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## BANK CASHIER IS A SUICIDE.

### Charles G. Dale, Officer in New York County National, Shoots Himself at His Home.

### HIS ACCOUNTS ALL RIGHT.

### He Suffered from Insomnia Owing to Overwork, and Walked Floor Many Nights, Muttering to Himself.

Charles G. Dale, cashier of the New York County National Bank and a member of one of the most prominent Staten Island families, shot and killed himself early this morning in his home in Manor road, West New Brighton.

According to Dale's friends he had been greatly overworked this summer owing to the absence of President Leland and Vice-President Jennison of the bank at the same time. One was on his vacation and the other was taken ill. This threw a double burden on Dale. The result was that he began to worry.

**Suffered from Insomnia.**

It is said that for several weeks he had been unable to sleep well. He had walked the floor at night muttering to himself about the problems that confronted him at the bank. His nervousness was so great that he slept alone.

His wife and daughter slept in another room. They were awakened this morning about 6 o'clock by the report of a pistol. Mrs. Dale ran to her husband's room and found him dead on the floor with a hole in his head. She had hysterics and her screams and those of her daughter aroused the neighbors. There was an effort made to hush the matter up but, of course, this was impossible, and the police and the Coroner were finally notified.

Vice-President Jennison said this morning that he knew of his own knowledge that Dale's accounts were all right. He said he was so sure of it that he would order no special investigation.

"I have a system in this bank," he said, "by which I receive daily reports from all the officers. I know of my own knowledge where every cent is, and it would have been impossible for Dale, even had he been so disposed, to have stolen any money.

"He was a splendid man and his death is a great shock to me. All we know of it here is what a friend of mine telephoned me from Staten Island. He called me up and told me that Dale had killed himself. We have heard nothing from Mrs. Dale or any members of Dale's family.

**Rose from Low Position.**

"Dale came into the bank in 1882. He started in a minor position and worked his way up. He had the confidence of all the officials of the bank. He had done great things and we expected great things of him in the future. His family life was happy and his business future bright.

"There was absolutely no reason for him to have killed himself. The only explanation is that he went suddenly insane.

"He was at the bank on Saturday, and left here an hour after the closing in the most cheerful frame of mind. He spoke of returning on Monday, and certainly nothing was further from his mind than death when he left here.

"Knowing as I do that his accounts are all straight it would be absurd for me to start any special inquiry, and I therefore shall not do so. It is unnecessary."

Dale was about forty-five years old. He had a wife and a fifteen-year-old daughter. He lived in the old Hillyer mansion in the Manor road, a beautiful place, surrounded by gardens and fine trees. He bought it at auction last spring. He was very popular in West New Brighton. For years he was one of the most prominent of the volunteer firemen in the place and was one of the leading Masons.

**A Prosperous Bank.**

The New York County National Bank is one of the most prosperous in the city. While it has only $200,000 capital it does a large business and has been paying regular annual dividends of 30 per cent., with occasionally an extra dividend of 100 per cent. added. The stock is now held at $1,500 a share, par being $100.

The bank was founded as a State Institution in 1855. Ten years later it was made a national bank. Being situated at Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue, in the heart of a busy mercantile district, it has been very convenient to merchants and has profited handsomely.

Francis L. Leland, a son of the former President of the institution, is President. Dale, who became cashier about two years ago, succeeded Francis M. Breese. He had been in the employ of the bank for many years previously.

**New York To-day! Chicago To-morrow.**
The Pennsylvania Special, the busy business man's train. Only 20 hours to Chicago. *.*

## RICH WOMAN FOILS ROBBERS.

### Mrs. Clara Stephens, Wife of Millionaire, Fires on Burglars Who Try to Enter Home at Mamaroneck.

### COACHMAN IN THE FIGHT.

### Her Quick Action During Husband's Absence Prevents Thieves from Carrying Off Gold-Mounted Harness Worth $1,000.

Mrs. Clara Stephens, the wife of Benjamin Stephens, a millionaire resident of Mamaroneck, is considered the bravest woman in Westchester County to-day because on two occasions she has led an attack on a gang of burglars who tried to rob her stable on two successive nights, and by shooting at them she frustrated their plans.

