

COPPER UP TO 70 1-8 AFTER BIG LOSSES

John D. Rockefeller Denies that He or the Standard Oil Company Have Ever Been in Amalgamated.

John D. Rockefeller, for the first time, to-day consented to talk on the copper situation.

He emphatically denied that either he or his son, John D. Jr., were ever interested in the Amalgamated Copper Company, and said that at no time had the Standard Oil been concerned in its affairs.

William Rockefeller was not at his office and it was reported that he was detained at home by a cold.

The public has lost over \$100,000,000 in Amalgamated stocks alone within four months. The bulk of the loss has been borne by New Yorkers.

In June the high figure of 130 was reached. To-day the stock opened at 65 and went to 61 1/2. It reached 76, then receded to 65 1/8, and after that rose steadily to 70 1/8, closing at 70 1-8.

Tremendous losses have been inflicted upon holders of other stocks. It is conservatively estimated that the present manipulation has cost speculators not less than \$200,000,000.

A new turn was given the great war to-day when the report was spread that the Mines Securities Corporation had been requested by leading stockholders of the Amalgamated Copper Company to make a physical examination of the company's mines in Montana.

"STANDARD OIL NOT IN AMALGAMATED COPPER."

John D. Rockefeller, in answer to a request for his opinion on the copper market, to-day made the following statement to an Evening World reporter: "Neither Mr. John D. Rockefeller nor his son, John D. Rockefeller, jr., is interested in Amalgamated Copper. They never have been, nor has the Standard Oil Company."

This, it was said, was the prelude to a rigid investigation of the trust and its methods.

PHILADELPHIA \$1,500,000 OUT.

(Special to The Evening World) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—A prominent broker who is always conservative says he can make a list of copper losses reaching \$1,000,000. Many small speculators have lost from \$1,000 to \$10,000 on margins, the aggregate of which would probably reach another half million.

CHICAGO MEN LOSE \$5,000,000.

(Special to The Evening World) CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—"It is impossible to get at the individual losses in the copper market with any degree of correctness," said a well-known Board of Trade member to-day. "One hundred leading merchants in this town have been hit for a total sum of at least \$5,000,000. It comes hard on them, because they bought margins and did not purchase the copper outright."

CINCINNATI IS HARD HIT.

(Special to The Evening World) CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—Conservative brokers estimate the loss to Cincinnati on the present slump of copper stocks to be not less than \$6,000,000, and the end not yet in sight. Many margins will be wiped out if there is a falling off of only a few more points.

The largest loser so far is a syndicate formed to trade exclusively in Amalgamated. The syndicate is dead and the \$200,000 paid by its members is gone.

VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

5 O'CLOCK BICYCLE SCORE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes Gougoltz and Simar (358), Fisher and Chavellier (352), Butler and McLean (358), Newkirk and Munro (358), M'Eachern and Walthour (358), Maya and Wilson (358), Fredricks and Jaak (358), Lawson and Julius (358), King and Samuelson (358), Babcock and Turville (358), Hall and M'Laren (358), Lepoutre and Muller (358), Karnstadt and Franks (358).

ABSCONDS WITH \$100,000 CASH.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Chief of Detectives Seymour has a telegram from the Chief of Los Angeles, saying that Henry J. Fleischman, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of that city, absconded on Saturday last with \$100,000 in currency and no trace of him has been discovered.

BRIDGE INQUIRY BEGUN.

Witnesses were to-day subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury to testify concerning the breakages on the Brooklyn Bridge.

The Grand Jury purposes to make a thorough inquiry into the management of the bridge and to determine, if possible, to what extent the structure has been weakened.

Engineer Martin and Constructor Roebing may be summoned to appear before the jury.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fourth Race—Elsie Bramble 1, Small Jack 2, Aaron 3.

PREFERRED DEATH TO NO MORPHINE.

Henry Levy, forty, a clerk out of work and separated from his wife, attempted suicide this afternoon at No. 2057 Third avenue, by cutting himself three times in the right wrist with a razor, but will live. He told Dr. Green, of the Hospital, he was a morphine fiend, and, having no money to buy the drug, he had determined on suicide.

ALBANY MAN INSANE IN FIFTH AVENUE?

Frank L. Woodward, who said he was an electrical engineer, twenty-nine years old, living at No. 19 Grand street, Albany, was taken from Fifth avenue and Forty-second street to Bellevue as a prisoner. He gave the name of his best friend as Edward Danforth, Hotel Endicott, Columbus avenue and Eighty-first street.

FIRST ACCIDENT AT VAN CORTLANDT.

