

METZ SAYS HE WILL VOTE FOR CHEAP PHONES

Comptroller Likes the \$12 Proposal of the Big Trust's Rival.

BETTER FOR THE PUBLIC Believes the Lower Rate More Advantageous than Payment for Franchise.

OFFER IN GOOD FAITH. Martin Littleton Declares that His Company is Ready to Carry Out Agreement.

"If the Atlantic Telephone Company will give New York a first-class service, such as former Borough President Littleton offered yesterday, I will vote to give that company a franchise," said Comptroller Metz today.

A Better Proposal. "I consider the \$12 proposal far better than the one that agreement would secure for the public vastly greater benefits than the money paid for the franchise could ever buy, I believe that the benefit of the individual citizen should be considered in this matter."

"If the Atlantic Telephone Company pays the city \$300,000 for the franchise, the citizens of New York will have to pay interest on that money and eventually return it many times over to the company. Cheap telephone service, such as Mr. Littleton promised, would be a perpetual saving. I shall certainly vote to give the company its franchise if it can be given upon such advantageous terms."

Offer Made in Good Faith. "Our company means to do just what I said," said Mr. Littleton. "If we can get a franchise on the terms now offered by the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company we will afford to give such a service."

DOZEN INJURED IN RAILROAD SMASH

Laborers Victims When Fast Freight Backs Down on Work Train.

(Special to The Evening World.) BAY SHORE, L. I., May 12.—A dozen men were injured in the collision of a freight and work train at Great River, four miles from here, to-day.

Brakeman Golden, of the freight, and Italian laborers were the victims. None were badly hurt. All were taken to Babylon.

In the smash the engine of the work train and caboose of the freight were wrecked. The accident was caused by the freight backing down on the west-bound track in order to allow an east-bound train to pass.

There was another train wreck at about the same spot yesterday.

Bainbridge Colby Resigns. Bainbridge Colby, Republican district leader of the Twenty-ninth Assembly District, has sent his resignation to the Executive Committee because of pressure of his legal practice.

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BURGLAR SHOT DEAD WAS BLACK SHEEP OF GOOD FAMILY

Killed in Pistol Duel on Fire-Escape of House He Robbed.

WAS FIRST TO SHOOT. After Receiving Mortal Wound He Crawled to Door-Way and Died.

HELD LOOT IN HIS ARMS. Identified as Nephew of George W. Plunkitt and Relative of Late U. S. Senator Murphy.

Less than two blocks from his home, at No. 56 West Thirty-ninth street, where his parents, five brothers and a sister were sleeping, William Hickey, a burglar, was shot today by a man who caught him at work. Mortally wounded, Hickey dropped from a fire-escape platform into a courtyard, ran to the street and managed to crawl to the hallway of a tenement at No. 47 West Thirty-ninth street, where he died. His body was found there half an hour later by policemen.

The shooting occurred at No. 257 West Thirty-ninth street, where Patrick McGuire, a contracting truckman, lives with his family. Next door, at the corner of Tenth avenue, lives Patrick McCabe, a saloon-keeper. Hickey was leaving McCabe's apartment, when McGuire, from a window, called to him. "The burglar fired two shots at McGuire. Then the truckman took aim and fired once. The bullet lodged in Hickey's stomach."

Had Career of Crime. The dead burglar was the black sheep of a respected family. On his father's side he was distantly related to the late Edward Murphy, Jr., United States Senator. His mother is a sister of former State Senator George W. Plunkitt.

Young Hickey started on a career of crime when but a youth. He was arrested on Oct. 25, 1883, for forcing an entrance into the home of Mrs. Valentine G. Hall, at No. 21 East Twenty-fourth street, and robbing her of a quantity of jewelry at the point of a pistol. For this crime Recorder Smyth sentenced him to ten years in Sing Sing. He was released in June, 1890, and one month later was arrested charged with burglary in Chicago. A conspiracy to extort money from his parents contributed to secure his discharge on that occasion and he returned to New York. He was supposed to be at work at his trade as an electrician.

