

DEACON ROSCOE TO SHAKE 'EM UP AT CHURCH TRIAL

Ordered to Appear To-Night and Answer Charge of Gambling in Pinochle Game.

IS TOLD TO LEAVE TOWN

What He Calls a Committee of Soreheads Suggests It, but He Won't Go.

Deacon J. Vroom Roscoe of the North Hackensack Reformed Church, the victorious plaintiff in the famous double deacon slander suit of Roscoe vs. Demarest, will be tried to-night by six jurors...

Last night a representative of the Rev. Abram Duryea, pastor of the North Hackensack Reformed Church, served Mr. Roscoe with a formal request for his resignation as deacon and ordered him to appear for trial to-night.

Defense Will Cause Quivers.

"Mr. Roscoe will be ready to defend himself," said Mr. Roscoe to-day. "Mr. Roscoe has a defense that will cause some quivers in church ranks. Mr. Roscoe cannot be bluffled. Last night, after Mr. Roscoe had been ordered to appear for trial, a committee of North Hackensack soreheads called upon him and advised him to leave town. Mr. Roscoe's landlady called and said she had heard his name in the church constitution. Deacon Demarest, who was convicted of slandering Deacon Roscoe, however, has not a leg to stand on. His defense is as bold as his head and as false as his wig.

As to Styles in Wigs.

"Mr. Roscoe is also bald, but if he orders a wig it will not be marcelled like Mr. Demarest's. Nor will it be Auburn brown. Mr. Roscoe may get a black wig, pompadour style. As Mr. Roscoe's father and grandfather are also bald it may serve as a family wig. Mr. Roscoe says this for the benefit of the committee of soreheads who threaten him and want him to leave town. He knows who inspired the committee and that an Auburn brown wig is at the bottom of it. That is all Mr. Roscoe will say till after the church trial to-night."

BLIND MINISTER BEGS FOR DEATH IN CHAIR. Appeals to Governors to Let Electricity End Life He Declares is Useless.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 16.—Death in the electric chair is being sought by the Rev. Thomas McKinley of this city, who is hopelessly blind, is about to lose his voice, and says he is useless to society.

He does not believe in self-destruction, and has sent appeals to the Governors of New York, Ohio, New Jersey and other States, where electrocution is in use, to grant him a legal execution by electricity and save him from life in an almshouse.

He has been singing in the streets and selling small articles, but says the people no longer buy. He says he cannot be profitably employed and therefore cannot consistently have a home and family, and that under the circumstances it is the duty of the State to take his life in the most painless way possible.

EQUITABLE CLERK ARRESTED. George A. La Follette Held in \$2,000 Bail on Cashier's Charge.

George A. La Follette, for ten years a clerk in the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was arrested to-day by Detectives Foley and Carnahan as he worked at his desk in the premium collections department on the second floor of the Equitable Building, No. 129 Broadway. A warrant charging him with grand larceny had been secured a few minutes earlier by Clarence D. Webster, the cashier of the company.

La Follette was taken to the Centre Street Court and held on a short default, which gave no details of the alleged crime beyond saying that the prisoner had failed to account for \$25 which was paid in ten days ago by a policy holder. It was admitted by a representative of the law department of the Equitable that an examination of La Follette's books was still in progress.

The accused man was held in bonds of \$2,000 for examination next Tuesday. He is thirty-four years old, married, and lives with his wife at No. 97 West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street.

McFarland Sent to Island. John McFarland, accused of using the mail in an attempt to get \$50 from Theodore N. Vail, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was sentenced to two months in the penitentiary by Judge Hough in the Criminal Branch of the United States Circuit Court to-day.

McFarland asked Mr. Vail to subscribe for a banquet to James E. Sullivan, secretary of the American Amateur Athletic League, which he said was being arranged. He pleaded "non vult," but the Justice would not accept the plea, and McFarland then pleaded guilty.

American Men Are Ready to Give Women the Vote, Mrs. Snowden Declares

Apathy of Wives Mostly to Blame, Says British Suffragist, for Failure to Accomplish the Object of Securing the Ballot Here.

By Nicola Greeley-Smith.

