

SOME OF THE PLAGUE SPOTS IN CHINATOWN THAT SHOULD GIVE WAY FOR A PUBLIC PARK

Mayor McClellan Gives His Unqualified Indorsement to Evening World's Plan.

CITY'S DARKEST SPOT.

It Has Become the Centre of Crime in Lower Part of New York.

PEOPLE NEED THE PARK.

McClellan Says That Is the Most Sensible Solution of Chinatown Problem.

The Evening World laid before Mayor McClellan to-day facts gathered by its representatives in regard to the plan to make a park of the district lying between Mulberry Bend Park and Chatham Square, now generally known as Chinatown.

The whole situation was fully discussed, and after careful consideration the Mayor declared himself unqualifiedly in favor of the plan. HE AUTHORIZED THE PUBLICATION OF A STATEMENT to that effect, and has formulated plans already for a full investigation of the entire subject with the view of carrying out the plan.

The Small Parks law, to which the Mayor refers, authorizes the city to condemn small sections of the city in any place where they may be needed for the purpose of providing open spaces for playgrounds for the people.

Under this law a large number of small parks have been opened. Many of these have been in uptown districts, but the poor of the downtown sections have been neglected, and except where the space has been needed for some public improvement, such as the plaza for Williamsburg Bridge, no small parks have been made.

Mulberry Bend Park is one of the few public playgrounds that have been opened under the law, and in the ten years since it was inaugurated it has demonstrated that the money spent in the improvement was the best investment the city ever made.

The total cost of that park was less than \$1,500,000, counting the enormous cost that the courts decided had been included by the commission in its estimate of expense and fees. Of this \$1,500,000 under the law was to be assessed against the lands adjacent which would be benefited by the opening of the park. The assessment was made against lands for about one block on either side, and on complaint of the property owners was set aside, so that the adjacent property owners did not have to pay one cent for their betterment.

Since the park has opened the property which was assessed for the additional \$500,000 has increased more than \$350,000 in value, according to the tax books, which is far short of the actual increase, while the property not adjoining this, the only park of that district, has not increased an average of 5 per cent, and in most cases has actually decreased in value. This is particularly true of the three blocks that will be razed to make the addition to Mulberry Bend Park, according to the Evening World's proposition. In these three blocks there has been no increase.

Fifty-seven years ago, when the old fan-house now fronting in Pell street was sold to Stephen Boyd, the father of James Boyd, the present owner, the last on which the home place stood was assessed at \$15,000, and thirty years later the books show that it was worth just twice that sum. Then it was razed to go to \$45,000 twelve years ago, and that was the highest point it ever reached. To-day it is assessed at \$42,000, the highest assessment for any single tract of land in the entire district.

Decrease in Value.

The same ratio of decrease holds good for most of the district, and where there is an increase it is due to some local condition that lifts it out of the general slough into which everything else falls. One property, said one who lives in the district shows an increase in ten years last past. That is the land lying south of Pell street, on the east side of Mott street, and there the increase is due to the erection of a large tenement-house covering three lots and costing about \$100,000 which gave a new look to the neighborhood, and it is not as if that was all that was hoped for in the way of improving the population. This, as well as many other houses, is occupied by people of respectability. Some have lived there for fifty years, and some of them have known the district as their ancestral home. They love it, and, under other conditions, they would never consent to see their old homes torn down.

It is this element of respectability that has saved the district from demolition. The Church of the Transfiguration, in Mott street, for over half a century has been the one spot of heaven, and to this in the last few years may be added several missions and rescue houses that continue to be made necessary. Now Father Coppo, rector of the Church of the Transfiguration, believes that the instrumentalities of Christianity are unable to cope with the horrible conditions that have made Chinatown what it is. He has been making many reaching this conclusion, and it was with great reluctance that he gave the admission of a representative of the Evening World.

"I have had the matter up in many forms," said Father Coppo, "and have lived with it in my mind and heart. My church works in the district, and I own the place, and my people here are the whole world for me and my brothers; but the conditions are such that the remedy, immediate and searching, must be applied if any good is to be accomplished. I have spent much thought over it, and I believe 'The Evening World's' proposition is the best solution offered. If my church could be spared to do its work here as I have planned, it would be happy, but I believe the work is too important to let any mere congressional considerations interfere, and it is necessary to carry out the work that my church should be doing. I am even willing, subject to the Archbishop's approval, to let it go, that the great good may be done."



