BRIBERY TO OUST CROKER

Fire Chief's Counsel Declares Witnesses Were Paid to Testify Against Accused Uniformed Head.

TWO IN THE CONSPIRACY.

Delaney Says He Will Prove Deputy Chief Purroy and Secretary Leary Plotted to This End.

John J. Delaney, counsel for Fire Chief Croker, created a sensation during the examination of Deputy Chief Charles D. Purroy by rising and saying:

"I propose to show a conspiracy between this witness, Deputy Chief Purroy and Secretary William Leary to bribe witnesses to come here and testify against Chief Croker.

"I not only promise this," declared Mr. Delaney, "but I will prove it beyond a question of a doubt."

Commissioner Sturgis's face flushed and he became greatly excited. The Commissioner had objected to Mr. Delaney's line of questioning Deputy Chief Purroy and this caused the outburst from Chief Croker's counsel.

"Let Him Prove It."

"If he can prove this," interrupted Assistant Corporation Counsel Crosby," I would suggest, Mr. Commissioner, that he be allowed to continue his questions along this line."

Although the trial had started in the greatest good humor on both sides today, immediately Deputy Chief Purroy took the stand Chief Croker's counsel began one of the most rigid cross-examinations that has characterized the trial.

After he had shown Deputy Chief Purroy's lack of knowledge regarding fire hydrants in the vicinity of the Wickes fire, he suddenly asked him:

"Are you friendly to Chief Croker?"

"I don't know," answered the Deputy Chief.

"Are you hostile toward him?"

"Not that I am aware of."

"Were you not placed in command when the Chief wen ton his vacation without his recommendation?"

"Yes."

"Who took the lock off the Chief's desk while he was away?"

"Nobody that I know of. There was a private drawer put on by the purchasing agent."

"Who entered the desk and took from it papers?"

"I have never taken any papers out."

Sturgis Shields Purroy.

Commissioner Sturgis objected to this line of questioning, but on the advice of the Assistant Corporation Counsel reconsidered and permitted it to be continued.

"Wh had acess to that desk?"

"Everybody," answered Deputy Chief Purroy.

"What papers were taken out oy you?"

"My private papers and the records of the Department."

"Did you or your driver take them out?"

"I did."

"Did you have anything to do with the preparation of these charges?"

"Only what I was ordered to do?"

"Who ordered you?"

"The secretary, Mr. Leary."

This question was for the purpose of showing that although Mr. Leary had nothing whatever to do with the uniformed Fire Department Deputy Chief Purroy, then the highest officer of the uniformed force, took orders from him.

"Do you mean to say you took orders from the secretary," asked Mr. Delaney, "or is it because you do not wish to say you received the orders from the Commissioner?"

"No. I took my orders from the secretary."

Will Take His Chances.

Deputy Chief Purroy said he did not know how many other members of the uniformed department took orders from Secretary Leary. He said he did not know that Chief Croker had refused to recommend him to fill the vacancy when he, Croker, was on his vacation.

"Do you expect, if Chief Croker is suspended or dismissed, to take his position?" asked Mr. Delaney.

"I do not," was the answer. "I expect to take the Civil Service examination and take my chances with the others."

Suddenly branching out on a new line, Mr. Delaney asked:

"Do you know William H. Weise?"

"Yes, sir, and had a conversation with him in front of Engine Company 18, which I remember."

"Do you remember saying to him that Croker was a dead dog?"

"No, nothing of that kind."

"Did you advise him concerning a private wire running to that engine house?"

"I did not."

There is apparently much mystery surrounding this private wire. Mr. Delaney intimates that it is in some way connected with the conspiracy against Chief Croker.

"Weise is in the telegraph bureau of the Department, is he not?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you tell him you would have the $200 a year which was lopped off his salary returned if he testified against the Chief?"

"No."

"Didn't you tell Mr. Cuff you would have him reinstated if he did so?"

"No, sir."

Witnesses Intimidated?

"Didn't you reprimand firemen for coming to my office?"

"I reprimanded several firemen for be-

FIRE CHIEF CROKER'S SUBORDINATES TESTIFY AGAINST HIM AL HIS TRIAL.

COMMISSIONER STURGIS AND OPPOSING COUNSEL.

ing absent from their houses without leave."

