Woman's Slashed Skirt New Clue in Swamp Murder

Edith Wardrop, Paralyzed Watching Engines, Dies

Flames Add to Terror of Fatal Train Wreck at Camden

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LANDLORD IS HANGED IN EFFIGY BY TENANTS

Mrs. Hellmann Enjoyed the Fun Until She Found to Whom Clothes Belonged.

VICTORY IN ONE CASE.

Great Rejoicing When News of It Gets About—Anti-High Rent Movement Spreads.

In the hanging of an obnoxious landlord in effigy, some of the people on the east side this afternoon showed their attitude regarding the mammoth "strike" against high rents which the tenement dwellers of the most closely, densely inhabited section of the world have inaugurated.

The mock lynching took place in front of the tall house at No. 216 Cherry street, one of the storm centres of the revolt against the lessee system. Mrs. Sarah Hellman, a tenant, was making an impassioned speech in Yiddish to a big, excited audience, when four boys came running out of the front door bearing a hastily constructed dummy.

About a foundation of abandoned bed ticking the boys had hitched an old coat and ragged pair of trousers. They mounted it with a false face and an old hat. The crowd shrieked in glee at the sight.

2,000 Enjoy the Fun.

With a rope the executioners tried first to hang the dummy from a lamppost, but the rope kept slipping, and finally they swung the effigy from an iron hook in a tall wooden fence. When the crowd had grown tired of hooting and jeering the dangling figure the boys tore it down and proceeded to kick it about the street, while 2,000 men and women applauded.

Mrs. Hellman cheered louder than anybody until she happened to remember that the garments which clothed the bed ticking form belonged to one of her lodgers who had loaned them for the occasion.

The crowd grew so big and so disorderly that the police reserves had to clear the streets.

One Landlord Gives In.

There was rejoicing all over the east side when the news spread that first blood had been scored in the unique strike.

Cheered by the report of the favorable result of the opening skirmish, the bands of young men, all ardent Socialists, who are making a house to house canvass for the Lower Rent propaganda redoubled their efforts. It was predicted that within three days the number of volunteers enrolled for this strange industrial struggle would number up into the hundreds of thousands.

From the Eighth Assembly District, where it began, the fight is to be extended to-morrow to the Second, the Fourth and the Sixth districts. In addition to the houses where the tenants went on "strike" yesterday or last night the dwellers in houses at these addresses also refused the landlords' demands to-day: Nos. 105 Rivington street, 49, 51, 53 and 55 Stanton street, 56 Norfolk street, 83 Allen street, 216 and 213 Cherry street, 187 Allen street, 107 Forsyth street, 252 Monroe street, 139 Monroe street and 213 Madison street.

Great Rejoicing Over the News.

It was fitting that the first victory should be gained in the house where the revolt actually started. At 10 o'clock this morning Dr. J. Wassermann, of No. 74 Rivington street, lessee of the big double-decker tenement at Nos. 38-40 Stanton street, signed an agreement pledging himself to reduce the rates on all his flats $1 a month, dating from Jan. 1, 1908, providing the tenants would pay him as punctually as possible. This meant a restoration to the figures in effect prior to last December.

The women of the house, led by their champion, seventeen-year-old Cornelia Arkin, had a jollification when word of their landlord's surrender was brought to them. There was also a lot of cheering at the Socialist headquarters in Grand street, where the fight is being directed.

Owners and lessees are plainly apprehensive over the momentum and proportions of the strike of the tenants.

A monster parade through east side streets next week is being planned by the strikes. They will apply to Commissioner Bingham for a permit, and if it is granted it will be a unique procession. Fully one-half of the 30,000 paraders will be women, and nearly every nation on earth will be represented.

1,500 BUTTERFLIES KILLED TO MAKE A DEBUTANTE PARTY

Winged Beauties, Liberated to Delight Guests, Crushed by Dancers.

MISS PAUL SURPRISES.

