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NEW STORM IS BRINGING MORE SLEET

Snow, Too, the Weather Bureau Says, Will Aid in Again Tangling Up the "L" Road Systems.

MANY PERILS IN STREETS.

West-Side Lines Forced to Temporarily Go Back to Steam—Angry Public Takes to Crowded Surface Lines.

Weather Forecast—Sleet and snow to-night; snow Saturday.

INJURED BY FALLS.

John McCormick, thirty-six, of No. 272 Wyckoff avenue, Brooklyn, fell in front of No. 169 Fulton street; fracture of the right leg; Brooklyn Hospital.

Alexander Samuels, fifty-five, of No. 760 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, fell while boarding a street-car at Hoyt and Fulton street. Left leg fractured; Brooklyn Hospital.

George Van Arsdale, fifty-six, of No. 14 Utica avenue, fell and dislocated his shoulder; St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn.

Octavius Jeffries, thirty-nine, of No. 222 East Fifty-seventh street, fell in front of his home and received a scalp wound. Flower Hospital.

Michael Nolan, forty-five, of No. 201 East Sixty-fifth street, fell in front of No. 445 East Eighty-eighth street, broke shoulder blade. Presbyterian Hospital.

Frank Nelson, sixty, fell on the stoop at No. 412 East Eighty-fifth street and injured his knee cap. Presbyterian Hospital.

Patrick Thollonan, sixty years old, of No. 307 East Seventy-eighth street, slipped in front of No. 151 West Twenty-eighth street and fractured his skull. New York Hospital.

The Post-Office authorities announced that all mails will close to-day fifteen minutes ahead of schedule time, to allow for the delay caused by slippery streets and delay in transportation.

A rain which turned to sleet and then froze, covered New York with a layer of treacherous ice, and for the second time in two weeks resulted in the almost complete paralysis of the Manhattan Elevated Railroad system.

The electric trains over Sixth avenue to Harlem were entirely abandoned, the ice forming an insulation between the charged third rail and the moving shoe which picks up the current and carries it to the motors. Service on the Third avenue was almost no service at all. Occasionally they moved, but it required great efforts. The Ninth avenue line was operated at irregular intervals by steam locomotives.

George Gould sold his interest in the system just before the tie-up of last week. It would be interesting to most people to know what August Belmont thinks of his purchase, now that it won't work in an average storm.

Air Brushes a Failure.

It was reported that in some instances where trains were hopelessly blocked between stations the passengers went to sleep and remained in the cars all night. They feared to walk to the nearest station, a slip and a fall meaning probable death if they fell across the third rail. At Ninety-third street and Columbus avenue the engineer of a steam train left his engine and went to a bakery to get something to eat early this morning, saying he had been so long coming from Harlem he got hungry.

The trouble with the elevated commenced as early as 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and this morning, sixteen hours later, the tie-up was almost as complete as it was during its worst part in the night. The Manhattan officials announced after the system's first tie-up, that the ice-scrapers which had been ordered had not been delivered, but since then they have arrived and have been attached to most of the trains. These are steel brushes, which the motorman can force with great pressure on the third rail by means of an air current. Evidently these brushes have proved a failure, and the patrons of the system now look for a suspension of traffic on the approach of every storm.

The effort to operate the Third avenue division of the elevated was extrava-

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Christmas Number The New York Herald, Sunday, Dec. 14.
Forty special pages color and half-tone. Beautiful Illustrations. For children, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Bean Stalk, Humpty Dumpty, The Three Bears. *.*

FINDS WILL OF MRS. WATERS.

It Leaves the Bulk of the Aged Woman's Estate to Secretary Conklin, of the Franklin Bank.

SUSPICION STILL EXISTS.

Assistant District-Attorney Garvan Is Busy Hunting Clues that May Throw New Light on Her Death.

Though the remarkable energy displayed by the District-Attorney's office in making, and then endeavoring to unravel a mystery in the death from senile debility of the eccentric nonagenarian, Mrs. Sarah Waters, was evidently inspired by William G. Conklin, Secretary of the Franklin Bank, Her will, which was filed to-day by his counsel, Lewis L. Delafield, leaves Mr. Conklin the bulk of her estate.

