

KING IS HELD FOR SHOOTING NUNS

Orphan Who Wounded Sisters While Trying to Learn Parents' Names Tells Story.

THEY SENT HIM MONEY.

Prisoner Declares He Did Not Know What He Was Doing When He Fired the Shots.

Henry J. King, who on July 17 shot the nuns in the New York Foundling Asylum in East Sixty-third street, because, he alleges, they refused to furnish him with the names of his parents, was today arraigned before Magistrate Pool in the Yorkville Court and held without bail.

Sister Angela, whose name is Margaret Creighton; Sister Cecilia, who is Annie Reddy, another sister and Lawyer Bayard L. Peck appeared in court. Assistant District Attorney Kresel represented the people.

The examination, which was held in the Magistrate's private chambers, was short. King was guarded by Detective Lyons at a distance from the sisters.

King Tells His Story.

Sisters Angela and Cecilia told of the shooting and said King made threats on previous occasions, and then King, after having been cautioned by Magistrate Pool as to his rights, told his story.

"As God is my judge," he began, "I did not know what I was doing. According to the records I was an infant in that institution. I remember being torn away from a woman dressed in black. I was there seven years when I was taken by a man named Gardner to a farm in Charles County, Maryland. I was not educated, but worked in the kitchen. I remained there fourteen years, according to the records of the institution.

"It has always been my intention to get my history and when I went there they told me to pray to God and that they would not give me any more. In 1896 I went to the institution to get all the information I could about myself. I had a right to find out my parents. I asked who left me there and they would not tell me.

Sent Him Gifts of Money.

"A sister who I know was Sister Vincent, the Mother Superior, gave me \$4. I had \$4 of my own. They told me to buy a ticket to Baltimore. I told them I had a ticket. I went to Baltimore and became ill. Then I went to a sister's hospital in the East River. When I was in the hospital I received there \$2. In two years' time I got \$50 and a suit of clothes.

"Some one told me that it was unusual for nuns to take so much interest in one of their charges. I went to New York on July 28, 1898. I made up my mind to find out something about myself.

Magistrate Pool again cautioned the prisoner, and King replied: "Judge, I believe in God. I don't remember this shooting. I was mad."

"Are you an Anarchist?" asked the court. "No," replied King. "I believe in law and order. I am in here for them to tell me who my parents are."

Magistrate Pool held King for trial.

RETURNS WIFE'S STOLEN JEWELS.

Mystery Added to Supposed Theft of Mrs. Bartlett's Valuables by Husband's Visit to Police.

The mystery of the disappearance and recovery of the jewels of Mrs. John Schofield Bartlett from Frazier's Cottage, an aristocratic hotel at Arverne, L. I., continues to engage the attention of the Rockaway police. Although \$2,000 of the \$3,000 worth of jewelry has been returned and three pawn tickets account for the remainder, the authorities have not dropped the case.

Mr. Bartlett is a clerk in a clothing store at a salary of \$15 a week. His wife is very wealthy. They engaged rooms at Frazier's Cottage early in the summer for themselves and a maid. Mr. Bartlett is a son of Gen. Bartlett, who lost his life when the ferry-boat "Northfield" sank in the East River.

A report was made at the Rockaway Police Station by Mr. Bartlett at 1 o'clock A. M. on Aug. 7, that his wife's jewels had been stolen. According to his story he went bathing with Mrs. Bartlett at 9 o'clock in the evening, leaving the jewels concealed in their rooms. When they returned the valuables were missing.

A complete list of the stolen property was furnished by Mr. Bartlett and Detective Allen was put on the case. He suspected the maid, but she proved her innocence. In the absence of clues the detective could do nothing but watch and wait.

He went to the apartments of the Bartletts yesterday afternoon and announced that unless he got the jewels within three hours he would make an arrest. He said that he thought he knew the route.