Coming Out Ball of Philadelphia Girl Rivals Fairyland in Wonders.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Fifteen hundred butterflies, beautiful winged creatures of all the colors of the rainbow, were sacrificed last night to add novelty to a debutante's ball. The poor, harmless, little lives were crushed out under the feet of the dancers and shriveled up in the burning glare of arc lights at Horticultural Hall, while Philadelphia society, which boasts the bluest of blue blood, applauded and pronounced it perfectly lovely.

James W. Paul, jr., arranged the ball in honor of the debut of his daughter, Miss Mary Astor Paul. The immense hall was banked and trimmed with flowers. Fountains of perfumed water sparkled and twinkled in the subdued tinting of shifting colored lights.

Cloud of Butterflies.

At 1.30 this morning, as the 500 guests were dancing to waltz music, hundreds of gorgeously spotted butterflies, imported from South America and the West Indies, were released at the four corners of the hall. The beautiful insects fluttered out in clouds, then scattered, darting here and there among the flowers and soft lights and adding to the tropical beauty of the scene the final, convincing fairylike touch.

It was a complete surprise. The dancers halted, the music died away. Men clapped their hands and women cried out in pleased admiration. Mr. Hall, whose ingenuity as a contriver of spectacular effects is a matter of record in Philadelphia society, was overwhelmed with congratulations. He took them with the modesty befitting a man who had spent $100,000 for the purpose of creating this very situation.

The foolish butterflies, following the bent of their kind, made for the lights after they had been liberated from the dark prisons. They hung in clusters to the azaleas, begonias, lilacs, roses and ferns that formed cushions for the walls and depended in graceful streamers from the ceiling. They died as they clung to the flowers or they dashed out their feeble lives in frantic charges upon the lights and their crumpled, faded wings dropped under the feet of the dancers below or into the bouillon, champagne or food of the guests dining at small tables in the foyer.

A French Garden.

The ballroom of Horticultural Hall, in its natural state a room of considerable beauty, was transformed for the "Butterfly Ball" into an exact replica of a French garden of the Louis Seize period. A small army of artisans worked for days under the direction of the rich and resourceful Mr. Paul in effecting the transformation.

Sixteen boxes, fashioned of plaster of paris, lined with pink velvet and faced with plaster casts, were terraced along the two long sides of the hall. The steps leading to the boxes were carpeted with antique prayer rugs of fabulous cost. Two wide stairways carpeted with red velvet and canopied by smilax and roses led from the main dancing floor to the balcony.

The prevailing color scheme was pink. In the masses of greenery and flowers that hid the walls, the pillars and the stage hundreds of small electric lights were placed. In the decorative scheme 8,000 new pink roses, called the Widmore, which have been in cultivation for nine years, were used. This is a rose as large as the American Beauty. A large fountain on the stage and other fountains arranged to suit the general outline of a garden effect played perfumed water, which was colored by the rays from movable slides.

The receiving party stood at the head of the stairs, in front of a bank of palmetto ferns, azaleas and begonias. Mr. Paul was assisted in receiving by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel and Mrs. George W. Childs Drexel, Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle, Miss Mary Astor Paul and Miss Margaretta Drexel, daughter of Col. A. J. Drexel.

O'coat Bargains—King's, Cor. 6th Av. and 23d st.

Black Oxford and Gray Melton, Kersey and Moule Overcoats, silk lined and worth $20, can be bought for $12 to-day and to-morrow at KING'S, cor. 6th av. and 23d st. Open Saturday evening. *•*

HAMILTON BANK MAY NOT REOPEN AS WAS PLANNED

If It Does the State Superintendent of Banking Will Close It.

WAS NOT CONSULTED.

Objection Raised That the Plan of Reorganization Has Not Been Examined.