This will was executed on April 4 last shortly before Mrs. Waters became bed-ridden, and according to two physicians who examined her, so feeble of mind that she could not be considered responsible.

Under the old woman's testament the two adopted granddaughters, Dorsie Irene and Sarah May Le Brants, receive substantial bequests, though they had begun an action against Mr. Conklin in the Supreme Court to prevent him from managing Mrs. Waters's property.

They May Be Cut Off.

Should these young women now contest this will on the same ground—undue influence and lack of responsibility—that they based their action against Mr. Conklin, they could not benefit in the least by their foster grandmother's death, as they are not blood relatives, or even regularly adopted grandchildren of the deceased.

Mrs. Waters's will, after naming Mr. Conklin as executor, directs him to pay all her debts, and bequeaths to him the house, No. 451 West Twenty-first street, of which he holds a deed from her already. It is the house where she died at the age of ninety-six years, and is valued at $12,500.

Specific bequests to Sarah May and Dorsie Irene Le Brants, daughters of Una May Mullins, formerly Le Brants, who was Mrs. Waters's adopted daughter, include the property No. 135 Ninth avenue, and $2,000 each in cash.

Mrs. Una May Mullins, wife of Albert Mullins, gets $10,000.

Other bequests are to the American Female Guardian Society and Home for the Friendless, the house No. 447 West Fifty-first street, and to the Women's Auxiliary Guild for Crippled Children $1,000.

Then follows this paragraph:

"All the rest residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, I give, devise and bequeath to William G. Conklin, secretary of the Franklin Savings Bank, over and above any and all bequests to him herein provided for."

At the end of the will is a pitifully ragged, jagged scrawl, of irregular marks, sprawling across the paper like the trail of a fly just out of the ink bottle. In the middle of the scrawl is an "X" and "her mark."

She Owned Devery's Pump.

In his petition for the admission of the will to probate William G. Conklin says Mrs. Waters left $46,500 worth of real estate in this State and $63,300 in personal property, cash and a mortgage on property by the fire hydrant famous as "Devery's pump" at Twenty-eighth street and Eighth avenue.

Conklin goes on to say that the deed to him of the house where she lived, which her friends sued to set aside, was made by the old lady in trust. He was to apply the proceeds of its sale for her benefit until she died. This property is also bequeathed to him in the will. He lives at No. 697 West End avenue.

The will was signed by Wilson M. Powell, jr., of No. 324 West Fifty-eighth street; John Hallock Waring, of Montclair, N. J., and Walter B. Brown, of No. 358 Manhattan avenue, as witnesses.

The petition says Mrs. Waters left no legal heirs or next of kin, or relatives of any degree.

The most important developments in the controversy over Mrs. Waters's property, which has been carried on over her dead body into the offices of the District-Attorney and the Coroner, was the examination by Assistant District-Attorney Garvan this afternoon of all the persons in the Twenty-first street house at the time of or immediately before the aged woman's death and an order issued by the Coroner to have her vital organs analyzed.

The persons summoned before Assistant District-Attorney Garvan are the two Misses Le Brantz, Dr. James A. Campbell, who attended Mrs. Waters before her death; her nurse and Undertaker Crane, who embalmed her body a few minutes after she died. He gave as his reason for his hasty action that it was necessary because of her age and the many bed sores on her body.

Dr. James A. Campbell, when interviewed by an Evening World reporter, dismissed the mystery over his patient's death as follows:

"It is true that I brought Dr. Packard and Dr. Connolly, of Bellevue Hospital, to examine Mrs. Waters as to her sanity. They said that she was suffering from senile dementia. I took this course of my own volition and not at the request of any member of the family.

"Coroner Scholer told me last night that he did not doubt that the old lady really did die of bronchitis, which I had filled out as a contributory cause of death in my death certificate. I believe that there is nothing at all suspicious about this case.

"My firm belief is that Mrs. Waters died a natural death. There is absolutely nothing in the case to warrant this inquiry on the part of the District-Attorney's office."

Sleuths of the District-Attorney discovered to-day in the Twenty-first street house several cases of bottles of mineral water. One of these cases had been opened and some bottles taken from it. When Mr. Garvan was apprised of this fact he ordered that the remaining bottles be seized, and sent them to a chemist to be analyzed. He also ordered that all papers relating to the aged woman's property found in the house be turned over to him.