DOYER ST. LOOKING TOWARD PELL.



PELL ST. LOOKING TOWARD MOTT.

CROMWELL AND MORGAN STILL IN CONFLICT

Senator Hints at Glossing, While Lawyer Talks of Failing Faculties.

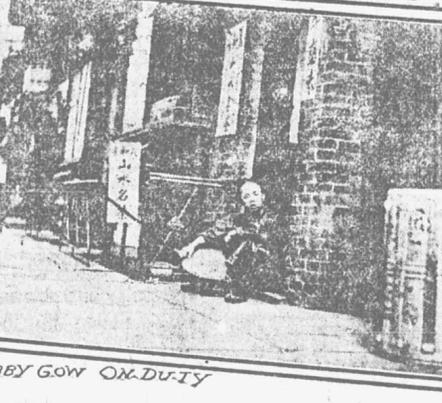
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senator Morgan to-day began his examination of William Nelson Cromwell on Panama affairs by inquiring concerning the financial difficulties of the old Panama Canal Company and the extensions granted by Colombia to the receiver and later to the new Panama Canal Company.

The questions particularly had reference to the five million francs in stock set aside for Colombia in the new company in consideration of the formation of the new company.

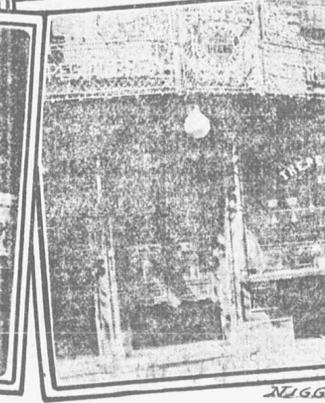
Mr. Morgan said he had no part in getting that concession, and after replying to several questions that he had no knowledge on the subject, said, finally: "I can claim no credit for that."

"If there was any discredit I presume you do not wish to claim it," said Mr. Morgan.

"I cannot see that there was any discredit in the company getting an extension and paying its money for it," rejoined Mr. Cromwell.



LOBBY GOW ON DUTY



NIGGER MIKE'S DIVA



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MILLIONAIRE SUES ST. REGIS BUILDERS

Home Uninhabitable, Family Had to Move to the Waldorf.

Twelve thousand dollars is hardly more than luncheon money to John H. McFadden, the famous cotton operator of New York, Liverpool and Philadelphia, and perhaps he doesn't care so much about the money as he does to "get back at" the Thompson-Starrett Company for evicting him rudely from his home in Fifty-fifth street by dropping pieces of the St. Regis into his house.

Anyhow, Mr. McFadden demands only \$12,000 damages in the suit brought to trial by Eugene L. Richards this afternoon before Justice Amend and a jury in the Supreme Court.

The cotton magnate lives in Philadelphia now, where they don't build million dollar hotels every day. He and his wife came to to testify about an iron girder that dropped into their home, smashing things, a big stone that shattered the windows and lodged in the drawing-room, filling their house with soot, until they were finally forced to put their furniture in storage and move over to the Waldorf-Astoria, because the plumbing, disarranged by the workmen on the St. Regis, made them all sick.

The McFaddens, five in number, and their three servants, were at the Waldorf-Astoria sixty-four days, and the bill for what they ate alone was \$78 a day.

A. B. Brandman showed no disposition to quarrel over the items, and he and Mr. Richards counted up and agreed on the bills quite amicably, leaving to the jury only the question of whether the builders of the St. Regis were to blame for it all.

Mr. Morgan referred to letters and telegrams sent by Mr. Cromwell to the former Secretary of State, Mr. Hay, prior to the last extension by Colombia. The Senator held these in his hand but did not read them.

Mr. Cromwell admitted writing the letters, but declined to say whether the communications were true and would not be remembered their contents. The correspondence contained the statements that war was about to break out in Colombo and gave evidence that Mr. Cromwell was cognizant of the conditions in that republic. After the witness had declined to discuss the letters, Mr. Morgan asked if the declaration was because of duties to his clients.

MAYOR IN FAVOR OF PLAN TO MAKE A PARK OF CHINATOWN.

BY MAYOR G. B. McCLELLAN.

The Evening World's presentation of the proposition to make a park of the district known as Chinatown is strong and convincing. The reasons given are unanswerable AND I AM DECIDEDLY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSITION. I do not want to commit myself as to the ability of the city government to do this thing, BUT IF IT CAN BE DONE I WANT TO GO ON RECORD AS FAVORING IT.