The suspended Hamilton Bank may not reopen after all. It was learned to-day also that even if it does reopen on Jan. 2—the date set by Justice Betts in his order of yesterday—there is a probability that Superintendent of Banking Clarke Williams, who has the custody of the State banks and trust companies, will immediately issue an order closing the institution again.

Mr. Williams has not seen the plan under which the bank is to resume, and The Evening World was informed upon reliable authority that outside of the Ulster County Judge, and the interests which handed in the plan, no one has seen the plan by which the present assets of the institution are to be surrendered to a syndicate of outside banks for a loan of $1,000,000 cash.

Mr. Williams was not at his office, No. 42 Broadway, to-day. He left on the 5.30 train for Albany, N. Y., where he will confer with Gov. Hughes in regard to proposed changes in the Banking law, the most drastic of which is the complete severance of the banking system of the State from the control of the Supreme Courts through receiverships. Mr. Williams's report will support the main recommendations of the Bankers' Committee, which recently completed a thorough investigation of the problem, and the outcome will be the presentment of a banking bill incorporating the proposed reforms at the opening of the Legislature.

Vain Efforts to Get Plan.

Justice Betts holds that inasmuch as the Superintendent of Banking did not oppose the plan of reorganization, therefore he gave his consent to it. Deputy Attorney-General William F. Mackay has made several vain trips to Kingston in an effort to get the details of the proposed plan by which the assets of the bank are to be turned over to the outside syndicate of bankers.

"The proposition to reopen sounds good," said a Harlem depositor, who does not rejoice in the proposed plan, "but the question is: 'Who are the beneficiaries, the non-assenting depositors or those who have signed the agreement put out by the old management?'

"The syndicate of bankers get upward of $6,124,921.69 worth of valuable assets for $1,000,000 in cash, which is to be used in paying off the non-assenting depositors. The poor depositors who have agreed to let the bank pay them off in a year, they will sit idly by and trust that the future business of the institution be good enough to meet their deposits."

What the Question Is.

While the law is silent in regard to the action of the Superintendent of Banking in the event a suspended bank has a resumption plan, it gives full power to the Superintendent of Banking to close an unsafe and unsound bank.

The question which he will have to decide is: "Is it fair to the 90 per cent. assenting depositors for the management to pledge the assets of the bank to cover a $1,000,000 loan, which money will chiefly be paid to the 10 per cent. non-assenting depositors?"

Mr. Williams has until Jan. 2 to decide his probable course.

The best part of the news last night was in the Court's own words.

"The bank shows ability to pay every one entitled thereto, on demand, and still have remaining over a quarter of a million dollars."

All of the other suspended banks which have reopened had the consent of the Superintendent of Banking before the resumption announcement was made.

Last Two Days of Big Sale. $12 Men's Winter O'coats, $5.95

Hub Clothiers, 227-229 Broadway, Cor. Barclay St., Opp. Post-Office.

Last two days of big sale of all our $12 and $15 Men's Winter Suits and Overcoats, $5.95. Blue, black, gray and brown, all sizes, 34 to 44, single or double breasted silk and satin lined. Open Saturday evening till 10 o'clock. Hub Clothing Co., Broadway and Barclay. *•*

LENS SHOWS HIS SPRINTING CLASS AT CITY PARK

As Odds-On Choice, With Notter Up, Wins Easily.

COONEY K. SCORES, TOO

8 to 1 Shot Beats Out Telescope, 3 to 1 Choice, in Second.

(Special to The Evening World.)

CITY PARK RACE TRACK, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—For the first time since the season opened there was a really fast track here to-day. The going has been steadily drying out and improving until the footing was as hard as it will be possible for it to be for some time. Behind it all, however, there was a threat of more rain that caused the owners of the strictly hard track horses no end of worry. The day was murky and close and the good crowd in attendance was compelled to put up with some discomfort on that account.

For the feature to-day there was a condition race at a mile and a sixteenth for three-year-olds and upward that brought out some horses that belong in the handicap division, and they were thrown in at such weights as to give a semblance of a good race.

