# HOTEL FIRE SUIT BROUGHT.

## Uncle Asks $50,000 for Death of Miss Schlesinger.

## NEGLIGENCE IS ALLEGED.

### Mr. Newman to Claim that Guests' Safety Was imperiled by the Management.

The first suit for damages resulting from the Park Avenue Hotel fire was instituted to-day by Hoffman & Wahle when they applied to Surrogate Thomas for the appointment of a temporary administrator of the estate of Miss Esther Schlesinger, who was burned to a crisp on the sixth floor of the hotel Saturday morning.

Miss Schlesinger was a daughter of the senior member of the Chicago dry-goods house of Schlesinger & Mayer and was in New York as a buyer of millinery and costumes for that house.

In behalf of her estate her uncle, Max Newman, a Broadway merchant, brings suit against "the proprietors of the Park Avenue Hotel" for $50,000.

In his complaint Mr. Newman will claim that his niece lost her life as the result of gross negligence to warn the sleeping guests of the imminent danger; failure to provide fire-escapes, apparatus for extinguishing fire in the house; failure to post guiding signs to the exits, and for turning out the lights and leaving the fire-imprisoned guests to grope about aimlessly in the panic that resulted from these conditions.

Mr. Newman also complains of the lack of courtesy or any effort to aid him when, having read the story of the fire in The Evening World's early extra, he hurried to the hotel to find his niece.

Mr. Newman says the clerk told him tartly that they were too busy to help him or direct his search.

Miss Schlesinger slept in the room adjoining that of Mrs. Foster, the "Tombs angel," and, like Mrs. Foster, she was aroused from a sound sleep by the noise and excitement.

She was young and a statuesque beauty, accomplished and refined. She came of a wealthy family, and at twenty-five had everything to live for.

Mr. Newman says that after he got permission to remove the body he was unable to get any satisfaction from the hotel people about Miss Schlesinger's property, and the clerk refused to let him of Miss Schlesinger's brother, who came on from Chicago, enter the room she had occupied.

## SUES FOR $5,000 BECAUSE KEPT IN.

William S. Katzenstein has filed the complaint in a suit against the Park Avenue Hotel proprietors for $5,000 damages in behalf of Thomas Bradley of No. 709 East Twelfth street.

Bradley is an expressman. In his complaint he says that he had delivery trunks at the Park Avenue Hotel when the fire broke out. In the panic among the employees the exits were either closed or barred as a precaution against thieves, and he alleges that he was not permitted to leave the building. In his struggle to get out he declares his face was cut, his head lacerated and bruised and that he was given such a nervous shock as to incapacitate him for business for a time.

## POLAR STARS TO SHINE.

### Lodge Will Hold Banquet and Jubilee Ball March 7.

Polar Star Lodge, F. and A. M., will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary Friday evening, March 7, with a banquet for the members and ladies at 7 o'clock, and a grand jubilee ball at 10 o'clock for members and invited guests. Both the banquet and ball will be held at the Lexington Opera-House. Commemorative services for deceased members will be held at Commandery Hall, Masonic Temple, Sunday afternoon, March 2, at 3 o'clock, open to all Masons.

# PREFERRED DEATH TO IMPRISONMENT

## CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT; KILLED HIMSELF.

### Ernest Wedekind Had Figured in Several Chicago Criminal Mysteries.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—To avoid going to jail Ernest Wedekind, a lawyer, charged with embezzling $4,700, shot himself. He died without regaining consciousness.

Wedekind was under arrest. While his guards were at lunch he stepped into a side room and shot himself.

Wedekind was associated in business with Theodore Schintz, the banker and broker, sent to prison on a charge of embezzling large sums from his clients, and was indicted with the financier on the same charge, but the same jury that convicted Schintz acquitted the lawyer.

Wedekind's latest indictment was found on complaint of Mrs. Christine Link, formerly Mrs. Feidt, who was a prominent figure in the murder trial of Adolph Luetgert.

## MANY IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE.

### Italy Sends 2,347 Sons and Daughters to Us.

Three steamers arrived to-day from Mediterranean ports with Italian immigrants—the Lombardia from Naples, with 1,187 passengers; the Lahn from Naples, with 652, and the Sicilia from Naples, with 600—in all 2,347 sons and daughters of Italy to be passed through Ellis Island.

