

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1903.

GAS TRUST TRAPPED IN MEAN FRAUD

Judge Joseph, of the Seventh Municipal District Court, Before Whom a Suit for Damages Was Being Tried, Discovers that Acids Were Used on the Books of the Consolidated Company to Remove Incriminating Entries.

RECORDS JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF, WITH COSTS.

Mrs. Casdell, Who Invokes the Law, Sought Damages Because Her Meter Had Been Locked—Company Erased the Entry in the Ledger that Would Establish that the Meter Was Cut Off by Its Order.

Judge Herman Joseph, of the Seventh Municipal District Court, who rendered a verdict in favor of Mrs. Walter E. Casdell against the Consolidated Gas Company because he found that the gas company had been guilty of falsifying its accounts in order to extort more money from a victim, did not hesitate to-day to denounce the conduct of the company as outrageous. He also took occasion to commend the Evening World for the fight it has been making against the lighting combine's systematic extortion.

At the same time he wanted it understood that public indignation against the company had no bearing on his decision. It was so plain that the company had used acids or some other method to change Mrs. Casdell's account in the ledger, which was produced in court, that even a blind man could tell it. One had to feel the roughness of the page where the erasures had been made to make the judgment of the eye absolutely certain.

In order that the tricks of acid might not get the finger in a hole if the gas company has the effrontery to appeal the case, the Magistrate had the defaced page examined by Chief Clerk McDavitt and Assistant Clerk McQuade so that they might testify as to its present condition. Mrs. Casdell's account in the ledger, which was produced in court, that even a blind man could tell it. One had to feel the roughness of the page where the erasures had been made to make the judgment of the eye absolutely certain.

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MOTHER AND CHILD DROWNED IN CABIN.

Woman's Husband, Captain of the Vessel, Smashed at the Door with an Axe as His Boat Was Sinking but Was Unable to Save Them.

Mrs. Laura Merritt, wife of Capt. George Merritt, of the steamer F. B. Thurber, and her daughter Mildred, five years old, were slowly drowned in the cabin of the steamer as she sank at her dock opposite the Lehigh Valley coal pier at Perth Amboy, N. J., early to-day, despite Capt. Merritt's frantic efforts to save them.

As the boat sank stern first the water piled up against the cabin door and, though the captain on the outside endeavored to batter it open with an axe, and the woman used all her force to aid him, she was slowly carried down with her child into six fathoms of water.

When the F. B. Thurber docked last night the captain allowed the crew to go ashore. Late in the evening he and his wife retired to their cabin. They slept soundly until shortly after dawn, when the captain noticed a peculiar lurch to the vessel. He scrambled out of his bunk and drowsily made his way out to investigate.

He tried not to awake his wife and closed the door quietly after him. A brief investigation discovered a bad leak and water flooded the hold. Merritt rushed back to the cabin to warn his wife, but before he had reached amidship one of the hawsers attaching the steamer to the dock gave way and the stern of the boat dipped two feet under the water, the water pouring in under the sides and surrounding the cabin.

The man waded through the rapidly rising water, and grasping the knob of the cabin door used all his force to open it, at the same time calling frantically to his wife. As the water kept rising against the door the combined strength of the two could not budge it.

One inch. Capt. Merritt then rushed to the boat and seized the axe. By this time the water, as the stern of the boat continued to sink, was waist high and rising rapidly. Hardly able to keep his feet, he beat at the cabin door desperately to free his wife from her prison. On the inside the woman was screaming with fear and tearing at the door with her hands.

Woman Pinned in Vessel. Just as the man succeeded in crashing in both hinges the steamer gave a lurch and went under, sinking swiftly and silently. By this time the cries of the man and the woman had attracted the attention of the crews of several tugs tied up at adjoining piers, but when they arrived the smokestack of the steamer was just disappearing beneath the waves. When Capt. Merritt came to the surface, releasing himself with difficulty from the whirlpool caused by the sinking vessel, he was seized and drawn into a boat.

