

VANDERBILT WEDS UNDER SUNLESS SKY

Dark Clouds Hover During the Ceremony at Newport by Which Reginald and Miss Cathleen Neilson Are Pronounced Husband and Wife in a Riot of Gorgeous Flowers.

CORNELIUS SENDS A WIRELESS MESSAGE.

Friends of the Bride and Bridegroom Prepare Surprise for Them at Their Honeymoon Home by Strewing It with Bushels of Rice and Decorating Everything with White Ribbons, Including Horses, Cows and Dogs.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEWPORT, R. I., April 14.—At noon to-day Reginald Claypool Vanderbilt led Miss Cathleen Gebhard Neilson under a bower of American Beauty roses and lilies in Arleigh cottage, and the Rev. Father W. B. Moenan, of St. Mary's Church, performed the services that wedded the last but one son of this generation of Vanderbilts.
In order to drive the guests from their various houses and from the Breakers and Oakland Farm the fifty horses and two score carriages and automobiles in the stables of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Alfred G. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Neilson were used. All of the horses were decorated with white and red roses and wore white ribbon tied to the forelock strap.
The first automobile, carrying Alfred G. Vanderbilt, the ushers and Frederick Gebhard, who gave the bride, his niece, away, arrived at Arleigh cottage shortly after 1 o'clock. From then on a perfect stream of vehicles, winding into Bellevue avenue from a dozen side streets, were driven to Mrs. Neilson's villa. Because of the lowering skies and mist-laden east wind all of the women were closely muffled in wraps and furs and the men in ulsters.
Nearly all the guests were in the house before the Rev. Father Moenan arrived. He was driven to the house in a small hooded buggy by one of Reginald Vanderbilt's groomsmen.
Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom repaired to the large dining room where the wedding breakfast was served. The guests sat at eighteen tables all ablaze with American Beauty roses. There were ranged in a semi-circle about two large tables at which the bridal party and the members of the Vanderbilt and Neilson families were seated.
It was a white wedding. The decorations were all white, on a background of green. The bridesmaids were gowned in white, with white picture hats. The bridegroom, his best man and the ushers wore white puff cravats and white boutonniere and the brides, of course, wore nothing but purest white.
For an hour preceding the ceremony a flower-hidden orchestra played, and just at noon the measured strains of the "Lohengrin March" signalled the approach of the bridal party. The Rev. Father Moenan, attended by two altar boys, had taken his place at a floral altar, and just as the procession started down the grand staircase Mr. Vanderbilt, accompanied by his elder brother, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, took positions beside the priest.
Miss Neilson advanced on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Frederick Gebhard. She was gowned in heavy white silk with a costly veil of rare lace flowing back from the crown of her head to the end of the train. Around her throat was tightly clasped a serpent necklace of rarest pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.
The ceremony was brief. Its completion was indicated as the Mendelssohn March. A reception followed and after that an inspection of the bridal gifts, which were probably as costly an array as ever was bestowed on two young people at the advent of their married life.
"Anything but the weather the Vanderbilts and Neilsons are to be congratulated for came with daylight, when the skies hung low with a gray wall of clouds threatening rain, and by the time those who attended the wedding ceremony were up and about a cold, biting mist was sitting through the air. In fact, it was as cheerless as they well could be. Though Mrs. Neilson, mother of the

LADIES' SMOKING ROOM TO CLOSE.

Mrs. Jacob H. Vanderbilt Gets a Dispossess Notice from Her Landlord and Asserts Wealthy Relatives Are Persecuting Her

ALLEGES PERSONAL SPITE.

Proprietor Declares Her Charges Are Not True and Explains that He Has Simply Got Tired of His Bargain.