# NEWS AT HOME TOLD IN TABLOIDS ABROAD NEWS

## LOCAL

**BRAKEMAN KILLED BY CARS.**
Peter J. Beers, a brakeman on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was killed early yesterday while coupling cars at the Jersey avenue crossing, Jersey City.

**ESCAPE FROM QUARANTINE.**
How Mrs. William Baer, of Lehighton, Pa., and her eight-year-old boy escaped from the house of J. Frederick Baer, at Paterson, N. J., which had been quarantined on account of the presence of a small-pox patient, is puzzling the officials of that city.

**KILLED BY FALL.**
Patrick Dever, thirty years old, of No. 47 Richards street, Newark, N. J., was instantly killed last night by falling from a ladder.

**DEAD IN CHAIR.**
When Mrs. Frederick Poecker, of Belleville avenue, Montclair, N. J., went at noon yesterday into the room occupied by Miss Anna Nelson, a dressmaker, she found her sitting dead in a chair. Dr. W. H. Areson said she had been dead several hours.

**BOUGHT BY THE SISTERS.**
The Hotel Washington, in Washington street, between York and Grand streets, Jersey City, has been sold by the estate of the late F. D. Lum to the Sisters of Peace, who conduct the St. Joseph's Home for Children and Aged Women.

**WILLIAM M'KINLEY DEAD.**
William McKinley died yesterday at his home in Elizabeth, N. J., aged eighty-four years. He had served as Assemblyman, member of the City Council and member of the Assessment Commission.

**TWO KILLED ON TRACK.**
Two unknown men were killed Tuesday night on the Jersey Central tracks between Elizabethport and Cranford. Nothing was found on either body to furnish a clue to identity. Both are thought to have been tramps.

**COUNTRY HOME BURNED.**
The residence and stable of Henry Cochran at Belmar, N. J., were burned to the ground last night, involving a loss of $25,000.

**FRIENDS OF PIGEONS.**
At a meeting Tuesday night of the Hackensack S. P. C. A. it was decided to ask the New Jersey Legislature to pass a law to prohibit live pigeon contests in that State. Hackensack has the past year been a centre for such contests.

**JUDGE DEPUE IMPROVING.**
There was a noticeable improvement yesterday in the condition of ex-Chief Justice David A. Depue, who is critically ill at his home on East Park street, Newark. N. J. Mrs. Depue, his wife, said the Judge is very comfortable. Mr. Depue's ultimate recovery.

**COMAL TOWS THE DENVER.**
The new Mallory liner Denver was towed into this port last night by her sister ship, the Comal, and left anchored at the junction of the Swash and Sedgley channels. The Denver was later hauled up the bay by a tug and anchored off Staten Island.

**COL. AUSTEN TO RETIRE.**
Col. David S. Austen has decided to relinquish the command of the Third Regiment, Brooklyn, but he will remain with the regiment until the conclusion of camp duty next summer.

**WIRELESS-MESSAGE CRAZY.**
The police of Newark and New York have been asked to search for Gilbert Cobrooke, eighty-one years old, who disappeared Wednesday from the home of his son in Belleville, N. J. Cobrooke has a mania in regard to wireless telegraphy.

**$580,000 HOME.**
The proposed new building that will be the home of the Y. M. C. A. at Seventh avenue from Twenty-third to Twenty-fourth street will cost, when completed, exclusive of the site, $580,000.

**FOX CONTESTS WILL.**
Among the online influence by persons unknown to him caused his mother to cut him off without a cent in her will, Jean Fox, in one of the President of the Democratic Club, says to have the will contested.

**SCULPTOR TO BE DINED.**
Brooklyn artists will dine Sculptor Frederick MacMonnies at the Montauk Club on the evening of March 20.

**SCHOOL ECONOMY.**
Economy has become the keynote of the special committees of the Board of Education, who are recommending many transfers of teachers and clerks at reduced salaries.

**HUMAN FOOT FOUND.**
The Morgue received to-day a portion of a human foot that was found last night in the Park Avenue Hotel.

**NEW $600,000 HOTEL.**
The Puritan Realty Company, of No. 14 Wall street, will build a hotel to cost $600,000 at Sixth avenue and Forty-fourth street.