On Saturday night a gang of three robbers were surprised by Mrs. Stephens while they were carrying away $1,000 worth of gold mounted harness. She shot at them three times and must have wounded one of them, as a trail of blood was found over the path they had escaped by.

Last night the same gang was discovered in the stable by Alexander Scott, the coachman. He had a desperate battle with one of the robbers, who was masked. Scott had a lighted lantern in his hand, and this was knocked in the hay, and only through the quick action of the coachman, who seized it and threw it out of a window, was the stable saved from being set on fire.

"Then the burglars jumped on me," said Scott, "and knocked me down with a club. I managed to get out of the barn and called for help. Mrs. Stephens came out of the house and fired upon the men. They jumped through a window, and we gave chase across the lawn, followed by Mary Sheehy, a servant and Mrs. Backus, a friend and the two Stephens children. The burglars fired stones at us and escaped."

Mr. Stephens, who was away, has been visiting in New London. "Dick" Donnelly, the cross-country rider, and several prominent residents have procured fire-arms and will guard the Stephens place until Mr. Stephens comes home.

## MARINE HOSPITAL SWEPT BY FLAMES

### Thirty-five Patients Carried Out, but the Fire Is Subdued Without Causing Loss of Life.

The leftwing of the United States Marine Hospital at Clifton was partially destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire was caused by a defective flue. Nobody was injured.

The wards in the left wing were occupied by convalescents and at the discovery of the fire they were removed to the verandas to be out of all immediate danger.

Many hoppeb out on their crutches, others were wheeled out in invalid chairs. The nurses stood by them reassuring all that there was no danger. Thirty-five in all were taken out.

The firemen tore away the partitions surrounding the flue, and although the smoke spread in volumes through the building the flames were kept confined to the immediate proximity of the burning chimney.

Dr. Vlasche and his assistants helped the firemen in their work. It was due to the splendid conduct of the nurses and other attendants that a panic did not occur in the other wing, where there were many very sick patients.

The building is of stone and has in all about one hundred inmates.

## SENTENCES FOR RIOTERS.

### Court Deals with the Disturbing Glens Falls Element.

SANDY HILL, N. Y., Oct 13—Max Adams, of Brooklyn, a non-union motorman, who was arrested Friday for causing a disturbance at Glens Falls, was sent to the Albany Penitentiary to-day for three months. Charles Martindale, of Glens Falls, who was arrested on a charge of interfering with the Guardsmen on the night of the riot, gave bail in $2,000.

Bert Stickney, of Sandy Hill, formerly a member of Company K, Glens Falls, who was arested at Stillwater, charged with dynamiting a car last week at that place, waived examination, and the case goes to the Grand Jury to-day. He was admitted to bail in $1,000.

Soldiers patrol the village streets nightly.

**Gen. Grant Back from Manila.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—The United States transport Logan arrived here to-day, twenty-nine days from Manila by way of Nagasaki. Brig.-Gen. Frederick Grant is on board.

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## HERMIS WINS STAKE RACE.

### Crack Three-Year-Old, Carrying 126 Pounds, Beats Advance Guard and Other Star Performers in the Mamaroneck.

### TWO 30 TO 1 SHOTS WIN.

### Coruscate Takes the Second and Lord Badge Lands the Fourth—Bad Day for Talent—Track Slow.

### THE WINNERS.

**FIRST RACE—Brunswick 1, Potente 2, Mercer 3.**

**SECOND RACE—Coruscate, 1, Pearl Diver 2, Florham Queen 3.**

**THIRD RACE—Hermis 1, Warranted 2, Advance Guard 3.**

**FOURTH RACE—Lord Badge 1, Knight of Harlem 2, Barouche 3.**

**FIFTH RACE—Old Hutch 1, Fried Krupp 2, Satire 3.**

**SIXTH RACE—Zoroaster 1, Star of the West 2, Daly 3.**

(Special to The Evening World.)

MORRIS PARK RACE TRACK, Oct. 13.—The track was still heavy at Westchester early this afternoon, and for this reason the fields suffered considerably from withdrawals. A hundred men were at work on the course with rakes and harrows and a fast track was hoped for before the day ended. The weather overhead was all that could be desired, but there was not the slightest suspicion as to the presence of the cold snap which is said to be due.