While marriage bells are ringing in Newport to-day for young Reginald C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Jacob H. Vanderbilt, originator and founder of the first women's smoking room in this country, is sitting in her Fifth Avenue Oriental parlors sadly contemplating the eviction notice which has just been served on her by her landlord.
Mrs. Vanderbilt says the way of the cigarette smoker may be hard, but that she will win out in the battle which she says the Vanderbilt family is forcing upon her.
"It certainly looks as though I were being persecuted to the extreme," said Mrs. Vanderbilt to an Evening World reporter to-day, "but all the Vanderbilts and their retainers in the world cannot crush me in my endeavor to earn a living. The first intimation I had of my being put out of this place was last evening, when the proprietor came to me and announced that I would have to leave. The electric lights have been cut off and the things which he agreed to let me use and sell on commission he is taking away without even consulting me. Even the tea service which he allowed me to use he has demanded, and all inside of a few hours. No man would act like that without some cause. There is money back of it, and he won't need to sell any Persian rugs for a long time, is my opinion."
Alleges Personal Spite.
"The very fact that he is trying to subject me to every humiliation and ruin my trade looks as though business were not at the bottom of it, but personal spite. And as the landlord has nothing against me it looks as though the animosity emanated from some other source. Why he tried to put me out to-day, but I have paid up to the first of May and I won't leave till then. The blow simply stunned me."
"The way I am being pursued is cruel. Ever since I started in trade the Vanderbilts have been against the name. They have been against the name ever since I started in business, and I suspect numerous annoyances as coming from them. But I will not be downed. I intend getting rooms in the neighborhood and starting in on a larger basis. My trade has grown so that I will take two large rooms and I will be up and see how harmless it is. The accusation that I am encouraging women to the worst is false."
Edward Mongailes, proprietor of the Persian rug store in the rear of which Mrs. Vanderbilt runs the business, conducted their smoking-room and Oriental novelty bazaar, says he is getting the word that she is being pursued.
"I am not hired by any one to put Mrs. Vanderbilt out," he said, indignantly. "I am a business man and she and her partner think this is play. It is not play, and I don't want to attend getting rooms in the neighborhood. I don't object to cigarette smoking for women, nor do the ladies annoy me. I don't like being an advertising medium. Mrs. Vanderbilt thinks she can travel on her name, but I don't agree with her."

STORM HAS COME HERE FOR A STAY.

Weather Bureau Announces that Blow from the West May Last Over To-Morrow.

The local Weather Bureau has received the following from Washington: "To observe, New York—Northeast storm warnings are continued along the Middle Atlantic and New England coast; storm still over the Ohio valley moving very slowly eastward; high east of north withered. I don't like being an advertising medium. Mrs. Vanderbilt thinks she can travel on her name, but I don't agree with her."
Asked for Delay.
This telegram was from General Manager Bryan and asked the Committee not to take definite action then; that after a consultation with other officials he believed something could be done, he asked the Executive Committee to suspend action until Thursday. The telegram asked the Grievance Committee to meet him at his office.
The vote was stopped, and the Committee voted on the motion to grant the delay until Wednesday.
The Executive Committee saw Mr. Bryan for two hours yesterday. We presented the demands of the men in formal shape. We asked for nine hours and \$2.50 a day for conductors and \$2 for guards. The matter was talked over from many points of view, but no agreement was reached. Mr. Bryan tried to persuade us we were asking too much, and though neither side gave in, we parted on good terms. Mr. Bryan could give us no more time yesterday and asked us on leaving to come back for another conference before the end of the week. We shall see him again either Thursday or Friday, leaving the selection of the date and time to his convenience.
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WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Wednesday for New York City and vicinity—Rain to-night. High easterly winds. Wednesday, rain, followed by cloudy weather.

EX-CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR DEAD.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Ex-Congressman Abner Taylor, of Illinois, is dead here after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Taylor, who was born in Maine in 1829, was a veteran of the civil war, served several terms in the Illinois Legislature and was twice elected to Congress, being a member in 1889 and 1893.

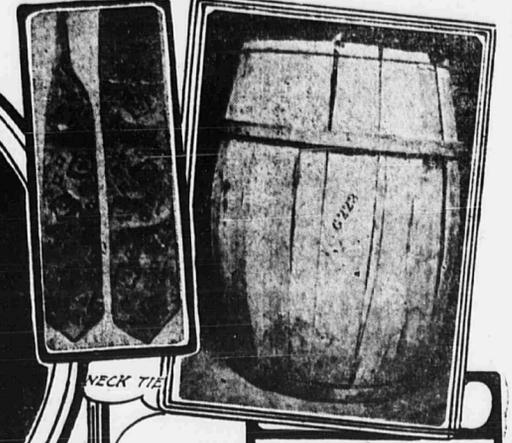
AGED COUPLE OVERCOME BY GAS.

