

TRIES SUICIDE ON 'THIRD RAIL.'

Wild-Eyed Youth Clutches Charged Steel on "L" Road and Madly Reaches for Other to Complete Circuit.

WAS CAUGHT JUST IN TIME.

Policeman. Unwilling to Give Up His Day Off by Going to Court, Sets Lunatic at Liberty, Saying "Just a Plain Drunk."

The day off of a New York policeman is an important consideration to him in making arrests. As a rule, he will not sacrifice it or break it up by taking prisoners to court. This was evidenced early today when a policeman attached to the Morrisania station allowed to go free a mad dressed young man who evidently had planned to kill himself by a novel but sure method.

The policeman said it was "just a case of drunk." The young man was picked up on the tracks of the "L" structure, at the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street station of the Third avenue road, twenty feet in front of a train which had come to a stop just in time. Conductor Donovan had been signaled from a train passing down that there was a man on the track at One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street. Otherwise a horrible death could not have been prevented.

When Donovan and his engineer ran up the footpath to the man they found him clutching the third rail with one hand and grabbing wildly with the other. The slightest touch of the other would have caused his instant death. He was quickly hustled to the platform. "What were you doing on the track?" asked the engineer.

"Shaking dice with the third rail," replied the young man. "It's leg and leg. Let me go down and finish the game."

He then made a lunge for the track, but was easily caught.

"No you don't, either. You can't play dice to-night except in a cell," said the engineer, as he summoned a policeman. While the "L" porter went for the man on post the young man, his face blackened and his clothes soiled by the ties on which he had been lying, was guarded in the waiting-room.

POLICE CAPT. KEAR ILL.

Second Attack of Uremia Renders His Condition Critical. Police Capt. Frank Kear, who is in command of the West Sixty-eighth street station, is very ill at his home, No. 107 West Sixty-eighth street. His condition is critical. Capt. Kear some months ago had a bad attack of pneumonia and uræmic poisoning. His ailment is said to be similar this time. Secret. Gibson is in temporary charge of the precinct.

BRIDEGROOM TRIED TO DIE FOUR TIMES

Only Married Two Months, He Made All the Attempts to Kill Himself in One Day.

Harold Heimerdinger is free to attempt another reconciliation with his wife if he feels so inclined. He was discharged to-day in Harlem Court after an examination on complaint of his wife, who said that he went to her home at No. 210 East Ninetieth street and threatened to shoot her and her sister. Heimerdinger admitted that he went to the house and had a pistol, but he said it was not loaded and couldn't be fired if it was loaded.

"Will you leave your wife alone if I let you go?" asked the Magistrate. "I will be only too glad to," responded Heimerdinger. Heimerdinger's wife is from Wilkesbarre. He met her in this city and married her two months ago, representing himself as the owner of an express company. When she found out that he was the driver of an express wagon at \$1.50 a day she went back to the mines.

HAD WORN "CUFFS" BEFORE.

Prisoner Who Told Officer How to Adjust the Irons.

Carl Newman and Frank Hulbert, who were arrested Thursday night, and in whose possession much stolen property was found, were arraigned in Jefferson Market Court this morning. Hulbert was given into the custody of Officer Bell, of Westchester County, for a burglary committed in that county. Bell handcuffed Hulbert, when the prisoner looked at the "cuffs," said: "Here, officer, you haven't got these on right. You can get out of them. Take 'em off. I'll show you how to put them on." The officer took the handcuffs off and the prisoner turned them over and said: "That's the way they belong, but you had better chain my right hand to your left, and then I will be perfectly safe."

BURGLAR HAD A RAZOR.

John Doyle, Who Has a Record, Singsha at a Policeman.

John Doyle, a has John Dougherty, who has a record for whipping policemen, met one man today who proved his match. As a result he is in jail under \$1,000 bail for attempted burglary. Policeman Harvey found Doyle breaking into a shoe store at No. 248 Third avenue. He had broken a pane of glass and was taking shoes from the window. When the policeman tried to arrest him Doyle drew a razor and slashed savagely at Harvey's head. After a struggle Harvey disarmed him. Doyle has served twenty-four years in jail for various offenses.