The card was very interesting. The Mamaroneck Handicap had a splendid field of entries, the list including Hermis, Advance Guard, Herbert, Articulate, Royal and others, and though none of these had been withdrawn up to the time of the first race it was believed that Hermis and one or two others would be. The rest of the card was not so much as to quality, but interesting because winners were so hard to pick. The attendance was very large for a Monday.

Much comment was made on the ruling off of Jockeys Reiff and Henry in France, but in the absence of definite knowledge as to facts no one cared to express opinions. There is much speculation as to what the Metropolitan Turf Association will do in the case of Bob Rose and J. P. Korn, bookmakers, who are said to have been expelled from France. Both men are members of the M. T. A.

FIRST RACE.
Selling; six furlongs.

| Starters, whts., jockeys. | St. | Hlf. | Fin. | Betting. Str. | Place. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brunswick, 107, Lyne | 4 | 3h | 1l | 3-2 | 3-5 |
| Potente, 108, O'Connor | 7 | 5 | 2½ | 5 | 2 |
| Mercer, 92, Redfern | 11 | 10 | 3½ | 6 | 5-2 |
| Tremar, 102, M. Johnson | 3 | 1½ | 4½ | 5 | 2 |
| Malden, 89, McGovern | 8 | 2h | 5¾ | 20 | 8 |
| Lady Radnor, 87, Anderson | 6 | 4½ | 6¼ | 40 | 15 |
| Lieschen, 94, Shea | 1 | 6½ | 7 | 10 | 4 |
| Ilium, 100, Rice | 10 | 11 | 8 | 40 | 12 |
| Valley Forge, 93, Martin | 2 | 7½ | 9 | 20 | 8 |
| Anecdote, 87, Milburn | 8 | 8 | 10 | 25 | 10 |
| Duckey, 92, Creamer | 9 | 9 | 11 | 40 | 15 |

Start fair. Won ridden out. Time—1.15.

Tremar raced to the front and cut out a hot pace, followed by Malden, Brunswick and Lady Radnor. They held this order to the stretch, where Brunswick closed on the leaders and stalling off Potente's rush in the last sixteenth won by a length. Potente was two lengths in front of Mercer, who, off badly, closed very strong.

SECOND RACE.
Maiden fillies, two years old; five and a half furlongs.

| Starters, whts., jocks. | St. | Hlf. | Fin. | Betting. Str. | Place. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coruscate, 109, King | 6 | 6½ | 1n | 30 | 12 |
| Pearl Diver, 109, Redfern | 13 | 7 | 2n | 6 | 5-2 |
| Florham Queen, 109, Bolsen | 16 | 10 | 3l | 30 | 10 |
| Tioga, 109, Lyne | 9 | 5h | 4l | 2 | 4-5 |
| Cranesville, 112, Odom | 3 | 8 | 5h | 15 | 6 |
| Sontag, 109, Smith | 2 | 2½ | 6½ | 50 | 20 |
| Marion Etta, 109, Shea | 14 | 8 | 7h | 60 | 20 |
| Nuit Blanche, 109, Minder | 7 | 9 | 8 | 100 | 40 |
| Sweet Marjorie, 109, Miller | 8 | 11 | 8 | 20 | 8 |
| Miladi Love, 109, Coch'n | 1 | 1h | 10 | 10 | 4 |
| Meddling Mary, 109, Meade | 12 | 15 | 11 | 6 | 5-2 |
| Neeburban, 109, Martin | 10 | 12 | 12 | 30 | 12 |
| Fading Light, 109, O'Con'r | 4 | 3½ | 13 | 12 | 4 |
| Mme. Dubary, 109, Knight | 5 | 4h | 14 | 100 | 40 |
| Queen Elizabeth, 109, Rice | 11 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 8 |
| Never Smile, 109, Gannon | 15 | 16 | 16 | 100 | 40 |

Start good. Won driving. Time—1.10.

Sontag and Miladi Love raced head and head to the stretch, where Coruscate came through and won by a neck from Pearl Diver, who came from far back. Pearl Diver was two lengths in front of Florham Queen.

