GOV. ODELL DECLARES EVENING WORLD'S EXPOSURE OF GAS EXTORTION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

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WIFE SCORNS HER PEEPING HUBBY

While Mowbray Is Nominally Seeking Only the Custody of Young Son, Proceedings Have Decided Divorce Flavor.

The various actors in the Mowbray vs. Mowbray "Hubby Under the Bed" drama appeared to-day before Referee James J. Nealis, in his chambers in the County Court House.

Though the action brought by Samuel H. Mowbray against his wife, Grace Townsend Mowbray, is really a habeas corpus proceeding to recover the custody of five-year-old Girard Townsend Mowbray, the testimony so far given has more of the flavor of a separation or divorce suit.

Mrs. Mowbray, a strikingly handsome young woman, whose bright golden hair and light blue eyes are duplicated in the chubby little boy for whose possession she is struggling, came to the hearing with her mother, Mrs. Townsend, and her sister, Mrs. Beatrice Darrin. Mrs. Mowbray wore a black tailor-made gown trimmed with astrakhan, and her sister, who bears a remarkable resemblance to her, except that her hair is a rich chestnut, wore a similar habit, trimmed with gray fox.

Mrs. Mowbray on the Stand.

Mowbray, a clean-cut, olive-skinned young man, was accompanied by his lawyer, Benjamin Steinhardt. Louis H. Porter appeared for the wife.

Mr. Steinhardt first called Mrs. Mowbray to the stand. The witness gave her name as Grace Ingersoll Townsend Mowbray.

Mrs. Mowbray said that her husband was a salesman and also the organist of St. John's Church, Larchmont. He played in the church on Wednesday and Friday nights.

Mr. Steinhardt reached the night of Jan. 6, when Mowbray hid under the bed.

"On. Jan. 5," said Mrs. Mowbray, "my husband told me he was going out to Allendale to get the baby on the following day. He said he would not be home on Wednesday night, and he asked me why I did not invite the boys—

"Who do you mean by the boys?" interrupted Mr. Steinhardt.

"Why, the Rickards."

"When did Mowbray leave the house on the memorable Wednesday of Jan. 6?"

"I think at 9 o'clock in the morning."

In the afternoon Mrs. Mowbray, her sister and a friend went to a matinee.

"When you got home to the flat did you see Mr. Mowbray there?"

Mowbray got under the bed at 5 P. M.

"No. I didn't see him. I presumed that he was on his way to Allendale."

Mrs. Mowbray got her own dinner, and at 8.30 her sister, Mrs. Darrin, came in. Her sister's husband was sick and had gone to bed. Mrs. Mowbray called Arthur Rickard Arthur, and William Rickard "Bill," she said. When she reached this point in her evidence she looked across the table at her smiling husband and said in a loud aside:

"You devil, you!"

"After you came in that afternoon didn't you take off your street clothes and put on a wrapper?"

Had Only a Kimono.

"No, I don't own a wrapper," cried the witness, shrilly. "The only negligee wrap I own is a kimono I used to make up with while on the stage, and that is covered with grease paint."

Q. When did the Rickards come in? A. About 9 o'clock.

William Rickards and Mrs. Darrin left the apartment at 10.30. Arthur stayed until about 11.45.

Q. You did not embrace Arthur Rickards? A. No.

Q. If you had embraced him would you admit it? A. Yes.

Q. Didn't your husband tell you that he had been under the bed? A. Yes. And I told him he must have been crazy.

Q. When did he come out from under the bed? A. The first I saw of him he was standing in the doorway when I was helping Arthur on with his coat. Arthur said, "I hate to have to go." I said, "I hate to have you go." Then Mr. Mowbray appeared and said, "I guess it is time for you to go." Arthur said, "All right." Arthur got out in the hall and Mr. Mowbray went after him like a crazy man. When he came back he wouldn't speak to me, and I asked him if he was crazy, disgracing me before the whole house.

Q. Had your husband confidence in you before that time he got under the bed? A. Yes, though he wanted me to leave him and offered me $60 a month to get rid of me.

Q. Do you remember telling them at Dr. Mowbray's how much fun you could have if you didn't have baby? A. No.

Q. Didn't you talk about the mashes you could make at West Point? A. I might have said something like that before I was married, but I don't remember.

Mrs. Mowbray testified that her husband went from the house after coming from under the bed and remained out all night. On Friday he told Mrs. Mowbray that if she had anything to say to him to go to his lawyer.

Mrs. Mowbray said that she told her sister about Mowbray being under the bed and then leaving the flat.

"My sister said," testified the witness, "that nobody but a sneak would lie under a bed and that she thought it was the most contemptible thing she ever heard of. She said to me: 'I always thought he was a gentleman, but you never can tell about these oily little people.'"