\$5,000 FOR A CHILD.

DES MOINES, Oct. 25.—The Iowa Supreme Court has decided that the life of a child under five years cannot exceed \$5,000 in value.

BIRTH SECRET CAUSED DEATH.

Arthur Spenser, Animal Trainer, Killed Himself When White Bride Learned He Was a Mulatto and Deserted Him.

CRIME BROUGHT EXPOSURE.

Wife Stuck to Him When He Was Arrested for Theft, but on Learning His Birth Secret She Turned Her Back on Him.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 25.—Arthur Spenser, the animal trainer, whose conviction a little over a week ago brought to light the secret of his birth, committed suicide to-day at the Maryland Penitentiary, where he had begun serving a fifteen years' sentence for stealing \$15 from a boarding-house in Frederick. Spenser lost all desire for living when he learned that his girl wife, to whom he professed great devotion, had abandoned him upon being convinced that he was the son of a mulatto woman, which Spenser denied to the end. A despatch from Wheeling, W. Va., to-day, however, declares that Lucy Piper, his reputed mother, now admits that she was her son. She declares that when he brought his wife to her house and introduced her to the young woman as his "good friend" she had hard work to keep back the truth, but did so for her son's sake.

Warden Wexler had Spenser watched, fearing that he would commit suicide but during the absence of the guard he hanged himself in his cell with his bed sheet. Two letters were found pinned upon his nightgown. One was addressed to his wife in Cincinnati, which was forwarded to her by the Warden, and the other was addressed to the Warden, in his letter to whom he said: "I could have stood the imprisonment if my wife remained true to me. Without her love I have no further desire to live. May God forgive me and the newspaper that published the lies that drove my wife away and me to death. Had my wife come here I could have proven all but a strange fate has pursued me, making it impossible for me to clear myself in my situation extended by a long personal interview." He then declares that he sinned through love of his wife, and threatens to hunt the persons who caused his wife to desert him. "To their dying day," he wrote "I shall live them no rest."

CHILDREN IGNITE BUILDING.

Little Ones Played with Excelsior in Cellar of Furniture Store.

Some children playing in the cellar of the furniture store of Gustav Fried, at No. 1115 Third avenue early to-day tossed a lighted match into a corner where there was some loose excelsior, starting a small conflagration. In the course of which several mattresses and bedsteads which were stored in the basement were destroyed and the tenants of the flats above thoroughly terrified. The employees of the store fortunately rushed downstairs with buckets of water in time to save the fire from spreading through the upper floors of the building, and after a severe fight succeeded in extinguishing the flames before the firemen arrived on the scene. The damage is estimated at \$150.

CONVICT WHO ENDED LIFE WHEN BRIDE DESERTED HIM.



MR. AND MRS. SPENCER

NOTE IN LOAF BETRAYS PRISONER

Postenos, Accused of Highway Robbery, a Victim of the Zeal of Friends.

A note smuggled into jail in a loaf of bread helped to betray Augustus Postenos, who was held in 1,000 ball in the Harlem police Court to-day on a charge of highway robbery. Postenos was arrested in Brooklyn on complaint of Altkibb obseman, who says that the prisoner and two other men knocked him down and robbed him of \$5 in One Hundred and Fourth street, some nights ago.

Detective Howard, of the One Hundred and Fourth street station, found Postenos across the river and locked him in the Adams street station. While the detective was out three friends of the accused man brought him in a loaf of bread and some friend eels. Upon Howard's return he examined the bread and found in it a note signed by three men saying that if Postenos would plead not guilty they would appear and swear that he was in Brooklyn on the night of the robbery. The writers of the note have not been found.

DELANEY RAPIDLY IS GOING BLIND.

Accused Police Captain, Surgeons Report, Is Losing Sight in Remaining Eye.