"The suffrage movement in England has abolished the old maid among educated persons and set forward ten years the age at which a woman is still applied oppressively among the lower classes." It has seemed of late that there is not a new suffrage argument under the sun, but there is at least one from under the sunny coronet of Mrs. Philip Snowden, the English suffragist, who is sailing back to her own country to-morrow.

Mrs. Snowden's reference to old maids was incidental to some remarks on "the atmosphere of the old Colonial scarcity of women" in which she declared at a public meeting the other night American women are still living. "Women are still relatively scarce in America, and, like any other rare product, are correspondingly valued," the blond Mrs. Snowden observed yesterday afternoon.

"No one who has not lived in both England and America can appreciate the difference in the masculine attitude toward women in the two countries.

Foreign View of Woman.

"The Englishman, even the educated Englishman, still regards the woman of his family as his belonging. If an Englishman's wife or daughter expresses an opinion on any subject under discussion he may take it tolerantly, but not seriously. Men and women are not comrades in England as they are here, in every way except politically. Your men are proud of your women, your women are proud of your men. And American men are so chivalrous in their attitude toward their wives and toward our sex in general that I believe the apathy of the women is largely responsible for the fact that they are not allowed to vote.

"It is true that if a majority of your women, or even a considerable number of them, were to demand the vote as feverishly as the women in England have demanded it, the men would give it to them. In fact, so much fervor would not be necessary. Women are cheap in England—very cheap—because they have outnumbered the men for so long and the struggle to get a husband will recently, seemed a necessary commodity, has been very stiff. To get husbands women have felt it necessary—though in my opinion it never has been so—to stoop to certain things which have given the men a contempt for them. It is the Nemesis of the women of England that this should be so.

Once "Old Maid" at Twenty-one.

"To be married seemed the only honorable thing for a woman until very recently," Mrs. Snowden continued. "I was brought up in an English watering place and I can remember that when I was barely twenty-one and it had not been rumored that I was engaged to any one, people spoke of me as 'on the shelf.'"

"The suffrage movement has glorified spinsterhood," Mrs. Snowden added. "Educated men no longer dare to use the phrase 'old maid' as a term of opprobrium, and even among the ignorant it is not applied until an unmarried woman crosses the Rubicon of thirty."

"Here in America where the old chivalrous spirit survives I have never heard it used. But then, as I said a while ago, there is an economic reason back of the American man's high estimate of women—they are scarce here.

"They are scarcer in the West than in the East, and I think I have observed a correspondingly greater value placed upon them in the West. All the suffrage stages are Western and Eastern women have a greater deference toward the women in the Western than in the Eastern man.

American Women Selfish.

"But the American man's whole view of womanhood is so different from that of even the highly educated European that it really takes an English woman to appreciate it. Some of your women have seemed to me just the least bit selfish toward their men. They have not seemed to appreciate their advantages as they might, and they have not concentrated their power to obtain what they want.

"I have met your finest women—not only your suffragists, but your college and literary women. Most of them want the vote, but they want a great many other things. Even the suffragists often belong to four or five clubs and are interested in half a dozen reforms or charities. In England we have learned to concentrate all our thoughts and energies upon the one thing—the vote.

"If your women were to exercise half the influence which has been exerted in England they would get the ballot before we do. For you are still preoccupied with your men. There are not too many of you. That is the tremendous advantage you have, which I don't believe half of you appreciate."

New Swiss President. BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—The Federal Assembly has elected Marc Emile Ruchet President, to succeed Robert Comtesse of the Swiss Confederation for 1911, and Louis Ferrer Vice-President, in succession to Ruchet.



SHEATHED IN ICE, FIGHT FIRE WHICH MENACES SCORES Hydrants Frozen at Three-Alarm Williamsburg Blaze—Many Driven to Streets.

Fire which started to-day in the big hay and grain market of Gasteliger & Schaefer, at No. 25 to 31 Johnson avenue, Williamsburg, spread with such rapidity that three alarms had to be sent in, bringing more than half the fighting apparatus of Brooklyn.

The building, a long brick structure five stories high, was packed to the roof with inflammable provender. The blaze started in the cellar and ate its way up so rapidly that the stable hands had to run for their lives.

Battalion Chief Langan saw that the burning market stood in a nest of factories with tall tenements on two sides. He sounded two more alarms and on top of those Deputy Chief Lally sent a special call to Manhattan Headquarters. Fifteen minutes later Chief Croker was on the spot, after a record run across the bridge.