An adjournment was taken until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

RAISING WRECKED STEAMER

Work Begun on the Boston City Sunk in the Harbor.

Two of the Merritt & Chapman wrecking barges began work to-day on the steamer Boston City, which was sunk yesterday in collision with he steamer Colorado.

The cargo will be removed and then an attempt will be made to raise the sunken vessel.

BILL TO CURB GAS TRUST SHALL PASS, SAYS ODELL

Evening World Is Authorized by Him to Announce that the Measure Advocated by It to Stop Robbery by Trust Will Be Enacted by the Legislature.

Mayor McClellan said to-day that if Gov. Odell is in earnest in his expressed intention of assisting The Evening World in its fight against the Gas Trust in New York City, he would have the co-operation of every department of the Greater City.

On the authority of Gov. Odell, The Evening World is able to announce to-day that a bill will be not only introduced but passed by the Legislature, appointing a commission with affidavit powers to investigate into the complaints of the gas consumers in New York City.

Thus the first great point in The Evening World's fight against the Gas Trust is won. Other and harder battles are yet to be fought. But with the assistance of the Governor, who absolutely controls the Legislature, the first fight has been won.

Of the several gas bills now before the Legislature some are believed to be "strike" measures. Of course, all bills aimed at private corporations are open to that suspicion. Of the genuine bills, however, the Miller bill seems to be the best, but even that has no show to pass.

But The Evening World is authorized to say by Gov. Odell that he will approve a bill which shall permit him to name a commission to investigate into the gas abuse in New York City. He said:

"So far, the two Houses have been very slow in action. They have not yet sent me a bill. I have heard of the several gas bills, but I do not like them; that is, I do not like them from what I know of them.

"I want to say, however, that where there is so much complaint, and the complaint is so general, there must be adequate grounds for it. I have observed the persistent fight The Evening World has made against the gas companies, commencing, as I recall it, something like a year ago.

"As soon as I can talk with the leaders of the two Houses I will devise means by which the abuse may be looked into and prevented. From what I now know I believe an investigating commission is the proper means.

"However, I shall look into the question at once, and in a few days we will be able to devise a means of action. Nothing showed the culpability of the Gas Trust more plainly than the annual report of Jastrow Alexander, the State Inspector of Gas Meters. I have that report before me now, and will be guided by it to a considerable extent."

ROCKEFELLER OUT OF THE STEEL BOARD

Resigns from Trust Directory in Letter in Which He Says He Has Not Time to Attend the Meetings.

John D. Rockefeller has resigned from the Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corporation. The following letter was made public to-day by E. H. Gerry, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the corporation:

26 Broadway, Jan. 14, 1904.

To E. H. Gerry, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the United States Steel Corporation:

My Dear Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corporation. It has not been convenient to attend the meetings of the Board. My interest in the corporation is represented by my son, and I hope the vacancy occasioned by my resignation can be filled to the advantage of the company by some one who can personally attend the meetings.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

Mr. Gerry said to an Evening World reporter: "We recognize the force of the reasons set forth by Mr. Rockefeller and must respect them. I think the Board will accept the resignation at the meeting to-morrow."

John D. Rockefeller, jr., and H. H. Rogers will remain on the Steel Corporation Board, which will meet to-morrow to take action upon Mr. Rockefeller's resignation.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7.11 | Sun sets, 5.17 | Moon rises.. —

THE TIDES.

	High Water. A.M.	High Water. P.M.	Low Water A.M.	Low Water P.M.
Sandy Hook	7.06	7.37	12.52	1.32
Governor's Island	7.30	8.02	1.25	2.04
Hell Gate Ferry	9.23	9.55	2.57	3.36

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Minnehaha ..... London
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WIFE CLAIMED BY TWO HUSBANDS

As a Result Men Are Held on Charge of Assault While the Woman Is Accused of Bigamy.

Godfrey Andreas, of No. 733 St. Ann's avenue, and Charles Bliss, of the same address, were held in $300 bail for examination on Wednesday in the Morrisania Court to-day on charges of assault. Mrs. Pauline Andreas was held in $1,000 bail for examination on a charge of bigamy.

Bliss has been the "star boarder" in the household and, according to Andreas, he objected in vain. Andreas finally left the house, and, he alleges, returned yesterday and demanded admittance and was refused by Bliss.

"This is my home, and Mrs. Andreas is my wife," Andreas declares he said, and he further alleged that he was dumfounded by Bliss saying: "No, this is my home and she is my wife."

This declaration led to blows between the men, and the three were finally arrested, the men for assault and the woman charged with bigamy.