Two hours later Mr. Bartlett drove up to the police station with \$2,000 worth of jewels and three pawn tickets. One dated Aug. 2, was for a ring owned for \$25, on Aug. 2, in Newark, another, dated Aug. 6, was for a ring pawned on Aug. 8 and another for a ring pawned Aug. 9, for \$15.

Fortunately, though three rings constituted the missing jewelry, after some thought the police determined it strange that two of the missing rings should have been pawned here and the other should have been pawned elsewhere. Mr. Bartlett could not explain it yesterday, nor would he say when he last saw possession of the rings and jewelry.

He said he did not know who would talk to him this evening and endeavor to clear up the mystery.

ROTTEN FACTS COMING OUT.

Mayor Low's Commission Actively at Work and Brooks Resumes Police Hearing.

PROSECUTORS REST CASE.

Accused Bluecoats Engage Counsel and Inspector Says He Will Make a Full Investigation.

The investigation by Mayor Low's commission into the riots attending the funeral of Rabbi Jacob Joseph will be more far-reaching than was at first thought. Not only will the police brutality of that day be inquired into, but the tyranny that has existed on the east side for years will be made the subject of a special report. The Jews of the district, who say that they have been made to submit to all manner of cruelty and insult, are determined to bring the case to a final issue. This is the first opportunity they have had and they are going to make the best of it.

The first session of the commission was held in secret this afternoon to decide upon a plan of action. Chairman Whitney said that the commission will be held in the University Settlement on the east side.

Brooks Resumes Hearing.

When the investigation before Inspector Brooks into the alleged acts and brutality on the part of the police during the riot near the Hoe factory while the funeral of Chief Rabbi Joseph was being held, resumed today, Lawyer Sarason, of the Law Committee of the East Side Vigilance League, announced that as far as the complainants were concerned the case rested.

Inspector Brooks was careful to define his position. He has been given to understand that numerous other witnesses would be called to testify against the policemen who took part in the shooting.

"It is my intention," he added, "to hear not only witness for the prosecution, but those on the defense as well. We have sixty additional witnesses." We have sixty additional witnesses," said Lawyer Stillman of the Law Committee, who on the testimony of the complainants, who are being called by the police, but we will not present them at this hearing.

Inspector Brooks decided not to go on with the hearing of the defense. "I will hear all of the complaining witnesses," he said, "and shall keep this place open until all are heard. That is the law."

Inspector Brooks, who defended Florence Burns, has been retained by the accused policeman.

He was present at the inquiry today. Assistant District Attorney Kresel, who is in charge of the investigation, would be present later in the day.

After hearing further police evidence the Inspector adjourned the hearing until to-morrow at 11 A. M.

MRS. V. R. COXE ILL.

Author Attacked by Heart Disease at Crescent Cliff.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 11.—Mrs. V. R. Coxie, the author of "East Orange," died here last night at Crescent Cliff, near here, with heart disease.

She is a native of Virginia and has been in Knoxville for many years. Her best known books are "Princess Beulah" and "The Embassy Ball."

BATHER DROWNS ON WHITNEY'S ESTATE

Head Stableman, Swimming with Maid; Gets Beyond His Depth and Sinks Before Help Comes.

While bathing in the old millpond on the estate of William C. Whitney, at Avenue C, Sheepshead Bay, Patrick Connors, the head stableman, was drowned today. Connors and Mary McCarthy, twenty-eight years old, a maid employed by Mr. Whitney, were bathing together, and Connors got beyond his depth. He became exhausted and was seized with cramps.

He shouted to the maid to come to his rescue, but before she could reach him he had disappeared beneath the water. The drowning man's cries could be plainly heard in the Whitney home. After several hours of dragging the pond the body was recovered and removed to the Coney Island morgue.

