CLARA COFFIN'S STORY DOUBTED

Even Her Parents Do Not Believe She Was Lured from Home, as She Says, by Woman with Hypnotic Eyes.

WEIRD OMAHA TALE IS DECLARED TO BE UNTRUE.

Question of Where She Got Carfare Is a Puzzle, but It Is Not Thought that She Had Saved the Money.

It is not only the opinion of Clara Coffin's parents, but of every one else in East Orange who knows the girl, who disappeared from home so mysteriously on Monday last and who, quite as mysteriously, has found herself among relatives in Omaha, Neb., that she is suffering from a delusion. They think that the weird story about the woman with "the awful eyes," who, she says hypnotized her is nothing less than a whopper.

At the Coffin home to-day a reporter of The Evening World was told that the father and mother would probably start West to-morrow to bring the runaway daughter back home.

"We don't believe that any woman with awful eyes or any other kind of eyes took Clara away," said her younger brother to-day. "It's ridiculous!"

"That's right," said a maid, who has lived in the family for years. "Clara just got tired and went away."

Money Question in Doubt.

"Well, where did she get the money to make a trip to Omaha?" the maid was asked. "At first the family gave it out that the girl had taken no more than $10 or $12 with her."

"To tell the truth, Mrs. Coffin doesn't know how much Clara took. There is always money lying around the house and she must have had enough to pay her fare. If she saved anything out of her allowance we don't know anything about it."

Clara Coffin, when considered alone, is not like other girls of her age. So far as can be learned, she had but one intimate friend—Jessie Houston—and if the latter has told all that she knows about the young miss who has taken such a wild overland flight, she knows very little more than any of the other pupils at the East Orange High School. She was as studious as the average, not brilliant in any particular branch, and what is known among teachers as "a plodder." She had an ambition to go to Bryn Mawr, where her sister is a student, but as for other aspirations, no one remembers ever hearing her express herself.

Had No Boy Companions.

"She never went anywhere with any of the boys," is her brother's testimony. "Only once or twice did she ever go to a dance, and then there were only five or six there."

The girl played tennis occasionally, and she liked a football game, but there was never anything romantic stirred in her by such sights, as is usually the case of a girl in her teens.

In conversation she was reticent. Her reading covered a good line of books and leaned more toward the scientific than other fields of literature. In this way she is believed to have picked up the smattering of the legal terms, which are evidenet in "the wills and last testaments" she has made from time to time, bequeathing her paper dolls, playthings and school books to different girls whom she knew and to various members of the family.

Clara Coffin was reserved but no one who knew her would have called her morbid. She was passive if anything, and that she should suddenly have taken the initiative as she did in her long lonely trip to Omaha is a surprise that was unlooked for in her character.

Mr. Coffin allowed his daughter between $7.50 and $10 monthly, and she and her brother had won prizes offered for excellence in studies. The opinion is gaining ground that the girl put none of this aside out that she found sufficient in her father's and mother's pocketbooks to enable her to make a trip to the West.

The story from Omaha is declared to be untrue so far as the visits of "the woman with the awful eyes" to the school at Newark at noon on the day of the disappearance is concerned. It happens that Clara Coffin attends the East Orange High School, which is only a few blocks from the Coffin home. The girl returned on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock and there was nothing in her appearance to indicate that she was not herself.

Girl Gave No Hint.

She packed the satchel, which she took with her later in the evening, with her gymnasium suit and came back shortly before dinner time. Her mother saw her on both occasions and talked to her and she says that her daughter gave not even a hint of the strange woman.

As to that part of the girl's story where seh claims to have made her escape from the train where her captor held her to another one as it moved from the station, it is scouted.

Such action would be totally at variance with her disposition, as her parents know it. She is a girl who has always liked outdoor life and to see others exert themselves physically, but whenever it has come to a question of personal chance she was timid.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6.30 | Sun sets, 4.51 | Moon rises 7.12

THE TIDES.

	High Water. A.M.	High Water. P.M.	Low Water. A.M.	Low Water. P.M.
Sandy Hook	8.43	9.07	2.24	3.09
Governor's Island	9.00	9.20	2.51	3.39
Hell Gate Ferry	10.53	11.13	4.23	5.11

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

St. Louis ..... Southampton
Campania ..... Liverpool
Monterey ..... Havana
City of Memphis ..... Savannah
Maracaibo ..... Trinidad
Mogul ..... Yokohama
Harry Luckenbach ..... Sabine Pass

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS.
DUE TO-DAY.

Minka, Huelva. Sicilian Prince, Naples.
Celtic, Liverpool.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.
SAILED TO-DAY.