COTTON CORNER CAUSES SUICIDE

Abraham M. Banks, Who Had Lost Heavily Through the Operations of Daniel Sully, Ends His Life.

Dan Sully's cotton corner drove Abraham M. Banks, a highly respected and until recently a rich cotton-goods merchant, to suicide to-day. Ruin stared Banks in the face. Money was owed him by cotton merchants all over the country, but they have been failing and it was only a matter of time before Banks's place of business would have been closed.

"I see it coming," Banks said Saturday to several of his friends who were gathered in his office and warehouse. "When the time comes for me to fail you can depend upon the failure being done in the right sort of way."

"What do you mean?" one of the friends asked.

"I mean that I will never live to fail; that's what I mean."

Banks laughed as he made this threat against his life. Then he talked of business and the amount of money the leaders in the bull cotton movement were making at the expense of the general public.

Depended on To-Day's Market.

"I have placed a lot of orders on the market for delivery here Monday," he said. "The goods will be here early and I will be here to receive them. They may be the last I will ever receive. However, I won't cross the bridge until I get to it. A good deal depends on the opening of the market Monday."

Banks expected that prices would be high to-day. He was down at his office at 7.30 o'clock, leaving his home, No. 110 East Eighty-second street, immediately after an early breakfast. Banks went to his office, which is in the rear of the warehouse. He is supposed to have remained there for nearly two hours.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Hammond Cohen, who besides being the manager of Banks's business, was a close personal friend, went to the private office. There he found Banks unconscious in a chair. The room was filled with the fumes of carbolic acid and on the table was a vial, half filled with the poison.

Cohen remembered Banks's threat to end his life. He ran, screaming, from the building and called a physician from St. Vincent's Hospital. The physician began working on Banks with a stomach pump, and to help his circulation unbuttoned his clothes. Then it was discovered that Banks had shot himself, the bullet passing just above the heart. Hidden among papers on the floor was found a small pistol.

Banks died while the doctor was working to revive him. It is thought that he first used the pistol, which was too small a calibre to produce death, and then he swallowed the poison.

Two Letters Addressed to Wife.

On the desk in the office were found two letters, both of which were addressed to Banks's wife. The police took charge of these and refused to divulge their contents.

Banks lived with his wife and one child. He is spoken of as a good husband and father.

At Banks's home it was said that Mrs. Banks is in a serious state of health and that knowledge of the suicide would probably prove fatal to her. The news was kept from her.

TAFT TAKES THE OATH.

He Assumes Office in the Presence of Members of Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—At noon to-day William H. Taft, of Ohio, took the oath of office as Secretary of War in the presence of several members of the Cabinet, the general staff and a number of personal friends. The ceremony occurred at the War Department.

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Mole Flat Muffs	$16.49	Sable Squirrel Tie Scarfs, with fringe	$8.74
Mole Flat Muffs	$19.74	Persian Lamb Tie Scarfs, trimmed with chinchilla	$16.89
Mole Tie Scarfs, lined with moleskin	$14.96	Persian Flat Muffs, large size	$14.96
Mink Flat Muffs	$15.96	Persian Lamb Muffs, extra large size	$20.96
Mink Flat Muffs	$18.96	White Thibet Flat Muffs, large size	$7.49
Mink Flat Muffs	$21.96	White Thibet Pelerines, extra long	$17.96
Mink Flat Muffs	$24.96	Black Lynx Flat Muffs	$26.96
Two-stripe Round Mink Muffs	$8.49	Black Lynx Stole, with fringe	$38.96
Three-stripe Round Mink Muffs	$9.96	Isabella Fox Flat Muffs	$9.34
Three-stripe Round Mink Muffs	$12.79	Isabella Fox Pompadour Scarfs	$14.96
Eastern Mink Tie Scarfs, 56 inches long	$34.96	Isabella Fox Scarfs, lined with squirrel, extra long	$22.49
Eastern Mink Muffs	$49.96	Black Fox Reversible Scarfs	$22.49
Eastern Mink Muffs	$79.96	Black Fox Flat Muffs	$15.96
Mink Stole Collars	$34.96	Like Seal Round Muffs	$1.96
Sable Fox Scarfs	$14.39	Like Seal Tie Scarfs	$5.24
Sable Fox Scarfs, extra long	$31.96	Black Bear Round Muffs	$16.96
Sable Fox Flat Muffs	$9.96	Black Bear Round Muffs	$17.96
Sable Fox Flat Muffs	$14.96	Broadtail Tie Scarfs	$20.96
Skunk Scarfs, shaped, trimmed with six tails	$15.96	Broadtail Flat Muffs	$18.74
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