

GRAPPLED IN DARK WITH A DEAD MAN

Robert Pigoff Died on Dark Stairs and Birnbaum Coming Late Thought Him a Burglar

Joseph Birnbaum, proprietor of a little shop at No. 231 Third avenue, related in frenzied phrase to his customers to-day the story of an uneasy experience as the depth of the night.

Mr. Birnbaum lives in an apartment above his store. He had seen visiting friends late last night and returning home did not wish to disturb any one by passing a light.

Papers found in the pockets would indicate that he was Robert Pigoff. A letter was addressed in that name to No. 23 Church street.

MUNICIPAL FERRY TIED UP TWO HOURS

Blower Fan Disables the Manhattan and Staten Islanders Wait in Vain for Boat.

Hundreds of Staten Islanders who had sworn off on oars words for the new year smashed their good resolutions into smithereens this morning when the Municipal Ferry service between St. George and the Battery went all awry for two hours owing to an accident to the Manhattan.

Just as the Manhattan was steering the slip at St. George, a few minutes before 7, one of the blower fans which produce forced draught for the boilers went wrong and disabled her.

When she did crawl out. Then her blower fans went wrong again just as she was entering the Battery slip, at 8.30, and the Richmond, the Bronx and the Queens were all so delayed that the schedule went to pieces.

Meanwhile hundreds of Staten Islanders were in the St. George ferry-house waiting in vain for a boat. The Manhattan was taken off for repairs, and the schedule was restored.

But the delay was over and the delayed Staten Islanders had difficulty convincing their bosses that it wasn't their fault that they were late at their offices.

Famous Oratorio Soloist Is Ill in Portland



Miss Corinne Rider-Kelsey

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Corinne Rider-Kelsey, a singer, of New York, is ill here and engagements she had in New England have been cancelled.

Her husband, George R. Kelsey, has arrived from New York. The singer is confined to her bed in the home of friends. Her breakdown is attributed to overwork.

Mrs. Kelsey came here on Saturday to sing in "The Messiah." She was not feeling well, but insisted that she could go on with the part, and did so with

much success. Afterward she felt ill. A physician who was called in told her she must give up her work, or serious results would follow.

Mrs. Rider-Kelsey was one of the quartet that sang with the New York Oratorio Society in "The Messiah" last week. She had been ill, having undergone an operation recently. Her physician warned her that she should rest, but she insisted that she would keep on, and not only sang at Carnegie Hall, but appeared at Mendelssohn Hall at Edwin Grasse's recital.

CARS CRASH INTO CROWDED STATION

Throng of School Children in Building Which Rocked and Buckled Under the Shock.

EASTHAMPTON, Conn., Jan. 2.—Thirty-five school children and a number of their commuters who were in the passenger station here early to-day

when a train to Middletown, on the Air Line Division of the New York

New Haven and Hartford Railroad, had a narrow escape from injury or death.

Two loaded freight cars which had been "kicked" on to a side track terminating at the west end of the station, knocked away the bumper and crashed through the freight room. It stopped just short of a thin partition separating that room from the passenger room, which was crowded with commuters.

When the crash came the whole building rocked and the floor, ceiling and walls of the passenger room buckled from the force of the blow. The passengers jumped panic-stricken for the doors, and all escaped safely, though some were slightly scratched. Benjamin Luntz, who was the only person in the freight room, also escaped unhurt.

PRINTERS STAND FIRM IN STRIKE

Situation in the War Over the "Open Shop" Is Still Unchanged.

This is the second day of the struggle between the United Typothetae and the international Typographical Union over the "open shop" and the shortening of the work hours per week.

President Patrick H. McCormick, of "Big Six," says that while the Typothetae claims to have fifty-one firms standing by it in the fight the union has only thirty-two of the shops on its books. The remaining nineteen, he further asserts, must be only one-man stands, and that those shops that have been used to swell the Typothetae's list are so insignificant that the union has always ignored them.