FIRST RACE—Purse $400; maiden two-year-olds; five furlongs.—Rural Boy, 104 (J. Hennessy), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, first; Risk, 107 (A. Pickens), 8 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Bitter Man, 104 (J. Lee), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1, third. Time—1.02. Major Mack, Truce, Neednore, Bucking Boy, Banridge, Caucus, Stoneman, Firmament, Czar, Taskmaster and Masson also ran.

SECOND RACE—Purse $400; three-year-olds and up; selling; six furlongs.—Cooney K., 110 (J. W. Murphy), 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, first; Telescope, 102 (McDaniel), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, second; Robin Hood, 115 (Notter), 11 to 5 and even, third. Time—1.14 3-5. Rebo, Granada, Caper, Miss Ferris, Alencon, No Quarter and Miss Sirome also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse $500; three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs.—Lens, 106 (Notter), 1 to 2 and out, won; Gold, 100 (McDaniel), 20 to 1 and 4 to 1, second; Coltness, 108 (A. Pickens), 11 to 5 and 1 to 3, third. Time—1.28 2-5. Allowamake, Bright Boy, El Capitana, Yaldo, You Win, Early Hours, Monere, Moccasin and Woodsaw also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Purse $800; three-year-olds and upward; one mile and seventy yards.—Hyperion II., 103 (McDaniel), 9 to 20 and 1 to 5, first; Dainty Belle, 105 (Koerner), 5 to 2 and 3 to 5, second; Orly II., 109 (A. Bickens), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1, third. Time, 1.45 4-5. Donna, Besterling and Debar also ran.

DRANK POISON AS FATHER LOOKED ON.

Young Julius Kahn Took Acid at Desk in Office of Parent Who Employed Him.

Seated at a desk in the office of his father, E. B. Kahn, an importer of textiles, at No. 66 Leonard street, Julius Kahn, twenty-six years old, swallowed a large quantity of hydrocyanic acid this afternoon. He died as his father, who saw the act, reached his side.

The elder Kahn is wealthy and lives in a mansion at No. 97 West Eighty-sixth street. Julius acted as his confidential clerk. There were several other employees in the office.

The young man gave no intimation either to his father or to the others in the office of his intention to kill himself. He left behind no letter of explanation so far as is known.

"The boy's accounts were all straight," said Mr. Kahn. "He had no trouble about money and, so far as I know, no love affair. He never whispered a word to me of any cause that would lead him to take his life.

"His mother is very ill. I fear that the shock will prove too much for her."

GIRL DEAD FROM GAS WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEAR.

HACKENSACK, N. J., Dec. 27.—Mary Wilkowska, a pretty Polish domestic, twenty-one years old, employed in the family of E. A. Gibbons, on Larch avenue, Bogota, was found dead in bed today, having been asphyxiated by gas. The jet was turned on full. She had occupied the room for months and was familiar with the gas.

The young woman is said to have wealthy relatives in Jersey City, who used to take her automobiling. She visited them over Christmas, returning last evening. Mrs. Gibbons gave her a few presents and the girl kissed her hand and retired, taking the presents with her. The packages were not opened by her. The Coroner is investigating the case.

Men's Suits, $9.80, At King's, the Great Clothiers.

Cor. 6th av. and 23d st. Including Black Tailbets, Fancy Worsteds, Fancy Scotch Cheviots, some silk lined and bought for our last month at panic prices—sults to-day and to-morrow at $9.80. These suits positively worth $18 and $20. KING'S, corner 6th av. and 23d st. *•*

Who Knows This Young Woman, Slain and Thrown in Swamp?

The Unidentified Woman.

WROTE TO WIVES DEFAMING HER FORMER FRIEND

Quarrel of Two Girl Cashier in a Restaurant Sends One to Prison.