THIRD RACE.
Mamaroneck Handicap; mile and quarter.

| Starters, whts., jocks. | St. | Hlf. | Fin. | Betting. Str. | Place. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hermis, 126, Rice | 2 | 3h | 1½ | 2 | 7-10 |
| Warranted, 87, Redfern | 5 | 4½ | 2½ | 6 | 5-2 |
| Advance Guard, 124, Odom | 6 | 6 | 3n | 6 | 2 |
| Herbert, 116, Smith | 1 | 2½ | 4½ | 5 | 2 |
| Carbuncle, 100, Martin | 4 | 5h | 5½ | 6 | 2 |
| Royal, 109, Lynes | 3 | 1h | 6 | 8 | 5-2 |

Start good. Won handily. Time—2.08 1-2.

Royal made the pace to the backstretch, where Herbert closed and the

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### WEATHER FORECAST.

**Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday for New York City and vicinity—Increasing cloudiness this afternoon; rain to-night and probably Tuesday; clearing Tuesday and cooler; brisk and probably high southeast winds, shifting to west.**

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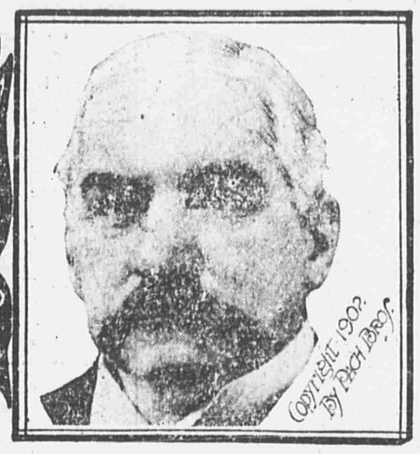
## THESE TWO MEN HAVE BROUGHT THE COAL STRIKE TO A CRISIS AT LAST.

A. J. CASSATT.




J. P. MORGAN.

## FELL TO DEATH FROM AIRSHIP.

### De Bradsky, a French Aeronaut, and Companion Dashed to Earth After Sailing Over Paris for Two Hours.

### CAR SUPPORTS BROKE.

PARIS, Oct. 13.—De Bradsky, the aeronaut, and a companion were killed by falling from a dirigible balloon this morning.

De Bradsky's balloon started from the aerostatic station at Vaugirard, a suburb of the city, at 7.55 A. M., on a trial trip. After preliminary manoeuvring with a rope attachment Bradsky released the balloon and proceeded southward at a height of 300 to 400 feet. The two propellers of the machine appeared to work well. The rudder, however, was not quite successful.

At about 9.20 the balloon had returned to above the point of departure, and then it gradually mounted higher and higher until it disappeared in the clouds. The Prefect of Police later received a despatch announcing the fall of the balloon near St. Denis, five and a half miles from the centre of Paris, and adding that its two occupants were killed.

The disaster occurred at about 9.30. When the balloon was over Stains, near St. Denis, the ropes attaching the car to the balloon broke from some unknown cause and the car, with its occupants, De Bradsky and Morin, were dashed to the ground and the aeronauts met instantaneous death. The balloon itself disappeared in the clouds.

Subsequent advices confirmed the report that the disaster was due to the breaking of the wires, not the ropes, suspending the car, which fell, burying the aeronauts beneath it into the ground. They were crushed, their legs were broken and their faces were bloody, but they were not disfigured.

When the balloon arrived over Stains the aeronauts called to some workmen in the fields, asking the direction of Pantin. De Bradsky and Morin were seen moving about the car. Suddenly one of the wire ropes broke, and then another gave way, and the car, weighing 880 pounds, crashed to the ground. The bodies of the aeronauts were taken to St. Denis.

## CONFESSES TO FORGERY.

### Bookkeeper Selfridge Sentenced for Raising a Check.

John Selfridge to-day pleaded guilty to larceny in the second degree before Judge Cowing the Court of General Sessions.

He had been employed by the Genesee Fruit Company as a bookkeeper. A check for $50.79 was changed to one for $5,000, and against this the bookkeeper attempted to draw on his personal account. He was arrested before he got any money.