**GERKEN'S STRANGE WILL.**
Dedrick and John Gerken get $[illegible] each and Charles Gerken $10 by the will of their brother Carsten, whose drowned body was found off Liberty Island on Feb. 15, the day before John Gerken suddenly dropped dead in a surface car.

**ISAAC REAL RUDE.**
Charged with roughly jostling women about in the rush-hour crush at the Manhattan entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, Isaac Bennett, a clothier, was arraigned in the Centre Street Court to-day. He lives in Brooklyn.

**MANAGER ACCUSED.**
Charged with appropriating to his own use almost $100 belonging to Alfred Benedict, Forest Cummings, a theatrical manager, is being held in default of bail.

**HOCH DER VREELAND!**
Through the courtesy of President H. H. Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Railway, the sailors of the Hohenzollern have been given passes which entitle them to free ride.

**SIDEWALK FALLS IN.**
Several persons narrowly escaped injury through the caving in of a sidewalk in Forty-second street near Fifth avenue, due to rain having washed away the foundation over the subway roof.

**LIFE-SAVER SENT UP.**
Testimony which proved that John Tully had several times risked his life to save persons from drowning did not temper Brooklyn justice, and Judge Ready sent the life-saver to the penitentiary for three months for an unprovoked assault.

**THE M'GUIRES ARE "IT."**
At a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Greater New York Democracy yesterday it was decided to recognize Thomas McGuire as leader of the Fifth Assembly District.

## TELEGRAPH

**LABOR MEASURE URGED.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Rev. D. O. Moron, of the New York City Church Association for the Improvement of Labor, before the Senate Judiciary Committee urged that the bill providing for the appointment of fifty additional deputy factory inspectors, for which $100,000 shall be appropriated, be made a law.

**REPORT DIVORCE MEASURE.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Stevens Divorce bill, which the official promulgation of a decree of divorce is withheld for three months after it is granted, has been reported by the Assembly Codes Committee.

**FLAG PROTECTOR.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Any desecration of the flag is made a misdemeanor by a bill introduced by Senator Mills.

**WIDER POWER FOR SHERIFFS.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Authority to arrest persons in counties other than their own is given sheriffs in a bill introduced by Assemblyman Blackwell.

**MEANS MORE BOXING.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—If passed, Assemblyman Dooling's bill permitting amateur athletic associations holding fifteen-minute boxing contests for which admission fees may be charged and eight-ounce gloves used will cause the resumption of boxing in the State.

**CHIPPER AT 102.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Warren, who has lived near here since she was born, 102 years ago, entertained five generations of her family at her birthday celebration.

**RAILROAD MAGNATE DYING.**
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Jerome A. Fillmore, general manager of the North Pacific Coast Railroad, but better known from his former connection with the Southern Pacific, is lying at the point of death at his home in this city. Physicians hold out no hope of recovery.

**BRITISH STATESMAN DEAD.**
VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 27.—D. W. Higgins, speaker of the Legislative Assembly and a member of a prominent family of British Columbia, is dead.

**WATCH SLOW; FIVE DEAD.**
AUBURN, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The blame for a wreck on the New York Central Railroad near Aurelius Station Monday night in which five men were killed, is laid to Conductor George W. Butler, of West Syracuse, for his watch.

**LIKE THE CONSTELLATION.**
NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 27.—The famous training-ship Constellation, built one hundred and four years ago, has to-day put on her mid-stream belt in the navy, as it was ordered for the year. It has been proposed four steel training-ships to congress, which will be constructed on similar lines.

**QUAIL EAT CHICKEN FEED.**
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Farmers in the valley state that the last heavy fall of snow has found quail feeding with their chickens in the barnyards. It is feared that the snow has killed large numbers of the birds.

**DR. WEBB TO HUNT COYOTES.**
BOGALUSA (Miss.), Feb. 27.—Dr. Seward Webb and party went to Pearl Creek and were taken across the Portland gold mines. On Friday they will be taken by local sports on a coyote hunt, the whole party of about 100.

**$80,000,000 CAPITAL.**
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 27.—The Corn Products Company, which was recently incorporated here with $[illegible] capital, has been amended so that its capital shall be $80,000,000 instead of $[illegible].