John Rooney, sixty-nine years old, and his wife, Mary, seventy years, were found unconscious in their apartment on the third floor of No. 231 East Thirty-sixth street, to-day, overcome by gas which was escaping from a gas stove. They were taken to Bellevue Hospital.

MAN WHO WAS FOUND MURDERED IN A BARREL, HIS CLOTHING AND SOME OTHER ARTICLES THAT MAY HELP TO IDENTIFY HIM.



A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE DEAD MAN.
ASHBOURNE 162
COLLAR SHOWING LAUNDRY MARK



MRS. CONNORS WHO FOUND THE BODY.
RATCH CHAIN AND CRUCIFIX.
(Photographs made especially for The Evening World.)

BIG STRIKE ON "L" ROAD IS NARROWLY AVERTED.

Dissatisfied Committee and Men Were Actually Voting Last Night on the Proposition to Tie Up the Entire Manhattan System To-Day When a Peace Message Was Received.

The 700,000 patrons of the four "L" roads in this city had a narrow escape from having to foot it downtown to-day or else battle for a chance to hang on to the street cars, for the roads were nearly tied up by the employees.
The men are looking for increased wages and shorter hours. They laid their demands before General Manager Bryan and other officials of the Interborough Company leasing the Manhattan system yesterday and were firm but respectful in their position.
After two hours' discussion Mr. Bryan informed the committee that the company would not grant the demands. The members of the committee, greatly discouraged, called a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Employees' Association, which met in Horton Hall, East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, last night.
The proposition to order a strike and the consequent tying up of the whole system was offered and the vote called for. The vote was proceeding with great deliberation, when a telegram was delivered to one of the committeemen who was a member of the Grievance Committee.
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FOUR MEN GO DOWN WITH CAPSIZED SCOW.

PHILADELPHIA, April 14.—During the severe northeast gale which prevailed last night the scow Hughes capsized in the Delaware River off Marcus Hook, Pa.
Four men of the crew are in the cabin of the capsized scow, which is beached on the Delaware side of the river below Marcus Hook. They were all drowned.

LIQUOR MEN BOYCOTT CHEESE OF UP-STATE FARMERS AND GET OFFER FROM WESTERN DEALERS

Propositions from representatives of Western cheese dealers offering their product at 14 cents a pound, which is one-half a cent lower than the product of New York State farmers, were made at to-day's meeting of the New York Liquor-Dealers' Association in Terrace Garden. The session was behind closed doors. It is proposed to boycott the up-State farmer by buying the product of the Western houses.

LATE RESULTS AT BENNING.

Sixth Race—H. L. Coleman 1, Black Dick 2, Benkart 3.
AT MEMPHIS.
Fourth Race—Barrack 1, Thane 2, Huzzah 3.

ROOSEVELT HAS MOVED HIS CAMP.

President Goes from Black Snake to Slough Creek, Preparatory to Final Stop.

CINNABAR, Mont., April 14.—President Roosevelt moved his camp to-day from Black Snake to Slough Creek, eighteen miles distant from Yellowstone. He will remain at Slough Creek several days and then will go to Campon Lake, Yellowstone, fifty miles from Cinncabar, where he will remain until he is ready to leave the park.

CONNORTON FOLLOWS GAYNOR'S LEAD.

Threatens to Order Arrest of Police Captain and Detectives for Oppressing Saloon-Keepers.

Justice Gaynor's action in holding Capt. Sommers and four detectives of the Hamilton avenue station for trial for oppression in trying to close an alleged pool-room by watching it and warning men away from the building where it was held, has resulted in Mayor Connorton, of Long Island City, issuing summonses for Police Captain Cooney and two of his wardmen on similar charges.
John Lally, who runs a saloon at No. 127 Third Avenue, Long Island City, complained to-day that the police were annoying him by trying to keep members of a social club from gathering in rooms over the saloon. The Magistrate said if he found that the facts were as alleged by Lally he would hold the policemen for trial.