I believe the plan of The Evening World to make a park out of the district, now undoubtedly the worst plague spot in the city, to be the most SENSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM that has yet been presented.

We have done very little under the Small Parks law during the last two years or more, and The Evening World is right, I believe, in advocating that law as the most potent weapon in the hands of the city in its battle against the crimes of the slums.

LOCKED-IN BABY FATALLY BURNED

Peter and His Brother Played With Matches While Mother Was Gone.

While his mother was at a meat market in the same building two-year-old Peter Burton was fatally burned to-day as his four-year-old brother Albert stood by helpless with fright in the flat of the children's father, Patrick Burton, at No. 108 Amsterdam avenue. Miss Burton left the children locked in the kitchen on the third story. They played with matches and little Peter's dress caught fire.

Mrs. Eva Steinbrunner, a neighbor, heard the screams of pain and tried to break in the door. Falling in this, she ran to the street and called Policemen Burns and Gray, of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station, who turned in an alarm before running into the house. They burst open the door and found Peter unconscious and Albert speechless with fright hiding in a corner.

Policeman Burns was pulling the injured baby in his overcoat to extinguish the smoldering flames when the mother came in. She had noticed the policemen running past the butcher shop and followed. Little thinking of the significance of their visit, when she saw what had happened she fainted.

Dr. Corder was summoned from J. Hood Wright Hospital. He took the child away to the hospital, but said there was almost no chance of recovery.

HE CHANGED \$1,000 CONFEDERATE BILL

Right Here in New York City in the Year of 1906.

When Niles Jorgensen, a salesman for a silk and embroidery house, who lives at No. 22 West Forty-third street, appeared in Special Sessions to-day as a witness against May Woodbury, charged with keeping a disorderly house, it developed that it isn't always necessary for our local green-goods artists to send their literature all the way to Tipton, Tenn., and Rising Sun, Ind. There's plenty of material nearer home—right at home.

Jorgensen testified he met May Woodbury on Broadway and she steered him around to a flat at No. 24 West Forty-fourth street, where quite a bunch of merry villagers were having fun. Jorgensen hauled out a roll the size of a strip of ball carpet and bought much wine. Thereupon, according to his story, one of the gentlemen present asked him to change a thousand dollar bill. May Woodbury, he said, leaned over his shoulder and told him the bill was as good as they made in any mint, and to go as far as he liked. Relying upon this advice, he peeled ten hundred dollar bills off of his bundle and gave 2 to the stranger.

When the man who had given him the bill was asked how much he had left, he said: "I have a few more."

Inter-State Match for Xaviers. The Xavier Club's basketball team will play the Amos Five, of Newark, at the Xavier court to-morrow. As the Amos players are from the city of New York, and the Xavier team is from Newark, the game will be played in Newark.

WIFE GETS \$8,300 FOR HUSBAND'S FALL

Oppor Jumped from Bulldog and Fell to Death Through Areaway.

The widow of Henry Oppor, a jeweler, will receive \$8,300 damages for her loss by the verdict of the jury before Justice Giegerich in the Supreme Court to-day.

Opper lost his life under strange circumstances. He was walking in Third avenue when he met two boys leading a savage bulldog on a leash. It was directly in front of the sporting goods store of Isaac Daringa, at No. 322 Third avenue, in a building owned by Leopold Heilinger.

The bulldog rushed at Oppor, and Oppor leaped back to escape him. Oppor fell into an open cellarway and received injuries from which he died. Thomas J. O'Neil sued both landlord and tenant for damages.

bill to the bank. The teller gave it a cold look and shoved it back at him. "Not good!" faltered Jorgensen. "Well, not since Ulysses S. met Robert E. under that little apple tree at Appomattox," said the unfeeling bank man. "That's Confederate money."

The prisoner denied the whole story in court to-day. She is a self-made blonde, not more than twenty-two years old. She said she was a milliner. "For a living I trim hats," she explained. "Trim suckers, too, don't you?" asked Assistant District-Attorney Krotel. She said she didn't know what he meant. Nevertheless she was remanded to the Tombs without bail. Because of her youth the probation officer was instructed to get in touch with her people and try to reclaim her girl from

BRITONS URGE FISH TO KEEP UP FIGHT.

As Policy-Holders They Want Mutual Life Saved from Trust and Wall Street Control.