Even before he arrived the police were driving out scores of tenants of the flat-houses on Montrose avenue at the back, and on Union avenue, at the eastern side of Gasteliger & Schaefer's. The dispossessed families congested in the street, waiting about their household plunder and refusing to leave the little heaps of belongings even for the shelter of nearby houses.

The cold hampered the firemen mightily. The water froze as it fell, forming great cascades of ice on the walls, and hydrant after hydrant went out of commission and the firemen themselves were sited in ice.

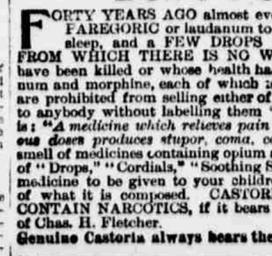
Capt. John F. Conway of Engine Company 127, was leading his men up a ladder when a gust of smoke belined out of a third floor window into his face, overcoming him almost instantly. He dropped to earth. Ambulance Surgeon Goldstein of Williamsburg Hospital sewed up a long gash in his scalp and sent him home.

After an hour's work the firemen seemed to have the upper hand of the blaze.

Salesman Dead in Stairway. William Abrams, a false hair salesman, of No. 102 West Ninety-third street, was found dead to-day at the foot of the basement stairway of Max Kirsch's shoe store, No. 131 Sixth avenue. There was a deep cut over his left eye when the police thought due to a fall. His watch and other jewelry and the money in his pockets had not been disturbed. His wife told the police that he had been out late with a customer last night.

Received by the Car. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—Emperor Nicholas to-day gave a farewell audience to Capt. S. L. H. Storum, the American military attaché, who is returning home.

Don't Poison Baby. FORTY YEARS AGO almost every mother thought her child must have FABERGOR or laudanum to make it sleep. These drugs will produce the SLEEP FROM WHICH THERE IS NO WAKING. Many are the children who have been killed or whose health has been ruined for life by paregoric, laudanum and morphine, each of which is a narcotic product of opium. Druggists are prohibited from selling either of the narcotics named to children at all, or to anybody without labelling them "poison." The definition of "narcotic" is: "A medicine which relieves pain and produces sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces stupor, coma, convulsions and death." The taste and smell of medicines containing opium are disguised, and sold under the names of "Drops," "Cordials," "Soothing Syrups," etc. You should not permit any medicine to be given to your children without your or your physician's knowledge of what it is composed. CASTORIA DOES NOT CONTAIN NARCOTICS, if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.



WOMAN STRICKEN JUST AS PALMIST SEES GOOD LUCK

Mrs. Guinan Falls Dying When Told Wealth and Happiness Would Be Hers.

HAD BEEN DOWNCAST.

Recent Operation Given in Hospital as Cause of Her Death.

Mrs. Stanley, or, as the big varicolored sign on her palm-reading establishment at No. 103 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, calls her, "Queen Vanchi, the Gypsy Wonder," declared to-day that just before Mrs. Clara Guinan of No. 63 Union place, Union Course, L. I., was mortally stricken last night she (the palmist) had been telling her that she would recover her health, enjoy a Merry Christmas and be relieved of her financial troubles.

Mrs. Guinan died in the Bushwick Hospital a few hours after she was stricken. At first it was thought she had been poisoned, but when her husband, John Guinan, explained to the doctors to-day that she had been operated on for a blood clot on the brain her death was set down to that cause.

"I had never seen the woman before," said Mme. Stanley to-day. "She asked for a reading and told me her husband was out of work and that she was in bad health. I undertook to cheer her up by telling her that her illness would disappear and that she would enjoy a merry Christmas and be relieved financially, when suddenly she toppled over. She had given me her address, and after I got an ambulance I telephoned to her husband. He was with her when she died."

Coroner's Physician Wuest will perform the autopsy to-day to determine the cause of death. Mrs. Guinan was forty-four years old.

NEWARK FACTORY BURNS. Four-Story Building Swiftly Destroyed—Loss is \$40,000.

(Special to The Evening World.) NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 16.—Panned by a forty mile an hour gale, flames swept a big four-story brick factory building on No. 22 Prospect street early to-day causing a loss of about \$40,000.