Etruria, Liverpool. Egyptian Prince, Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, Southampton. Valencia, Jamaica.
Finland, Antwerp. Mexico, Havana.
La Champagne, Havre. Flandria, Hayti.
Fulda, Naples. El Dia, New Orleans.
Athenia, Glasgow. Rio Grande, Brunswick.
Moltke, Hamburg.
Menominee, London. Lampasas, Galveston.
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MISS ELEANOR ANDERSON, FIANCEE OF THE MYSTERICUS "J. OGDEN GOELET," AND HER TWO BROTHERS, WILLIAM AND EDWARD ANDERSON.

MAN WHO POSED AS GOELET A MYSTERY

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and arrange for a quiet marriage ceremony.

Always Plenty of Money.

"If this fellow is a fakir," said one of Miss Anderson's girl friends to-day, "he is a wonder. He had the manners of the real thing in society and he always had a wad of money on him. Would it be beneath the dignity of the real Robert Goelet to go around and see Ella's papa and mamma and show them that he is not the man who gave Ella those presents and offered to marry her?"

The Goelet estate has engaged private detectives to run down the impostor. If he is caught there will be something doing to him by the Goelets and also by the family of the young woman. It is said that this is the second time a young man bearing a remarkable physical resemblance to Robert Goelet has impersonated him and spent a lot of money.

Here is a copy of the letter that gained the acquaintance of Miss Anderson.

Signs Mr. Van Every's Name.

"To all employees of the Western Union Telegraph Company: This will introduce Mr. J. Ogden Goelet jr., who is connected with the management of this company.

J. B. VAN EVERY, Vice-President.

Miss Anderson had faith in her alleged millionaire suitor until yesterday, when it was suggested that the letter be sent to Mr. Van Every. A footnote in lead pencil was written by Miss Anderson to the Vice-President which read:

"Dear Mr. Van Every: Please see this signature, and tell me if it is genuine.

"ELEANOR L. ANDERSON."

The letter was taken to the Vice-President by one of the brothers of Miss Anderson. Mr. Van Every looked at the signature and then called in his private secretary. The signature was pronounced a forgery.

When this discovery as made known to Miss Anderson she collapsed. She still had confidence in the smooth-talking and money-spending young man, but that he should have presented a forged letter to her was suspicious. She clung to the theory that there had been some mistake and that the whole affair would be righted in time.

"She got on her knees to me," her father told a reporter for The Evening World, "and cried out that she loved the man to distraction, and that she would marry him whether he were a ten-dollar-a-week clerk or a prince. She seemed not to care a whit for the money the man represented he was worth.

She told me she believed still that young Goelet was all he represented he was. I hope for his sake that he is. If he has imposed on my daughter it will go hard with him. I don't know what I would do."

So excited was Miss Anderson that the father sent her out of the city with her mother, and their home at No. 330 West Fifty-first street was closed.

She Expects to Meet Him To-Day.

The father said that his wife and daughter had gone to Roslyn, L. I., and that the girl expected to meet her fiance to-day.

"He said on Thursday," the father added, "when he postponed the wedding almost the hour the ceremony was to have been performed that the marriage would take place Saturday. He reiterated this later in a letter to my daughter. This letter was received last night. It was couched in the tenderest terms. I believe that man is desperately in love with my daughter whether he is all he represents himself or not."

The man seen by a reporter for The Evening World who entered the apartments of the Andersons on Thursday and who is said by Mr. Anderson to be the man who represented himself as J. Ogden Goelet, jr., is a smooth-faced chap, appearing to be twenty-two or twenty-three years old. His figure was trim, but not slight.

His face was pale and he seemed excited. He drove up to the door of the Anderson apartments in a carriage. With him in the vehicle was a girl who is said to be Miss Anderson. The two alighted from the carriage and hurried into the apartments.

The carriage drove off at once, and repeated ringing of the Anderson bell failed to bring a response. As The Evening World has told, the Andersons changed the card in their door and called themselves the McIntoshes after the story of the daughter's engagement to young Goelet became known.

The young man who was seen entering the flat fits in every detail the description of the young Goelet, who applied to Father Lavelle at the Cathedral for permission to marry Miss Anderson.

Ring a Magnificent One.

Mrs. E. W. Goode, wife of a doctor who has apartments in the flat-house at No. 330 West Fifty-first street, where the Andersons live, says that the engagement ring presented to Miss Anderson by her admirer is a magnificent piece of jewelry. It does not look like a modern ring but rather like one that had been taken from a collection of old family jewels.

"When she showed me the ring," said Mrs. Goode to-day, "she said it was given her by the man she was going to marry. I asked her who he was and she said his name was Goelet and that he came from one of the swellest families in New York. She seemed to be very happy. The presents he gave her and the style of the automobiles and carriages he used to take her out in were all indications of more than ordinary wealth."

