuse for failing to appear."

Magistrate Pool congratulated the fair police officer, but told her not to place too much faith in their promises; that they had deceived everybody, including themselves.

Since the women had kept their word, however, he paroled two colored women who had been arraigned for soliciting in her custody, with the understanding that if they did not report to Mrs. Walsh he would send them to prison.

THIS PLUCKY LITTLE GIRL FOILED A BOLD KIDNAPPER.



CHRISTINA BOHMER

Boy Saved from Abduction by Christina Bohmer, Who Seized Man by the Coattail and Screamed for Help.

The Williamsburg police have discovered no clue to the mysterious stranger who tried to kidnap the eight-year-old son of Edward Dressel, of No. 111 South Eighth street. The father of the boy, who is a well-to-do florist with a store at No. 409 Bedford avenue, believes that the effort to steal his boy was made in hopes of securing a ransom.

The kidnapper would have probably succeeded in his effort but for the heroic work of Christina Bohmer, fourteen years old. She lives with her parents in the same apartment house occupied by Mr. Dressel, and with her sister, Lizzie, ten years old, and a younger daughter of another tenant, and the Dressel boy was playing on the steps of the house yesterday afternoon when a stranger approached.

The stranger, who wore a beard which was apparently false, and which he kept fingering as if adjusting it, seized the Dressel boy and started toward the river. The boy screamed, and Christina Bohmer grabbed the man by the coat. He hurried along with the girl tugging at his garments and calling for help.

Then a cab waiting in Berry street, a half block away, broke away from Christina and took the cab driver whipped up the horses and the vehicle was soon lost to sight. A crowd of perhaps one hundred persons attracted by the noise chased the cab for several blocks, but could not overtake it.

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"Yes," remarked the Commissioner, "the election is coming on."

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GIRL DEAD FROM DRUG? RICH GIRL IN THIEF CHASE.

Rahway Has Case Much Like that of Jennie Bosschietter.

DIED AFTER A DANCE. Aged Woman Who Had Purse Stolen in Store Caused All the Trouble.

RAHWAY, N. J., Oct. 8.—A case similar to the murder of Jennie Bosschietter in Paterson may be revealed by the autopsy which the coroner has ordered to be held on the body of a girl who died in Rahway last night. The girl, who was named May, was employed in the home of Rev. Dr. J. H. Howard, of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, who expired under circumstances that indicate poisoning. The girl was eighteen years old and attractive.

At midnight she had not returned and Mrs. Howard did not wait up for her any longer. About 2 o'clock in the morning the mother's wife was awakened by hearing the girl enter the house and go to her room. In a few minutes there came the sound of a heavy fall. Mrs. Howard hurried to Christina's room and found her sprawling about on the floor, seemingly dead. She assisted her to arise, and the girl explained, rather incoherently, that she had stumbled on the carpet and fallen.

In a rambling way the girl talked of having been frightened on the way home and of some one stopping her and attempting to shoot her. Mrs. Howard could make little of her talk, however, and thinking the girl had been drinking she left her.

An hour or so later Mrs. Howard heard the girl go from her room to the bathroom. She hurried in and found Christina ill and apparently suffering intense pain. She called her husband, who went at once for a physician, returning in a short time with Dr. Selover. Meanwhile Mrs. Howard assisted the girl to her bed, and a few minutes after lying down she lost consciousness. When the physician reached her bedside she was dead.

Dr. Selover made as thorough an external examination as possible and found no traces of violence or ill usage. The body was taken in charge by an undertaker and the coroner notified. After bearing the circumstances the coroner ordered an autopsy, and if the circumstances warrant an inquest will be held. It is believed that the girl was given knock-out drops or some other drug and made the victim of an attempted assault. The police are trying to ascertain in whose company she was on the night of the dance.

She Had to Admit It. Mrs. Adkins admitted that Jessie could not have thrown the purse away without being seen, and that the girls were told that they might go home.

They lost no time in availing themselves of the privilege, and were soon telling the story of their adventure to their mother and brothers in Yonkers.

"I was foolish of me to run," said Jessie to an Evening World reporter after her release, "but I was so astonished and frightened that I scarcely knew what to do."

"I would not have run had not the floorwalker advised me to get out quick. I obeyed his order unconditionally, and when I saw the old woman coming after me I felt such fear that I just flew, my sole desire being to get away from her."

Both girls had their own purses well filled with money. Their father is in the provision and produce business, 21 Main street, and is a wealthy man.