"Didn't you ask Capt. Kentin to testify that there was plenty of water at the Wickes fire?"

"No, sir."

"Didn't you say Croker will be croaked?"

"No, sir."

Didn't you tell Clerk Rosenthal he needn't expect a raise in salary because he was a friend of Croker?"

"No, sir."

Admits Little Water.

Battalion Chief Frederick W. Goodenson, jr., who responded on the fourth alarm at the Wickes fire, said the fire had gained considerable headway when he got there. The engine company working on Thirty-second street corner was almost useless because the water supply was so poor. He heard Chief Croker order Chief Purroy to have all the lines backed out of the building because there was a fire in the cellar. He was in the cellar three minutes previously and saw no fire. The upper floors were burning fiercely. He did not think it was necessary to remove all the lines from the house.

"I wish to give notice now," said Mr. Delaney, when the Chief was excused, "that the examination of Chief Purroy by the prosecution is closed. I will never consent to his recall if he is once allowed to leave this room to consult with others."

"It is the design of the Corporation Counsel," Mr. Crosby replied, "to wait until the defense has put in the evidence threatened and then to recall Chief Purroy."

"Purroy will never take the witness chair again with my consent," Mr. Delaney said, "if he once has time to leave this building and confer with other people."

Byron D. Southard, who was a guest at the Park Avenue Hotel at the time of the fire, told his experiences despite the objections of counsel. He said he tried to save people, but no help came and he decided to save himself. One woman asked his aid, but she was too stout and he could not help her down the stairs. He broke down the door that separated his room from hers. He was on the sixth floor. No fireman came. No one awoke him and he heard no alarm given. He got out by the back stairway.

It was half an hour, Mr. Southard told Commissioner Sturgis, after he was awakened by the fire before he got downstairs. He met an insurance patrolman on the stairs, but no firemen or lines of hose.

Deputy Chief Purroy said he reached the Wicke fire after the second alarm and was in charge until Chief Croker's arrival. He was then assigned to the fire in Thirty-second street by the Chief. After running lines into Nos. 404-6-8 East Thirty-second street and into a lumber yard, he said he met the Chief, who said:

"There's fire in the cellar. Back out your lines. It's too dangerous to work there."

"Did you see any fire in the cellar," asked Mr. Crosby.

"No; but I drew out my lines," said Purroy.

"In your opinion as a fireman at the time this fire was discovered in the cellar, what would you have done?"

What Purroy Would Have Done.

Mr. Delaney objected, saying that Deputy Chief Purroy was not testifying as an expert. His objection was overruled.

"I would have taken the hose out of the lumber-yard and used it to fight the fire in the cellar."

"Would you have withdrawn the hose from the upper stories of the house?"

"No, sir."

"Could you have saved the buildings?"

"I could, all except the fifth and sixth floors."

"Was there any trouble from insufficient water supply?"

"Not that night."

"Were there enough engines there?"

"I think I would have had a few more."

Cross-examined by Mr. Delaney Deputy Chief Purroy was asked how many more engines he would have had.

"About eight."

"How many would that have made?"

"About forty."

"What would you have done with forty engines?"

"I would have planted them about that fire and saved the buildings in Thirty-second street."

"Were there hydrants enough to accommodate forty engines?"

"I think there were."

"Without knowing how many hydrants there were would you have called out forty engines?"

"Yes, sir."

Confesses His Ignorance.

Mr. Delaney then compelled the Deputy Chief to admit that he did not know and had no idea how many hydrants there were in the neighborhood of the Wickes fire.

Chief Croker will contend that he had engines at every hydrant and that there was not sufficient water to accommodate those that were called out.

Battalion Chief Ross, who made the report on this fire, described the extent of the fire. On cross-examination by Mr. Delaney the Battalion Chief made admissions which Mr. Crosby did not attempt to bring out.

"What did you do when you got to the fire?" asked Mr. Delaney.

"I ordered lines down through Thirty-first street," replied the Chief.

"And did you not also order the water tower down through the street, and was not the water tower crushed and an engine and five horses destroyed?" asked Mr. Delaney. "And you did not save the hose?"

"That is true."

Ran to Save His Life.

"Was not Chief Croker standing near you putting on his boots and did he not have to run to save his life?"

"Yes; and the men and myself had to crawl out to save our lives."

