POLITE MAN GOT PIACENTE'S GUN AND HELD HIM UP

Bronx Undertaker's Confiding Nature, He Says, Caused Him to Trust Stranger.

MONEY, WATCH LOST.

New Friend Persuaded Him to Give Up Pistol, and Rest Was Easy.

By his own admission to the police Pasquale Piacente is a man of a trustful, confiding nature. He states that he was not only robbed by a highwayman last night, but that he furnished the highwayman with the revolver which was used in the accomplishment of the nefarious deed.

Pasquale is an undertaker with a place at No. 557 Morris avenue in the heart of the Frog Hollow district of the Bronx, a section where postmen become aged before their time because of the burden of Black Hand letters they are called upon to deliver, and the sound of an exploding dynamite bomb blowing out the front of a building creates only the merest riffle of excitemment.

The Stranger Appears.

Seated in front of his establishment at midnight, on the lookout for trade, Pasquale says, he was approached by a large, well-dressed man, who spoke Italian. They entered into conversation and the stranger asked Pasquale to take a drink.

On the way to a saloon at One Hundred and Forty-ninth street and Park avenue, the stranger asked Pasquale if he had a revolver. Pasquale said that he always carried a revolver to protect himself from robbers, highwaymen, thugs and hold-up men.

"You had better let me carry the revolver," said the stranger, "because if we have to kill anybody it would be better that I should do it and you would be left free to attend to the funeral."

Then the Hold Up.

This sounded like a business argument to Pasquale, and he handed over the gun. Immediately the stranger pushed the open end of the weapon against the end of Pasquale's nose.

"Now," said the stranger, "proceed to liquidate," or words to that effect.

Pasquale knew the revolver was loaded. He had loaded it himself. He passed over $15 in cash, a $300 diamond ring and a $300 watch and chain. Then the stranger disappeared, moving east in One Hundred and Forty-ninth street with a hurried, but dignified tread.

Pasquale hunted all around the neighborhood for a policeman or even a police dog, but was unable to find either. Finally he reported the occurrence to the Bronx Detective Bureau exactly as it is set down here.

TWO SHOT DEAD IN TOBACCO WAR

Watchman Kills Two Negroes as Attempt Was Made to Destroy Factory.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 22.—An attempt was made last night to set fire and dynamite the loose tobacco factory of the Hayes-Serey Tobacco Company, local representatives of the Italian Regie. Two negroes, Tony Allen and Walter Watkins, were killed, while trying to escape one of the night watchmen. One other negro escaped, but is thought to have been wounded.

The Regie tobacco factory, since the recent trouble in the dark tobacco district, has been closely guarded. The watchman shortly before midnight saw three men lurking about the building. He challenged them and they ran. Shanklin followed and at a distance of sixty yards fired three times. One of the negroes dropped dead in his tracks and the second ran about seventy yards to a colored tenement-house, where he died. The third negro is thought to have been wounded, as Shanklin heard him yell.

An investigation showed that the door of the factory had been saturated with coal oil and four sticks of dynamite placed against it. When the bodies of the two negroes were searched sticks of dynamite were found on their persons in sufficient quantities to wreck the building.

The Poor Millionaire.

(From the Louisville Courier Journal.)

"I hear you have a jewel of a chef."

"We have. What with hash, stews and the like, he makes a canvasback duck last a week."

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7.18 | Sun sets, 5.05 | Moon rises, 9.04

	High Water. A.M.	High Water. P.M.	Low Water. A.M.	Low Water. P.M.
Sandy Hook	9.40	10.08	3.22	4.05
Governor's Island	9.59	10.28	4.02	4.44
Hell Gate	11.52	12.21	5.34	6.16

PORT OF NEW YORK.

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Denver	Galveston
Prinz Eitel Friedrich	Colon
Zeeland	Antwerp
Oregonian	Puerto Mexico
Saxonia	Fortune Is and
Moltke	Genoa

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS DUE TO-DAY.

Re d'Italia, Naples.	Monawk, Antwerp.
Hersilia, Lisbon.	Moravia, Algiers.
Badenia, Hamburg.	Gibraltar, Newport.
Carlton, Barry.	Tennyson, Victoria.
Graf Waldersee, Plymouth.	Petersburg, Rotterdam.
Laura, Patras.	Friedrich der Grosse, Gibraltar.
Austria, Para.	President Lincoln, Plymouth.
Astoria, Glasgow.	