Identified by Detectives. Hickey was undoubtedly trying to make his way to his home when he crawled into the hallway to die. The body was taken to the Morgue, none of the precinct police recognizing him. His identity was not established until Detective-Sergeants Kear, Riley and Flannely looked at the body. Kear recognized him instantly. It was hours after his death when his parents were informed that a burglar who had been shot and killed as close to their home as their wayward son.

McGuire was sleeping in the front room of his home this morning. In the bedroom in one bed was Mrs. McGuire and two children, Peter, eight, and John, four. In a second bed, almost against the first, was a sister of McGuire and two other McGuire children, both of them men.

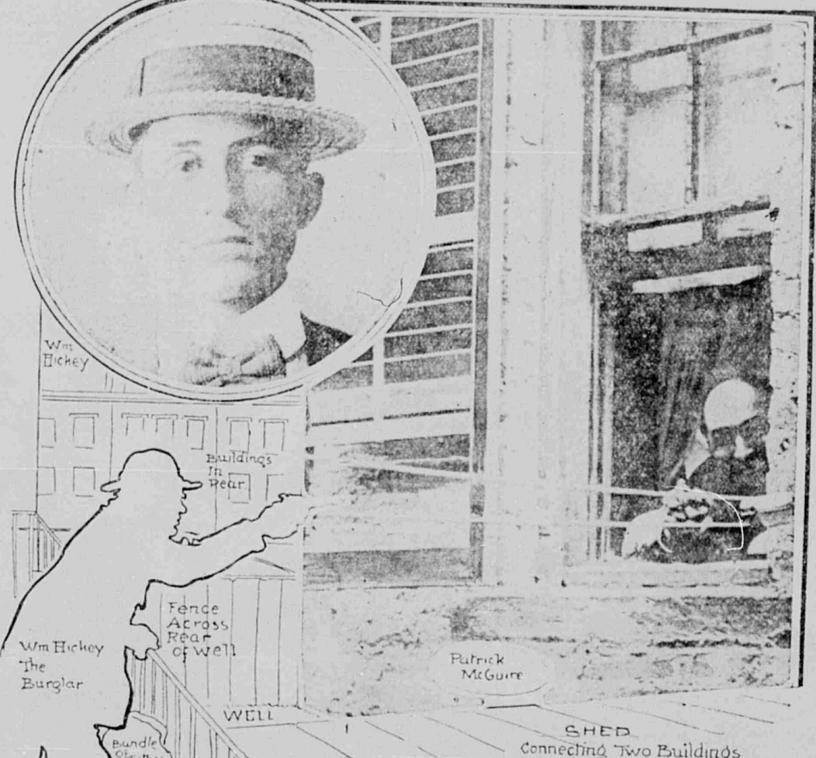
Mrs. McGuire heard a noise in the McCabe apartment just before dawn and called to her husband. "There are robbers down at McCabe's," McGuire was robbed recently. At that time he shot at the burglar as he was making off with his trousers, and the police believe the thief got a bullet somewhere, as a trail of blood was left behind.

Fired Two Shots. When McGuire, with a revolver in his hand, went to the window overlooking the fire-escape to-day he saw a man in McCabe's rooms. The man had all of McCabe's clothing in one arm and was climbing out on the fire-escape. McGuire called to him to stop as he peered outside the window.

Dead in Doorway. "The police were searching the neighborhood, when a newsboy came running up to one of the windows. "There a drunk down there in the doorway at No. 47 West Thirty-ninth street," he said.

The Chicago extortion plot in which Hickey figured was extremely sensational. After being arrested in New York on a charge of robbing a house on the south side the two detectives who caught him, Joseph P. Dwyer and James W. discovered that he was a distant relative of Senator Murphy and a nephew of Senator Plunkitt.