W. B. O'ROURKE BURIED.

More Than 150 Carriages at the Funeral of the Superintendent.

The funeral of the late William B. O'Rourke, Superintendent of the Metropolitan Hospital on Ward's Island, was held to-day. The body was borne to the pier at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street, where more than 150 carriages were in waiting. There were eight carouches filled with flowers and floral wreaths.

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING BOY.

Arthur Patterson, colored, having no home, was held for trial by Magistrate Breen in the West Side Police Court today on a charge of felonious assault upon Jeremiah Nealy, sixteen years old, of 778 Tenth avenue, on Election Day. Healy was passing 205 West Sixtieth street when, he declares, Patterson drew a revolver and fired two shots, one of which lodged in the complainant's right leg. He was able to appear in court, however.

COLOMBIA WILL ATTACK PANAMA.

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agent of Panama in the United States. Mr. Varilla is at present in New York, but he is said here to be the resident fiscal agent of the Panama Canal Company in Paris. With him the United States Government will transact any necessary business in an unofficial way, pending the appointment of regular ministers plenipotentiary.

The President has power under the Constitution to appoint Ministers or agents of the United States to a country under the conditions that now prevail as to Panama, but he must look to Congress hereafter to approve his action by providing the necessary salary for the officer.

President Cleveland pursued this course in the case of Commissioner Paramount Blount. It is not yet determined, however, that it will be necessary to follow this lead in the case of Panama and with the full and explicit instructions furnished to him by Secretary Hay, Mr. Gudger, the United States Consul General to Janama, who sails to-morrow for that post, may be regarded as fully qualified to discharge any diplomatic duales that may devolve upon him.

Mr. Gudger called at the State Department to-day for a further conference with Secretary Hay, at whose instance he later conferred with the President over the situation.

The British Government has formally requested the State Department to look after the interests of British subjects on the isthmus, and similar requests from other European nations are expected, all of which will be promptly granted.

REBELLION NOW IN THE CAPITAL OF COLOMBIA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—A despatch to the State Department from Minister Beaupre, dated at Bogota, Nov. 4, says there were rumors of trouble and insurrection there on that date.

CRUISER ATLANTA REACHES COLON.

COLON, Colombia, Nov. 7.—The United States cruiser Atlanta arrived here early to-day.

BATTLESHIP MAINE ORDERED TO COLON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The battleship Maine has been ordered to Colon. She has sailed from the New York Navy-Yard for Hampton Roads, where she will coal and proceed to her restination.

TWO WALL STREET BROKERS ARRESTED

Thomas A. Ennis and Charles F. Stoppani, of the Stock Exchange firm of Ennis & Stoppani, Nos. 34 and 36 New street, who are members of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, were arrested this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Walgering, on an order signed by Supreme Court Justice Amend, in a suit brought by Gustave A. Hein, of No. 780 Carroll street, Brooklyn, to recover $1,112, which, he says, is the balance of $30,350 he entrusted to them for investment, remaining in the hands of the firm after the transaction.

The arrested brokers put up $5,000 cash bail and were liberated.

Heim's complaint alleges that on Sept. 24, 1902, he asked the brokers to purchase 100 shares of Baltimore & Ohio common stock, at $10,887.50; on Nov. 5 another 100 shares at $10,500, and on March 3, 1903, another 100 shares at $9,462.50. He made several payments on account, and demanded delivery of the stock on May 25.

Heim declares the firm was unable to deliver the stock, and was obliged to buy from a Stock Exchange firm, Erlinger & Abraham. He alleges that he had paid $30,850 to Ennis & Stoppani, which they said was the price of the stock paid for by them, but that he is now informed that the firm paid only $26,738 for the stock, and he demands the difference, amounting to $4,112.

Justice Amend vacated the order of arrest later to-day, on the motion of Treadwell Cleveland, attorney for Ennis & Stoffani.

EIGHT BODIES IN WRECKED SCHOONER

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 7.—The Captain of the Dominion Government steamer Tyrian, which arrived at Sable Island last night, reports that a wrecked schooner floated ashore on The Island about two weeks ago, and immediately broke up. Eight bodies of men in a decomposed state came from the wreck. The schooner's name was The Topaz, and evidently she was a French fishing boat, judging by the clothing of the bodies.

A week ago a bark struck on a sandbar on the west side of the island. She displayed distress signals and a lifeboat put off, but before the boat reached the vessel she had gotten off and sailed away, apparently uninjured. Her name as not ascertained. There was one death on Sable Island since the last visit of the Government steamer, a son of Carpenter McDougall, of the island staff.