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS. SAILED TO-DAY.

Majestic, Southampton.	Admiral Dewey, Jamaica.
Samland, Antwerp.	Creole, New Orleans.
Ryndam, Rotterdam.	Alamo, Galveston.
Valdivia, Hamburg.	Jefferson, Norfolk.
Parima, St. Thomas.	
Allegheny, Inagua.	

ODDITIES IN THE NEWS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Short Stories of Unusual Happenings and Singular Experiences Picked Out of the Chronicles of the Day.

A man housekeeper has been engaged by Justice of the Peace Thomas Spencer, of Colebrook, Conn. Spencer is a widower, seventy years old. "It's leap year," the Squire said, when asked why he didn't hire a woman.

DIAMOND RING IN A FISH'S STOMACH.

William Pudney, bridge tender at Belleville, N. J., caught a carp in the Passaic yesterday and found a diamond ring in its stomach.

James Gibbs, a friend of Pudney's, remembered that a ring was lost by a bride in the river last summer. She lives in Albany and will get the ring.

TRIED TO CASH HIS MARRIAGE LICENSE.

"Cash this for me," said J. L. Craft, a sixty-five-year-old farmer, as he handed a marriage license to the County Clerk at Paducah, Ky., last evening.

"I was going to marry Virdie Duncan with that pape," Caft explained, "but the wedding won't come off."

Vidie was seventeen. The clerk wouldn't "cash" the license.

DIED LAUGHING AT FUNNY STORY.

Morris Lippman, of No. 63 Bartlett street, Williamsburg, fell dead yesterday at his home while laughing at a funny story.

Lippman, who was twenty-three, was at the breakfast table when the story was told to him. Heart disease was the cause of death.

"JACK THE HUGGER" WAS A TAME BEAR.

A woman notified the Summerdale police in Chicago last night that a "Jack the Hugger" was operating near her home. He had attacked her, she said.

The police made a search and found a tame bear which had wandered away from Rogers Park. The bear was locked up in a cell.

THIEF IN PRISON MARRIED BY 'PHONE.

Earl Brown, in jail at Helena, Mont., and Mollie Kitfeldt, in the office of Brown's lawyer, in that city, were married last evening by telephone. Brown was in prison for stealing Mollie's jewelry.

The jailer wouldn't permit the marriage in jail, and it was solemnized over the 'phone by a German Lutheran clergyman.

WU TING FANG DROVE A BARGAIN

Thurlow Weed Barnes Tells How Chinese Minister Could Dicker.

Thurlow Reed Barnes, from his testimony, to-day, was apparently on terms of cordial intimacy with Wu Ting Fang, then Chinese Ambassador at Washington, when, in 1897 and 1898, he prepare the negotiations which brought about concessions from the Chinese Government to the Chinese Railway Syndicate. For this service he sues the syndicate and its millionaire members for $900,000 compensation, in the trial now on before Justice Davis and a jury in the Supreme Court.

The millionaire defendants include the late Samuel Thomas and Marcellus Hartley, Frederick P. Olcott, Richard J. Cross, Charles Cary, Hugh J. Grant, Henry W. Cannon, James Stillman, Thomas F. Ryan, William Barclay Parsons, Catherine Olivia, widow of Calvin S. Brice; Grant B. Schley, George R. Sheldon, Edward J. Berwind, Anthony N. Brady, Levi P. Morton, Senator T. C. Platt, George T. Bliss, James E. Benedict, Jacob H. Schiff, Clement A. Griscom, August Belmont and Tom L. Johnson. None of them was in court.

Mr. Barnes scouted the proposition of the defense, that he had settled all his claims when he accepted $15,000 and signed a release in October, 1898, declaring that that was only for certain work in getting railroad concessions. The previous claim is for securing concessions for exploiting coal lands, banking and other commission privileges.

Mr. Barnes testified tha he spent five hours on one day with Minister Wu answering his questions.

"This was a discussion of the price to be paid for certain bonds of the Chinese Government, to be taken by the syndicate. He wanted them high—55. I wanted them low—50. I told him my principals would not give so much. The Minister finally said, 'Let us split the difference,' and 92 was agreed on after Wu Ting Fang had cabled to Peking for instructions."

A letter addressed to Barnes by Wu Ting Fang was introduced. It said that the Prime Minister, Chung, whom he characterized as "a very clever and a reasonable man," had agreed to the terms proposed.