Several attempts were made to get at the woman and infant pinned in the cabin of the steamer, but because of the depth of the water all efforts were vain. About five hours later the woman's body was picked up at the foot of Broadway, Totenville, S. L., by Capt. Charles Carlton, of the scow Alderman Bill. The police were notified and Coroner George Sohafer took charge of the body.

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NEW YORK 8, FORDHAM 2.

Giants Open Their Preliminary Season with Strong College Team at Polo Grounds Before Enthusiastic Crowd of Fans.

FORDHAM SCORES IN FOURTH

Street Will NOT Be Cut Through the New American League Club Grounds—Vote was a Close One, 3 to 2, as President Cantor Predicted.

THE BATTING ORDER:
New York. Fordham.
Brown, r.f. Keane, c.f.
Van Halten, c. O'Brien, s.b.
McGuinn, s. McLane, c.
Mertes, l.f. Robertson, l.b.
Babb, s.g. Mitchell, l.f.
Lester, s. Finckel, r.f.
Gilbert, s. Curken, s.
Warner, c. Hartman, s.
Mathewson, p. Dwyer, p.
Umpire—Frank Bowerman.

The American League Baseball Club in New York City became an established institution this afternoon when the Washington Heights local board voted against cutting the street through the field leased by the club. Borough President Cantor presided. The vote was a very close one, 3 to 2.

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, April 9.—Told out in the brand new uniforms they will wear on their trips away from home this season, Johnnie McGraw led his Giants on the field this afternoon to show New Yorkers the speed they acquired on the diamond during their trip to Savannah. The baseball fever is epidemic among the Giants, apparently. They did not wait to see their little leader, before getting in uniform.

As early as 12.30 o'clock the boys began arriving and when 2 o'clock struck every one of them was out in uniform doing something. They all showed the benefits of work under southern skies. Their faces and hands were tanned to a copper hue and it is not an exaggeration to say that all were as hard as nails.

Glad to See Giants Back. New Yorkers seemed glad, too, to see their boys back. The game was only one with a college nine, Fordham, but it attracted the fans' attention. A couple of hundred were at the gates seeking admission an hour before Secretary Fred Knowles ordered them opened. Among them were old rooters who have stuck to the Giants even in their tail-end days. They were here to-day with the same old hope of this year's team being better than those of the past.

There was all sorts of enthusiasm when the Giants took their positions in (Continued on Twelfth Page)

HARRY L. POWERS
GETS A DIVORCE.
Jury Brings in Verdict Against Wife in Case Where Husband's Brother Was Named Co-Respondent.

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT SEES RACES AT BENNING'S;
MR. KERR ON MUSICAL SLIPPER WINS AMATEUR CUP.

BENNING'S, April 9.—Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President, visited the course this afternoon, escorted by Commander and Mrs. Cowles, of the Navy, and a party of friends. This was Miss Roosevelt's first trip to the course. Musical Slipper won the Amateur Cup easily. Mr. Kerr rode her. Sixth Race—Alma Girl 1, Pearl Diver 2, Benefit 3.

AT MEMPHIS.
Fourth Race—Dead heat between Floyd K. and Banter, Rankin 3.
BASEBALL RESULTS.
At Philadelphia—Phila. (A. L.) 5; Phila. (N. L.) 6.
At Washington—Eod eighth: Wash. (A. L.) 4; Bklyn (N. L.) 2.
KILLED HIMSELF IN CENTRAL PARK.
William Shubert, thirty-five years old, living at No. 26 Third street, was found on the Ramble in Central Park to-day oppo-

G. J. GARRARD, BROKER, WHO KILLED HIMSELF.



GUM HONEY WINS THIRD.

Lida Woodlands, a Red-Hot Good Thing in the Steeplechase, Is Beaten by the Favorite.

THE TRACK IN BAD SHAPE.

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs.—Plantagenet (13 to 10) 1, King B. (10 to 1) 2, Alhambra 3. Time—1:04 3/5.

SECOND RACE—Five furlongs.—Stella W. (11 to 5), 1; John Nevil (5 to 1), 2; Flo Russell, 3. Time—1:05 3/5.

