

### WOMAN THIEF IS SCORED BY JUDGE

Mrs. Howard, Who Used Baby Carriage, Infatuated With a Crook.

### SHE ADMITS HER GUILT.

Refuses to Give Name of Man Involved and Her Husband Is Heartbroken.

Mrs. Anna Howard, the Brooklyn woman who was arrested for a score of burglaries, using her baby and baby carriage as a blind during the last several months, pleaded guilty to-day to the charges against her in the Kings County Court.

Mrs. Howard, who is a handsome young woman of twenty-two, was seized in a screaming black gown and hat, she cried to her arms the baby that she carried prominently in the burglaries, and as she entered the room she was sobbing violently. She was charged with burglary in the second degree and answered in a voice broken with emotion, "Guilty." Instantly Judge Aspinall leaned forward and in a sharp voice said:

"Get that clerk," he cried. "Gully to the clerk of burglary in the second degree. I want that straight. I'll send the woman away for ten years." Then as the woman renewed her sobbing he said:

"Stop that crying act. I know you are well. And don't you think you can win your baby game on me either. Why, your right name is Annie Howard. Can you deny it?" The woman tearfully admitted it. "I thought so," said the judge.

**Clever Woman Thief.**  
"Of course it is. You say one of the clearest domestic crooks there are in the business. Clerk, take her pedigree." The pedigree was taken until the clerk asked if the woman had ever before been convicted. She said she had not.

"What!" cried the judge in a loud voice, "why you were convicted before me for attempted grand larceny. You worked the crying act and the baby act on me that time and I was touched. I look pity on you and let you off on a suspended sentence. That very day that I let you off—that very afternoon—you went out with your baby carriage and your baby and you committed another burglary."

The woman tried to deny the fact, but the judge stopped her, saying: "Don't you try to deny it. That will do for you. I know what I am talking about. You are as bad as English Mary, who was on trial here for three burglaries. Each time she appeared in court with her baby. During her trial she had it with her every day. Just before the close of the trial she plucked the poor little thing and made it cry and the men in the jury-box took pity on her and let her go. You cannot do that here."

**Sentence on Monday.**  
"You ought to shrivel up with shame at the very thought of using your honest and unsuspecting husband as a shield while you perpetrated your contemptible crimes. You forfeit your claim to womanhood in taking with you your innocent little baby as a cloak to your misdeeds. I'll put you where you will not commit any more burglaries in Brooklyn for some time. You will be sentenced Monday."

The woman was led away, this time sobbing so earnestly that there was little doubt of the sincerity of her grief. Mrs. Howard, who lived at No. 56 Berne street, has been married for about a year. Her husband, who worked in the Brooklyn Navy-Yard, believed in his wife implicitly and never an instant suspected her. She made the acquaintance of a young crook, with whom she became infatuated. Under his tutelage she became the most expert woman thief out of jail.

When arrested she broke down and confessed to the thefts. Her husband was heartbroken when he learned of the life she had been leading. The only thing she would not disclose, and nothing could draw it from her, was the name of her accomplice. She would not tell what she had done with the goods.

**SAV SLOCUM'S LIFE BELTS WERE WEAK**  
Further testimony was given to-day in the trial of Capt. William H. Van Schaick, of the steamboat Gen. Slocum, in the United States Circuit Court going to show the unserviceable condition of the life-preservers on the day of the disaster.  
Mrs. Meta Witte, one of the survivors, who lost her son and niece in the disaster, testified as to her experience with the life-preservers.  
"When we tried to pull them down they broke and the cork fell over her," she said. "We tried four of them and then gave it up. Then we tried to loosen the cork. We couldn't, and jumped overboard."  
Henry Burgi, who helped to pick up a number of people in the water, testified: "The life preservers on the majority of them were rotten. The canvases were covered with mildew, and they broke as soon as you grabbed hold of them."  
Burgi said he was accustomed to renew the life preservers on his own boat every two years on account of deterioration.  
Charles Lemp, a thirteen-year-old survivor, told how the life preservers had broken and the cork spilled out. His eleven-year-old brother August, also a survivor, gave similar testimony.

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### VIOLA ALLEN IS MRS. PETER DURYEA

Actress and Millionaire Turfman Married Last August, Says Louisville Report.

News came from Louisville to-day that Viola Allen, the actress, had married Peter Duryea, the turfman millionaire, now being sued for breach of promise by Miss Sarah Madden, also an actress. The amount of the damages asked in this suit is \$50,000, and the trial was put down on the Supreme Court calendar only this week.

According to the report from Louisville, Duryea and Miss Allen were married on Aug. 16 last. The only witnesses were Mrs. Sarah Allen, the actress's mother, and her colored maid, America Wagner. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Frank Hardy in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Hardy is assistant rector.