It Makes Time.
The Pennsylvania Special enables the business man to save actually four hours, but he may pursue his business duties en route. *.*

STRANGLER STILL FREE.

But the Police Seek a Flower-Seller Who, They Believe, May Tell Something About Him.

KNEW THE MURDERED BOY.

Has Not Been Seen in His Accustomed Place Since the Night Young Kruck Met His Death in Central Park.

Following the statement made by Dr. E. P. Higgins, the Coroner's physician, that little Michael Kruck, the newsboy whose dead body was found in a lonely spot in Central Park, had been strangled by a man, and that the boy knew him, the police are looking for a Greek flower seller whose stand was at Eighty-sixth street and Central Park West, and who has not been seen there since the murder.

The flower seller was seen to chase Michael Kruck into the shrubbery of the park a few days before the murder. The newsboys selling papers in the neighborhood had frequently been annoyed by the man.

The police say that the Greek is about nineteen years old, weighs 145 pounds, is about 5 feet 8 inches in height and generally wears a short, faded overcoat and light trousers. He was generally seen in the company of a fourteen-year-old boy and a lame man, both Greeks. Several detectives are looking for these men in the neighborhood of Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue.

Joseph Steranza, thirteen years old, of No. 72 West Ninety-eighth street, has been a newsboy on that corner for a long time. His partner is Herman Reuther, of the same age, living at No. 110 West Ninety-sixth street. They met Kruck while attending the public school and employed him to sell papers for them. Joseph Steranza said to an Evening World reporter this afternoon:

"We have always had a great deal of trouble with the Greek flower seller. He would block up the sidewalk and was pretty mean all the time. When we wanted him to change nickels into pennies he would not do it and often kicked us away from his stand.

"The day before Mike was killed he chased him into the shrubbery in the park and the day before that he kicked Mike's brother Jimmie in the shin and skinned it badly."

It has been the custom of the Greek to stay on the west side of the park until about 5 o'clock in the evening and then go over to the east side and sell flowers there until 7 o'clock, when he would come back and stay until about 8 o'clock. Then he would leave the neighborhood.

From transfers found in the murdered boy's pocket it was evident that he had been killed some time between 8 and 9.30 P. M. The police would like to interview this Greek, who has not been seen in that vicinity since the night the boy was murdered.

Dr. Higgins cites a similar case a year ago at Twentieth street and Seventh avenue, where a boy was assaulted by a foreigner, strangled and killed, the original motive being a petty annoyance, but his anger becoming so great that he lost control of himself, he bit the boy and eventually killed him by strangulation.

The Kruck boy returned from school to his home the afternoon of the day he met his death and asked to go out to sell newspapers.

His mother gave him 40 cents Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock with which to buy evening papers to sell. He did not say where he was going to sell them, but it is believed that he went through the park to Madison avenue and Eighty-sixth street—a distributing point for the evening papers. The news wagons drive up here and sell the papers to the newsboys.

The boy had sold no papers. They were found as he had purchased them, with a strap about them. His murderer had placed the papers under his head, and in that position he was found.

The autopsy, performed by a Coroner's physician, proved that death was the result of strangulation, as indicated by the finger-nail marks on the neck.

The boy's father is preparing to take hold of the case himself and may employ private detectives to work under an attorney. He insists that his boy was murdered and he has vainly tried to move the police.

Dr. Higgins, who performed the autopsy, said:

"The child died of asphyxia, due to violence, in other words to strangulation. It was the result, from all appearances, of a leather thong or cord or whip drawn around the throat, and the marks indicate that it must have been a knotty piece for the black indentations are not finger prints.

"There was a most peculiar bruise on the boy's right cheek. I cannot explain it—it is one of the most puzzling wounds I have ever seen. It is somewhat like a laceration, and there is the suggestion in its nature of the possibility that it was caused by a bite of one of the incisive teeth of a man or of the fank of an animal.

"Had this wound been inflicted after death it might be very plausible to attribute it to the bite of a rat or some other animal that might have been in the park. But it was an ante-mortem wound, and I cannot understand it. I will make a microscopic examination of it. It will be a day or two before I determine its exact nature and cause.