Ex-Mayor Edson wrote a letter asking clemency for the prisoner, who belongs to a good Chicago family. Selfridge was sentenced to not less than one nor more than two and one-half years.

## LOST DIAMOND IN NEWARK.

### New York Lawyer Told Police He Was Robbed in a Hotel.

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 13.—George H. King, a lawyer, a guest at the Imperial Hotel, New York, notified the police here to-day that he had been robbed of a diamond pin valued at $250 in the Buffalo Hotel early to-day.

The proprietor claimed that King left the hotel and was gone some time before he returned and announced the loss of the pin. The police are making an investigation.

**Coal Found Near Stamford.**

STAMFORD, Conn., Oct. 13.—News that a vein of coal has been found in Round Hill, about eight miles from Stamford, has excited the people in that neighborhood. An investigation is to be made to determine the value of the find.

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## WOULD SLAY NIECE NOW.

### Aged John E. Law, Indicted for Attempted Murder of Agnes Mafis, a School Teacher, Freely Acknowledges Guilt.

### HE CHARGES CONSPIRACY.

John E. Law, a tall, dignified old man, with sharp gray eyes, was arraigned before Justice Cowing, in Part I., General Sessions, this afternoon, to plead to an indictment for assault in the first degree. He looked hard at the Court while the indictments was being read.

It charged him with discharging a pistol at Agnes L. Mafis, a young school teacher, living in the Bronx, on the afternoon of Sept. 22 last.

"Are you guilty" asked the Judge.

**He Fired the Shot.**

"I am guilty," came the reply after a moment's pause. "I am seventy-one years old and have lived at No. 991 Boston avenue. I fired a shot at Agnes Mafis, and I am sorry it did not take effect. Agnes Mafis is my niece, and she entered into a conspiracy with others to lure my old wife away from me.

"We had lived together forty years, and loved each other. They came between us. I am an old man and it will not be long before I shall start on the long journey from which no traveller returns, and I want to go to prison for five years. I am not a fool, nor am I insane."

He stopped speaking and stood erect, like a soldier waiting for orders.

"Have you consulted counsel?" asked the Court.

**Would Kill All.**

"I do not need counsel. If I got my liberty I would kill them all."

The plea was entered and the old man was remanded for sentence.

Judge Cowing ordered that an investigation of the case be made. Law was indicted by the present Grand Jury.

GEORGE F. BAER.
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## BAER RE-ELECTED BY READING ROAD.

### Generally Believed that the President's Labor Antagonism Would Cause Him to Resign.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—In a secret meeting, the details of which have been carefully guarded, President Baer was re-elected President of the Reading Railroad this afternoon. The entire directorate of the road was also re-elected.

The outcome of the meeting was something of a surprise. It was thought that on account of the antagonistic attitude toward organized labor taken by Mr. Baer throughout the coal strike he would be given a chance to resign. The election would appear to show that his policy is in harmony with the wishes of at least a majority of the directors of the road.

Whether any opposition to Mr. Baer developed is not known. He presided at the meeting by virtue of his office. Those who attended say they were pledged to secrecy concerning the proceedings.

## "WHAT DO I KNOW OF COAL?" SAYS J. PIERPONT MORGAN.

**As J. Pierpont Morgan was on his way from his office to the Union Club this afternoon he was asked if there was anything new to report from the various coal conferences he had held during the day.**

**"What do I know about coal?" he thundered, as he got into his cab and rode away.**

### LATE RESULTS AT WORTH.

**Fourth Race—Jack Demund 1, Scarlet Lily 2, Rolling Boer.**
**Fifth Race—Ethel Wheat 1, Dr. Stephens 2, Inspector Shea.**
**Sixth Race—Scotch Plaid 1, Irving Mayor 2, Lady Meddlesome 3.**

### AT ST. LOUIS.

**Fourth Race—If You Dare 1, Buccleuth 2, Kindred 3.**
**Fifth Race—Brutal 1, Kunja 2, Antolee 3.**

### ZELLER MAY TESTIFY IN MOLINEUX CASE.

**Assistant District-Attorney James W. Osborne said late this afternoon: "I have strong hope that Zeller, the Newark man who can throw much light on the Molineux case, will be a witness in the interests of justice after all. So far as I can see he cannot be very injurious to his friend Molineux."**

# MINE OPERATORS NOW READY TO ADVANCE WAGES.

### BUT—Managers of the Combination Still Refuse to Recognize the Union, and That Alone Stands in the Way of a Settlement of the Strike.

