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FIRST RACE MEETING SLATED FOR AQUEDUCT TRACK ABOUT JUNE 1

Associations Agree to Revive Sport Under Brand-New Betting Conditions—New Commission to Be Appointed.

Horse racing will be revived in New York State. The first local meeting will be held at Aqueduct about June 1. The Jockey Club, in conjunction with several racing associations, has decided to open under modified conditions. The Jockey Club has sanctioned spring meets at Virginia and Maryland and the new dates cannot conflict with them, hence the late local start.

It is the plan of the Jockey Club and the Racing Associations to co-operate to give the sport a new birth. The starr will be made at only one or two tracks and the racing authorities have no fear of legal intervention.

The Evening World's information was received this afternoon from an authoritative source.

The Paul Schanz test case sufficiently clarified the betting atmosphere and if a further test case is needed there will be at least one race track official who will be willing to submit to an arrest if need be to show that the Directors' Liability clause in the Hart-Agnew law is illegal.

It is believed that the new Racing Commission Gov. Sulzer will shortly appoint will be favorable to the resumption of racing. The State Board, it is understood, will consist of William E. Lewis, Charles Kohler and Montague Gerans.

JURY FOREMAN'S MISTAKE PUTS COURT IN A QUANDARY.

He returned the Wrong Verdict in Brooklyn Case and Now Officials Are Puzzled.

Here's a funny thing that happened in Brooklyn. Yesterday the trial of Jim Genaro was concluded in Judge Tierman's Court. The man was charged with having burglarized the house of Mrs. Anna Kelly last August, taking clothing and other goods amounting to \$175. Peter Gibbons of No. 125 Sterling place was foreman of the jury, and when asked by the clerk of the court if the jury had agreed on a verdict he said they had. Burglary in the third degree he said was the verdict. Friday was fixed as the day for the sentence.

BRIDE 105 YEARS OLD DIES FIVE DAYS AFTER MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Marcellina Leon Had Won Fight in Court Against Relatives Who Opposed Union.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 26.—Marcellina Leon, said to be 105 years old, after she had shown strength of mind and body sufficient to win her way and obtain the consent of the courts to marry the man who for fifty years had been her sweetheart, is dead at her home today after being a bride for only five days.

11 INDICTMENTS ON NEW CHARGES AGAINST SWEENEY

Grand Jury Adds to Accusations After Hearing New Testimony.

Eleven indictments, each charging a specific grafting offense, were found to-day by the Grand Jury against Capt. Dennis Sweeney of the Police Department, recently demoted from an Inspectorship and under suspension. These indictments supersede the indictment charging bribery found a week ago and attacked on the ground that it was defective.

The first indictment charging Sweeney with taking money from George A. Sipp, a Harlem disorderly hotel proprietor, specified April 3, 1911, as the date of the transaction. Police Department records show Sweeney was at that time stationed in Greenpoint and did not go to Harlem and the Sixth District until June of that year.

To-day's eleven indictments cover a period from July 1911 to May, 1912, inclusive, and are based on payments of protection money alleged to have been made by George A. Sipp, Thomas J. Dorlan and Leroy Wilkins, who keeps a resort at No. 229 Fifth avenue. Sweeney is accused of taking \$100 from Sipp on July 3, Aug. 5, Sept. 4, Oct. 4, Nov. 4 and Dec. 6, 1911, and \$100 from Dorlan on Jan. 5, 1912, and to have agreed, in return, to allow the notorious hotel at No. 2027 Lexington avenue to do business without police interference. He is accused of taking \$50 on Feb. 3, March 4, April 4 and May 4, 1912, from Wilkins for allowing Wilkins to violate the law.

Apparently the first indictment is to be dropped. Notification of the finding of eleven bribery indictments was sent to Sweeney's counsel, who was asked to produce his client before Justice Goff for arraignment.

HEAD OF MATTEAWAN WHO RESIGNS AFTER THAW BRIBE CHARGE.



