

WOMAN JUMPS OFF FERRY-BOAT, BUT IS SAVED

Kept Afloat by Spreading Skirts Until Pulled Aboard a Tugboat.

PENNILESS AND ILL.

Sorry She's Saved—Says, "I Shall Have to Do It Over Again."

To the illness which made her want to die Mrs. Eva Dennis owed the fact that she is still alive. She jumped from the upper deck of a Staten Island ferryboat to-day, but her clothing, scanty as it was, buoyed up the wasted frame, and she floated until a tug picked her up.

The Bronx, one of the big city-owned boats, carried several hundred commuters across the Upper Bay on the 9 o'clock trip from St. George. Among them was an elderly woman in a shabby black gown and dingy bonnet, thin to emaciation, her face bloodless. Some of the crew thought they saw this same woman aboard on the trip over to the island.

The steamer had passed Governor's Island and was about 200 yards off the New York slip at the Battery when the passenger in rusty black arose from her camp chair on the promenade deck forward. Several persons saw her take off her bonnet and drop it upon the planks. Before they realized what this meant she had walked swiftly to the guard, climbed over the low rail and gone over the side. She did not jump outward, witnesses said, she merely relaxed her body and let herself drop.

Boat Stops and Backs. Almost before she struck the water twenty feet below half a dozen men and women were calling out an alarm. The Bronx halted within her own length and began to back.

The woman had vanished with a splash when she entered the bay. In a few moments she reappeared, lying on her back, with her arms outstretched, making no effort to aid herself. But this supineness held her up and deflected her purpose—that and her skirts, which spread out on the surface of the calm salt water and supported her.

The ferryboat Pie report coming from Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, was almost alongside the Bronx and headed in the same direction. The master of the Pierpont had seen the attempt at suicide, and he, too, reversed his speed and began to back toward the drifting figure. But before either of the cumbersome boats could get within reaching distance of the woman she had been rescued.

Caught by a Boathook. The tug Pawnee coming up from the Narrows had been following in the wake of the ferryboats. Capt. Tuttle shot his brisk little craft straight for the black-clad form spread on the gentle swells. As she drifted by the bows of the Pawnee the Captain leaned over the side and with a deft swing of a boathook caught the barb in her garments without bruising or tearing her flesh. Two deck hands, lying on their faces upon deck, helped him to lift her on board.

The tug headed straight for the Battery, while the passengers on the two ferry boats cheered and waved handkerchiefs and half a dozen harbor craft saluted the life saver with their whistles. The Pawnee's crew carried the woman into the barge office where Dr. Wetmore and Matron Waters of the Immigration Bureau revived her.

Penniless and Ill. When she was able to talk the woman told this story: "I am Mrs. Eva Dennis, fifty-two years old, friendless and homeless, and hopelessly ill. For a month I have been in St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from consumption. Yesterday they discharged me. I had no money and nowhere to go. I did not want to be a drag on my husband, who works for the Arion Music Company, at No. 17 Broadway. I spent my last pennies for a fare on the ferryboat, but I did not nerve myself to try to die until we were almost back to this shore. I am so sorry you saved me, for now I shall have it all to do over again."

Mrs. Dennis was carried to the Hudson Street Hospital, where the surgeons said she would probably recover. No such concern as the Arion Music Company is listed in the telephone directory and if it exists it is certainly not located at No. 17 Broadway.

Help Wanted To Day!

As Advertised for in The Morning World's Want Directory.

Table listing various job openings and their locations, including positions like 'Agent', 'Apprentice', 'Bookkeeper', etc.

The World printed to-day 857 Help Ads, 450 more than all other New York papers combined.

NEW HEAD OF ODD FELLOWS State Convention Closes After Electing Officers for the Year. Officers were elected and installed today by the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the State of New York, closing its three days' annual meeting in the Metropolitan Temple, Seventh avenue and Fourteenth street. There were 928 delegates and proxies, representing the state membership of 117,000, a gain of about 5,000 in this State during the year. J. F. Conway, Grand Sire, of Chicago, head of the Odd Fellows of the world, with a membership of 1,800,000, made an address to the Grand Lodge. Sarinoga was selected for the next annual meeting.