As George Wall was driving a team of horses attached to an ice-scraper over Van Cortlandt Park Lake this afternoon the ice broke and both horses were drowned.

MISS STONE IS IN BULGARIA.

Turkish Emisseries Despatched to Treat with the Bandits.

SOFIA, Dec. 9.—According to information received from Salonica, Miss Ellen M. Stone and Mme. Telika, her companion, are concealed in the vicinity of Rilto (about five miles south of Dubnitsa, in Bulgarian territory). The news was brought by a Macedonian, who left there Dec. 1, and who furnished precise information regarding the hiding places and the names of the agents supplying food for the brigands and their captives.

WIFE CHEERS ON SIX-DAY CYCLIST.

Mrs. Walthour and Baby Piping "Do on, Papa," Inspire Rider—Another Record-Breaking Crowd in Garden—Weary Leader Enlivened by Music.

New York City is bicycle mad. Long before 1 o'clock this afternoon the crowd started swarming in and soon filled the huge amphitheatre. With the arrival of new comers new interest seemed to be born. The weary riders woke up and after 3 o'clock they began hitting a killing pace. The hum of the band, which arrived just at that time, spurred them on to greater efforts and caused the spectators to jump to their feet and yell approval.

WHAT THE SIX DAY RIDERS EAT AND DRINK.

This is the bill of fare provided by the trainers for the six day bicycle contestants. Breakfast—Oatmeal, sherry and eggs, toast, coffee. Lunch—Steak, sherry and eggs, tea, toast. Dinner—Chicken broth, broiled chicken, celery, grapes, oranges, coffee. In addition, the men, while on the track, are furnished half hourly with the following nourishments: Kumys, malted milk and beef tea. The riders all have ravenous appetites. McEachern tackled a two-pound steak at noon, leaving nothing but the bones. Gougoltz and Simar, the French team, have the most expensive appetites. In addition to the regular fare of solid food stuffs provided by their trainer, "Johnny" West, the Frenchmen kick for fine burgundies and champagnes. They were allowed a magnum between them to-day, and its exhilarating influence kept them at their dreary task with cheerful spirits. The other riders looked upon them with envious envy.

"Do on, papa," was the little boy's cry, and Bobby tried his best. His spurts, even though they gained nothing, met with his wife's approval, for she was always there clapping her hands and uttering words of cheer when he passed her.

By noon the six leading teams had covered 259 miles and 6 laps. Last year McFarland and Elkes had piled up during the same number of hours 267 miles and 2 laps. The pace to-

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DECLARES BISSERT IS A SCAPEGOAT.

Sister-in-Law Says Another Detective's Statement Will Clear Him.

Upon his return from Sing Sing Saturday night, Michael Bissert, the aged father of the convicted wardman, suffered a complete collapse. The Bissert family believes that George Bissert was unjustly convicted. The women want to make known what they assert to be the facts in the case, but the father and a brother, John, are opposed to a "quest," as they call it. The elder Bissert was a policeman and John Bissert is a patrolman attached to the Morrisania precinct. The Bisserts live at No. 548 East One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street. An Evening World reporter called there today and met Mrs. John Bissert. "The fact is," said Mrs. Bissert, "that George would never have gone to prison if he had squealed on the party who really is guilty of taking money from that unpeppable woman. Here is the honest truth: "The money was given to another detective—a friend of the woman, George

raided her house several times and she was mad at him. Her friend the detective was also an enemy of George. "I won't say that this detective had any hand in it, but the woman put up the job of complaining of George simply for revenge. She didn't think it would go as far as it did, but she could not back out after she got started. "This man who got the money is going to be retried on the first of January. After that, if the courts do not give George another trial the man who got the money will make a statement exonerating George. We have this assurance from him. "I am in favor of clearing it all up now, but George's father and his brother say that he mustn't 'squeal,' that he must take his medicine and say nothing. When the time comes it will be shown that George Bissert was wrongfully convicted."

GIRL FIGHTS KIDNAPPERS.

Miss Etta Geayer Eludes Assailants in Dark Street.

During but unsuccessful was the attempt made to kidnap Miss Etta Geayer, the pretty sixteen-year-old daughter of a wealthy widow, whose mansion is on the Hackensack plank road just outside of Union Hill, N. J.

Miss Geayer is a petite brunette and one of the acknowledged belles of Union Hill. Last night she went to a meeting of young women in the Plank Road Chapel to help arrange for a Christmas entertainment. It was 10:20 o'clock when the gathering broke up.