At the headquarters of the Typothetae, No. 23 Broadway, it was admitted to-day that there was a little delay in getting the strike-breaking printers here because of a misunderstanding about transportation.

At the schools of instruction for machine typewriters opened by the local Typothetae there were many applicants to-day. Many of those who applied for admission were young women.

"Big Six" has pickets on duty in the vicinity of the shops run by members of the local Typothetae. Such of the independent shops that have not signed the agreement with Typographical Union No. 6 are completely tied up.

OCEANIC TELLS TALE OF A FIRE AT SEA.

Flames Started Among Rags in the Hold of the Johnston Liner Arranmore.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The White Star liner Oceanic, from New York, which arrived at Queenstown last night, brought details of an experience of fire which the Johnston liner the Arranmore, of Liverpool, had in the Atlantic.

Everything went well until Dec. 7, when the after hold, laden with rags and bags of phosphate, took fire. In the ship also was a quantity of chemicals used in the manufacture of dynamite. The crew fought the flames for three days.

When the outbreak was discovered attempts were made to remove part of the cargo, but the draught fed the flames and the men, after forty-eight hours' struggling with the flames, were obliged to close the hatches again, having been repeatedly driven back and half-blinded by the dense volumes of smoke.

The conflagration was not under control until Dec. 10, but that did not put an end to the vessel's troubles, as when off the Banks of Newfoundland a gale was encountered, heavy seas were shipped and broke loose some casks of aniline, which were smashed against contents mixing with the waves, the forward part of the vessel was a yellow.

SAY TEN FIRMS WILL PAY ADVANCE

Housesmiths and Bridgemen Claim They Have Won from Half a Score Employers.

Secretary Farrell, of the local branch of the Housesmiths' and Bridgemen's Union, announced to-day that ten independent firms of contractors had signed an agreement to pay their structural iron workers \$5 for an eight-hour day until Jan. 1, 1937.

But he refused to give the names of the firms.

About 4,000 men are affected by the strike, which was declared yesterday. The effect upon building in general is scarcely felt because iron work, which was extended to an unusual length by reason of the fine weather, has been gradually decreased until scarcely one-fourth of the members of the Structural Iron Workers' Union were at work when the strike was declared.

There is no sympathetic strike, and the iron work on all big buildings in course of construction is so far advanced that the masons and inside workers will be kept busy until spring opening up.

As so many of the men would be idle in any event until March at least, the strike is somewhat of a diversion. It puts all the men on part pay from the union, whereas if they were out of work because of inactivity in their business the loss of time would be absolute.

Since the settlement of the last strike the ironworkers have had remarkably prosperous times and their treasury is full.

The present strike was foreshadowed last August. At that time the Housesmiths' and Bridgemen's Union notified the Iron League that a demand for \$5 a day would be made at the expiration of the agreement on Jan. 1. No attention was paid to the notice, and when the first of the year came around and the \$5 a day agreement was not signed by the bosses the men went out.

The pay of the structural ironworkers at the present time is \$4.50 for a day of eight hours. When the late Sam Parks took hold of the ironworkers' union the top wages for the men was \$2.50 a day. By violent but effective methods Parks forced the employers to make concession after concession in the way of shorter hours and higher pay. He announced many times in the height of his power that he would not stop until the ironworkers were earning \$15.00 a day, but his successors in the management of

the union are not so optimistic. They say they will be satisfied with \$10 for some time to come—small time, but that the bosses can afford to pay more.

At the headquarters of the Iron League those in charge said to-day that the strike had had little effect on building operations. The big contractors expect some problems this winter because of the winter weather, but they expect to get the job of the small contractor to get the new work as soon as it becomes necessary to begin building.

The Iron League has opened an emergency bureau at No. 1 West Fourteenth street, but Secretary C. E. Cheney says that no particular effort is being made to employ men. Mr. Cheney explains that because of the general cessation of iron work on new buildings because of the cold weather, there is no possibility of expecting a big start to take the place of the strikers.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS. President Casper Whitney, of the American Committee, Olympic Games, Atlantic City, has issued a call for a meeting of the American Committee to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria, room 214, next Wednesday at 1 P. M. The president has also appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee Mr. Julian W. Curran, of New York.