"You know, force is important to us in China," wrote Minister Wu, commenting on Barnes's work and complimenting him.

"That means," Mr. Barnes explained, "that in China a Chinaman must preserve his dignity. The Minister did not want the idea to get abroad among his people that he was selling too cheap or giving us too much."

MISCHIEVOUS BOY CALLS FIREMEN TO SCHOOL.

Stole Janitor's Fire Key and Turned in Alarm, With No Sign of Blaze.

Some mischievous boy had a lot of fun by calling the fire engines to Public School No. 184, in One Hundred and Sixteenth street, between Lenox and Fifth avenues, to-day, just before the 1,500 or more children had assembled for their studies.

John Malloy, the janitor, and his assistant were in the basement working about the boilers, when the boy stole into the school entrance, secured a fire-box key from the janitor's room, turned in an alarm and then fled.

Malloy and his helper were still in the basement when the firemen burst in on them. Then Malloy began to investigate and missed his fire-box key. The firemen rattled back to their quarters and the excited janitor began a hunt for the mischievous boy.

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The Famous Waltz (consisting of eight music pages) from "The Merry Widow" will be given in the Magazine Section of NEXT SUNDAY'S WORLD, January 26. This music, consisting of 26 staffs, is the only authorized copyrighted edition, and is issued as a newspaper supplement exclusively through The World by special arrangement with the music publishers, Chappell & Co., Ltd., London and New York. Any earlier issues of this music by a newspaper are PIRATED and incomplete. Get the REAL music of the Merry Widow Waltz in The World next Sunday.

FOLEY ELECTION BILL CALLED BAD

Citizens' Union Declares Fair Count Would Be Menaced By Amended Act.

(Special to The Eevening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 22.—The Citizens' Union declares the bill introduced by Assemblyman J. A. Foley amending the election law to be pernicious legislation. The measure proposes to change the present law by requiring inspectors of election, poll and ballot clerks to be appointed to serve in every case in the district in which the appointee lives. The present law permits qualified electors to serve in these positions anywhere in the county in which the appointee lives.

The effect of this amendment upon the situation in certain districts in New York City, where both Republican and Democratic organizations are in the control of the leader of one or the other of these parties, would be threatening to the fairness of the count.

"There is one district in New York County," says the Citizens' Union, "to which Chairman Parsons, of the Republican organization, has considered it necessary to send inspectors from all parts of the county in order to insure a fair count."

BLACKWELL'S ISLAND BRIDGE WORKER KILLED.

Walked to End of Beam He Didn't Know Had Been Cut Nearly in Two.

The breaking of a beam that formed part of the scaffolding at the Queens approach to the Blackwell's Island Bridge caused the death of Martin Brady, twenty-four years old, of Crescent avenue, Astoria, to-day.

Although employed as a bridge worker, Brady apparently was not aware that the beam had been sawed almost in two near one end. He walked to the end of it and it snapped under his weight and he fell twenty-five feet to the ground.

Dr. Petawsky, of St. John's Hospital, found that the man's skull was fractured. He died soon afterward.

LANDLUBBER'S FIST TOO HARD FOR OLD SALT

Bowery Thug's "Pile Driver" Worse Than a Belaying Pin, Says O'Neil.

PUTS UP GOOD FIGHT.

Snug Harbor Man Holds Gang at Bay, and Police Capture Two.

Henry O'Neil, who has sailed the seas before the mast for three-score years, who fought with Farragut, who has been attacked by pirates and who has been shipwrecked, wandered through Oliver street to-day to have a look at the grog shops that invited him in days gone by.

O'Neil has been an inmate of Sailors' Snug Harbor, over on Staten Island, for the past year or so and has spent his time making little knick-knacks for children. He came over to Manhattan yesterday to sell his wares, and in the evening the temptation to go among the seafaring men for a glass or two or three was too much for him.

He was steering back for the Harbor about the hour of daylight, when three men approached. The next instant O'Neil was down from a blow in the back of the head. All the tricks of fighting he had learned on shipboard came into play, and, springing to his feet, the old man gave a good account of himself until two policemen happened along and collared two of the men. All hands were taken to Oak street, and there old O'Neil began to talk.

"I left Ireland when I was a bit of a boy," he said, "and stowed away on a ship. Then for sixty years I was before the mast. I was an able seaman until I was seventy, and after that I got to like that Harbor across the bay.