The Board of Police Surgeons, after examining Capt. John Delaney, of the East Thirty-fifth Street Police Station to-day, reported that the sight of his remaining eye is rapidly falling and that in a short time he will be totally blind. They recommend his retirement, and it is considered probable that Commissioner Partridge will follow their recommendation.

Delaney is now under charges for neglect of duty. He has been staying off his trial on the ground that he is physically unable to appear. His retirement will let him out of a tight hole and save the Police Department from carrying him on the rolls at full pay. If he were tried without being present and dismissed, the courts probably would reinstate him. Commissioner Partridge to-day announced that he had referred the surgeons' report to the Corporation Counsel. He desires to ascertain whether he "may" or "must" retire his subordinate. The decision also will apply in the case of Capt. Cronin, also ill at his home while under charges.

COLER DEMANDS REPLY OF ODELL

Democratic Candidate Puts Posers to Republican Rival Concerning Present State Administration.

"WHO GETS THE GRAFT?"

Former Comptroller Points Out Increase in Expense of Collecting State Tax on Collateral Inheritance and Number of Employees.

Bird S. Coler said he was in an inquisitive mood when he appeared at the Hoffman House to-day, and he had a few questions in practical economics which he would like to have answered by the Republican State administration. "What I want to know," said Mr. Coler to an Evening World reporter, "is why the expense of collecting the State tax on collateral inheritances has grown from \$7 per \$1,000 in 1893, under the last Democratic administration and Gov. Flower, to \$26 per \$1,000 in 1901, under Gov. Odell's administration?"

"And I'd like to know why the number of employees at Albany has nearly doubled. In 1893 the amount collected for inheritance tax was \$2,971,887.65. The legal expense for collecting this was \$2,591.99, or 87 per cent. In 1901 the amount collected was \$4,084,696.87, and the legal expense was \$1,675,150, or at the rate of 40 per cent."

"During the first three years of my administration as Comptroller of New York I received in fees for collecting the inheritance tax here about \$75,000—most of which I spent in the 'Ramapo' and 'confession of judgments' fights. The fee system was abolished in 1900, on the ground that it made the expense of collecting the inheritance tax excessive.

"Deducting \$25,000 per year, the amount I received in fees, it would make the legal expense for collecting under Republican rule at Albany, over \$30 per \$1,000."

"Who gets the graft?" "To what class of men does this money go? I would very much like to have these questions answered, so that the public and myself may be enlightened when we come to deal with these questions of economy. Do they turn the full amount of the taxes collected into the State Treasury, and then pay out their expenses, or do they deduct the expenses and turn in only the net returns?"

Increase in Employees.

"Another question I'd like to ask, if it is not a fact that in 1893, under a Democratic administration, the total number of employees of the State at Albany, in all capacities, was not approximately 175, and are there not now 1,000 such employees, an increase in number of about 50 per cent?" "At an increase of salaries paid to State employees at Albany of \$74,067.09 per year, or about equal to the sum per annum they get out of the tax on savings banks."

ODELL DODGED VERY ADROITLY.

"Only One, and His Name Is Theodore," Governor Said After Chairman Blundered.

BUFFALO, Oct. 25.—Gov. Odell promptly, deftly and with much self-effacement "spurred the kingly crown," when it was offered inadvertently by the chairman of his big mass-meeting, who introduced him as "the next President of the United States."

The crowd applauded lustily, and the Governor arose to his feet to still the cheers. Said he: "The only man the Republican party of the State of New York has in view as our next President is Theodore"— If the cheering of Chairman Robert R. Hefford's blunder was flattering to the Governor, the thunder-rolls of shouts, whistling, catcalls and hand-clapping that stopped him in the middle of a sentence at the mention of the "Rough Rider's" first name, would have been enough to warn him that the crowd was not for Odell against Roosevelt, and when it stilled he concluded the sentence with: "A man who has solved one of the greatest problems of our times, the great disgust of the Democratic party of the Empire State. We honor him, and we look forward to 1904, so that we may go to the National convention in his behalf, and subsequently cast our ballots again for the election of that stalwart, courageous American."