ONE GIRL'S EXPERIENCE. "If I had purchased all the materials and the various things that have gone into the hair which I have trimmed this year, I believe I would not have been able to spend another cent for anything else. Instead I bought Diamond Dye Annual and I can with Diamond Dye Annual and a sample of dye cloth. Address DIAMOND DYES, Burlington, Vt.

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Hackett, Carhart & Co. To-Day Begins the Sale That Will Make History in the Selling of Men's Fine Clothes. Price Reductions Are Radical to An Extreme. The Hackett, Carhart & Co. organization has determined to make this sale greater in breadth and scope than any that has ever gone before. To that end their full power and energy have been centered in its preparation. The enormous quantity of high-grade suits and overcoats involved form a collection of great magnitude. And yet more than this is to be counted the quality, the style and character of Hackett, Carhart clothes for men. Men's Suits, reduced from \$22, \$20 and \$18, to \$10.50. Men's Suits, reduced from \$30, \$28 and \$25, to \$15.00. Men's Overcoats, reduced from \$22 and \$20, to \$15.00. Men's Overcoats, reduced from \$30, \$28 and \$25, to \$18.00. Men's Overcoats, reduced from \$35 and \$30, to \$20.00. Youths' Overcoats, reduced from \$20 and \$18, to \$12.00. All this season's models and fabrics in both suits and overcoats, for men of regular build as well as for men who are tall or short, stout or thin. Three Broadway Stores: Near Chambers St., at Canal St., at 13th St. Hackett, Carhart & Co.

Stock Taking Sale In Full Swing Combination Server, Quarter-Sawed Oak, \$30

SERVER OR SIDEBOARD, in a style that savors of real home life. A piece of furniture with which you'll like to live. The glass front is an attractive feature which affords protection to china and silver that one does not wish exposed.

To the lover of the Mission style, this server must appeal with unusual force, it being extremely pretty. Sideboards, servers, buffets and every conceivable piece for the dining-room at special prices.

Beautiful Oak Extension Table, Reduced from \$32 to \$22.50

At the original price the table was an excellent value—a value that could not be found in other stores. At the reduced price it presents such an opportunity as only occurs once a year in these stores.

Exquisitely marked oak, substantially made and faultlessly finished. Parlor tables, drawing-room tables and tables for every use at prices conforming with the spirit of this sale.

Mahogany Easy Chair, Reduced from \$28 to \$19.50

THE easy chair! Who is not in love with it? Who is there who does not enjoy its comfortable back, its soft cushion and broad arms?

Rich mahogany in which the craft of the cabinet-maker shows to advantage. Luxurious silk-plush cushion. Kitchen Chairs—painted or unpainted—Morris Chairs, Parlor Chairs, Corner Chairs, and every other kind of Chair.

January Clearance Among Useful Things for Housekeeping

- China Dinner Sets, of 100 pieces, ornamented with gold lines. Reduced from \$14.50 to \$10.50. Toilet Sets, of 10 pieces, two decorations. Reduced from \$12.75 to \$9.75. Decorated Tea Sets, of 15 pieces, reduced from \$18.00 to \$13.50. Decorated Game Sets of 15 pieces. Reduced from \$13.00 to \$10.00. Jardiniere and Pedestal. Reduced from \$3.00 to \$2.50. French Plate Mirrors, 12x24 inches. Reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25. French Plate Mirrors, with gilt frame, 12x18 inches. Reduced from \$1.00 to \$8.00. Gold Framed Pictures, 12x16 inches. Reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.50. Rusty Pasteils, in oval gilt frames, 15x18 inches. Reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.50. Bamboo Fire Screens. Reduced from \$10.00 to \$8.25.