These officers were elected: William H. Friday, Brooklyn, grand master; Harry Mosher, Binghamton, N. Y., deputy grand master; J. Krone, New York City, grand warden; Harry Walker, Brooklyn, grand secretary; John Hill, Newark, grand treasurer; E. P. Trautmann, New York City, grand representative; Rev. John C. Stephenson, Stapleton, Staten Island, grand chaplain; E. L. Novay, Brooklyn, grand marshal; W. D. Farkell, Ogdensburg, Cortlandt, grand grand marshal; N. V. grand conductor; H. L. De Cloon, Cortlandt, grand grand grand marshal; and Richard Lindermeyer, New York City, grand head.

FLEET'S FIRST DAY AT SYDNEY MERRY AND WELCOME BIG

Australians Turn Out in Thousands to Honor Men and See Battleships.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Aug. 20.—8.30 P. M.—The first day of the sojourn of the American battleships at Sydney has passed, and while there have been comparatively few official functions—tomorrow being set aside for the public reception and the official landing—the spirit of cordiality and whole-hearted welcome which fills the people of this city has found opportunity for expression in several minor ways. Numberless harbor craft have circled all day long around the white battleships anchored in the bay, and the shores and headlands were crowded until late this afternoon by thousands of interested spectators.

Dined by Lord Northcote. This afternoon the admirals of the fleet and the captains of the various battleships came ashore and called

officially upon Lord Northcote, Governor-General of Australia, and Sir Harry Rawson, Governor of New South Wales. The American officers were saluted upon landing. Later the Governor returned this official call and was in turn saluted by the American fleet. This evening Lord Northcote gave a dinner in honor of the American officers. There were present sixty-six Americans, including the admirals and the captains, as well as Sir Harry Rawson, the British Admiral; Ministers of the State and of the Commonwealth, and a number of judges and local naval and military officers of high rank. As darkness came down this evening the fleet was brilliantly illuminated, and the city and harbor also were lighted. Dense crowds of people fill the streets of Sydney to-night, and the entire population is given over to holiday making.

Sentry Talks of Welcome. The fleet masters to-day drew the sum of \$50,000 from the Sydney banks. The storeship Glacier came into port this evening. Admiral Sperry, the commander of the American fleet, was interviewed to-day on the arrival of the vessels of his command. He said: "The welcome extended the American fleet has been very hearty and impressive. The hillside and the cliffs from Botany Bay up were covered with people as close as they could stand. The enthusiasm of the welcome accorded us is almost beyond belief, and it seems evident that such a demonstration of kindly feeling must have more back of it than mere curiosity and excitement. "It is very pleasing to me to think that this indicates a real and hearty sympathy between the two English-speaking nations, which are united not only by ties of blood, but by great com-

\$200 OR YOUR LIFE, HE SAID TO MAYOR

But Hoboken Executive's "Jolly" Staved Him Off Until Help Came.

Mayor George S. Stell, of Hoboken, owes his life to his ability to jolly, he said to-day. A demented man demanded \$200 from him and threatened to kill him. The man came upon Mayor Stell suddenly. His detectives and personal aide were not armed. "Why, my good man," he said, putting the intruder on the head, "you know I'm father of you all, don't you? I'm ever ready to aid the afflicted, and you look like you need a little help, don't you, my good-natured friend? Now, you say you want a little loan of \$200, don't you? How about \$200 right now and I'll see you on my way back here, then you see you can have as much—here, please! I need you to write out this check!" The stranger had entered quietly and saw the mayor standing menacingly over his chief. He quickly seized the fellow, threw him to the floor and had him handcuffed before he could even reach for the Mayor's loan, which was far from ready, by the way. In the City Hall dungeon the pris-

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JERSEY CITY MAN BADLY HURT

BOSTON, Aug. 20.—In a collision between two electric cars last night, Harold A. Powers, of No. 197 Monocella street, Jersey City, N. J., was so seriously injured that his recovery is considered doubtful.

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