

O'BRIEN, KING OF THE BUNCO MEN, REPORTED DEAD

American Crook Who Killed His Partner, Kid Waddell, at Paris, in 1895, Said to Have Expired in Prison.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE IN CAYENNE, FRENCH GUIANA.

Annie Gray, Whose Love He Won, Spent a Small Fortune in Saving Him from the Guillotine.

The crooks and confidence men in New York—there are still some of them left—believe the report which has come to this country that Tom O'Brien, "King of the Bunco Men," is dead in the prison at Cayenne, French Guiana.

Ever since his incarceration in 1885 for the killing of Kid Waddell—father of the gold brick—many reports have come from Europe about O'Brien. One was that, through the money and faithful assistance of Annie Gray, who lived on Forty-second street near Sixth avenue, he effected his escape.

Through all his long life of swindling O'Brien could boast of the love of Annie Gray, who is now said to be the wife of an ex-policeman. She stayed by him through thick and thin, spending a small fortune in securing his freedom and procuring for him a new name.

Improved on the Gold Brick. Through his association with Waddell, whom he afterward murdered, O'Brien received many a compliment which he did not deserve.

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BY T. E. POWERS.



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MABEL SPANG IS FREE AGAIN

Sane Girl, Confined in an Asylum, Released Through Efforts of Beboe, Who Had Met with Similar Experience.

Miss Mabel Spang, daughter of the Pittsburgh millionaire, has just been released from Dr. Bond's sanitarium in Waukesha in time to enjoy a Christmas Day outing. She owes her release to the efforts of Ira Bamberger, attorney for Henry Joseph Gebler, who has appointed by Supreme Court Justice Marston to care for her interests.

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BROKER SUICIDE AS WIFE WAITED

George P. Evans, Arrested Last Summer Charged with Trying to Kill Himself. Puts Bullet in His Head at Hotel.

WROTE ASKING TO HAVE MISERABLE NEWS SENT HOME

All-Night Vigil Had Been Kept for Him and Word of His Death Received at Dawn—Had Lost Money.

Washed down by financial ruin, George P. Evans, until recently a well-known Wall street broker, and promoter, who attempted to kill himself last July, committed suicide early today in the Hotel Metropole, Jersey City, after writing a note asking his father-in-law, James L. Adom, of Bloomfield, N. J., to break the news to his wife who was awaiting his return home.

A pistol shot from the man's room caused Proprietor Foley, of the hotel, to summon a policeman, and on entering the room Evans was found lying dead in bed with a bullet hole in his right temple. He left a note to the hotel man which read:

"Sir—Communicate with J. L. Adom, Esq., of No. 337 Belleville avenue, Bloomfield, N. J. My wife is there and he will kindly break in miserable news to her."

The note, which was written in lead pencil on a small piece of paper, was unsigned. A revolver lay beside the dead man and in his pockets was found a card with the name George S. Evans, a key and a check for the room 632, Hotel Imperial, New York city, three pairs of glasses and a receipt for an express package for Mrs. George S. Evans, at Bloomfield, N. J.

Had to Give Up Home. Evans was well known in the Bloomfield section of Jersey City, having married the daughter of I. L. Adom, one of the wealthiest men of that district, twenty years ago.

Evans was well known in Wall street, where he was secretary of the American Fuel Company, at No. 63 Wall street, until two months ago.

Last summer he was a heavy financial loser, and after brooding some time over his bad fortune, made his first attempt on his life July 3 in Mr. Adom's office, No. 52 Broadway, where he was seated at a window anxiously awaiting him after an all-night vigil.

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When the doors of the Grand Central Palace were opened at 10 o'clock this morning the poor mothers and fathers who were waiting for their children to be fed by the Little Mothers' Aid Association at Murray Hill Lyceum, this is an annual festival occasion, made possible by the generosity of Frank Tilford, and 1,000 little mothers partook of his hospitality today.

They came from all over the city, from the Bronx to Brooklyn, many of them bringing the tiny brothers and sisters whose care devolves upon them while their own mothers are away from home at work. They are a prim lot, these little mothers, with shining faces and gentle manners, fully alive to their responsibilities.

Officers of the Little Mothers' Aid Association chartered the children from their various headquarters to the hall. The dinner was served at 1 o'clock. The admirable arrangements for caring for the little ones, perfected by Mrs. Clarence Burns, did away with confusion and the proceeding was as decorous as a dinner of state.

During the meal the little mothers and their charges were entertained with music and several children of the stage made little mother upon her departure for home was given all the oranges, nuts and candy she could carry.

Eva Booth's Christmas. "This is my first Christmas spent among you, and I want to make it as happy and as bright for as many sad hearts and poor homes as it is possible."

Relations between the Republican leaders of Westchester County are strained almost to the breaking point over the candidacies of ex-Gov. Black and Chauncey M. Depew for the United States Senate.

It became known today that the Republican County Committee, after considering the question, left the entire matter in the hands of National Committeeman William L. Ward, who is known to be in favor of the election of Black.

Considerable surprise has been occasioned by this action, as many supposed that the four votes of Westchester would be cast for Depew. In explaining Mr. Ward's position, a prominent Republican leader said today:

"The Westchester Republicans, and Mr. Ward in particular, have every reason to favor ex-Gov. Black. He has shown his friendship for them in many ways. He appointed Addison Johnson, Mr. Ward's closest friend in his town of Rye, Warden of Sing Sing Prison. Depew has been lifelong opponent of Black. Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon Carpenter by the county organization to induce him to support Black."

Two of the Assemblymen from Westchester, George N. Ripley, of the First District, and J. W. H. H. of the Second, have decided to vote for Black.

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CAPITALIST'S SON WEDS. Martin Guy Lombard Marries Congressman Tongue's Daughter, PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Martin Guy Lombard, son of P. Lombard, Jr., a prominent capitalist, and Miss Marie Gertrude Tongue, daughter of the late Thomas H. Tongue, representative to Congress from Oregon, have been married here.

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