### Result of Important Conferences Held by the Coal Operators in This City and Philadelphia To-Day Leads to Well-Founded Report that the Anthracite Difficulty Is About Ended at Last.

A persistent report that the coal strike is practically settled boosted a failing market in the closing hour on the Stock Exchange to-day. It is said that the presidents of the coal roads, knowing that a settlement is in sight, went into the market as buyers after the conferences in the morning and early afternoon.

The report specifies that the coal presidents have agreed to yield to the demand of the strikers for an advance in wages and shorter hours, but that they remain fixed in their determination not to recognize the union.

On this basis, it is said, John Mitchell has informed J. Pierpont Morgan that he will favor sending the men back to work, arguing that if the union is strong enough to get what it wants there is no necessity that the operators should formally recognize it.

### *MITCHELL WON'T DENY IT.*

The Evening World called up President Mitchell at Wilkesbarre on the long-distance telephone and informed him of this latest report in connection with the strike. He was asked if he would affirm or deny it.

"I can do neither," he said, "because I have not heard of it."

Mr. Mitchell refused to confirm the report that news of the breaking of the strike is to come from the coal regions and not from this city. He said he had not heard of it.

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Erie Railroad this afternoon. At its conclusion Chairman Thomas, who had presided, went to the Morgan banking-house, where he was joined by Charles Steele, one of the Morgan partners, and P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia.

The three men went into the private office of J. Pierpont Morgan at 4 o'clock. It was remarked that Mr. Morgan, who had not left his office since his arrival in the morning, was staying far beyond his usual time, and he does not remain in the financial district late in the afternoon unless he has matters of great importance to attend to.

### *RECOGNITION OF THE UNION THE SNAG.*

After a fifteen minute conference between Chairman Thomas, of the Erie, and J. Pierpont Morgan, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Morgan left the building at Broad and Wall streets. Mr. Thomas went to his office and Mr. Morgan to the Union Club. Neither would talk of the result of the meeting.

One of the coal operators said this afternoon that if it were not for the question of recognition of the union the strike could be settled in an hour.

"Don't you believe that any settlement has been reached," he said. "The stumbling block is the recognition of the Miners' Union. There can be no settlement if the union is to be recognized, and it appears that the miners will not talk settlement any other way."

### *IMPORTANT CONFERENCE TO-DAY.*

Immediately after the hasty conference held to-day by the coal operators in the office of Chairman Thomas, of the Erie, President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna, said:

"This has been a very important conference and important developments may grow from it."

It is reported that as a result of this sudden conference and of others held at the same time in Philadelphia between President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania; Baer, of the Reading, and Senator Quay, the coal operators who are now in New York will go to Philadelphia to-night and meet Mr. Cassatt and Mr. Baer there to-morrow.

The local conference was attended by Mr. Thomas, President Olyphant and Vice-President Wilcox, of the Delaware and Hudson; President Fowler, of the New York, Ontario and Western; President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna; President Walker, of the Lehigh, and John Markle, the independent operator, of Jeddo.

### *CONFERENCE LASTED AN HOUR.*

These men met at the invitation of Mr. Thomas, sent out this morning. The conference lasted about an hour. At the end of that time all of the coal Presidents went to their offices with the exception of Mr. Fowler and Mr. Markle, who went to Delmonico's downtown place for luncheon.

P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, who has been visiting Gov. Stone at Harrisburg, appeared at the office of J. P. Morgan shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. He spoke a few words to Mr. Morgan and then went across the street to the office of Hollins & Co. In a few moments John Markle came hurrying up from Delmonico's and into Mr. Morgan's office. After a few words with the financier Mr. Markle went across to the office of Hollins & Co., shook hand with Mr. Widener and both disappeared in a private compartment.

Chairman Thomas, of the Erie, and John Markle, the independent coal