LEWISBURG, Tenn., Oct. 8.—Fifteen negroes were wounded, four fatally, by White Caps near Caney Springs, a few miles from here. Several of the wounded are women.

Numerous thefts committed in the Caney Springs vicinity recently have greatly aroused the community, and the White Cap organization is the result.

THIRTY-five negroes were returning in a body from a festival and were halted at the end of a bridge by men wearing white masks and armed with shotguns and pistols. The name of each was demanded, and upon answering several were allowed to pass. Finally one, instead of giving his name, fired on his questioner.

The White Cap fell, and his comrades poured in a volley on the negroes. The White Cap, carrying the wounded member with them. The identity of none of them is known, though the authorities are making efforts to apprehend the offenders.

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TENEMENT LAW UNJUST? DEATH BRINGS HIM HONORS

John P. Leo Protests Against the Right of Search Without Warrant. Aged Hoboes' Preacher Who Dropped Dead Will Have Ritual Burial.

John P. Leo, an architect, returned to the attack in the new Tenement-House law controversy yesterday in a signed statement which he sent to The Evening World. It says in part:

"In today's issue you quote from a statement made by William J. Baldwin, Jr., and also quote a criticism made by me in reply to a similar remark of this same individual. My criticism was based upon a statement made by Baldwin at the hearing before the Senate Committee on Cities on March 26 last."

"Mr. Leo quotes Mr. Baldwin as saying that the tenement-houses taken by the State are not in the best of the law, and were openly carried on in each and every one. Mr. Leo continues: 'That statement I denounced as a lie made out of whole cloth and an unmerited reproach on the women of New York.'

"My further criticism that the Tenement-House law should be eliminated from the charter is based upon a careful study of its provisions. When you consider that it affects 50,000 dwellings in New York City, which contains at least 200,000 families, and that this law sanctions the violation of the privacy and the sanctity of the home of these people, it should be condemned."

"I quote the rest of the charter, section No. 1214 of chapter 19A. 'The owner or his agent or representative or the lessee or occupant of every tenement-house or part thereof, and every person having the care and management thereof, shall at all times, when required by any of such officers or persons, give them free access to such house and every part thereof.'

"If this is good law for the bone and sinew of this city, the majority of whose inhabitants live in tenement-houses, why should not this right of search without warrant be inflicted upon the private-house dweller as well?"

"I yield to no man a stronger desire than to own to every one of those who have been driven into the tenements by the religious fanatic and his associates, but as a New Yorker I object and protest against the mass of our people being held up to scorn as vicious and depraved. Chapter 19A of the charter further provides for the creation of a new tenement-house department."

"At the last meeting of the city officials charged with the duty of making up the budget for the coming year the sum of \$50,000 was demanded for this department. I contrast this with the statements made by the advocates of the bill that the entire cost would not exceed one hundred and forty thousand dollars. So much for their sincerity."

Col. Murphy Differentiated. Police Commissioner Murphy said to-day: "I do not care to discuss the statements made by the Committee of Fifteen upon vice in tenement-houses."

When asked, "Is it true that on April 11 you said that there was no disorderly apartment in the Borough of Manhattan?" Col. Murphy replied: "I did not put it that strong. I was asked as saying that, but it was the exact. What I did say when about the social evil in Manhattan was that I would be Baldwin or any member of the Committee of Fifteen a suit of clothes that they could not find in any tenement-house on the west side a single apartment containing these women."

TEARS IN COURT HALTS CHARGES

MINNIE BARRY AROUSES MRS. WORKMAN'S PITY. Practiced Clever Scheme, It is Alleged, to Obtain Money, but Escapes Prosecution.

Minnie Barry, thirty-one years old, who tearfully refused to give her address, was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court this morning before Magistrate Pool on charges preferred by Mrs. Mary Cashman, of No. 25 West Twenty-third street.

The story told by Mrs. Cashman revealed an ingenious scheme for obtaining money from the sympathetic, and which, according to the police, has been practiced on many other persons than Mrs. Cashman.

Mrs. Cashman said in court that she had employed the Barry woman to do some sewing for her. She worked two days and on the third came to Mrs. Cashman's house with a child in her arms and said that the child, which was her own, was sick and she would like to work at home that day. Mrs. Cashman gave the woman a piece of silk, which she valued at \$75, and \$9 in cash with which to buy linens, trimmings, etc.