DEAD BURGLAR. MAN WHO SHOT HIM, SCENE OF SHOOTING.



VISITOR SHOT DEAD, MISTAKEN FOR BURGLAR

Real Thieves Had Aroused Schneider, Who Ran Into Frightened Tenant Chasing Them in Hallway and Was Killed.

While he was leaving the apartment of Mrs. Mary Rafferty, at No. 254 Union avenue, Brooklyn, before day-break to-day Frederick Schneider, a night watchman, was mistaken for a burglar and shot dead by Vincent Morello, a tenant in the house.

Morello was greatly excited at the time of the shooting. He had been aroused from sleep by his little boy's cry and awoke to see a burglar dart from his bedroom. He grabbed the revolver from under his pillow and gave chase. Two other burglars joined the fleeing thief as he dashed through the kitchen. The trio gained the main hall of the flat and escaped through a rear door.

Schneider, who was in the flat over-head, heard the commotion and dashed downstairs. He collided with Morello in the hallway, and the excited Italian opened fire. Any one of his three shots would have proved fatal. One bullet entered Schneider's left temple. A second pierced his forehead in the center. The third shot entered Schneider's breast.

Morello leaped over the dead body of his victim and ran into the street. He went Policeman McQuillan running toward the house, surrendered his revolver and said he had shot a burglar. It was only when he re-entered the house with the policeman and lighted the hallway gas that he discovered his victim was his friend and neighbor, Schneider, whose father owns the house where the shooting took place.

Blaze Caused Panic of Patients in Hospital. Eighty-five men and women, all of them inmates of the Consumptives' Home, Kingston avenue and Douglas street, Brooklyn, were aroused by the cry of "Fire!" to-day, and at the same instant smoke in great clouds came rolling into the wards on the third floor, occupied by the patients who are too weak to get out of bed. This ward is known as "The Final Ward," because the men and women who enter it are taken out dead.

The fire, starting in a closet in a corner of the third floor, was discovered by a nurse. She called for a pall of water, but before the water was brought the smoke was belching forth in great clouds and the men and women on the floor were coughing violently as they breathed it. Those strong enough to arise from their cots made their way to the hallway and started for the streets, all of them yelling "Fire!" at the tops of their shrill voices.

Miss Smith, the superintendent, said the fire was not slow to reach the second and first floor, where the patients were not in the last stages, or at least where they were not expected to die at almost any moment.

The Superintendent of the hospital, Miss Smith, was asleep when the fire started. She ran to the front of the building, where the patients were compelled to get to the street, and turned them into the office. There they huddled, some of them crying, all of them staggering from weakness and many near death.

Miss Smith and several of her assistants then ran to the upper floor. The fire was out, but the ward was filled with smoke. This floor is cut up into a number of smaller wards, all of which are parts of "the final ward." In these various small rooms are from two to three patients. On one side of the building are the men and on the other the women.

As the nurses ran through the floor and looked into the various rooms they came upon several men and women insensible. Some of them had been rendered unconscious from fright. Others had been choking on their fast-falling lungs and had lost consciousness.

"It was a fearful experience," said Miss Smith, the superintendent, when the fire was all over. "It was the worst possible thing that could have happened to these poor consumptives or our care."

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200 FUNERALS WAIT ON MOVE TO END STRIKE

Conference Begun Which May Lead to Compromise with Drivers.

While the mourners sat in nearly line hours after hours for the hearse to haul after hour for the bearers to come and bear their dead away to church or cemetery, a conference began early this afternoon which it was thought might end the strike of the Funeral Directors' Union—the strike which in two days has resulted in an amazing and distressing condition in the plans for the interment of bodies that lie in private morgues and homes all over Manhattan.

Both Sides Weakening. To-day, with few funerals taking place, and those under strange conditions, there were evidences of weakening on both sides. The undertakers and stable owners, whose business had been tied up by the strike, a night and in groups began making overtures to the men. They were willing, they said, to pay larger wages, but they still balked on the demand for better hours. They suggested a working stretch of thirteen hours and an eleven hour lay-off, instead of the old arrangement of fourteen hours and ten hours off.