Some who have viewed the wreck think the victims were French fishermen.

"ETERNAL CITY" HUMOR.

Ambassador Meyer is receiving the unflattering attention of the daily press in Rome for the alleged recklessness with which he speeds his automobile through the streets. Il Popolo Romano suggests that the Ambassador persists in his course because, being unable to read Italian, he does not know what the papers are saying about him.

TURNS BURGLAR TO GET FOOD

William G. Stahlnecker, Jr., Son of Yonkers' Former Mayor, Is Caught Hiding in Grocery After Forcing Entrance.

SOUGHT PROVISIONS FOR WIFE AND CHILD.

Young Man in Hard Luck and Unable to Provide for His Family—Society Shocked at the Disclosure.

William G. Stahlnecker, jr., son of a former Congressman, one of Yonkers's most popular mayors and a member of a family most respected in exclusive social circles, tried to support his wife and little child and his aged mother in a dozen different legitimate ways. He failed in everything. He borrowed money from his freinds until his obligations were excessive. For months he had sat in his real estate and insurance office and no customer came.

His wife told him the grocer had cut off their credit and that the ten-months-old baby was in need of prepared food. That was the last straw. Stahlnecker became a burglar.

His capture last night while hiding behind barrels in a grocery store into which he had forced an entrance has thrown the oldest and most respectable social circles of Yonkers into a high pitch of excitement and surprise. But gradually as the facts have become known sympathy has turned towards the prisoner.

Had to Pay Father's Debt.

Shortly after the death of the elder Stahlnecker the young man, who is now thirty-two years old, found that instead of being left anything material, he was called upon to pay many of his father's debts. His father had been several times Mayor of Yonkers, and when he was elected to Congress it was by one of the largest majorities ever given in that district. He was interested in the meat business in Manhattan, and the failure of that shortly before his death left his heirs nothing.

The young man for many years has been chairman of the Hope Hook and Ladder Company of the Volunteer Firemen, a high social position and showing that he was popular with the men in town. He became a bookkeeper for the United Gas Improvement Company. He left that to enter a real estate office on a commission basis, and in that he failed. About a year ago he opened a little real estate office of his own, but he has had no business.

Stahlnecker was married two years ago to Miss Bertha Odell, of one of the oldest and most respected families in Yonkers. But she never dreamed of his double life until his arrest last night. It was then found that he had been supporting the family for some time by nefarious means.

When Stahlnecker went forth on his burglarious errands he simply told his wife he would be busy at his office. When he returned late at night with a sack of provisions he said he had been paid in such goods as his fee.

Unscrewed Door Hinges.

Stahlnecker was arrested in the store of Kasniez Janowski. Janowski's store has been entered several times of late, the burglar in each instance unscrewing the hinges of the rear door. Janowski attached an electric wire to the door, and when Stahlnecker effected his entrance a bell was rung in the owner's room.

Janowski seized a revolver and took his stand at the door, and then called for help. Policeman Crouch heard him, and they entered the store together. Stahlnecker was found hiding behind a pile of boxes. He had a screwdriver in his hand and a pair of pincers and a lot of matches in his pockets. His explanations were unsatisfactory and he was taken to jail.

When arraigned in court Stahlnecker was represented by Assemblyman Rigby, who waived examination. The prisoner was held for the Grand Jury, bail being fixed at $500.

BRYAN AS EXECUTOR.

Admitted Despite Objections of Counsel for Mrs. Bennett.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 7.—In the Probate Court to-day, William J. Bryan was admitted to act as executor of the will of Philo S. Bennett, an objection to him made by Mrs. Bennett's counsel being overruled.

The amount of the bond was fixed at $30,000. Counsel on both sides say that an appeal will be taken.

EVERYTHING
Depends on Food.

How often the kind of food eaten determines a question of future health and happiness, or even life or death!

"Our little girl, when but five weeks old, had to undergo a very severe operation, which left her unable to take her nourishment in the natural way, that is, by nursing, and, of course, she had to be fed. She was naturally frail and the food did not help her. At the age of eleven weeks she was subjected to a second operation, and from that time she continued to grow thinner and weaker until she was but a mere shadow," so writes a lady of Ohio.

"We tried many kinds of infant foods, and then the doctor directed us to try Grape-Nuts. We did so, and at the end of the first week noticed an improvement, and after that she began to improve rapidly. As we continued to give her Grape-Nuts she kept gaining until she is now more than two years old and strong and healthy. Her main food has always been Grape-Nuts, and to Grape-Nuts she owes her life. Naturally, we are firm friends of the food, and never lose an opportunity to speak a good word for it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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