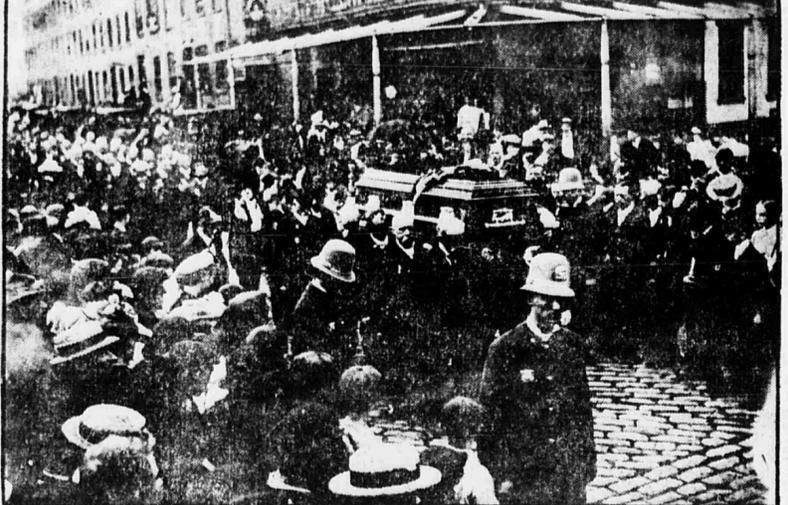
The Old Mill Pond is used by Mr. Whitney as a private oyster bed. The water is very deep.

GERMANS TO LAND MEN IN VENEZUELA

Naval Force Will Be Sent Ashore at Porto Cabello—American Gunboat Sent to the City.

THOUSANDS WHOM HE AIDED WEEP AT ALD. BRIDGES'S BIER

St. Anne's Church Crowded at Funeral and High Praises Are Sounded by the Officiating Priest.



CITY OFFICIALS BEARING ALDERMAN BRIDGES TO THE GRAVE.

A crowd of 6,000 wept to-day as the bier containing the body of the late Alderman Bridges left St. Anne's Church for the Holy Cross Cemetery. Packed in the stifling atmosphere of the streets surrounding the edifice, the crowd stood with uncovered heads while the solemn requiem mass was being sung. It was a remarkable tribute to an humble, honest man.

Carrying the coffin on their shoulders, twelve pallbearers, composed of members of the Board of Aldermen, the Brooklyn Volunteer Firemen's Association, Devin Post, G. A. R., and the Thirtieth Regiment Veterans' Association, left the Alderman's late residence at No. 283 Front street at 9:30 o'clock this morning and bore it to St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, one block distant, where a requiem mass was sung.

The little church, which for many years has been the favorite place of worship for the prominent politicians, public men and the more humble friends of the dead man, Rev. Fathers McGroin, Dalack and Dugan officiated at the mass.

Many Officials Present. The pallbearers were Borough President Cronwell, of Richmond, representative of the borough presidents, Acting President of the Board of Aldermen Melnick, representing the board; Aldermen Gass, of the Bronx; Willett, of Queens; Goodman, Owens and McCall, of Manhattan; Wentz, Stewart, Dwyer, Kennedy, Totholt and Kooloy, of Brooklyn; Col. E. A. Merchorse, Major W. M. Peck and C. F. Gilderman, representing the G. A. R. post of which Alderman Bridges was a member.

Prominent among the men who attended the funeral were Borough President Cantor, Civil Justice Walsh, Congressman John M. Clancy, John H. Farwell, Councilman Henry French, James B. Bueck, James Mahon, Thomas Durfy, Francis J. Peary, A. C. Wheeler, Congressman John G. Wheeler and John McKeown.

The casket was placed on a catafalque in front of the altar of the church. At the foot of the catafalque stood an aedile bearing aloft the crucifix, and over the coffin was spread the American flag of the Grand Army post which had the funeral in charge. The church was packed to the extreme of discomfort, but no one left until the long ceremony was concluded.

Father McGroin delivered the funeral oration. This priest has not been long in the Church of St. Anne, but in his short pastorate he had grown to love the sturdy little Alderman. His tribute to the memory of James Bridges was heartfelt.