The union, which originally asked for a twelve-hour relief, seemed to make slight concessions on this point providing wages were raised from \$1 a week to \$1.4. Meanwhile individual firms sent word to strike headquarters that they would sign the new scale if the embargo were promptly raised on their stables, so that funerals might proceed.

"Seeing New York" Auto Used. Usually about 150 funeral processions a day cross from Manhattan on the East Thirty-fourth street ferry, en route to cemeteries on Long Island. To-day, up until 2 P. M., just five of these funerals had reached Long Island City from this side of the river.

One of these was the most unusual, perhaps, and in its pathetic grotesqueness one of the saddest that that town of passing funeral corteges ever saw. Upon a huge "Seeing New York" auto were seated thirty persons, some of them in deep mourning. Resting on the flat space at the back of the car was a coffin heaped with flowers.

The coffin held the body of Mrs. Minnie Robinson, of No. 470 Tenth avenue. Her burial was to have taken place yesterday, but the undertaker, E. Simon, of No. 578 Tenth avenue, owing to no grave and no coffin, could not rest them for any price at the stables which ordinarily serve him. Finally in desperation he chartered the big eight wheel coach and with it carried the funeral party to the Lutheran Cemetery, at Maspeth, where the burial took place.

The Health Department is exercised over the conduct of the strikers in attempting to hold up funerals by violence. Dr. Guilfoyle said that he would send notice to Commissioner Bingham that any one interfering with a funeral was subject to arrest under sections 24 and 25 of the Penal Code, which make it a misdemeanor to interfere with a funeral. Section 25 reads as follows: "A person who, with or without authority of law, obstructs or delays any funeral or the carrying of a coffin or the interment of a dead body is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Under other of these sections the interfering with a funeral may be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term not more than one year and fined \$500.

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Driver Held for Trial. John Patterson, one of the striking drivers and a giant in size, was held for trial in Special Sessions to-day by Judge Nathan S. Hartman. He was accused of assaulting Policeman Gleason, of the East One Hundred and Fourth street station, in knocking one of his teeth out. Gleason said Patterson was the ringleader in making trouble at two Italian funerals in Little Italy yesterday afternoon. Gleason, who had been detailed to prevent the stopping of hearses, was later set upon by a gang of rioters and beaten unmercifully.

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BOY NEAR DEATH ACCUSES FATHER

Young Joseph Johnstone, in Hospital, Says Parent Fractured His Skull.

If Joseph Johnstone, a sixteen-year-old plumber's apprentice, dies in Hudson Street Hospital, where he is suffering from a fractured skull, his father, Joseph, of No. 145 Macdougall street, will be arrested, charged with murder. The boy, in an anti-mortem statement made to Coroner Harbarger this afternoon, charges his father with inflicting the injury.

According to young Johnstone, the head of the family was out all night when he got home at 6 o'clock this morning. His wife, who is Joseph's stepmother, remonstrated with him until he drove her from the house.

Young Joseph was in bed, he told the Coroner, when his father seized a heavy teapot and hurled it at him, striking him on the top of the head. At first it was thought that his injury was not serious, but when he was examined at the hospital the fracture was found. The doctor, however, stated that long before he would consent to swear that his father assaulted him, unless he saw the father. Coroner Harbarger ordered the arrest of Johnstone, and detectives from the Macdougall street station were sent out to find him.

Johnstone had fled from his home. He had been married, the injuries to the boy might have been serious. His habits and habits are well known to the police and it is scarcely possible that he can escape.

There appears to be ground for suspicion that the boy is not telling the whole truth. When his mother died he was the only child. She would leave a small farm she owned at Medford, L. I., and left her husband nothing. The boy has always allowed his father the use of the farm, and four of Johnstone's children, by his second wife are living there now.