THIRD RACE—Steeplechase.—Gum Honey (2 to 1) 1, Lida Woodlands (5 to 1) 2, Arius 3. Time—4:23 2/5.

FOURTH RACE—Listoawy 1, The Brown Monarch 2, Lady Belair 3.

FIFTH RACE—Musical Slipper 1, Sir Christopher 2, Mark Clinker 3. Time—1:21 4/5.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—A despatch received from Manila to-day states that Gov. Taft, who has been ill there for several weeks, has gone to Panquet, a mountain resort two days' distance from Manila, but in telegraph communication.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 9.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals to-day handed down a decision in the suit of the United States against the Northern Securities Company, enjoining the company from voting the stock of the Northern Pacific or Great Northern Railway Company, but allowing the return of such stock as had been delivered to the holding company.

KNOCKOUT FOR BIG R. R. MERGER.

All Four Judges of the Minnesota Circuit Appeals Division Unanimously Agree that the Northern Securities Company Is in Restraint of Trade—Injunction Is Issued.

CANNOT TAKE REFUGE UNDER JERSEY CHARTER.

It Is Held as the Government Contended that the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Are Competing Lines—Prices Take a Tumble in Wall Street

Soon after the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals declaring the Northern Securities Holding Company to be illegal and practically ordering its dissolution was made public in Wall street, to the great dismay of capitalists and the detriment of market values, J. Pierpont Morgan said to an Evening World reporter:

"It is too early to announce any plans as yet. The decision will undoubtedly force us to adopt a new line of argument in our appeal, which will be begun as soon as possible. Pending the final decision in the case the value of Northern Securities as collateral will not be seriously affected."

"Instead of looking upon the decision of the court to-day as a blow to railroad enterprise, I should say that the reverse is the case. Capital all over the country is anxious to know its rights in the matter of railroad construction and operation. Railroad men want to know where they stand.

"The decision to-day is just one step closer to a decision from the United States Supreme Court which shall be final.

"When railroad men know exactly how the law is to be interpreted they will probably find good ways to see that properties are operated economically and profitably."

James J. Hill, who arrived in the city to-day, said: "The decision will be appealed immediately."

He refused to discuss it further. Col. William B. Clough, of counsel for the Northern Securities Company, said:

"The decision appears to be a very sweeping one. We are, however, confident of our position and will have it tested by the highest authorities."

William H. Moore, the dominant man in the affairs of the reorganized Rock Island, which has now a deal on to absorb the St. Louis and San Francisco Road, said:

"The decision will in no way affect the pending deal between the Rock Island and the 'Frisco Roads. The cases are not analogous. These roads are not parallel nor are they competing lines."

Francis Lynde Stetson, counsel for the Northern Securities Company, refused to talk about the case. Members of the ill-fated Keene Southern Pacific pool were elated over the decision, because it is a direct ruling on the point raised by the Keene lawyers in the effort to prevent the Union Pacific from voting their holdings of Southern Pacific stock at the annual meeting of the Southern Pacific, which would have been held yesterday but for the litigation started by Mr. Keene.

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CLUBMAN ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL

George J. Garrard, Broker and Man-About-Town, Kills Himself with a Bullet on Account of Ill Health at Home of His Mother, a Wealthy Woman.

WIFE WATCHING HIM, BUT LEFT HIM FOR A MOMENT.

His Runaway Marriage Eleven Years Ago with Minnie Turner, Actress and Sister-in-Law of Banker Wormser, Caused Great Stir, and Mother Didn't Forgive Them for Years.

George J. Garrard, broker, clubman and well-known figure in the life on upper Broadway, committed suicide to-day by shooting himself in the right temple at the home of his stepfather, Gabriel Van Cott, No. 208 West Thirty-ninth street.

He was dependent upon his continued illness and shot himself when Mrs. Van Cott left the room to get him a glass of water. The family is making every effort to keep the facts of his death from the public and has requested the police and the coroner to maintain silence.

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