"Say, mate," he continued, turning to a policeman, "have you ever been in that harbor? It's an easy berth over there. You get your tobacco and grog free, and it's good tobacco and grog, too.

"I've been hit by belaying pins, and once in a wreck off Cape Henry, when the good ship Pinto went down, a mast went by the boards and hit me in the head. I got on the mast with seven mates and floated ashore, but that was a stiff blow I got.

"But this knockdown I just got was the worst of all," and the old man rubbed his head tenderly. "The pile driver ever drove like that land pirate's fist," and he looked admiringly at one of the prisoners.

The two prisoners were charged with assault and attempted highway robbery. They said they were James Sweeney and George Churchill, no home.

"Will you be in Centre Street Court to prosecute these men?" O'Neil was asked.

"I will that," replied the old sailor, "but I must be getting back in the Harbor. I have overstayed my leave."

Then O'Neil steered a straight course for Staten Island, in the hopes that he could square himself at the sailors' home.

BRYAN IN NASHVILLE LECTURES FOR THE ELKS.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 22.—William J. Bryan and Judson Harmon, of Ohio, were the guests of Nashville to-day. During the morning they made informal calls on Gov. Patterson and other State officials. While at the Capitol Mr. Bryan briefly addressed a meeting of the Public School Officers' Association. After leaving the Capitol, the visitors were tendered an informal reception at the Elks Club. Later Mr. Bryan delivered a lecture on "Elkdom" at the Vendome Theatre.

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CAUGHT TWO AS THEY RAN AWAY FROM "SUICIDE"

Prisoners Declare Saladeno Fired at Them, Then Shot Himself.

Two men caught running away from a vacant lot near Fortieth street and Thirteenth avenue, Brooklyn, where Salvaria Saladeno was found dead with a bullet in his heart last night, declared to the police to-day that Saladeno shot twice at them and then committed suicide.

The dead man was twenty-four years old and lived at No. 1240 Fortieth street. According to Frank Marino, of No. 1204 Fortieth street, and Natalie Viviano, of No. 846 Gravesend avenue, he came to this country in August and worked in New Jersey until compelled to leave after stabbing a man. Since he had worked in a shoe shop in Brooklyn.

While out walking with him last night, they said when taken to the Parkville police station, he suddenly drew a revolver while all were talking in a friendly manner, fired two shots at them, and turned the pistol on himself.

Policeman Joseph Murphy grabbed Marino and Viviano as they were running away from the scene of the shooting. He took them back, and they reached Saladeno's side just as he was breathing his last.

By the time Murphy had started for the station with his prisoners the report that one of their countrymen had been murdered spread through the Italian colony. Nearly a thousand men and women rushed to the scene and tried to take the prisoners away from the policeman.

When they crowded him too close Murphy backed up against a wall and held them back with his revolver. Capt. Kelley arrived with the reserves in time to rescue the prisoners from the mob.

LANDLORD HELD AFTER MAN IS SHOT IN HALL

De Carlo and Brother Locked Up When They Take Victim to Hospital.

Michael Martino, twenty-one, a laborer, living at No. 348 East One Hundred and Tenth street, walked into the Harlem Hospital early to-day supported by Livero De Carlo, his landlord, and Andreo Albanese, his brother-in-law. He has a bullet wound in his neck and is in a critical condition. There are powder burns on the lapel of his coat, and the bullet, which entered his throat, was found [illegible] of the left ear.

Detectives Sommers and Ryan, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, were called to the hospital to get a statement from the wounded man, and he told them he was shot by some one in the dark hallway just outside his room on the second floor last night.

De Carlo denies this, declaring there was no shooting in the house, and Albanese, who lives at Palisade Park, N. J., says Martino came there yesterday morning with a handkerchief around his neck and showed him the wound, and was persuaded to come to New York for treatment.

The police detained both men as suspicious persons until they can clear up the mystery of the shooting.

PRIVATE BANK IN CHICAGO ASSIGNS FOR CREDITORS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The private bank of A. C. Tisdelle suspended payments to depositors to-day.

A notice was posted on the door of the institution early to-day declaring that the banker had made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors.

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This 3-Piece Bed Outfit Steel and brass bed, like illustration; heavy brass rail head and foot and brass spindles; an all-steel double woven wire spring and a soft top mattress; value complete, $15.00; sale price, all sizes 8.98

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