"The Chief had not then taken command, had he?" asked Mr. Delaney. "He had only just arrived."

"Yes," was the answer.

NOT IN WILL, SO SOUGHT DEATH.

Woman with Sick Husband and No Means Met Deep Disappointment.

FOUND DEAD IN THE BAY.

Expected Money from Mother's Estate but Got Nothing—Hysterical Before Leaving Home To-Day.

The body of a well-dressed middle-aged woman was found floating in the water at New Dorp, S. I., to-day by James Nolan, a fisherman. It had evidently been in the water but a short time, as the shoes on the woman's feet were not wet through.

The body was taken to Coroner Schaefer's morgue. The Coroner said he believed the woman had taken poison somewhere on the shore of the harbor and then thrown herself in the water.

In the pocket of the woman's dress was a sealed, unstamped letter addressed to Mrs. G. Preston, No. 1173 Fortieth street, Brooklyn, and a small 13 Fortieth street, Brooklyn, and a small scrap of paper marked "Mrs. C. W. Keen, No. 1162 First avenue, Manhattan."

The clothing on the body was of exceptionally good material. It consisted of a black silk waist, a black cloth skirt, black jacket and handsomely embroidered underwear.

The woman was about forty-five years old. She had gray hair, blue eyes and regular features. In life, Coroner Schaefer said she must have been handsome. Her two front teeth were gold filled.

There was a pair of amethyst earrings in the woman's ears and a gold band wedding ring on her left third finger. On her right hand was a large amethyst ring in a plain setting.

A short time after the finding of the woman's body it was reported to the police at Stapleton that the body of a man had been seen floating near Robbin's Reef.

When an Evening World reporter called at the First avenue address it was learned that the dead woman was Mrs. Keen.

Her eldest daughter, Mrs. Hyer, said that Mrs. Keen had been despondent for weeks over her husband's continued illness from brain trouble.

"My mother's mother died a year ago," said Mrs. Hyer, "and it was thought she would leave us her money. She was rich. Her will, however, left almost all to a son-in-law, Walter Smale. The shock to my mother was great, as my father couldn't work any more and their savings were gone.

"Mother was very hysterical last night. This morning she wrote a letter to her cousin, Mrs. Preston, and about 9 o'clock decided to go to Brooklyn herself.

"I fear she killed herself in her despondency."

DROWNED OFF QUARANTINE.

Unidentified Man's Body Is Picked Up Floating in Water.

The body of a man was picked up in the water off Quarantine Station at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The body was clothed in dark coat and trousers, colored shirt and laced shoes.

The man was about forty years of age, with dark hair and stiff red mustache, 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighed about 130 pounds.

MISS ALICE HAY BECOMES MRS J. W. WADSWORTH, JR.

Only Members of the Family and Most Intimate Friends Were Present.

MISS ALICE HAY — MR. JAMES W. WADSWORTH, JR.

LAKE SUNAPEE, N. H., Sept. 30.—The wedding of Miss Alice Hay, second daughter of Secretary of State John Hay, to James W. Wadsworth, jr., at the latter's country home, The Fells, today was a quiet family affair. The services were simple and only a few intimate friends of the young people were invited to the ceremony. Under the circumstances no wedding gifts have been received. Not even the President or any of the members of his Cabinet have favored the young couple with wedding remembrances.

Among the limited circle of guests are Miss Nancy Leiter, Miss Harriet Wadsworth, sister of the bridegroom, the Misses Warder and the Misses Boardman.

In compliance with the law of the State of New Hampshire, which provides that no marriage ceremony can be performed there by a clergyman from another State unless he has been commissioned, Gov. Jordan and his Executive Council appointed the Rev. H. C. Hayden, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, O., as a commissioner to solemnize marriages in the State, and he officiated at the wedding, as he did at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hay.

Mr. Wadsworth will take his bride to Washington in the early winter, when the couple will be alternately the guests of Secretary Hay and of Congressman Wadsworth, the bridegroom's millionaire father.

FIERCE COMBAT OVER CHILDREN.

Mrs. Lohmann's First and Present Husbands Meet and Fight Outside Court.

PLEA OF MOTHER VAIN.

Her Little Ones Promptly Refuse to Go with Her, Choosing Their Father's Home as Theirs.

