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\$1,000 REWARD TO TRAP GHOULS WHO HOLD WOMAN'S STOLEN BODY FOR RANSOM

Gang Desecrates Mausoleum Where Late Congressman Scott and Relatives Rest.

LEAVE PLACE IN RUIN. Tamper With All Caskets in Tomb and Carry Off the Corpse of Mrs. McCollum.

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 9.—The Erie Association to-day offered a reward of \$1,000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the ghouls who shockingly desecrated the magnificent mausoleum of the late Congressman William L. Scott in the cemetery here and stole the body of Mrs. Anna McCollum, a sister-in-law of the statesman. The police agree that the work was that of Black Handers, who are now holding the woman's corpse for a ransom. They add that the gang intended to also carry away the body of Mr. Scott and that of his wife.

The body-snatching in this case equals the daring of the ghouls who stirred the country more than a quarter of a century ago, when the body of A. T. Stewart, the New York millionaire merchant, was stolen.

The excitement over the grave robbery is intense in this section of Pennsylvania, and to-day thousands crowded the cemetery to view the work of the vandals.

Developments to-day indicate that the body of Mrs. McCollum had been taken from the casket before it was removed from the mausoleum. Parts of the casket were found scattered over the floor of the vault. Although a large force of detectives are making a thorough search of the city, not a trace of the robbers or the missing body has been found.

Tampered With All.

All the bodies in the Scott mausoleum were tampered with. Aside from Mrs. McCollum the following were interred in the vault: William L. Scott, Mrs. William L. Scott, Richard Townsend of Washington, D. C., Anna Townsend, an infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Townsend of Washington, and John Van McCollum, whose wife's body was stolen.

The mausoleum, which was of white marble, with bronze doors, gates and chains, is a ruin. One of the big bronze doors had been pried from its hinges and the other had been badly battered.

Same Gang in Plot.

The police feel confident that other members of the same gang plotted to steal the body of ex-Congressman Scott and demand a big sum of money for its return. They did not get the corpse of the ex-Congressman, but instead carried away that of Mrs. McCollum, possibly by mistake. The casket containing the body of Mrs. Scott and two other caskets were broken open but left in the crypts holding them.

All the caskets were sealed in a wall, and a chisel had been used in breaking the seals before the metallic box could be moved. The casket of Mrs. McCollum was the first on the lower tier at the north side of the mausoleum, and directly opposite it on the second tier is the casket containing the body of Mrs. Scott, the wife of the millionaire who built the mausoleum.

The seal here was also broken, and when the tomb was examined it was found that the casket was half way out and to all appearances was ready to be carried away. The remains of the millionaire were lying next to those of his wife, but his casket was not disturbed. A number of pains stored in the mausoleum had been broken down, and two other caskets were broken into, but

MAKING COWARDS OF US, POLICEMAN TELLS CROPSEY

"We Shirk Our Duty to Avoid Trouble," Bluecoat on Trial Adds.

ROASTS COMMISSIONER.

Despite Defiance Sherry Gets Time to Disprove "Shoo-fy's Charges."

Policeman William Sherry went before Commissioner Cropsey for trial in Brooklyn to-day with fire in his eye and a chip on his shoulder. He turned the accusation against him—being off post—into an opportunity for turning on the Commissioner and arraignment him as having robbed the New York police of their spirit and bravery.

"Sherry laughed in the Commissioner's face when asked if he was in his right senses.

"That's it," he said. "I wouldn't ask you an insulting question like that. But you can put it on me. I'm just as sane as you are, and I'm right and you are wrong."

The outbreak started when Sherry began to cross-question Sgt. Milhauser, the "shoo-fy," who had found him in a vacant lot near his post and who told the Commissioner that, though Sherry said that he had been chasing suspicious looking men, the patrolman's notebook showed that he had not stopped to jot down a memorandum that he was about to chase the suspects before he started after them.

Would Not Answer.

Milhauser would not answer Sherry's questions in a way to bring out the facts, as Sherry wanted to get them on the record. He got into several wrangles with the witness.

"There," said Commissioner Cropsey. "This has gone far enough. Don't argue. Ask questions. You will have a chance to make a statement later."