Stuyvesant Fish, who recently resigned from the Mutual Life Insurance Company's Investigating Committee rather than be a participant in a whitewashing report, received this cable to-day from Lord Northcliffe in London: "British Policy-Holders' Protective Association Committee view with appreciation your resignation from the investigation committee. Does this imply abandoning your strenuous efforts for a thorough investigation and genuine reform? They urge you to continue to support with all your power and influence the general movement to liberate the Mutual from trusts and Wall street, making it once more really mutual and managed solely in the policy-holders' interests."

"Chairman."

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

OLNEY BUTLER CARRIED AWAY \$4,000 SILVER

Nabbed as He Carried Loot from Lawyer's Mansion to Pawnshop.

Detective-Sergeant John Boyle made a record capture to-day when he arrested the Norwegian butler of Peter B. Olney, former District-Attorney of this county and millionaire lawyer, within an hour after Mr. Olney had reported the theft of \$4,000 worth of silverware from his home in Lawrence, L. I.

Two weeks ago Mr. Olney engaged as a butler a young man of neat and engaging appearance. August Larson came with good recommendations from the Oscar II. of the Scandinavian-American line. Though only two months in America, he spoke very good English, having lived several years in England.

He made a fine appearance, was neat, deferential and seemed to be entirely trustworthy. Mrs. Olney turned over to him the custody of the family silver and he saw that it alone with splendid justice.

About 5 o'clock this morning, while all the family slept, the young Norwegian slipped down the silver chest and dumped its contents into a large satchel. Altogether he gathered up about three hundred pieces. Then, with the foresight of a trained criminal, he cut the telephone wires of the house and took an early train to the city.

Mr. Olney had reached his office before he knew of the robbery. His wife called him up on a neighbor's telephone and informed him of the vanishing of the silver and the butler. The lawyer immediately went to Police Headquarters and saw Sgt. James Dunn, who has charge of the Detective Bureau in the absence of Inspector McLoughlin.

He gave Dunn a good description of the butler and also of the silver. Johnny Boyle, the swiftest sleuth of the staff, was put on the case. By the time Mr. Olney was returning to his office Boyle was roaming through the pawnshop district of Sixth Avenue. Passing Twenty-eighth street and Sixth avenue he noticed a very neat appearing, light-haired young man staggering along under the weight of what seemed to be a heavily laden grip.

The young man steered for the nearest pawnshop and went in. Boyle followed and when the butler dumped his plunder on the counter nabbed him. The thief was being measured in Police Headquarters when Sgt. Olney had settled down upon his return to the office. When told of the arrest and the recovery of the silverware the lawyer said to Sgt. Dunn: "Congratulations. In all the long years of my experience I can think of no cleverer work by the police."

Larson was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Court and held in \$100 bail for examination on Saturday. In the mean time a warrant will be obtained from the Nassau County officials and the will be taken to Mineola.

KILLED HIMSELF, DREADING ASYLUM.

Koherherr Drank Acid Before His Friends Could Have His Mental State Examined.

Michael Koherherr, sixty years old, killed himself to-day in Jersey City because his friends were to have his mental condition investigated by a physician.

Koherherr, who lived at No. 22 Webster avenue, had been in ill-health several years and, after having his mind examined, his friends contemplated sending him to a sanitarium. He was to have been taken to City Physician Converse to-day.

Rising before another member of the household to-day Koherherr swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid. His friends attracted a young man who was sleeping in the house and he called an ambulance. The man died on the way to the City Hospital.

WOMAN SUICIDE BY GAS.

Miss Mamie Sewt, twenty-eight years old, committed suicide early to-day by inhaling gas at her home, No. 305 Leonard street, Williamsburg. Other persons in the house found her with the gas turned on and called Dr. Nichols, of No. 257 Leonard street.

The physician said that she was beyond his aid.



Arclay's Cipeco Shrank Quarter Size ARROW 15 Cents each, 3 for 25 Cents. OLUETT, PEABODY & CO. Makers of Claret and Monarch Shirts.

DAILY NEWS OFF THE LIST. The Board of City Record met to-day in the Mayor's office and dropped the Daily News from the list of newspapers for city advertising.

On motion of Corporation Counsel Delany the Globe was substituted, the vote being unanimous.

NEW PUBLICATIONS. NEW PUBLICATIONS.

TOWN TOPICS

OUT THIS MORNING

contains a very positive statement by

COLONEL MANN

In view of recent events this is interesting

Sunday World Wants Work Monday Wonders

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