**HORSES FOR AFRICA.**
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 27.—The British steamer American, bound for Cape Town, sailed today with a cargo of 500 horses for the South African campaign.

**JAIL HIS VILLA.**
AMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 27.—Instead of residing during the coronation in Hyde Park, London, which he leased for the occasion, or pass serve, William Lucas Wakefield will go to jail having been convicted of fraud.

**SAILS FOR COREA.**
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—A commission of six with headquarters at Seoul, Corea, has sailed on the Nippon Maru for Seoul via Yokohama.

**FLOOD THREATENS.**
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 27.—A damaging flood is threatened in the lower part of the town because of the rise in the Raritan River, due to the breaking of the ice jam.

**FAREWELL TO MINSTREL.**
BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Members of the Order of Elks and theatrical persons filled the Church of St. Joseph to overflowing at the funeral services of William E. Emerson Redmond, known to fame as "Billy" Emerson, the minstrel.

**$25,000 TO FIGHT TRUST.**
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 27.—The Legislature will pass a bill appropriating $25,000 to be used in the fight against the Northern Securities Company.

**ROSSA MAY DIE.**
COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Feb. 27.—O'Donovan Rossa, famous for his complicity with the Fenian raid in Canada, lost his left foot amputated, the operation being necessitated by gangrene. Some doubt is expressed of his recovery.

**ADDS TO ROLLING STOCK.**
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 27.—Supt. J. Sands, of the Southern Pacific, states that he has ordered 75 locomotives from the Baldwin Works, 1,000 box cars, 100 gon. cars, 300 oil cars and 200 construction cars.

**SHAW GLAD HENRY'S HERE.**
CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Leslie M. Shaw, the new Secretary of the Treasury, who is in the city to make a speech before the National Business League, speaks with considerable enthusiasm concerning the visit of Prince Henry.

**CO-EDS NOT PIOUS.**
BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Because they refused to comply with the rules and attend chapel services each morning twenty students, including several coeds, have been suspended by the Tufts College faculty.

**GIRL A FORGER.**
TOLEDO, Feb. 27.—Convicted on a charge of check forging, pretty Helen Stirling was sentenced to a year in jail.

**"GREEKS" QUARANTINED.**
BRUNSWICK, Me., Feb. 27.—Members of Beta Theta Psi may be sure of immunity from outsiders during their inner circle fraternity proceedings, their chapter house having been quarantined against a suspected case of smallpox.

**HANGED FOR BURGLARY.**
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 27.—Convicted of having robbed the Emma Dorsey home, Charles Johns, white, and Ben Foster, a negro, were hanged, burglary being an offense punishable by death in this State.

**BUST FOR SCHLEY.**
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 27.—Only the signature of the Governor is needed for the passage of the bill appropriating $1,000 for a bronze bust of Admiral Schley.

**GET NO "JIM CROW" CARS.**
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 27.—The bill requiring street railways to provide equal cars for negro passengers was reported to the Senate to-day.

**BANK BRANCHES OUT.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Supt. Kilburn, of the State Banking Department, has authorized the State Bank at Seneca Falls to do a discount and deposit business. The bank capital is $50,000.

**NEW YORKERS IN REALTY.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Charles T. Barney, John D. Crimmins, Edgar J. Levey, William F. Havemeyer, James A. Deering and Henry R. Steele, of New York City, and Cyril H. Burdette, of Flatbush, are directors of the Chelsea Realty Company, incorporated at $100,000 capital.

**BRAND SEEKS $12,500.**
ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Alleging that two pieces of his property on Park avenue, New York City, have been damaged by the erection of the Harlem viaduct, George C. D. Brand has filed a claim for $12,500 against the State.

**JUDGE ROWS TO COURT.**
BRANFORD, Conn., Feb. 27.—Judge Harry Doolittle, after a tempestuous journey in a rowboat and on rafts, reached the courthouse in the centre of the town, which is submerged in six feet of water because of the storm.

**FIRE IN POWDER MILLS.**
OAKLAND, N. J., Feb. 27.—Quick work on the part of the firemen in extinguishing a blaze in the acid house of the American Smokeless Powder Mills prevented explosions here last night.