Two pretty children were the cause of two men engaging in a rough-and-tumble fight and one woman fainting in Jersey City to-day.

The woman, the mother of the children, is Mrs. Henry Lohmann, of Hoboken. Two years ago she was Mrs. Albert Sturken. In the successful suit for divorce instituted by Sturken at that time, Lohmann figured as co-respondent. The father received the custody of the children. Soon afterward Mrs. Sturken married Lohmann, a Major in the Fourth Regiment.

Pined for Her Children.

From the first Mrs. Lohmann pined for her children—Edith, aged eleven, and Charles, aged twelve— and finally made application to the Chancery Court for permission to see them.

The hearing was set for this morning. When Sturken came with the children he encountered Mr. and Mrs. Lohmann at the entrance of the First National Bank Building, where the Chancery Court is located.

At the sight of her children the mother leaned lovingly and eagerly down to kiss them. The girl and boy shrank back, and Sturken, with an unsympathetic hand, pushed his former wife aside.

The Attack Opens.

With an angry imprecation, Lohmann, a veritable giant in strength and stature, sprang forward and seized Sturken by the throat. Lohmann pinioned the smaller man against the wall and began pummelling him, according to the story told by witnesses. Presently, Sturken managed to wrench himself out of Lohmann's grasp, then grappling him, threw his assailant to the floor. The combatants rolled about, fighting fiercely, the children and Mrs. Lohmann meanwhile giving vent to screams of terror.

Finally the two men, their faces bleeding and their clothing torn, were separated by the hall man and elevator man.

No arrests were made, and when the men had made themselves as presentable as possible all parties appeared in court upstairs.

Vice-Chancellor Stevenson opened the case by asking the children whether they wished to see their mother.

"No," answered the boy and girl with one voice, shrinking back again and clutching the hand of their father.

"Then," said the Chancellor, turning to Mrs. Lohmann, "I can do nothing. The father has the custody of the children."

"Oh, that is cruel! It is shameful!" cried the mother.

The Mother Faints.

Sobbing hysterically, she sank senseless to the floor.

Even then the children did not go to her.

Mrs. Lohmann was carried to an anteroom and when she had revived was taken home.

Lohmann and Sturken engaged in no further hostilities, contenting themselves by glaring at one another as they passed out.

Lohmann, like his wife, is divorced. His first wife obtained a decree, naming his present wife, then Mrs. Sturken, as co-respondent. He, too, had two children, a boy and a girl, the custody of whom was given the mother.

Major Henry Lohmann, jr., is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and well-known socially in the upper part of New Jersey.

Albert Sturken is teller in the Hoboken Bank for Savings and is socially prominent.

DIES CLASPING HIS PICTURE.

Wife, Separated Two Weeks from Husband, Commits Suicide with Gas.

HAD BEEN DISCONSOLATE

With a miniature of her husband from whom she had been separated less than two weeks clasped in her hand Mrs. Belle O'Connell, a beautiful young woman, was found dead in bed to-day at No. 127 East Twenty-fifth street.

Unable longer to bear being separated from her husband she had carefully stopped all the crevices about the windows and doors and turned on the gas.

Mrs. O'Connell was a strikingly handsome woman, and since her separation from her husband had tramped the streets in a vain effort to find employment as a dressmaker. Mrs. Parker, who keeps the boarding house where she lived, said that she was an excellent designer of costumes and was greatly discouraged at being unable to secure employment.

Had Been Disconsolate.

She frequently spoke of her separation from her husband, who, she said, had previously worked at No. 148 East Fourteenth street. For the past week she had been very disconsolate, and when not searching for work spent her time in her room crying.

Mrs. Parker tried ineffectually to cheer her up, and although her room rent was due had assured her that she might remain in the house until she secured employment.

When James Churchill, a boarder, left his room to-day he smelled gas, and it was traced to Mrs. O'Connell's room. The door was found locked and Policeman Wolfe broke in the door. Mrs. O'Connell was lying on the bed, fully dressed.

Left No Letters.

In her right hand was clasped a miniature of her husband. She left no letters of any kind.

All of yesterday she had spent in a vain search for employment and returned to her boarding-house last night, rather late. People living on the floor beneath heard her moving about as late as midnight.

The Coroner was notified and will make an investigation.

RIOT CHARGES TO THE FRONT.