The boy's grandmother, Mary Reddy, lives at No. 120 Christopher street with her stepson, William Burton. After the boy was injured to-day he walked from his home in Macdougall street to the Christopher street address, a distance of nearly three-quarters of a mile, with the blood pouring from his broken head. He was seen by a policeman on a trolley car with his uncle, and how he survived the experience is a cause for amazement among the hospital doctors.

Mrs. Reddy believes that Johnstone hit her grandson with an axe. Several hours after the assault Johnstone appeared at Mrs. Reddy's home. The old lady layed at him like a tigress and chased him down stairs. "I told him," she said, "that he'd go to the chair for what he had done, and he'd die in the chair. He didn't go to the chair. He'd had his hand hanging around some barroom, and if that poor boy had not been so stupid as to let his uncle have the world to have him punished. The little property the boy's mother left him, and he's had a hard life of it."

LADIES OF DUBLIN TO AID SUFFERERS.

Famous Irish Organization Announces a Ball for the San Francisco Fund.

The Dublin Ladies' Association will give a grand ball to-night at Amsterdam Opera-House, in West Forty-fourth street, near Eighth avenue, and the proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the sufferers by the San Francisco earthquake.

Miss O'Brien, the president of the association, and her assistants, have worked exceedingly for the success of the entertainment. The ball has been specially decorated for the occasion, and a sufficient number of extra seats have been sold to warrant the expectation of a substantial addition to the relief fund.

Important matters beyond the election of officers will elicit attention at the annual meeting of the Middle States Health Association, to be held at the Harmon Casino, Seventh avenue, between 101st and 102nd streets, on Monday evening.

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SULTAN GIVES IN TO DEMANDS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Conditional Surrender on Tabah, but Matter Regarded at an End.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 12.—The Turkish Government has agreed to evacuate Tabah and all other places in Egyptian territory which have been occupied by the Sultan's troops.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 12.—The Turkish Government has accepted the demands of Great Britain conditionally, and it is anticipated that this is only a preliminary to the complete acceptance of the British demands in regard to the Tabah military question.

The change in the Sultan's attitude must have taken place late last night or early to-day, for the Grand Vizier's visit to the British Ambassador, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, at 11 o'clock last night, had no immediate result except to emphasize the fact that the attempts of Turkey to arrange a compromise were useless.

The Grand Vizier's proposals were as unacceptable as were those of Tewfik Pasha's Foreign Minister, on the previous day, and Sir Nicholas again pointed out the futility of suggesting modifications of the British demands, which constituted the absolute minimum.

LONDON, May 12.—The Foreign Office has not yet received advice that the Porte has definitely accepted the British demands, but the latest official dispatches from Constantinople intimated that the Sultan was preparing to submit to the British demands.

It is said at the Foreign Office that there can be nothing "conditional" in the acceptance, as the demands of Great Britain are the irreducible minimum. A despatch to a news agency received in London this afternoon, confirming the statement of the Sultan's decision, decided to comply with the British demands.

CHAS. E. HUGHES'S FEE. The rumor that Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the Armstrong company, had rendered a bill for \$15,000 for his extraordinary services to the State, is entirely untrue.

Eminent lawyers were astonished to hear that Mr. Hughes had put so low an estimate upon the legal work which has monopolized every moment of his time night and day since last September.

No final account has yet been presented by Mr. Hughes and the amount he is to receive has not been settled. A close friend predicted yesterday that Mr. Hughes would receive from the State for his extraordinary successful work about \$20,000, which is considerably less than the sums actually paid by several insurance companies for each year of his professional services.

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PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

Why 574 Husbands Left Home. Think of It! More than half a thousand New York husbands have left home in New York recently. Mother-in-law? Bad cooking? Too much baby? No money? We-e-l, not altogether. But there was a reason in every case. See the SUNDAY WORLD to-morrow.