GERMANY ASKED TO EXPLAIN

State Department Wants the Facts in Relation to Arrest of Missionaries.
WASHINGTON, April 14.—The State Department has asked the German Government for a statement of the facts connected with the deportation from the island of Ruk to the island of Poelau, another of the Carolines, of a number of native students of the American missionary establishment there.
The matter was brought to the attention of the State Department formally by Rev. Dr. Jackson Smith, Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, in a note reciting that these students had been harshly treated, according to the accounts reaching him, and asking that the State Department look after the welfare of the American missionaries in that quarter and see that

MAN IN BARREL WAS TORTURED, THEN MURDERED.

Investigation by the Police Shows that He Was Stabbed Twenty Times by His Slayers Before They Finally Ended His Life by Cutting His Throat.

DECOYED TO THE HAUNT OF HIS SLAYERS BY WOMAN'S LETTER

Detectives Believe He was the Victim of a Secret Society, Being Led to This Impression by the Fact that the Body Was Not Concealed.

Death by torture seems to have been the fate of the man whose body was found with the throat cut and jammed into a barrel in Eleventh street to-day.

The autopsy, which was held at the Morgue by Coroner's Physician Weston this afternoon, disclosed the fact that the murderers had stabbed their victim at least twenty times before the final throat-cutting took place. On the left side of the neck there were thirteen distinct stabs. None of them was an inch long and scarcely more than a half-inch deep.

HELD BY LEGS AND TORTURED.

There were no bruises on the body. To Dr. Weston and others who viewed the body it appeared as though the man had been held by the arms and legs while the friends who did him to death tortured him with these stabs in the left side of the neck and then finally finished off their victim by the great gashes on the right side of the neck, which severed the jugular vein and the wind-pipe.

The contents of the dead man's stomach showed that he had eaten heartily a short time before death of peas and other food, to be obtained as a rule in Italian restaurants.

As to his identity, there is still no real clue. Thousands have viewed the body, but none knew him.

The police have taken up every possible clue, but thus far their work has been without avail.

It is one of the most clear-cut murders that has mystified New York in many years. Even the famous Guldensuppe tragedy was not as interesting in its first flush as this gruesome one of to-day, because in the case of the murdered bath-rubber the events that culminated in the execution of Martin Thorn in the death-house in Sing Sing were added link by link and day by day.

FOUR POINTS OF THE MYSTERY.

But in this mystery of Eleventh street there are these plain facts presented in one mass:

First—That the victim's throat was cut almost through by a vigorous stroke of a razor or other exceedingly sharp instrument which had partly cut the ends of the collar. It was apparent that whoever had wielded the weapon was possessed of very strong muscle.

Second—The body was jammed into a barrel and doubled up in such a way as to indicate great force had been used. This might be led to imply that more than one person figured in the killing.

Third—In this rubbish in which the body was packed there was found a woman's handkerchief highly perfumed, and a burned portion of a letter which contained a sentence in Italian that when translated meant "Come at once." This led the detectives to believe that a woman might have decoyed the unknown to his death.

Fourth—It was found that the man's face had been scarred by previous slashes of a knife or razor and the fact that the body had not been hidden away or disposed of in the river or through some other means would indicate that the killing was the result of a plan by some secret society such as the Mafia, Vendetta or Golta.

HIS THROAT CUT AND BODY THRUST INTO A BARREL.

With throat cut, the body of an Italian of the better class was found doubled up in a barrel on the sidewalk in front of the New York Mail and Express Works, at Eleventh street and Avenue D, at daybreak.

Four handkerchiefs had wiped their hands were found in the barrel. One of them apparently belonged to a woman, being small and perfumed.

This handkerchief might indicate that a woman had something to do with the murder, and that theory is further borne out by the fact that a fragment of a letter which might have been written by a woman was found with the body.

Mafia, say Police.
Another theory is that the man was killed because he had exposed the frauds by which insurance companies were defrauded out of nearly a million dollars, but the police are convinced that the crime was committed by members of the Mafia. Their theory is strengthened by the fact that many features of the crime are similar to those known to have been committed by the Mafia.
The body was still warm when found, showing that the murderers had hastened to dispose of their victim's body. Much light is thrown on the possible circumstances of the murder by the barrel in which the body was found. In