**ENDS LIFE FROM GRIEF.**
CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Demented from grief over the death of his mother, fourteen-year-old Charles Alderson committed suicide by swallowing poison.

**"FLORODORA" DIVORCE.**
COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Feb. 27.—A divorce has been granted Mrs. Emma Alexander Waters De Wolfe, who appeared with "Florodora" in London, from Captain Charles De Wolfe.

**2,500 STUDENTS MEET.**
TORONTO, Feb. 27.—Twenty-five hundred delegates have arrived to attend the Student Volunteer Movement Convention here.

**STT. PAUL BELLE CHOSEN.**
ST. PAUL, Feb. 27.—A local society woman will be chosen to unveil the tablet made of a captured Spanish cannon that is to be placed aboard the cruiser St. Paul in New York March 11.

**RECLUSE SIXTEEN YEARS.**
BINGHAMTON, Feb. 27.—Mrs. R. P. Crandall, who never went outdoors for sixteen years because of trouble she had with her husband, is dead. She saw no one but a servant since the beginning of her voluntary imprisonment.

## WASHINGTON

**RED TAPE IN SENATE.**
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—It is apparent that red tape will characterize the settlement of the Tillman-McLaurin matter, which has been referred to a sub-committee of the Committee on Elections and Privileges.

**DON'T WORRY, BRITAIN!**
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Secretary Hay has been burning midnight oil to deny by cable a report prevalent in England that he had been seriously injured in a runaway accident this week.

**MINISTER AT POST.**
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The State Department has been advised that Charles Page Bryan, Minister to Brazil, has returned to his post at Rio Janeiro.

**WASHINGTON CALLS.**
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Booker T. Washington was the first person to call on the President after he returned from the launching of the Kaiser's yacht.

**SEES "CAPTAIN JINKS."**
WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Miss Belle Hagner, Mr. and Mrs. Rockhill, Miss Kean and Mr. Pinchot, occupied a box at the new National Theatre at the performance of Miss Ethel Barrymore and her company in "Captain Jinks."

## CABLE

**REBUKES KILL-JOYS.**
LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Westminster Gazette caustically rebukes those newspapers which endeavor to create the impression that England looks with disfavor upon Prince Henry's American visit.

**HOPES FOR CHEAP SUGAR.**
BRUSSELS, Feb. 27.—England has threatened to withdraw from the International Sugar Conference unless Germany and Austria consent to the proposed five franc reduction of the sugar surtax.

**SQUADRON SAILS SOON.**
CIENFUEGOS, Cuba, Feb. 26.—The North Atlantic squadron will sail from here to Colon on March 1.

**ASSASSINATION HOAX.**
BELGRADE, Servia, Feb. 27.—The court officials are busy sending out a statement denying that any attempt has been made to assassinate the King as has been rumored at Budapest.

**LINER DODGING TAXES.**
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 27.—Steamer mail service on the Pacific Mail line has been somewhat interrupted by the action of the Government, which is making a strenuous effort to collect taxes and fines from the steamship company.

**RED EAGLE UP HIS SLEEVE.**
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—It is announced that Prince Henry carried to America with him the insignia of the Order of the Red Eagle, which he will confer on Ambassador von Holleben at the Kaiser's order.

**NEELY'S CHANCE NOW.**
HAVANA, Feb. 27.—The defense in the case of C. W. F. Neely, charged with frauds in the Cuban post-office, will be opened by Senor Zayas to-day.

**MISSIONARY COMING HOME.**
PEKING, Feb. 27.—After having completed fifty-three years of missionary work in China, the Rev. William A. P. Martin will soon return to his home in America.

**HEROES BEYOND HOPE.**
DINKELSBUEHL, Bavaria, Feb. 27.—There is no hope of rescuing alive the fifteen volunteer firemen who were buried by the collapsing of a wall here yesterday.

**POPE NEVER SAID IT.**
ROME, Feb. 27.—It is denied that the Pope commented on Prince Henry's American visit as the greatest event of the new century.

**KIEL LUXURIOUS.**
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—At the request of the Emperor the Kiel Yacht Club has decided to increase the prizes, both in number and value, at the regatta on the Kiel next summer.