Sherry turned and looked the Commissioner full in the face and seemed trying to hold back from saying what was in his mind, but he didn't. With his voice shaking he said:

"Oh, what's the use. I do not expect a fair show from you. There isn't a man in this room who expects a fair show or will get one. We are all cowards. You have made us cowards. You have made us shirk our duty in order to save ourselves from a charge of being brought before you. We are afraid to arrest a disorderly person for fear he may run to you with a lie which you will give us no chance to disprove. These shoo-fies go around trying to boost their own records by making false charges and exaggerated charges against us. We cannot defend ourselves. Why you will be having a man up pretty soon for failing to wear white gloves when he arrests a burglar."

The Commissioner, who had been looking at Sherry in a daze, got him together and rapped on the table and asked about Sherry's sanity. Sherry went right back an quoted above.

Merely Sneers.

"Do you want to make a statement for the record?" asked the Commissioner. Sherry merely sneered at him. The offer was repeated with a warning that it was in the Commissioner's power to order Sherry arraigned for insubordination.

"I will make a statement," said Sherry defiantly, "just to get it on the record."

He then told of having seen men skulking in the lot where the sergeant found him. He had gone after them without pausing to make a note of his action in the notebook because he wanted to get them before they got away, and he thought that technical rules ought to be subordinated to good sense when there was a conflict.

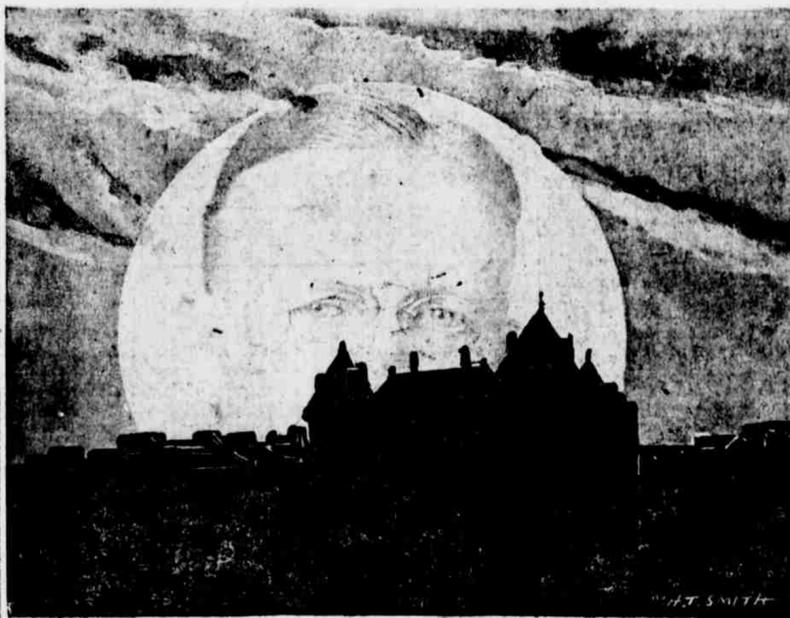
"I have a witness to prove what I say, but I have not got him here," he concluded.

"Why do you say you have a witness? Why don't you bring him here?" asked the Commissioner.

"Because," said the policeman calmly, "I can only get at him during hours when I am on duty, and if I crossed that open lot to speak to him, this 'shoo-fy' would jump down here on more charges. I don't want to be railroaded."

Commissioner Cropsey ordered the case adjourned for a week and that Sherry should be allowed time off to get witnesses.

SUNSET!



BANK ON WHEELS TO LURE MONEY FROM FARMERS

Paterson Institution Has Perambulating Branch Which Will Tour Jersey.

Paterson, N. J., is all worked up over a bank on wheels. One of the Paterson trust companies has equipped a steel lined automobile somewhat along the lines of the motor formerly used by the Night and Day Bank to gather up the late cash receipts in the restaurant belt of Broadway and is going to send it out in the country to catch the way-side depositors.

The portable bank was on exhibition in front of the trust company's offices today. Hundreds of interested and curious persons viewed the peculiar-looking machine.