"This wound may or may not have been a contributing cause of he death of the boy. It was not the primary cause. Death was brought about directly and immediately by strangulation."

Capt. Titus, who has assigned Detectives McCafferty and James Price to the case, said this morning:

"I expect to hear from them at any moment that an arrest has been made.

Archibald Bligh, nineteen years old, a newsboy living at No. 545 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, is, so far as known, the last person who saw Michael Kruck alive. He told the police last night that he had seen Kruck buy thirty copies of the sporting edition of The Evening World from a wagon at Columbus avenue and Eighty-sixth street, at 6.30 P. M. Bligh says he then left Kruck, he going through the park to the east side.

Chosen by the Busy Man.
The Pennsylvania 20-hour Special offers unparalleled service to Chicago. It leaves New York and Brooklyn daily. *.*

HE HAS WOUND UP HIS LITTLE BALL OF YARN.

THREE DYING OF WANT IN COLD.

Terrible Plight of a Family Found Huddled Together in a Coal-Bin Almost at Death's Door.

THEY FOUGHT TO GET FOOD.

A family of three, half starved and almost frozen, was taken to the Hoboken Police Headquarters from a cellar at No. 210 Monroe street, to-day. They were on the edge of the grave and but for neighbors reporting their condition would doubtless have died from want and exposure.

The face of the father, an old man, was covered with bruises. He told the police that they were marks of an assault by his twenty-four-year-old son, who was so crazed by hunger and misery that, when the father crawled to the street two days ago and begged food for his dying seventeen-year-old daughter, the son fought him for the food and beat him until the old man was forced to give up the struggle.

The father's name is Fred Schultz. His son is Edward, and his daughter Anna. All have been in bad health for some time, and the privations they have endured since the winter set in rendered them unable to work. They lived in a coal bin in the cellar where they were found. They were in rags, and were huddled together to try to keep warm.

After they had been cared for they were arraigned in police court. The Recorder sent the old man to the poorhouse, the daughter to the Children's Society, and the son to the Penitentiary on the double charge of vagrancy and assault.

TOOK DEAD BABY TO POLICE.

Kaffer Said It Had Convulsions, but Investigation Was Ordered.

Max Kaffer, of No. 1981 Second avenue, walked into the East One Hundred and Fourth street station this afternoon, with a dead baby in his arms. He said he thought the child had died during the night in convulsions. He found it dead in the bed when he got up this morning. Owing to his delay in reporting the case the police began an investigation.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday for New York City and vicinity: Sleet and snow to-night; Saturday snow; fresh northeast winds.

Dutch Minister is Dead.
THE HAGUE, Dec. 12.—Vice-Admiral G. Kruys, the Minister of Marine of the Netherlands, is dead.

"Black and White" Scotch Whiskey
Drink it, and you will see why the King does. *.*

ENGLAND REJECTS AN OFFER OF PEACE.

Declared in London that President Castro's Appeal to Minister Bowen, of the United States, Comes Too Late to Be Acceptable to the Allied Powers.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is officially announced here that Venezuela has asked Minister Bowen, the United States representative at Caracas, to intervene and ask that the dispute with Great Britain and Germany be submitted to arbitration.

It is believed here that it is now too late to accept the good offices of Mr. Bowen and that President Castro will not be allowed to further delay a settlement. The impression is that he is merely playing to gain time, as has been his policy from the first. Itis also pointed out that one of the chief claims is for defaulted interest on railroad bonds which was guaranteed by the Castro Government, and quite naturally, it is explained, there can be no arbitration so far as that is concerned.

Germany, it is also known, regards the question of arbitration at this late day unfavorably.

Hourly the impression is gaining ground that a resort to force is the only solution of the problem.

6 O'CLOCK BICYCLE SCORE.

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Newkirk & Jacobson	2,002	4	Leander & Fl. Krebs	2,002	4
Stinson & Moran....	2,002	3	Bedell Brothers ...	2,002	3
McFarland & Maya.	2,002	3	Galvin & Root.....	2,002	3
Keegan & Peterson.	2,002	2	Barclay & Fr. Krebs	2,002	0

LATE WINNERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Jessie Jarboe 1, Prince Blazes 2, Guatemeia.
Sixth Race—Mrs. Frank Foster 1, Aurie B. 2, Shoo Fly 3.