Priest Pays High Tribute. "Our friend who has gone," said the priest, "was a faithful father, a faithful friend and a devoted member of this church. To say more for a man than that he was a good father, friend and Christian is not possible.

"Personally, Mr. Bridges was not known to me long, but from my first meeting I knew that he was a lovable character. I think he was the most unselfish man I ever knew. He had a strict idea of his duty to his constituents, his friends and his family, and he lived up to that idea rigidly.

"Some men give wealth to mankind, some give knowledge. Our friend gave himself. In the performance of what he considered a duty to his friends he contracted the illness that caused his death.

"Although not an educated man, our friend was a man of ideas and force. He accomplished much in his own way, and leaves behind him a record of which his children may well be proud."

Through a popular request the funeral procession passed through the more important streets of the Second Assembly District before proceeding to Holy Cross Cemetery, in Flatbush.

Up to last night over 100 carriages had been ordered from the undertaker who had charge of the funeral arrangements. This would easily stretch the procession to be more than a mile in length. More carriages were ordered this morning, and scores attended in carriages of their own. It was said by many to have been the longest funeral procession Brooklyn has seen in many years.

No Attempt at Display. And might it all there was no attempt at display. Principally it was the expression of feeling of the poorer people to the man whom they had admired. Laborers earning small pay and with large families depending on them eagerly spent several days' wages to hire carriages that they might follow the body of their Alderman to his grave. With old and friendless women Bridges was particularly popular, and many of them in the district who had depended on him while he lived, scraped among their other friends to-day until they got the price of a carriage and then joined the procession.

In all of Brooklyn's Catholic churches yesterday prayers were offered for the repose of the Alderman's soul, but in St. Anne's little church the services were particularly pathetic. It was this church the Alderman attended and most of the communicants were personal acquaintances of the "Little Alderman." In the sermons when Bridges's name was mentioned tears came, and in some instances the grief was so genuine that the weeping was aloud.

GANG GOT RICH ON STRAW BONDS

Arrest of Two Shows Forty Forfeitures on Fraudulent Property Deed.

Sensational disclosures as to the operations of a gang of straw bondsmen follow the arrest to-day of two men who have for years been earning a pretty penny in giving fake bonds. It is charged, for prisoners taken in this county. Other arrests are promised to-day.

District Attorney Jerome's office made the discoveries which have resulted in the two arrests and the issuance of warrants for the others. The District Attorney has begun a crusade against this class of law-breakers, who must commit perjury in order to secure their acceptances as bondsmen. They will be charged with that serious crime. Fake deeds to properties and fake bonds figure largely in the nefarious transactions.

Forty Bond Forfeitures. On a fake property deed held by one of the men in custody on the strength of which he and others went on the bonds of prisoners there have been at least forty bond forfeitures, and many persons charged with crime have escaped trial.

One fake deed alone represents hundreds of thousands of dollars in bail bonds, many of which are at present in force.

It was only after the county detective had resorted to strategic means that the arrest of the two men in custody was made late last night. Dressed as letter-carriers and carrying a bundle of special delivery letters, County Detectives Maher and Welsh succeeded in securing personal identification of one of the men who for a long time had evaded arrest. He is Otto Schneider, who claims a residence at No. 364 Hudson street.

The other man is Leopold S. Oppenheim, of No. 270 West Broadway, who for years has been a prominent figure in police courts and stations, posing as a bondsman.

At the office of the County Clerk a search of the records showed that two deeds evidently were in existence for the property at 538 East One Hundred and thirty-fourth street.

Cleverly Avoided Detection. Clever manipulation has heretofore prevented detection, and it was only accumulated cases of forfeitures which finally drew attention to the bond and its holders which led to the discovery of the fraud.

A remarkable feature in the whole affair is that the fake deed on the One Hundred and thirty-fourth street property is duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk and has all the appearance of being genuine.

It is said that with the arrest of the other two bondsmen against whom warrants have been issued to-day, the most startling disclosures concerning the operations of straw bondsmen will follow.