News of the marriage was confirmed to-day by friends of the bride in this city. These said that Mr. Duryea had long been an ardent admirer of Miss Allen, though she had rejected his suit several times. They could not explain why the couple had not taken more of their friends into their confidence. The reason for the marriage taking place in Kentucky, Mr. Duryea's friends explained, was that he was born there. It was part of the romance, they said, that the marriage take place in that State.

The papers in the suit of Miss Madden against the millionaire declare he was attentive to her for a number of years and proposed to her four times. She began the suit in 1901.

It is expected that several women prominent in society will be called as witnesses in the suit.

### SENATE WILL NOT PUNISH BIGELOW

Writer's Refusal to Answer Panama Canal Questions Will Be Overlooked.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—When the Senate Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals convened to-day to resume consideration of Pauline Bigelow's refusal to give names of engineers alleged to have said they would not accept employment under the Government to take charge of the construction of the Panama Canal the doors were closed.

Before the meeting several members said they had slept over the case and are now disposed not to make a "martyr" of a witness whose testimony appeared to be of too little value to dignify his conduct with summary punishment.

It was decided that further discussion in executive session should be had, however, to determine whether the witness should be given another opportunity to answer.

Later the committee announced that it had postponed until next week consideration of the case. It is not believed that Bigelow will be punished.

### LUNA PARK NAMED FOR HER.

Mrs. Newman, Sister of Mr. Dundy, Dies in Bayonne, N. J.  
BAYONNE, N. J., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Henry B. Newman died at her home at Avenue C. and Fourth street here to-day after an illness of only one day. She was stricken yesterday with paralysis.

Mrs. Newman was formerly Miss Luna Dundy, sister of Mr. Dundy of the firm of Thompson & Dundy, proprietors of the Hippodrome in Manhattan. "Luna Park" at Coney Island was named after Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. Newman came here from Omaha, Neb., fifteen years ago. She is survived by a husband but no children.

### STRIKE OF CABLE MESSENGERS ON

Whining of Postal Strike Encourages Other Boys to Demand Increase of Pay.

Emboldened by the success of the boys employed by the Commercial Cable and Postal Telegraph Companies in gaining the demands they struck for yesterday, forty messengers of the fifty employed in the office of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company went out on a strike of their own to-day.

They told the manager that unless they were granted a raise of from 2 to 2 1/2 cents a message, as the Postal Telegraph messengers gained, they would strike immediately. As the company's central office is in London, and the raise if he wished, he tried to persuade the messengers to stay at work until he could communicate with the London office.

The boys were impatient, however, and immediately doffed their uniforms and went out. As only about eight or ten of the older boys remained at work part of the mercantile and Stock Exchange business between New York and London is done over the cables of this company, and the effect on the firms in the street dealing with the company began immediately to be felt.

After a conference among themselves some of the more intelligent among the strikers decided to propose an armistice to the manager, that they would return to work if he would cable their demands to London.

Most of the strikers returned to work under this armistice.

In the American District Telegraph Company office, on the New street side of the Stock Exchange, only about twenty of the boys who went out on strike yesterday were still out. This strike had apparently failed.

### RUNAWAY STEER STAMPEDES AVENUE

Tosses a Street Cleaner on His Horns and Charges at Policemen.

Running wild up the avenue, tossing his long horns, a big steer escaped from one of the slaughter houses in the neighborhood to-day and threw First avenue from Forty-second to Sixty-seventh street into great excitement. The steer tossed one man on its horns, escaped two policemen who tried to stop it, and ended its career after being lassoed by another policeman at Sixty-seventh street, where a butcher cut its throat.

The police couldn't find an owner for the steer, for whoever owned the animal didn't want to admit it for fear of a damage suit. The animal escaped from somewhere near Forty-second street and ran north.

At Forty-fifth street Peter Zimmerman, forty-one years old, a street cleaner of No. 523 East Sixty-first street, got in his way. The steer rushed at Zimmerman, charged, and caught the cleaner on its horns. Zimmerman was lifted into the air and fell back to the pavement. He struck on his head and suffered a painful scalp wound and a lacerated cheek.

The steer dashed on, and at Forty-sixth street met Detectives Crotty and O'Connor, of the East Fifty-first street station. Crotty used to work on a ranch near San Antonio, Tex., before he became a New York policeman. He tried to catch the steer's horns to throw it, but the animal butted him aside and galloped on.

At Sixty-seventh street Patrolman Wilbur, of the East Sixty-seventh street station, though a New Yorker born and bred, and never nearer the Wild West than Buffalo Bill's show, managed to throw a noose over the steer's horns and secure him. Wilbur tied the animal to a pole, but it became restive, and as it was feared that it would break loose, George Griot, a butcher, cut its throat.

Zimmerman's injuries were attended by Dr. Osterbeck, of Flower Hospital, after which he went home.

### REBELS WIN IN ECUADOR

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Jan. 15.—It is rumored here that Gen. Eloy Alfaro, the former President of Ecuador, and leader of the revolution against President Garcia, has occupied Quito after defeating the Government troops.

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