Two days later the Barry woman returned, weeping piteously, and said that her child was dead and that she had no money with which to bury it. Her tale so moved Mrs. Cashman that she gave her \$20 to aid woman in burying the child. Since then she had seen nothing of her. She was arrested, and the woman cried all the time she was in court this morning and her tears evidently moved both Magistrate and prosecutor, for upon promising to restore the silk to Mrs. Cashman, Magistrate Pool discharged Mrs. Barry in company with Detective-Serant. Lonsdale, who was told to see that the silk was restored, the two women left the court.

DELEGATE TOO JOYFUL. Friend of Magistrate Furlong Celebrated After Convention. One of the delegates to the convention in Brooklyn that renominated Magistrate Furlong last night was William Cook, of No. 29 Milford street. After the convention he was arrested so audaciously that he got a nice long ride in a patrol wagon and slept in a cell.

Magistrate Furlong in the Gates Avenue Court, this morning, sentenced a woman to pay a fine and suspended sentence.

VIENNA, Oct. 8.—A strange fatality is reported from Graz, Austria. While Herr Hiltbater, a member of the Vienna Academy of Arts, was ascending the Hiltbater tower, named after himself, he fell over a precipice and was instantly killed.

MAYOR STANDS FOR POLICE. ROOSEVELT TO GET WAR MEDAL. FRIGHT KILLED JAILER'S WIFE.

MURPHY SAYS ADMINISTRATION PLEASURES VAN WYCK. Police Force is What Mayor Makes It—Laughs at Chief Croker.

At Police Headquarters in Mulberry street everybody has read Edward M. Shepard's speech of acceptance. Even Commissioner Murphy found time to read the Democratic candidate's pledge to have in case of his election, a clean police force.

"I have read the speech," said Commissioner Murphy. "I think it is a very good one."

"And the paragraph relating to the police?"

"Yes, I read that, too."

"Yes, your administration of the Department right now meeting with the approval of Mayor Van Wyck?"

"It certainly is."

ROOSEVELT TO GET WAR MEDAL

HONOR COVETED BY HIM WILL BE AWARDED BY NEW BOARD. President was Disappointed at Not Being Named in First List.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—President Roosevelt is likely to get the medal of honor he so much coveted for his services as Colonel of the Rough Riders during the Spanish-American war.

It is well known that he was keenly disappointed when the Schwan Board omitted his name from the list of deserving ones. This list was not acted upon and has been turned over to the Army Board, headed by Gen. McArthur, which began its work to-day.

The scope of the Board is comprehensive, its scope being enlarged greatly. While it was intended originally and Philippine campaigns should be considered, the Board has been charged to include the Spanish-American war operations.

There are more than 1,000 of these nominations, the result of the work of the Schwan Board, which dealt with Cuban battles, and of a Board headed by Gen. Chaffee, at Manila, which made recommendations for brevets based upon service in the earlier stages of the Philippine campaign.

It is expected that the Senate will act upon the brevet nominations at the approaching session. No action on the part of Congress is required in the case of medals of honor, the President being the final authority.

LAUNDRY ASSETS SMALL. Metropolitan Company in East Twenty-sixth Street Falls. Schedules in the assignment of the Metropolitan Steam Laundry Company of Nos. 225 and 229 East Twenty-sixth street, show liabilities, \$58,424; nominal assets, \$21,161; actual assets, \$16,028.

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LYNCHING MOB STORMED PRISON AND HANGED BOYS. Woman in Terror Fell and Could Not Be Revived.

(Special to The Evening World.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 8.—Mrs. Ben C. Perkins, wife of the jailer at Shelbyville, Ky., is dead and Dr. W. F. Heard, her physician, says her death is due to fright caused by the visit to the jail of the mob which lynched two negro boys, Jumbo Florida and Clarence Garret, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Perkins had been subject to nervous attacks for some time, and was prostrated two weeks ago when a mob besieged the jail trying to get the prisoners. She was still very ill when the attack was made last Wednesday.

She was rendered unconscious and remained in a comatose state until her death. Another lynching is threatened here. One of the negro prisoners, who is reported to have said that he knew the men who got into the jail and could give their names, may be taken out and hanged at any time.

GOV. ODELL IN BUFFALO. In the Exposition City for New York Day Exercises. BUFFALO, Oct. 8.—Gov. Odell arriving here today. He came especially to participate in the New York State Day exercises to-morrow, but will remain here the remainder of the week.

Negro Shot Into Crowd. (Special to The Evening World.) NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 8.—Anderson Barkley was shot and killed, and several others severely wounded, by a negro, at a county dance near Columbia, Va. The negro was arrested.

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