She had gone but a little way when a man sprang into the roadway in front of her and asked where she was going. "None of your business," she answered sulkily, and darted past the fellow just as he reached forward to grab her.

She had not gone ten feet when a woman appeared before her. "I'll show you where you are going," said the woman, as she grabbed the girl by the arms.

Despite her diminutive size, Miss Geayer wrenched herself from the woman's grasp, and darted away, screaming at the top of her voice. Her cries drew the attention of a patrolman passing her, and they disappeared before neighbors rushed out to Miss Geayer's assistance.

"It was a deliberate attempt to kidnap my daughter for ransom," said Mrs. Rose Geayer this morning.

HIS OWN FAULT.

The State Guardsman who Fell Into a Hole Gets No Money.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The State Court of Claims has dismissed the claim of William Welbeck, of Poughkeepsie, for \$3000, for personal injuries received while drilling at the State camp at Prockskill, with a National Guard company. While participating in a skirmish drill he fell into a hole and sprained his ankle, which injury resulted in complications that made the amputation of his leg necessary. The opinion of the court is written by Judge Kellogg, who says:

"In the skirmish drill the men act upon their own discretion, without any order or direction as to the manner in which they shall hold their heads or use their eyes. From the fact that no accident had ever before occurred at that point the grass was growing in the surrounding field, that claimant was free to use his eyes and govern his steps, it does not seem that this was an accident ordinarily likely to occur at this place or that the State should be held responsible for it."

DEATH OF Lieut.-Col. Richards.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 9.—Lieut.-Col. William V. Richards, of the Seventh Infantry, is dead here.

POLICE CASES LEFT FOR JEROME.

SHELLS AND DWYER TO BE TRIED IN JANUARY.

Motion to Continue Till Next Term Not Opposed by District Attorney Phillips.

Upon a tacit agreement between District Attorney Phillips and counsel for the defendants, Recorder Goff sent over until the next general term in January, the cases of Sergt. John Shells and Detective John Dwyer, of the Tenderloin station, who with Warrantman Glennon were indicted for neglect of duty in West Thirty-third street. Recorder Goff's decision means that it will be left to District Attorney-elect Jerome to try the cases. Whether or not it was at the request of Justice Jerome the District Attorney did not today oppose a continuance. Mr. Phillips refused to say. Glennon's case will come up later this week, and it is not now known whether Mr. Phillips will ask to have it also continued.

CALLED DIVVER A 'WELCHER.'

Patrick Divver and Lawyer Ben Steinhardt had a red-hot wrangle in court to-day that nearly ended in a fist fight. It was in Part I. of the Supreme Court before Justice Goetzlich, and grew out of some litigation over a bet lost on Divver by an admirer of his. Steinhardt declared it was Divver's own knee that was wagging, and called the former leader of the Second a 'welcher.'

BOY SHOT BY DUELLISTS.

SMALL SPECTATOR FATALLY WOUNDED BY BULLETS.

One Combatant Also Hurt—Five or Six Shots Exchanged in the Street.

Two Italians ranged themselves on opposite sides of Van Brunt street, in Brooklyn, at noon to-day, and began to fire shots back and forth, as if in a duel. Mariano Vincenzo, one of the combatants, was shot in the leg. But the much more serious result of the encounter was the fatal wounding of a nine-year-old schoolboy, Willie Caddiano, who was struck in the head by one of the bullets. This boy was on his way home from school.

Vincenzo was the first to fire. He stood at the corner of Van Brunt and Union streets and blazed away at his opponent, who was then on the corner diagonally opposite. Five or six shots in all were fired. When Vincenzo fell the other Italian fled. His name is unknown to the police. Vincenzo, of course, knows the name, but he will not tell the detectives.

Parents of the boy, who may die, live at No. 112 Van Brunt street. When an ambulance from the Long Island College Hospital arrived the wounded boy was laid by the surgeon to be dying.

A Portrait of the Pope. Chairman's great portrait of the Pope colored for the Christmas World by Chartran, in four colors. With the Christmas Sunday World. Over 100 pages. Out next Sunday.

\$500,000 BOY KIDNAPPED.

Trustees of Mother's Estate Take Son of Wealthy Commission Man.

A seven-year-old boy, who will be worth nearly half a million dollars when he attains his majority, has been abducted from his father's home and is practically a prisoner in a house on Jersey City Heights.

A quarrel between the lad's father and the trustees of his mother's estate is the cause of his being taken from his father's home.

The father of the boy is a commission merchant who has long been established in the lower Wall street district, and lives in a splendid mansion in Madison avenue between Seventy and Eighty-eighth streets.