Schneider was held in \$2,000 bail. Magistrate Hogan, who admits that he is not a lawyer, is duly recorded in the office by Schneider's fake bond, closely examined Oppenheim when the latter was arrested to-day. The request of the District Attorney Oppenheim was remanded until to-morrow. The request was made pending the arrest to-day of the others in the extensive straw-bond plots.

MRS. LEDERER GETS CUSTODY OF SON.

Judge Reverses Referee's Decision, Saying "Boy Needs Loving Care of Mother More Than Wealth of Father."

"This child needs the personal attention and loving care of its mother more than it does the wealth of its father," announced Justice Dickey, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, in reversing the opinion of the referee and awarding to Mrs. George W. Lederer the custody of her six-year-old son Matt-Land.

The case was before Justice Dickey on the application of George W. Lederer, the theatrical manager, to gain the custody of his little son. The referee decided that because of his wealth Mr. Lederer should have the child, but Justice Dickey reversed this decision.

"This child is extremely unfortunate in having parents who get on so badly together. They evidently think they cannot live together happily and are living apart, with a suit for separate maintenance untried. Proper consideration for the interests of the child calls for the parents to bear and forbear with each other. I do not undertake to say which is to blame.

"Civilization has advanced so far that father and mother now have equal claims for the custody of a child. This child needs the personal attention and loving care of its mother more than it does the wealth of its father. If the father has the affection and regard for the child which is claimed he will see that the child is taken care of no matter whether in his own or its mother's custody. I will therefore give the child into the keeping of its mother."

WARRANTS FOR JONAS.

Head of Jonas Glass Company Accused by Ex-Employees. CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 11.—Warrants were issued to-day in this city for the arrest of George Jonas, of the Jonas Glass Company, of Minotola, N. J., on charges of violation of the child labor laws, intercepting telegraphic messages, and attempting to prevent an employee from joining a labor organization.

The charges are preferred by former workmen of the company, who have been on strike since April.

RICH MEN FIGHT IN SLEEPING CAR

J. Gelston Affleck, of Yonkers, Objects to Robert D. May's Leg Invading His Berth.

When J. Gelston Affleck, who is secretary and treasurer of a number of street railway lines, lives in a mansion in Yonkers and is considered a most modest and sedate gentleman, awoke to-day in lower berth No. 10 of a Pullman sleeper on a New York Central train from Thousand Islands, he saw a large, plump and bare leg with a foot of goodly size attached dangling down from the upper berth within a few inches of his face.

Mr. Affleck could tell it was a man's leg by the size of the foot and he pulled it first, then twisted it and later hurled it away until its dreaming possessor jerked it into the upper berth.

The man in the upper berth was Robert D. May, who later said he was a banker at No. 760 Broadway. As they were leaving the train in the Grand Central station Mr. May caught Mr. Affleck by the collar and demanded—

"Were You Pulling My Leg?" "What did you mean by pulling my leg?"

"If that was your leg, I would be ashamed to admit it," was the reply. One word led to another, Mr. May declaring that his leg was just as good a leg as could be found.

Fellow-passengers say blows were struck. Anyway, Mr. May asked a policeman to take Mr. Affleck to the police station, and Mr. Affleck made the same request concerning Mr. May.

They were taken at once to the Yorkville Court, where they were arraigned together before Magistrate Pool. Mr. Affleck told the Magistrate of his discovery.

"Nothing could have been more disagreeable," said the Magistrate. "I found it so. Judge, and therefore I threw it aside," said Mr. Affleck. "It was simply an accident," said Mr. May. "I had no idea I was doing that."

"But you did do it," said the Magistrate. "And this man caught hold of my collar and tried to detain me," added Mr. Affleck.

"Simply Detaining Him." "I was simply detaining him to get his name," explained Mr. May. "Had you asked me politely I would have given you my card," said Mr. Affleck.