The blaze started about 1:45 A. M. on the second floor and in twenty minutes the entire building was doomed. Three alarms were sent in and even with the force that these calls summoned, the firemen had difficulty in fighting the flames. Defective electric wiring is said to have started the fire.

The two upper floors of the building were occupied by E. Matseback, novelty manufacturer; the third floor by Lebkuecher & Co., silversmiths, and the ground floor by J. S. Mundy, owner of the building, who ran a machine shop.

The building had a frontage of 75 feet on Prospect street and extended back 200 feet.

BIG ELK STATUE MUTILATED. Vandals Again Carry Off Part of Bronze Figure in Paterson Cemetery.

For the second time in eighteen months vandals have damaged the solid bronze four-ton elk figure which surmounts the granite shaft marking the plot of the Elks in Laurel Grove Cemetery, Paterson, N. J. The figure was pulled down and much of it carried away the first time. On their latest visit the vandals contented themselves with taking the antlers and the ears. It is believed that Paterson junk dealers are behind the mutilation.

Brockway's Son His Heir. By the will of Horace M. Brockway, filed with the Surrogate to-day, his son, Horace M. Brockway Jr., will receive the bulk of his estate. There is only one other beneficiary—Julia M. Brockway, widow of Charles Brockway, another son—who will receive \$20,000 in cash. The testator, who died at the Park Avenue Hotel Dec. 5, was one of the best known hotel men in this city.

The income of the estate will go to young Brockway until he is thirty-nine years old, when he will have the principal.

Jury's Go-Between Released. Dagobert Timendorfer, the go-between whose testimony convicted George W. Yeandle of soliciting a bribe while serving as a juror at the trial of Edward T. Rosenbalm, was arraigned before Justice O'Gorman in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court to-day and released from custody under a suspended sentence.

The Court told Timendorfer that if he was ever arraigned again on any charge he would get the limit for the crime to which he pleaded guilty.

SLAVE TO DRUGS BEGS COURT FOR LONG PRISON TERM

Wrecked by Drink and Morphine, "Clark" Appeals for Last Chance of Cure.

A ragged, trembling wretch was arraigned in the Court of Special Sessions to-day as George F. Clark, no address, on a charge of petty larceny. He admitted he was guilty of passing a forged check for \$11.50 on Charles K. Jenks, a Ninth avenue grocer, and then turning to the three justices, he said in the language of an educated man:

"Your Honor, I ask to be punished to the full extent of the law. Please give me at least a year. I no longer deserve to live among decent men and perhaps the confinement may cure me of the habits that have put me where I am."

"My name is not Clark. My father was a respected merchant of this city. I went to college and I inherited some property. Six years ago I was married—happily married, I thought. Whiskey ruined me. Three years ago my wife had to leave me, taking our child, and I have never seen either of them since. "Trying to cure myself of the craving for alcohol, I began using morphine. Now I am a slave to both. For months I have been living on the Bowery, a homeless, rum-soaked tramp. I want to go to jail—it's my last hope on earth."

Presiding Justice Ryan committed him to the Tombs until after Christmas, saying he would try to find a State institution where "Clark" might be treated.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY WANTS SUBWAY TO MOVE AGAIN.

Delegation Asks Service Board to Please Let Them Keep Their Boilers.

A delegation headed by ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren of Brooklyn called upon the Public Service Commission to-day to protest against the building of the Fourth avenue portion of the Triborough subway in the center of Ashland place, Brooklyn. The callers represented the Academy of Music, which they said would be "ruined" if the underground tube was not shifted twenty feet further to the west under private property which the city would have to purchase for that purpose.

They explained to the commission that the Academy of Music is now occupying some of the space under Ashland place with its boiler plant, and that they desired that the commission change the route of the subway so that they would not have to move the boilers.

Commissioner McCarrroll told the delegation that the Academy of Music had no legal right in the street at all, and suggested that the boilers be moved. The commission has already changed the subway route once, giving the Academy of Music ten feet leeway. Its members are adverse to moving the route again.

BANG A MODEL DOG. Jury Finds He Did Not Bite Little Sophie Kahn.

Bang has been vindicated. A jury before Justice O'Dwyer in the City Court to-day found that he had not bitten Sophie Kahn, twelve, of No. 45 East One Hundred and Thirty-first street, on the cheek. Sophie's father wanted Bang's owner, Hiram L. Phelps, a wealthy real estate owner of the Bronx, to pay him \$200. Mr. Phelps thought the charge a deliberate slander against Bang, and so he brought Bang to court to refute the accusation.