The car is fitted up with a desk and office equipment, including compartments for books, checks and papers. A solid steel safe is built in one corner. The body of the car is painted steel color. A small window, guarded with heavy steel and brass bars, and a liberal space for bearings, will afford the clerks protection on their travels.

SCHLEY BREAKS TWO RIBS IN FALL ON ICY SIDEWALK.

Admiral Suffers Much Pain From Accident, but His Condition Not Thought Serious.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Rear-Admiral Winfield S. Schley, who was injured a few days ago by a fall on the ice in front of his home, was reported to-day to be resting as easily as could be expected.

Because of the fracture of two ribs the retired naval officer suffers considerable pain. He is confined to his bed, but his condition is not considered serious.

BISHOP WHITAKER DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—Bishop Orl W. Whitaker of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Pennsylvania died at his residence here at noon to-day. He had been sick for some days with pneumonia.

LORD DECIES AND BRIDE NEAR JEKYL ISLAND.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Feb. 9.—Lord and Lady Decies arrived here to-day from New York on their way to Jekyll Island, a few miles from here, where they will spend the first part of their honeymoon.

EXPRESS STRIKE HALTED BY TRUCE AFTER SIX HOURS

200 Jersey City Wells-Fargo Men Resume Work Pending Arbitration.

About 200 drivers and helpers of the Wells-Fargo Express Company in Jersey City went on strike for six hours to-day. They returned to work this afternoon, following a conference with General Manager Hickey at the Erie terminal in pursuance of an agreement to submit their grievance to the officials of the company in Manhattan to-morrow.

The strike was an echo of the big strike of last fall. Through the intervention of Mayor Gaynor a compromise agreement was then reached between the drivers and helpers on one side and the express companies on the other. A feature of the agreement was that the companies should not discriminate against any employees who had while on strike been actively engaged in the formation of a union.

A great deal of dissatisfaction among the men has grown out of this provision of the settlement. It is charged that the companies have been discharging men who were actively engaged in building up the union.

It is the custom of express companies to employ extra forces of drivers and helpers for the Christmas season and to lay off these extra men when the rush is over. The Wells-Fargo Company, according to the men on strike, has been laying off men, but has been picking out old employees who were prominent in the last strike, and keeping the new men hired since the last strike to-day.

The drivers and their helpers assembled this morning at the barns at Pavonia avenue and Eleventh street, and all the union men refused to take out their wagons. The 200 men who remained at work, according to the union officials, are men who have been taken on since the big strike to displace union employees.

A committee of three from the employees of the Adams Express Company at the Communipaw terminal conferred with a committee of strikers at noon to talk over the idea of calling a general strike. The Adams men were advised by James W. Donnelly, delegate of Local No. 443 of the Teamsters' Union, to await the outcome of the conference with the Wells-Fargo officials.

Are You Going South?

At 11:30 o'clock, a train of 12 cars, including the World Travel Bureau, Agency, Monday World Building, 260 Park Row, Telephone Exchange 4620, checking room for baggage and express, a first class dining car, and a baggage car, left for the South on the Atlantic coast line.

COURT ALLOWS MRS. THAW'S CLAIM AGAINST HER SON

Promissory Notes Show That She Loaned Him \$209,674—Littleton's Also Valid.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 9.—In an opinion and report relative to the claims of various creditors of Harry K. Thaw, who killed Stanford White, William T. Blair, referee in bankruptcy, has allowed a number of claims in full; others in part, and some are disallowed altogether. The total claims aggregate \$300,000, the claimants being his mother, attorneys, physicians, detectives and storekeepers.

Mrs. Mary B. Thaw, the mother, is allowed her claim in full, amounting to \$209,674. Roger O'Mara, trustee for Thaw's estate, objected to the mother's claim on the grounds that it was advanced in consideration of Mrs. Thaw's affection for her son. However, Mrs. Thaw produced in evidence twenty-five promissory notes showing conclusively that the money was loaned and was to be charged.

A bill of \$50 of Di Salvo Brothers, New York merchants, for furniture, ornaments and silverware purchased for Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, was also allowed in full.

Martin W. Littleton's claim for \$3,200.64 was allowed. Littleton was employed under a specific contract by Harry Thaw to defend him until Thaw was set free. For this service he was to get the sum of \$40,000, but Thaw consented that Littleton did not complete his contract, but "deserted" under fire. Thaw claimed that he had paid Littleton \$5,000 and should not be compelled to pay more.