Policemen Connected with Disorder at Rabbi Joseph's Funeral Must Answer.

TRIAL TO COME SOON.

Charges against Inspector Adam Cross, Capt. John D. Herlihy and Capt. Charles L. Albertson, growing out of the riots on the east side at the time of Chief Rabbi Joseph's funeral on July 29 and 30, were formally made public by Police Commissioner Partridge to-day. The charges, as directed by Mayor Low, were drawn by the Corporation Counsel.

Trial on the charges is set for Monday next, but it is expected that it will be longer delayed. Inspector Cross is at present in Europe.

There are three distinct charges against Inspector Cross and many specifications. The chief are that he failed to provide proper police protection; that he allowed the men to use their nightsticks unnecessarily and do wilful violence to citizens, and that he displayed conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in making an untrue and misleading report about the riots to the Commissioner.

Charges Against Captains.

Herlihy is charged with neglect of duty in providing too small an escort of police and neglecting warnings by telephone.

Albertson, commander of the Delancey street station, is charged with neglect of duty, violation of rules, neglect to preserve public peace and failure to provide escort of police, "necessary in view of hostilities, ill-feeling, or unfriendliness well known to exist, all of which it was his duty to know existed, between the employees of R. Hoe & Co. and some of the people in the neighborhood, notice having been sent him to that effect."

Capt. Herlihy Transferred.

Commissioner Partridge announced this afternoon that for the present Capt. Herlihy would be relieved from night duty at Police Headquarters and would command the Grand Central station sub-precinct, the smallest police district in the city. There Capt. Herlihy will have charge of but sixteen men. These were formerly in command of a sergeant. The station has often been used as a place to discipline captains, however, Devery once sending Capt. McClusky there from the Detective Bureau for being too "chesty."

The Commissioner also announced that hereafter the various captains of the force would take turns nightly in doing duty at headquarters, instead of having one permanently stationed there.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises....5.54 | Sun sets....5.47 | Moon rises....4.45

	High Water. A.M.	High Water. P.M.	Low Water. A.M.	Low Water. P.M.
Sandy Hook	6.22	6.45	12.11	12.40
Governor's Island	6.50	7.11	12.42	1.08
Hell Gate Ferry	8.43	9.04	2.14	2.40

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse	Bremen
Mesaba	London
Alene	Kingston
Adirondack	Kingston
La Gascogne	Havre
Friesland	Antwerp
Gibraltar	Baltimore
Hawick Hall	Samarang
Blucher	Hamburg

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

SAILED TO-DAY.

Kensington, Southam'n.	Seminole, Charleston.
Patricia, Hamburg.	El Sigio, Galveston.
Palatia, Naples.	Jefferson, Norfolk.
Advance, Colon.	Silvia, Newfoundland.
Georgic, Liverpool	Hindustan, Aden.
Sicilia, Naples.	Belverson, Port Antonio.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.

DUE TO-DAY.

Ethiopia, Glasgow.	Bovic, Liverpool.
America, Gibraltar.	Dona Maria, Lisbon.
Nord America, Naples.	Croatia, Hamburg.
Friedrich der Grosse, Bremen.	Lampasas, Galveston.
[illegible]	Apache, Jacksonville.

FLIGHTY GIRL HAD CHECK FOR $400.

Rachel Schauffler, Pretty and Stylish, Knocked Off Policeman's Helmet and Lands in Bellevue.

Rachel C. Schauffler, a pretty and stylishly gowned young woman, whose brother lives in the Lenox Apartments, No. 2 West Thirty-sixth street, is in the Insane Pavilion in Bellevue Hospital. The police have a check for $400 which she had when found. The check was drawn by Comstock, Cheney & Co., of Ivoryton, Conn., and was payable to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Northrup, who had apparently indorsed it to Miss Schauffler.

Detective McAvoy and Policeman O'Hearn were standing at Broadway and Battery place when the young woman approached them. She knocked off Policeman O'Hearn's helmet and talked wildly of her approaching marriage. She said she had lost her way in going from No. 63 Lefferts place, Brooklyn, to her brother's home.

Questioned further, she couldnot give an intelligible account of herself, and believing that her mind was not right they took her to the Church street police station, from where she was sent to Bellevue.