**TOO MUCH ARMAMENT.**
VALPARAISO, Chili, Feb. 27.—As the best way of insuring peace between Chili and Argentina the leading influential newspapers throughout the country are urging a reduction of armament.

**CANEVARO APPOINTED.**
LIMA, Peru, Feb. 27.—Gen. Canevaro has been appointed head of the army staff by the Government.

**BREAKS BANK AT MONTE.**
MONTE CARLO, Feb. 27.—An American named Laudau broke the bank here three times during the afternoon by winning almost $40,000 at trente et quarante.

**HOGG IS KNOLLY'S HOST.**
LONDON, Feb. 27.—Sir Francis Knollys was one of the distinguished company that entertained ex-Gov. Hogg, of Texas, at a dinner last night.

**GRAIN TARIFF UP.**
BERLIN, Feb. 27.—In the face of strenuous governmental opposition the Tariff Committee of the Reichstag has raised the tariff on grain.

**DIPLOMAT SOON HERE.**
RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 27.—Senor J. F. de Assis-Brasil, Minister to the United States, will leave here for Washington on March 15.

**LESE MAJESTE.**
LONDON, Feb. 27.—Refusal to appropriate funds for the coronation and a suggestion that the Kin wear crepe because of the Boer war characterized a labor meeting the first mark of English disrespect to the ruler since his accession.

**BAND GOOD ON MARCH.**
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Feb. 27.—The Eighth Cavalry band, which arrived from Puerto Principe, made a record-breaking march overland and is in remarkable physical condition.

**CAVALRY CHARGE WORKMEN.**
BUCHAREST, Roumania, Feb. 27.—Cavalry was called out to disperse the workmen who tried to invade the Chamber of Deputies. Many persons were injured. About two hundred arrests were made.

**DEVLIN ELECTED.**
DUBLIN, Feb. 27.—Joseph Devlin, leader of the Belfast Nationalists, now in the United States with William Redmond in the interests of the United Irish League, has been elected to represent North Kilkenny in the House of Commons without opposition.

**ROYALTY GREETS CELTIC.**
ATHENS, Feb. 27.—King George and Queen Olga endeared themselves to the several hundred American tourists aboard the Celtic by meeting the steamer upon its arrival and welcoming the passengers.

**TOLSTOI SAFE.**
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 27.—Immediate danger of death in the case of Count Tolstoi has been passed.

# BROOKLYN AND MANHATTAN JOIN IN HOTEL WEDDING.

## Miss Eleanor Lowdon Gilles Becomes Mrs. Charles Bang at the Sturtevant House.

MRS. ARTHUR CHARLES BANG.

Many prominent society people of Manhattan and Brooklyn attended the marriage of Miss Eleanor Lowdon Gilles and Charles Bang in the Starlight Hall last night. Rev. De Witt Gregg performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a white satin costume with tulle and orange blossoms. She was given away by her cousin, James M. Lowdon, of Brooklyn. Mrs. Enoch G. Magrue assisted as matron of honor and Miss Gussie Bang was the bridesmaid.

William F. Bang attended his brother as best man, and George L. Henry, Ambrose F. Biker, Max Huss and Enoch G. Magrue were ushers.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Thomas Gilles, of No. 783 Monroe street, Brooklyn.

# CONFESS THEIR GUILT IN PUZZLING CRIMES.

### Robert Jordan Declares He's a Safe-Cracker and Prince of Highwaymen.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Robert Jordan, who was turned over to the police authorities here to the officials of Newark, N. J., where he is wanted on a murder charge, has made a confession covering a several crimes.

He says that he and three others broke open the safe of the traction company in Trenton a few months ago and secured $[illegible]. He admits having shot Chief of Police Morse, of Lambertville, N. J., and both of many highway robberies in that vicinity.

He refuses to disclose his identity and says that he does not want his mother, to whom he gave a home, to know that he is a criminal.

### Negro on Gallows Says Two Others Executed for Same Murder Were Innocent.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—Amos Stirling, a negro hanged today in Moyamensing Prison for the murder of Roy Wilson White, an instructor in the University of Pennsylvania, said that two other men previously hanged for the crime were innocent.