MR. M'CALL INDORSED.

Friendly Resolutions of Clubs in Two Districts.

The Friendship Social Club, of the Seventeenth Assembly District, Fifty-first street and Eleventh avenue, has adopted resolutions endorsing the nomination of E. E. McCall for Justice of the Supreme Court. The officers of the club are: David McKeever, President; Andrew Fowler, Vice-President; James Buchanan, Secretary, and Thomas Smith, Treasurer.

The Metamora Association, of the Thirteenth Assembly District, at their meeting last evening held at the club rooms, Forty-first street and Eighth avenue, unanimously resolved to endorse the nomination of Mr. McCall for the Supreme Court bench. The association's officers are: Alex. Clinchy, President; John A. Craig, Vice-President; John Brennan, Financial Secretary; Joseph White, Treasurer, and Terence Wade, Corresponding Secretary.

POLICEMAN USED HIS CLUB.

Magistrate Pool Releases Prisoner and Orders Charges Against Cop.

Magistrate Pool, in Yorkville Court this morning, discharged a prisoner who was accused of having assaulted Policeman Edmund Barry of the East Fifty-third street station, and then ordered that a complaint be forwarded to Commissioner Partridge against the officer as being a "clubber." The prisoner was John Mulcahy, a carpenter, forty-four years old, of No. 310 East Forty-fourth street. His head was swathed in bandages and he appeared to be in a dazed condition. Policeman Barry said Mulcahy had struck him on the head and knocked him down and that he only defended himself. Mrs. Mulcahy, wife of the prisoner, declared that she saw Barry beat her husband.

WILL PUNISH DOG POISONER.

Mrs. Kernochan Is Determined to Prosecute Person Who Killed Two Prize Winners with Strychnine on Liver.

INDIGNANT OVER SCANDAL.

Big Prices Had Been Offered for Each Dog and It is Supposed that Malice Toward the Owner Was the Motive.

Mrs. James L. Kernochan, President of the Ladies' Kennel Association, is determined to prosecute the person who poisoned two valuable dogs in the Madison Square show if he can be caught. She is indignant over the matter and said to-day: "It is distressing to think that so outrageous a proceeding should have delighted the last hours of this successful exhibition. I hope the dogs died from natural causes, and that there will not be a scandal, but the circumstances are too suspicious."

"No one can be more degenerate than a dog poisoner, and if malice toward the exhibitor be the motive it is the most terrible affair that ever occurred at a bench show. The persons who perpetrated this outrage must be punished." The dogs which were poisoned were Lady Allen, a bulldog, and Crib of Ashfield. Both were prize winners and belonged to the Metropolitan Dog Exhibition. James McCree, the merchant, had offered \$200 for Lady Allen and C. G. Hopton had agreed to pay \$100 for Crib of Ashfield. The dogs were in different parts of the garden and were both poisoned by means of bits of liver covered with strychnine. The motive for the crime is not clear.

INJURY MAY KILL DRIVER.

Hurled from Seat by Electric Car, His Skull Was Fractured.

David Cahn, No. 309 East Seventy-sixth street, had his skull fractured when knocked from his wagon at a car in front of No. 1528 Madison avenue early to-day. He was carried to Harlem Hospital in an ambulance, and the physicians there offer no hope for his recovery. It is said the car was going at full speed when it struck the wagon and Cahn was hurled from his high seat to the pavement. He is employed by Adler, Eckstein & Co., at No. 501 East Seventy-sixth street.

SPREE MAY END IN DEATH.

John Tobin, Threatened with Tremens, Springs from a Window.

Crazed by drink, John Tobin jumped from the upper window of a livery stable at No. 511 West Nineteenth street to-day and was seriously injured. His body was severely bruised, and it is thought that his skull is fractured. He is now hovering between life and death at the New York Hospital. For several weeks Tobin, who is thirty years old, has been drinking heavily, and last night he was on the verge of delirium tremens.

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