Her brother called on her at the hospital, but gave the officials little information concerning her. Investigation showed that Mrs. Mary D. Ellison lived at the Lefferts place address in Brooklyn, but the house was closed and neighbors said she was in Europe.

$25,000 IN SICK MAN'S HANDS.

Pay Day for Bronx City Employees Delayed Because Messenger Was Stricken on an "L" Train.

This was payda ywith the municipal employees in the borough of the Bronx, but they did not get their money. A messenger of the Boyd City Despatch Company who was carrying up the $25,000 in checks was suddenly taken ill on a Third avenue "L" train.

He became unconscious and was taken to the Bathgate avenue station-house, where the checks were found carefully tied up in packages, according to the various departments.

The Bronx officials were immediately notified, and on going down to the station-house identified the checks, but because of police red tape the checks could not be surrendered until a certain procedure had been complied with.

The Bronx employees will get their money to-morrow.

BIRDSALL IS INDICTED.

Jersey City Lawyer Accused by a Woman of Taking Bonds.

The Grand Jury of Hudson County has found a true bill against Lawyer Walter K. Birdsall, of Jersey City, for the alleged hypothecating of bonds worth $2,500, said to have been intrusted to his care by Mrs. Ellen Bennett, of Belmont avenue.

It is reported that Birdsall has not been seen about the city since Mrs. Bennett first complained to Foreman Huishizer, of the Grand Jury, two weeks ago. He was a member of the Board of Education. He is a Republican.

The securities Birdsall is accused of having converted to his own use are two bonds of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company worth $500 and $2,000 worth of Jersey City water bonds.

Birdsall's office in the Welden Building, Jersey City, is closed.

MARLBOROUGH FUNDS.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—In connection with the arrest in Birmingham of Robert Harding Milward, a leading lawyer of the midland counties and formerly solicitor of the Duke of Marlborough, it is pointed out that the Duke severed his connection with Milward some time ago and that no Marlborough funds are involved.

EX-POSTMAN HELD, BLAMES SATAN.

O'Donnell, Who Seized Handful of Mail, Astonishes Commissioner Shields, Who Knew Him Long Ago.

One of the Fitzes proved the undoing of James T. O'Donnell, former letter-carrier, early to-day when he attempted, according to his own admissions, to carry away letters from the mailing-room in the General Post-Office. Carrier Bryan Fitzsimmons saw O'Donnell take the letters and Policeman Fitzpatrick captured him in front of the Times Building.

O'Donnell, for twenty-seven years a letter-carrier in good standing, was discharged last Saturday upon charges preferred by his immediate superior. About 1 o'clock this morning O'Donnell entered the mailing room of the Post-Office to get, he declares, something he had left in his locker. He had been drinking, according to his own story, and as he passed the sorting tables "the devil" got into him, he said, and made him seize twenty-nine letters and two postal-cards.

No sooner had he reached the outside of the building, O'Donnell says, than he was stricken with remorse, and realized that he had committed a serious crime. It was his intention then, he pleads, to take the letters to the nearest letter-box and mail them back to the Post-Office.

Just at that moment he saw Carrier Fitzsimmons running after him, and he fled, hoping to get an opportunity to mail the letters again before being captured.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields, that official rubbed his glasses and exclaimed:

"Why, bless my soul, this can't be you, O'Donnell, under arrest? Surely you haven't done anything?"

The former letter-carrier broke down and admitted that while full of liquor and influenced by the devil he was afraid he had done something wrong. He waived examination and was held in $2,500 bail.

"Twenty-five years ago, when the Federal courts were in Chambers street," said Commissioner Shields, "that man was our letter-carrier, and we all thought well of him. He is the last man I ever expected would come before me as a prisoner."

The accused man is fifty-two years old and lives with his family at No. 21 High street, Brooklyn.

ANGEL DANCERS' FRIEND KILLED.

Frederick Van Riper, Who Gave Bail for Members of Sect, Fell Through Hole in Hay Loft.

(Special to The Evening World.)

HACKENSACK, N. J., Sept. 30.—Frederick Van Riper, seventy years old, one of the wealthiest farmers in northern New Jersey, living at Park Ridge, fell through a hole in the floor of his hay loft to-day and was killed.

Van Riper was an intimate friend and neighbor of the Angel Dancers on the Lord's Farm and furnished bail for them at the time of their arrest a few years ago. He leaves a widow and four grown children.