Before his execution he confessed his guilt to the Rev. Frank S. Webster. It was reduced to writing and he signed it. He said that he was alone in the crime, though Charles Perry and Henry Ivory, both colored, were hanged in Moyamensing a few weeks ago for complicity in the crime.

Rev. Mr. Webster does not fully credit the truth of the story.

# BROOKLYN "L" ROADS BLOCKED.

## SLIPPERY RAILS RESULT IN MANY DELAYS.

### No Bath Beach Trains Run in Early Morning Because of Floods.

Time schedules of the Brooklyn "L" roads are very greatly out of joint to-day. Slippery rails and sharp curves combined in causing accidents which tied up several lines this morning, inconvenience passengers.

Early this morning as a Fifth avenue train shot around the curve at Myrtle avenue and Adams street the contact shoe on the third rail broke and the train stopped. In a few minutes trains were piled up on the track for blocks. After half an hour's work the blockade was removed.

Another train broke down on the sharp curve in front of the Court House, and for three-quarters of an hour traffic was tied up. No Bath Beach trains are running as yet. The floods have damaged the tracks.

### Most Complete Edition Published.

The 1902 World Almanac and Encyclopedia is on sale by all newsdealers throughout the country. It has a great many new features and is one of the most complete editions ever published. It should occupy a prominent place in every progressive American household. — La Crosse (Wis.) Morning Chronicle.

# BUILDING FALLS INTO EXCAVATION.

## CUTTING AWAY OF PARTY WALL RESPONSIBLE.

### Police Drove Out Tenants Some Days Ago and Thus Averted Serious Loss of Life.

The three-story brick building at No. 362 Fulton street, Brooklyn, collapsed at 3 o'clock this morning and fell into an excavation beside it. This building and No. 364, a two-story frame structure, had been thrown out of plumb by the cutting away of the party wall to the top of the first story.

Policeman Yonkers noticed two weeks ago that the frame and the brick building had parted, leaving a five-inch space between the walls. He ordered all tenants out and notified the Building Department.

Superintendent of Buildings Calder sent men to shore up the buildings. They were then pronounced safe, and Otto Lindwall, a jeweler, and John Rausher, a photographer, were permitted to return to the frame section of the double building.

A restaurant-keeper, whose establishment extended from the frame into the brick section, was not allowed to reopen.

The restaurant and photograph gallery were wrecked. The loss amounts to $2,600.

### The World Almanac.

The New York World Almanac for 1902 gives a list of nearly 400 Americans worth $1,000,000 or over, many of them very much over.—The Omaha Daily Bee.

# UNIONISTS TURN ROSEBERY DOWN.

## REFUSE TO ENROLL UNDER HIS BANNER.

### Hoped-for Fusion Gets a Setback at Meeting of Council To-Day.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Liberal Unionists at the annual meeting of the Liberal Unionist Council to-day definitely repudiated any desire to enroll themselves under Lord Rosebery's banner.

The Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, who presided, declared Lord Rosebery had done great service in disassociating himself from the pro-Boer element, but the speaker failed to see how the Liberal Imperialist party could offer any inducements to the Unionists.

Men who refused to play the game and impartially blamed others all around, whether ...ping or Rosebery, would meet with very scant sympathy. The country was not disposed to follow the flag of statesmen who had quietly looked on while the new guides of the Liberal party had led it deeper and deeper into the mire.

He sympathized with Lord Rosebery's offer to reconstruct the party, but the speaker did not expect his efforts would be attended with success. In the meanwhile he believed the Unionists would adhere to their own party.

The resolutions passed by the meeting referred to the openly expressed hopes of the Roseberyites of getting Unionist recruits, and declared these hopes were quite groundless.

# BILL NOT DIRECTED AT TAMMANY MEN.

## LOW EXPLAINS HIS CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

### Spirit of the Measure Altogether Alien to Abolition of Civil Service.

Mayor Low this morning explained the real purport of the amendments to the charter introduced by his request at Albany.

"It is not an effort to do away with the Civil Service," said Mr. Low. He went on to say that the adoption of the amendments meant no clean sweep of Tammany officials.

The amendments give the Board of Estimate the power to organize and classify employees without the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

## YOUNGEST BOOTH DEAD.

### Brother of the Actors Led Quiet Life Here.

Dr. Joseph A. Booth is dead of heart disease at his home in this city. He was a brother of Edwin Booth and of John Wilkes Booth, and the youngest of the four sons of Junius Brutus Booth, the elder. He was sixty-two years old.