Until two weeks ago Elizabeth McCarton, twenty-six years old, and Gertrude Runge, eighteen years old, were fast friends. They were cashiers in a chop house in East Forty-second street, pretty, of course, and popular with the patrons. Elizabeth, working days, received a slightly better salary than Gertrude on the night watch.

Then the manager shifted the girls, and, incidentally, their salaries, and a feud broke out that has raged with fury. A number of the house's customers and the Runge girl's parents have stormed the cafe with violent threats.

Miss McCarton's letters to trusting wives and Miss Runge's parents, telling of Gertrude's fondness for husbands and strange men caused it all. When Miss Runge slipped down to work one morning to find half a dozen angry faced women waiting for her, possibly with whips or clubs concealed in the folds of their skirts, she was alarmed and made an investigation. One of the men, whose wife decamped without waiting for an explanation, advised Gertrude to seek out a warrant for Miss McCarton's arrest. She did.

Justice McKeon in Special Sessions heard the story—all of it—and then sentenced Miss McCarton to two months in the City Prison for disturbing Miss Runge's peace.

"It's all true, Judge," said Miss McCarton when called to the stand. "I wrote the letters to her mother and I wrote letters to wives of some of our best customers, telling them of the capers of this—well, anyhow, what I said was true. This girl knows that I wrote the truth, and I can't help it if it did hurt some wives. They ought to know what their husbands are doing, and so had Miss Runge's mother and father."

"Well, that'll do Miss McCarton," interrupted the Court, "you have caused enough trouble now. It's the case of a woman's spite. Your letters were not signed. You wrote anonymously. Think of the happy homes you might have broken up and the hearts you may have wrecked. Two months in the City Prison will teach you better."

HUB CLOTHING CORNER.

227 AND 229 BROADWAY,

Cor. Barclay St., Opp. Post-Office.

Half-Price Men's Overcoat Sale—$20 silk-lined Men's Overcoats to-day, $10; $25 Tailor-made Overcoats, $12.50. *•*

MILLIONAIRES ROBBED BY FAKE ELEVATOR MAN

Role of Blue Prints Helped Alleged Inspector to Enter Rich Homes.

Ernest Archer, twenty-six years old, who said he lived at No. 235 West Thirtieth street, was arrested this afternoon on charges of grand larceny.

The police say Archer was formerly in the employ of the Otis Elevator Company, and that when he was discharged recently he kept a set of blue prints. They say these gured prominently when he visited houses on and near Fifth avenue, and represented that he was sent to inspect the elevator.

He was provided with a list of such names as the Vanderbilts, the Astors and other prominent families, an exhibition of which usually allayed suspicions. Persons whom he visited allege that he had a habit of collecting souvenirs, and complained to the police. The day before Christmas complaints had become so numerous that Capt. Lantry, of the East Fifty-first street station, was told to send all the men he could spare to locate the culprit. They did not find the man.

To-day Raymond Hoagland of No. 23 East Fifty-second street, reported that he had been visited by the supposed inspector and that the contents of a dressing table value at $200 were missing.

Detectives Shelley, Russo and Harris saw a man with a roll of blue prints enter the house of William Larimers at No. 11 West Fifty-third street. They followed and had a hard fight with Archer before they had him beaten into submission.

The police say they found some of the articles taken from Mr. Hoagland's house on Archer and had the owner identify it. They also found twelve pawn tickets and are investigating them.

Acher was held in Yorkville Court in $3,000 bail.

Men's Melton Overcoats Can Be Bought at $9.80.

At KING'S, the great clothiers, corner 6th av. and 23d st. Black, Gray and Oxford, also some Kersey Overcoats, silk lined, and sold all season at $18 and $20, now $9.80; any size. KING'S, corner 6th av. and 23d st. Open Saturday evening. *•*

WOMAN SLAIN IN SWAMP WAS LAST SEEN IN NEWARK

Carpenter Snyder Identifies Body and Clothing as Those of Stranger in City Who Arrived on Christmas Eve.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN REFUSES TO FIND CAUSE OF HER DEATH.