HIGHWAYMEN'S NEW TRICK.

Steal Umbrella to Get Victim to Run, Then Knock Him Down.

Edward Rafferty, thirty years old, who refused to tell where he lives, was held in $2,000 bail for further examination on a charge of robbery by Magistrate Brann in Yorkville Court to-day. Detective Corr said Rafferty had been arrested before.

The complainant, Edward McGinley, liquor dealer, of No. 76 Sixth street, was standing at the corner of Twenty-third street and Avenue B yesterday when one of three men, who were on the opposite side of the street, came over and grabbed his umbrella and then ran down the street, where it was dark. This was a ruse to get McGinley to follow. He received a blow on the head which caused him to lose consciousness. McGinley was then relieved of his $350 diamond stud and a gold watch and chain, valued at $250.

BRYANISM CAUSES SPLIT.

So There Will Be Rally of Kansas City Nutmeggers.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 30.—Dissatisfaction felt by some members of the Democratic party in Connecticut over the failure of their State convention to pass resolutions indorsing the Kansas City platform has resulted in measures for calling a State convention of "those loyal members of the Democratic party of the nation who adhere to the doctrines promulgated in 1900 at Kansas City."

The call for this convention, which will be held Oct. 7 in New Haven, will be issued [illegible]

HEADLESS WOMAN IN EAST RIVER.

Police Investigate Murder Suspicion—Mutilation May Have Been Caused by the Ferry Paddles.

A woman's body, with the head, arms and breasts missing and clothed only in shoes and stockings, was found this morning in the East River at the foot of Sedgwick street, South Brooklyn. The decomposition indicated that the body had been in the water a long time.

It is thought the mutilation might have been due to the body coming in contact with the paddlewheels of a steamer.

The stockings and shoes were of good material, but did not bear name or trademark. The articles will be kept at the morgue for identification.

Police are investigating a suspicion that the woman has been murdered.

REFUSE CARNEGIE GIFT.

Iron Master's Daily Charity Averages Eight Libraries.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Andrew Carnegie, according to his own computation, made to a friend, has recently given away nearly $45,000,000. He averages about eight libraries per day, giving an average of $15,000 for each.

The committee of the Marleybone Borough Council has drawn up a report recommending that the Council thank Andrew Carnegie for his offer of $150,000 for the establishment of free libraries, "which they cannot see their way to accept."

The refusal is based on the objection of the borough to the increased rates which would be entailed by acceptance of the libraries.

AMERICAN CROOK CAUGHT.

London Police Catch Him Taking Lock Impression.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Henry Conrad of Baltimore, a man about fifty years of age, whose real name is believed to be Fisher, and who is said to be a well-known criminal, was committed for trial to-day on the charge of attempting to secure a wax impression of the key of a post-office box in Cophall Court, near the Stock Exchange on Sept. 15, by distracting the attention of a letter carrier who had opened the box [illegible]

ROBBED ON A STREET-CAR.

David McInnes Loses a Diamond Horseshoe Pin.

David McInnes, No. 312 Paterson Plank Road, Jersey City, who keeps a cafe at No. 99 Park Row, this city, was robbed of a valuable diamond horseshoe stickpin on a Jersey City trolley-car.

Mr. McInnes was on his way home, and at Palisade avenue and Ferry street the pin was taken from his cravat by a young, smooth-shaven, stout man, who had as a cover a slender man a trifle older than himself.

Chief Murphy has been notified to watch out for the thieves and pin.

HORSE STEPS ON HER JAW.

Little Etta Hendren Run Down in a Brooklyn Street.

Etta Hendren, twelve years old, was run down by a grocer's wagon at Decatur street and Lewis avenue, Brooklyn, to-day, while she was on the way to school. The horse stepped on her jaw, breaking it. She was taken to her home, No. 901 Herkimer street.

As she was approaching the school Frederick Stalk, the driver of the wagon, is said to have whipped his horse. He was arrested and later held in the Gates Avenue Court in $500, charged with reckless driving.

WOMEN SYMPATHIZE.

PEORIA, Ill., Sept. 30.—The convention of the W. C. T. U. of Illinois yesterday adopted a resolution expressing sympathy for President Roosevelt in his enforced retirement from active [illegible]