William G. Schmittberger, a detective, filed a claim for \$12.50 as a balance due on work performed by him during Thaw's second trial. It was shown that the claimant had been engaged by Attorney Littleton. The referee is of the opinion that Schmittberger's bills should be against Littleton, not against Thaw, and therefore dismissed his claim.

2,000 BARRELS BURNED.

Go Up in Smoke When Warehouse Is Destroyed.

A row of frame buildings at Vernon and Plushing streets, Long Island City, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. James Halsett is the owner and the buildings are occupied by John D. Delaney as a barrel storage place. Two thousand barrels were consumed by the flames. Fourteen horses were saved.

A spark from a furnace is supposed to have caused the blaze.

EXCISE BILL LIFTS BAN ON NUMBER OF SALOONS.

ALBANY, Feb. 9.—Assemblyman Martin McCue to-day introduced a bill which if passed will practically nullify the provisions of the measure passed last year limiting the number of saloons in given localities. The McCue bill provides for the transfer of licenses from one district to another.

The result is that while the whole number of saloons must be the same there is no limit that can be crowded into any one borough of New York City or County of the State.

CHINATOWN OPIUM RAIDS.

Customs inspectors and special agents of the Treasury Department raided several suspected Chinese places in Mott street, Pell street and Doyers street this afternoon in a search for opium and other evidences of smuggling.

The men were in charge of Acting Deputy Surveyor Edward L. Norwood and Customs Inspector Isaac Harris.

Forty men searched No. 11 Mott street, No. 7 Elizabeth street and Nos. 29 and 31 Pell street.

No arrests were made, but the inspectors seized a wagonload of opium and layouts. Two Chinamen were "rescorted" to the office of District Attorney Wise.

At No. 30 Pell street the inspectors found a small quantity of counterfeit money, which was turned over to Capt. Taylor of the Secret Service.

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Sheehan paid a hurried visit to the Executive Chamber late this afternoon and had a conference with Gov. Dix. The candidate appeared greatly excited. He was so impatient that he even told the elevator man to hurry his car. He refused to state the object of his visit, but it is understood that Dix gave him a hint to retire from the race in view of the fact that he could not secure enough votes to win in yesterday's conference and the deadlock is delaying legislation.

Most of the legislators are of the impression that they will not be called upon to cast any more ballots for Sheehan in compliance with the caucus agreement. The hebdomadal session of Assemblymen and Senators began to-day, and when they reassemble on Monday it is believed that there will be a new candidate in the field, backed by the Murphy indorsement.

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MURPHY IS PLEDGED TO TAKE SHEEHAN OUT OF THE SENATE RACE

Made the Promise to Mayor Gaynor Last Sunday During an Interview Brought About by J. Sergeant Cram.

ALBANY HEARS RUMORS OF NEW CANDIDATE SOON

All Hope for Election of the Caucus Nominee Is Abandoned at the Capital—Tammany Men Wait for Murphy to Give the Word.

Positive statements emanating from Albany that William F. Sheehan's candidacy for the United States Senate has blown up were locally corroborated to-day by Tammany leaders who are conversant with the situation at the State capital. They say that Charles F. Murphy has decided to withdraw Sheehan and that he told Mayor Gaynor so last Sunday.

The fact that the Mayor met Mr. Murphy on Sunday was known to very few in this city, but appears to have been pretty generally understood at Albany. It is said that the meeting was brought about by J. Sergeant Cram, who is on the outs with his former friend Murphy, but on terms of friendship with Mayor Gaynor.

TWENTIETH VOTE ON SENATORSHIP.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The vote to-day for United States Senator on the twentieth joint ballot was as follows:

Candidate	Senate	Assembly	Total
Sheehan	19	56	75
Shepard	2	4	10
Kernan	1	7	8
Littleton	1	2	3
Glynn	1	2	3
O'Brien	1	1	2
Parker	0	1	1
Taylor	0	1	1
Sulzer	0	1	1
Depew	14	58	72

Total vote cast to-day 177
Necessary to choose to-day 89

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