Three months ago the boy's mother died. She had been a famous beauty. Her home was in Harrisburg, Pa., and the fortune of nearly a million dollars, in which she had a life interest, reverted to her son. Although the boy's father was the natural custodian of the child's person, a gentleman in Harrisburg and another in this city were appointed trustees of the child's estate.

When the father returned Friday night and found his son gone he hired John H. Lemmon, a private detective. He traced the governess to Jersey City Heights. She admitted she had taken the child with her under instructions from the trustees of his estate.

Alfred Lotzky, an attorney of Hoboken, who was engaged as legal adviser by Lemmon, said this afternoon that the child was safe and in good hands, and that the father and the trustee would probably reach an agreement this afternoon without going to court.

STORM ON THE WAY.

Signals Displayed from Baltimore to New York.

The following message was received this afternoon from Washington at the local Weather Bureau: "Southeast storm warnings are displayed from Baltimore to New York. Storm central in Tennessee, increasing in intensity and moving northeast. Heavy southern winds will shift northwest on South and Middle Atlantic coast to-night."

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 10, for New York City and vicinity: Rain to-day; clearing and colder Tuesday; fresh south winds, becoming west.

Watch the Morning Papers. To-morrow starts the great sale of clothing at King's, corner Broadway and Park Place.

MAN WITH CHECK FIGHTS IN BANK.

Cashier Had Been Warned Against Raised Paper and Seized Moore When He Called.

There was an exciting tussle in the Brooklyn Bank in Fulton street, Brooklyn, this afternoon between the cashier, watchman and others on one side and George Moore, now under arrest, charged with check raising, on the other side. Eben Kellum, the cashier, had been warned to look for a man who might present an altered check. Moore entered and offered a check, supposedly for \$10, drawn by Sontag Bros. of No. 125 Fulton street. The cashier noticed the check had the number of one for \$10 drawn by Sontag Bros. last Saturday.

Kellum came out from behind the counter and quickly grabbed the man. Moore wrenched himself away and tried to draw a revolver. There was a struggle, during which Policeman Hart ran in and Moore was put under arrest.

Moore said that a man named Williams gave him the check in payment of a \$100 loan. He then asked Moore, on Saturday a young man, not Moore, called on Sontag Bros. and bought a large quantity of cigars. He then asked Moore to draw a \$100 check, explaining that he wanted to include it in the box

WARDWELL AGAIN LEADS.

Railroad Men Once More Choose Him as President.

(Special to The Evening World) STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 10.—The popularity of John W. Wardwell, one of the veteran conductors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, has been demonstrated by his election for the second time as President of the Mutual Benefit Society composed of employees of the passenger and station service of the New York and Harlem divisions of the road. The other officers chosen were: Vice-Presidents, J. S. Vincent, of Sound Beach, and W. B. Brant, of Stamford; Secretary, David Smith, of New York; Treasurer, W. E. Duman, of New York; Executive Committee, R. L. Lee and Oscar Heiler, Stamford; H. D. Palmer, Portchester, and W. B. Perry, Harlem division, the latter being elected for the seventh consecutive term. The reports submitted showed that the society is in a prosperous condition.

BODY FROZEN IN NEWARK ICE POND.

POLICE SUSPECT MAN MET WITH FOUL PLAY.

Young Skaters Make Grossome Find in Spot a Mile Away from Any House.

The body of an unidentified man was found frozen in the ice in a pond in Freelinghuysen avenue, Newark, at noon to-day by a number of young skaters. The man was apparently forty-five years old. He wore a good suit of blue serge clothes and had on a pair of fine shoes. He was clean shaven and had black hair. The body had been in the water ten days and was badly decomposed. The spot where it was found is in a marsh and a mile from any house. The police suspect foul play.

HELD FOR ELECTION FRAUDS.

Seven Newark Men Denied Guilt in Primary Jobs. NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 9.—Seven men who were indicted by the Essex County Grand Jury, charged with complicity in frauds at the Democratic primary elections, were arraigned before Judge Francis G. Gill, Jr., William Strasser, William M. Smith, William Murray, Herman Holman, and William Nostrand.

HORSE HURLED INTO TRENCH.

Several laborers narrowly escaped injury in a trench in Broome street between Mott and Mulberry streets this afternoon, when a horse and truck were hurled into the excavation. Car No. 1569 of the Second avenue line rounded the turn from the Bowery at Broome street and crashed into the trench. The driver was thrown to the street. The horse fell among the laborers, but they all scrambled to safety. The animal had to be shot.