Compared to his actor brothers Dr. Booth was scarcely known to the general public. He practiced medicine in this city and Long Branch. While in New York he lived at No. 2016 Seventh avenue. His widow, who was Miss Mitchell, of Charlotteville, Va., survives him.

# GIRL PLUNGED INTO NIAGARA.

## Farewell Note Found in Pocketbook Near the Rapids.

## ON MISS COLIE'S CARD.

### "Good-By; Waters Are Calling Me," Was Written to Buffalo Family.

(Special to The Evening World.)

LOS GATOS, Cal., Feb. 27.—R. Creffield, a well known dairyman of this town, arrived to-day with information that will throw considerable light on the mysterious disappearance of Miss Colie from her home in Buffalo, N. Y., on the 19th of this month.

Mr. Creffield was returning from England and while visiting Niagara Falls he picked up a lady's pocketbook on the foot bridge near the American Falls. The purse contained a small amount of money, a railroad ticket to Buffalo and two calling cards bearing the name and address of Miss Colie.

On the back of one of the cards was pencilled the following message:

"Good-by, Ray, mamma, papa and all the dear ones; do not think I do not love you all, for I do. The waters are calling me."

Mr. Creffield sent a note to the address given on the card and on his arrival in Los Gatos found telegrams awaiting him telling him of the young lady's disappearance and asking for particulars of the finding of the purse.

# FREED IN LEAP FROM A TRAIN.

## A Prisoner, Breaking Window, Springs from Moving Car.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CHESTER, Mass., Feb. 27.—By jumping from a swiftly moving train at Chester, William Sherman, who was arrested in Springfield for stealing his sweetheart's jewelry at Rochester, N. Y., escaped from Detective Bauer.

When Sherman was arrested he admitted the charge of grand larceny and said that he would waive requisition papers. Detective Bauer, of Rochester, left Springfield with his prisoner yesterday afternoon.

Sherman asked to be allowed to go to the toilet room, and as the train slowed down at Chester, twenty-five miles west of Springfield, Sherman broke a window and jumped through it.

The vestibule doors were securely fastened and before they could be opened the train was under full headway.

Sheriff Alvord, of Chester, hearing of Sherman's perilous leap, and suspecting that he was a fugitive, gave chase. Sherman, however, easily made his escape in the darkness.

Detective Bauer left the train at Washington and took the first train back to Chester. He was a decidedly crestfallen detective. A search for Sherman will be made to-day.

## SYRACUSE WANTS PEACE.

### Students Seek to Bury the Hatchet with Cornell.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 27.—The students of Syracuse University, through a petition, have asked the Governing Board of the Athletic Association to have the settlement of the athletic difficulties between Cornell and Syracuse universities placed in the hands of a committee of alumni of both institutions who are residents of the city of Syracuse, to be chosen by Chancellor Day, of Syracuse, and President Schurman, of Cornell.

It is hoped by this means to bring Syracuse and Cornell together in athletic contests.

# SISTER CRAFT MUCH ADMIRED.

## FIVE YACHTS BEING BUILT NEAR THE METEOR.

### One Is Fahnestock's 110-Foot Schooner—Other Is for Fabbri.

Two hulls on either side of the ways from which Meteor III. was launched on Tuesday were greatly admired by those that were present when Miss Roosevelt christened the Emperor's yacht.

One of these is Gibson Fahnestock's 110-foot schooner yacht, which will be launched in two weeks, and will be nearly fitted out when she takes her first dip.

At the other side of the Meteor's berth is the auxiliary schooner being built for Alessandro Fabbri. She is almost completely plated, and will be launched within six weeks.

## HONORS TO SHERMAN.

### Stock Yard Idle While Founder's Body Lies in State.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Out of respect for the memory of John B. Sherman, founder of the Union Stock Yard, there will be a two-hour cessation of all business to-day within the limits of the yards while his body lies in state.

## NEW PARK PROPOSED.

Members of the Rapid-Transit Board want the city to take a part of the block between Eighth and Ninth streets facing Fourth avenue for a public park. There will be a subway station at that point.