FURS

Talk No. 3.—Prices tell their own story when backed by such a guarantee as this: If you can duplicate these articles for the retail price quoted, we will immediately refund the purchase price.

- BELGIUM BLANK OR WHITE HARE SET, Fox and Rag Mink, \$20. Our price, \$7.50. NATURAL WOLF SET, Fox and Rag Mink, \$20. Our price, \$1.00. SABLE OR BLACK FRENCH COAT, Fox and Rag Mink, \$20. Our price, \$2.00. BLACK FOX SET, Fox and Rag Mink, \$20. Our price, \$3.00. POLED FOX SET, Fox and Rag Mink, \$20. Our price, \$4.00. Imitation Fur Sets, Fox and Rag Mink, \$20. Our price, \$3.00.

Benioff Bros., Manufacturing Furriers, 42 West 15th St., New York. Between 5th and 6th Avenues.

The Boston Candies advertisement featuring Christmas Specials, Mixed Candies, Assorted Chocolates, and contact information at 210 Sixth Ave., Cor. 14th St. and 366 Sixth Ave., Near 23rd St.

"ELI PERKINS" DEAD. End Comes for Noted Humorist at Age of Seventy.

"Eli Perkins" is dead at his home at No. 24 Parkside avenue, Yonkers. The humorist, whose right name was Melville Delancey Landon—his nom de plume was picked for him by Artemus Ward—had been ill for six years with locomotor ataxia. He had not been conscious for a week. His wife and daughter were with him. He will be buried on Monday at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Landon was seventy years old. He was an obscure parasitologist in 1877, when Josh Billings, as a reward for having failed disastrously in a lecturing tour in the Berkshires under Landon's management, gave Landon an interview, which, published in a New York newspaper, brought fame and popularity. He went around the world sending humorous travel sketches to the newspapers, lectured before thousands

WOMAN A SUICIDE BY GAS. Wife of Real Estate Man Ends Her Life in His Absence.

The suicide by gas of Mrs. Jacob Deorwald of 204 West Ninety-ninth street was discovered when her colored maid arrived for work early to-day. Mrs. Deorwald's husband is a retired real estate dealer; he is in Philadelphia on a business trip. Mrs. Deorwald had committed a fatal mistake with the gas fixture and after putting it in her mouth had drawn the bedclothing over her head.

Bedell Xmas Coat Bargains advertisement featuring a woman in a long coat and hat, with prices ranging from \$7.75 to \$19.98. Includes text about imitation Persian lamb collars and cuffs, and alterations free.

What Nicer Gift than This? —to Always Have Money Handy!

Handy Bill Fold advertisement showing a hand holding a folded bill, with text: "So Thin, So Light, So HANDY. Bills Slip In or Out—Quickly—Easily—Without Fumbling! Give him a Handy Bill Fold for Christmas—and get one for yourself. The nicest thing you ever saw—and the HANDIEST POSSIBLE way to carry your bills."

Demmison Quality Gift Outfits advertisement featuring Passe Partout Outfits, Sealing Wax Outfits, Flower Outfits, Wigwam Outfits, Doll House Outfits, and contact information for Demmison Manufacturing Co. in New York.

Callan's Women's Pony Coats advertisement featuring a woman in a coat and hat, with prices ranging from \$12.98 to \$54.95. Includes text about women's sweaters, shoes, and umbrellas.

Dragon Trade Mark advertisement featuring a dragon logo and text: "Dragon Trade Mark. No C. O. L. mail orders. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS."

VISIT THE FAMOUS ORIENTAL BAZAAR

For Unusual Holiday Gifts. A thousand things that you will like at prices that you can afford, each one an appropriate Holiday Gift. Come and see these wonderful Chinese and Japanese things whether you purchase or not. We have made selection a pleasure. Send for list of Gift Suggestions. Open Evenings Until Christmas.

Sing Fat Co. advertisement featuring contact information: 1125-1127 Broadway, 25th Street, New York. Other stores in San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal.

Two Special Features of Next Sunday's World advertisement featuring 1st and 2d sections, with text about winter holiday gifts and information.