Harlem: 121st St. & 3d Ave. 2226 to 2234 3d Ave. Downtown: Chatham Square 193 to 205 Park Row

99th YEAR COWPERTHWAIT & SONS Harlem store: 121st Street and 3d Avenue Downtown Store: Park Row, near Chatham Square Annual Stock-Taking--- Bargains in All Departments Now for checking off the Odds and Ends—sending them to new homes at greatly reduced prices. "Stock-Taking Prices" is a phrase that rolls trippingly from the tongue. But there must first be the stock large enough to make the discontinued pieces—those that are lonely because their mates are gone—worth a real sale event. The Cowperthwait & Sons stocks—the largest of their kind in America—were heavily drawn upon for the Holidays. The odd pieces of furniture, rolls of carpet, rugs, and all the rest, going to make up a tremendous list of really Special Values, are proportionately great. This Week the Sale Is On Big Discounts in Every Nook and Corner In most instances the mates of these goods were the most popular in the store—inconsiderate enough to move off with a rush, leaving only the stragglers of each line to be moved out quickly at these inducing low figures. Subject to the same credit and the same 10 per cent. discount from these reductions for cash. Mahogany Finished Suites Reduced from \$65.00 to \$37.50 PRICE-CONCESSIONS of this nature must of necessity prompt active buying. The purchaser who gets here first will naturally have best choice. Mahogany-finished and solidly made frames, set off with damask, tapestry or Venetian velvet coverings, in colorings sanctioned by good taste. It will be impossible to duplicate these offerings after this lot is gone at the reduced figure—\$37.50. The Suites are real \$65.00 values, and are reduced simply to make room for Spring goods which are beginning to arrive. Many other Suites for parlor, drawing-room, dining-room and bed chamber similarly reduced. Everything for Housekeeping Cash or Liberal Credit Cowperthwait & Sons

Chairs and Tables At Reduced Prices Solid Oak Chairs, Specially Priced—\$1.12 An exceptionally well-made solid oak cane seat chair at an unusual price—\$1.12. Because of the reduction no more than six chairs will be sold to one purchaser. Nicely finished, strongly braced and ornamented with a carved top panel. Our assortment of chairs comprises all the best styles for home and office uses and covers a wide price range. Ball-Bearing Sewing Machine RUNS almost as silently as a spider when spinning his web. Sews through thick and thin fabrics without fuss. Doesn't miss stitches—doesn't wreck nerves. Does all home sewing as the particular home woman wants it done. Self-threading at every point except at the eye of the needle. Cash or liberal credit. Self-Feeding Stoves, Reduced from \$11.50 to \$7.98 STOVE that feeds itself is a labor saver, an economizer of fuel, and a perfect heater, being regular at all hours. Heavy castings, nickel rails, base, top cover and skirt. Furnished with the stove, with additional cost, are pipes, elbows, ring, damper, poker, shovel, coal hod, and a piece of zinc 26x26 inches square. Cooking stoves, gas stoves and oil stoves in acceptable models. Smart Carpets Much Under Regular Prices Linoileums, Oilcloths and Rugs EVERY housekeeper in New York and the surrounding country will be interested in this carpet sale. It enables the housewife to economize without running the risk of getting inferior qualities. The carpets offered are in small pieces, many of them, however, being large enough to cover a good-sized room. The reduced list includes Axminsters, Velvets and Tapestry Brussels, in attractive designs and colorings, being remnants left over from our unprecedented sales of last month. Axminsters, regularly \$1.75, reduced to .98c. Short ends of Ingrains, regularly 90c., reduced to .85c. Velvets, regularly \$1.70, reduced to .98c. Tapestry Brussels, regularly \$1.20, reduced to .74c. As is our custom, we make, fine and relay these carpets without extra charge. Linoileums and Oilcloths—Less Than Cost Remnants of Inlaid Linoileum, reduced from \$1.60 to \$1.00. Remnants of Printed Linoileum, reduced from 90c. to .60c. Remnants of Oilcloth, reduced from 40c. to .30c. RUGS OF ALL KINDS.