"I shall not entertain your complaint against this gentleman," said Magistrate Pool to Mr. May. "You were entirely in the wrong, but I shall entertain Mr. Affleck's complaint against you if he is desirous of making one. I should suggest a charge of assault."

"I think this has gone far enough," said Mr. Affleck. "If you had asked me for my card and wanted to bring suit civilly all this could have been avoided."

"Well, if you have no complaint to make, you are both discharged," said the magistrate.

Both men left the room, but not together, and some say civil suits will follow the wandering leg of Mr. May.

RUNAWAY CAR INJURES SIX.

Trolley Fuse Blows Out Going Down Jackson Avenue Hill, Long Island City.

Through the blowing out of a fuse on a trolley car and the failure of the brakes to operate while the car was going down the Jackson avenue hill, Long Island City, to-day four women passengers and a young man were seriously hurt. The yare now in St. John's Hospital. One of the legs of Harry Hill, conductor, was broken.

Two of the women are unconscious and are said by the surgeons to be in a critical condition. The others will recover.

They were passengers on car No. 122 of the New York and Queens County trolley which runs between Flushing and the foot of Borden avenue, Long Island City.

While the car was proceeding down hill on Jackson avenue and approaching Painter avenue at a high rate of speed the fuse blew out with a terrific report. At the same moment the brake chain parted and the motorman was powerless to check the car's downward flight.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, of No. 48 Railroad avenue, Corona, who was sitting in a front seat with her stepson, William Gaston, hung heretofore from the car steps just as Gaston reached to assist her. He in turn was dragged from the car and fell violently to the pavement.

Gustie Schroeder and her sister Amelia, who reside on the Shell road, Winfield, also jumped from the rapidly moving car and were rolled headlong into the gutter.

Mrs. Alexander S. Burns, of Woodside, fought excitedly with a man passenger who was found to be seriously hurt. She could not be restored to consciousness. Their identity was ascertained by means of cards found in their possession. Gustie and Amelia Schroeder were badly bruised about the head and body. Their injuries were painful.

William Gaston was also badly bruised about the head and body.

James McCreery & Co. LADIES' SUIT DEPT. 3rd floor. The remaining stock of Chambray Coat Suits, various colors, \$7.00. Lawn Dresses, 7.00. Linen Skirts, 2.00 & 3.00. Pique " 2.00 & 3.00. HOUSE-GOWN DEPT. 3rd floor. Lawn Kimonas, 75c & 2.50. Lawn Negligees, 1.50, 2.50 & 5.00. Unusual values. Twenty-third Street.

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Fancy Tables, Vernis Martin, Rockwood and Venetian Walnut Finish, \$3.25, 4.95, 7.50. Value \$3.95, 6.50 and 10.00.

Parlor Tables, Vernis Martin, handsomely painted, \$17.00, 25.00. Value \$20.00 and 30.00.

Curio Cabinets, Vernis Martin and Mahogany painted, \$21.50, 30.50, 33.75. Value \$24.50, 34.00 and 36.00.

Gold Leaf, Three-Painted Panels, \$47.00, 53.00. Value \$52.00 and 60.00.

Music Cabinets, Vernis Martin and Rockwood, \$15.50, 16.75, 22.50. Value \$17.00, 19.00 and 25.00.

Nest Tables, Mahogany, Golden and Weathered Oak Finish, \$6.50, 8.75. Value \$7.50 and 10.00.

Writing Desks, Imported Samples, Art Nouveau Designs, \$29.00, 47.00, 59.00. Reduced from \$50.00, 74.00 and 98.00.

Men's & Women's Silk Umbrellas at Exceptionally Low Prices.

26 and 28-in. Heavy Twilled Silk, close rolled, natural wood handles, \$1.95. Value \$2.50 to \$2.75.

26 and 28-in. extra quality Silk, close rolled, Sterling Silver and Horn, Ivory and Pearl Handles, trimmed with Sterling Silver, \$2.95. Value \$3.75 to 4.50.

West Twenty-third Street.