BARREL OF PAINT EXPLODES, INJURING MAN.

A barrel of asphalt paint exploded this afternoon in the building occupied by the Roebling Construction Company at No. Front street. John Young, a workman, received several contusions of the arm.

17,000 READING EMPLOYEES ADVANCED 10 PER CENT.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company to-day officially notified 17,000 trainmen in the employ of that road of a 10-per-cent. increase in pay, to date from Nov. 10 last.

PARTRIDGE OUT; EBSTEIN MAY BE HIS SUCCESSOR

Police Commissioner Handed in His Resignation To-Day Just Before a Committee of the City Club Called at the City Hall to Ask Mayor Low for His Removal.

Persistent Attacks on His Slow Methods in Effort to Reorganize the Department Said to Have Forced Mr. Partridge to Step Out—He Gives Ill-Health as the Cause.

WHO WILL SUCCEED THE COLONEL?

Now Partridge has resigned his job—
To Brooklyn he has fled;
And who will boss the bluecoats
Is a puzzle in each head.
There's only one can fill the place
And rule with iron hand
The force that cries: "What's doin'"—
He's the finest in the land—
Is Mr. Dooley, oh Mr. Dooley,
He's just the peach to boss the boys in blue.
Is Mr. Dooley, the cops can't fooley,
Mr. Dooley-ooley-ooley-oo.

Police Commissioner John N. Partridge handed his resignation to Mayor Low to-day, to take effect January 1, 1903. He gives as the reason for relinquishing control of the Police Department a state of health that demands a long rest in order to insure complete recovery.

It is the general opinion at Headquarters that First Deputy Commissioner Ebstein, now stationed in Brooklyn, will be appointed to succeed Commissioner Partridge. This appointment would be in line with Mayor Low's policy of promotion.

Street Cleaning Commissioner John McGaw Woodbury is also spoken of as a possible successor to Commissioner Partridge, as is Magistrate Cornell, who appeared at Headquarters to-day a few moments before the Commissioner made public his letter of resignation.

The Commissioner says he is tired—tired physically and tired of trying to please the administration and the public. The contemplated action of the trustees of the City Club in requesting Mayor Low to remove him had no effect on his decision to get out, he says.

THE LETTER HE SENT TO LOW.

Rumors of this contemplated action became public property yesterday. Commissioner Partridge made up his mind to resign last night. Upon his arrival at Headquarters to-day he called Deputy Commissioner Piper and Senior Inspector Moses Cortright into his private office. After a long consultation with them, he gave out the following letter:

"Hon. Seth Low. My Dear Sir: It now lacks but a few days of a year since you honored me by placing me at the head of the Police Department. During the whole of this period I have devoted my best energy and ability, and all of my time, to the improvement of the department, even to the extent of foregoing the usual summer vacation and to neglecting personal affairs. With what success, the records of the department and annual reports for 1902 will bear witness.

"A comparison of the record of 1902 with that of any year since consolidation I think cannot but be gratifying to the friends of your administration.

"For the last fortnight I have been under a physician's care. Though not seriously ill, I am advised that a prompt and complete recovery calls for more rest than I can get while performing the onerous duties of this office.

"I therefore ask you to relieve me from further responsibility and to accept this, my resignation, to take effect on Jan. 1, 1903.

"Permit me to thank you for the hearty support and many courtesies I have received at your hands.

JOHN N. PARTRIDGE.

ILL HEALTH NOT THE ONLY CAUSE.

After sending in his letter of resignation, Commissioner Partridge made this statement to the reporters stationed at Police Headquarters:

"I have been asked if I have ever discussed with the Mayor the question of my resignation. I may have. I have been thinking of resigning ever since you young men have been coming in here every day and asking me if I had resigned. But I made up my mind to stick to the end of the year, and but for the state of my health I don't think I would get out now.

"However, ill health is only the impelling reason. A great many people whom I think are advisers and friends of the Mayor appear to think that

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uses the Pennsylvania Special because it takes him to Chicago in twenty hours. Every traveller gains by the use. *.*

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