Arrives at Morgue Thirty Hours After Crime Is Revealed and Puts Off Autopsy as "Inconvenient"—Men on Yacht Near Scene Given Third Degree.

Evidence was secured by the police of Harrison, N. J., this afternoon tending to show that the woman who was murdered Wednesday night and whose nude body was found yesterday in a swamp near the Passaic River, in Harrison, reached Newark, a stranger, on Christmas Eve. She was seen on Market street, at the corner of Mulberry street, in that city, by William Snyder, a carpenter.

"That is the woman," said Snyder, as he looked at the body and the pieces of clothing the police have recovered, "who spoke to me Christmas Eve. It was close to 7 o'clock. I had just left my home, at No. 38 Mulberry street, and was standing on the Market street corner when she approached me.

"She wore a red skirt and a red jacket and carried a muff, and there was a fur collarette around her neck. Her hat was decorated with a white plume. She asked me if I could direct her to a good, reasonable-priced restaurant.

"I sent her to a lunch room a few doors down on Market street. She told me she was a stranger in the city, having just arrived on a train."

It is supposed that she met the man who murdered her in Newark, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. With the clue given by Snyder to work on the police have started to trace her movements in Newark.

No Time to Make Autopsy.

County Physician Converse, whose position ranks with that of a Coroner in this State, did not appear in Walsh's Morgue at Harrison to view the body of the swamp mystery victim until nearly 3 o'clock this afternoon, thirty hours after the crime was committed.

Although the police desired him to make an immediate autopsy, he said he would wait until a more convenient time. Dr. Converse was accompanied by County Detective Charlock, who signalized his entrance into the case by creating a disturbance in the big crowd outside the Morgue and arresting an inoffensive bystander, John R. Fuller. This represents the work done by the county authorities thus far.

The Harrison police have determined to hold Thompson and Kirkman, the suspects under arrest. They were questioned closely to-day about their actions on Christmas night and the time they went to bed on the little yacht Idle Hour, which is moored in the Passaic River near the place where the murderer disposed of the body.

Thompson, although an iron molder by trade, is a man of slight physique and effeminate manner. He has told a straight story, and his statements have all been confirmed by Kirkman, who lives with him on the boat, but one statement he made has helped the determination of the police to keep him in custody.

Woman Never on Boat.

"There never was a woman on my boat," he declared excitedly. "I have no use for women. A woman to me is no more than an animal. I don't like women and keep away from them."

Thompson is well educated. In his cabin on the boat was found a scrap book filled with clippings from newspapers about the extravagances and follies of women. From the way the mention of women appears to excite him the police have deduced that he is

NATIONAL LEAGUE SITS ON MINORS

Pitcher Campbell Wanted by Louisville Is Awarded to Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—The controversy between the National Baseball Commission and the National Association of Minor Baseball Clubs came to a crisis to-day when the National Commission announced its decision awarding to the Cincinnati National League Club Pitcher Campbell, one of the players who had been declared blacklisted at the meeting of the National Association in New York last month.

George Tebeau, owner of the Louisville American Association team, claimed that Campbell was still under contract to him and that Cincinnati could not secure a valid transfer of the player's services from the Harrisburg Club of the Tri-State League. On the other other hand, Campbell asserted that Tebeau had not kept his part of the contract and he was, therefore, no longer bound by its terms when he entered the service of the Harrisburg management. The commission decides against Tebeau.

STORM WARNING ORDERED ALONG ATLANTIC COAST.

Disturbance in the Lake Region Moving Rapidly Eastward.

The local Weather Bureau has received the following special from Washington:

Southwest storm warnings ordered displayed 11.30 A. M. from Delaware Breakwater to New York. The Lake region storm is moving rapidly eastward and will cause high southwest winds along the Middle Atlantic and New England coasts.