DR. JOHN W. RUSSELL

FERRYBOAT LOST IN THE FOG THAT TIES UP SHIPPING

Starts to Cross North River and Finally Enters Slip at Pier 8, East River.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's ferryboat Pittsburgh left the Jersey City slip, crowded with passengers, at 8:15 o'clock to-day bound for Desbrosses street. Two hours later the ferryboat, hopelessly lost, tied up at Pier No. 8 of East River.

This was but an incident of one of the heaviest fogs that old weather sharps could remember as ever having visited these parts. It was so bad it even threw the subway train schedule out of gear. Motor-men, who have to slow up their trains when they get out of the tube at Dyckman street on the Broadway branch and beyond Third avenue in the Bronx, could not read the block signals.

The experience of the lost Pittsburgh was something entirely new in the history of bay navigation, old river skippers said. The Pittsburgh had no sooner left her slip than the captain at the wheel lost his bearings completely. He turned down instead of shooting straight across the river and up to Desbrosses slip.

The tooting of some upcoming craft caused him to swerve again. Suddenly Liberty statue poked its arm out of the fog right under the Pittsburgh's nose and the helpless ferryboat made a quick turn to avoid going piled up on Bedloe's Island. Thereafter it was as badly lost on East River as a five year old child without its mother in Central Park.

Finally when the captain saw an empty slip he ran in.

"What slip is this?" he bellowed to somebody standing with heavy mist blotting out his features.

"Pier 8 East River," came the answer, and the captain sent a boy down for his smelling salts.

The ships that passed in through the night anchored off the Statue of Liberty, until the fog lifted. Among them were the steamer Ancon, with passengers for the Canal zone; the Cedric and Eugenia from Naples; and the Red Italia from Naples.

Many belated suburbanites had to make the usual "worst fog we ever had" excuse when they arrived at their offices.

RUSSELL RESIGNS OFFICE AS HEAD OF MATTEAWAN

Gov. Sulzer Gets Notice After He Had Decided to Demand His Suspension.

IS ACCEPTED BY SCOTT.

Action Follows Charges and Counter Charges in the Thaw Bribery Scandal.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Dr. John W. Russell resigned to-day as Superintendent of the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. His resignation was accepted by Joseph F. Scott, Superintendent of State Prisons, who ordered Dr. Roy L. Leak, First Assistant Physician at the institution, to take charge temporarily.

Russell who had accused Lawyer John N. Anhut of offering him \$20,000 to aid in releasing Harry Thaw from Matteawan, was yesterday in turn practically accused by Anhut, with soliciting a bribe from him.

Gov. Sulzer, after a conference with his committee of inquiry and Attorney General Carmichael, had decided to demand Dr. Russell's suspension, but the Superintendent's resignation had been accepted before the demand had been placed before Col. Scott.

Dr. Russell's resignation is the result of inquiry into recent efforts to bring about the release of Harry K. Thaw from Matteawan.

Subpoena servers sent out by Gov. Sulzer's committee of inquiry reported to-day that he had been unable to locate H. A. Hoffman, whose testimony is wanted in the investigation which the committee is making into the Thaw bribery charge.

Hoffman, according to Lawyer Anhut, acting for Thaw, paid Anhut \$25,000 as a "contingent retainer" to bring about Thaw's release from the Matteawan State Hospital. Thaw declined yesterday to give his version of the affair when the committee visited him at Matteawan, but the committee hopes to put Thaw's side of the case on record through Hoffman's testimony.

Alfred Henry Lewis, who visited Thaw at Matteawan recently, has notified the committee that he will be in Albany to-morrow, when it is hoped to conclude the investigation which was inaugurated by charges that William F. Clark, former secretary of the committee, had used Gov. Sulzer's name without authority in efforts to free Thaw.

"I am waiting for a report from the committee," said the Governor to-day, "so that I can take necessary action in the Thaw case."

The committee is expected to make a preliminary report to the Governor some time to-day.

REFUSAL OF THAW PLAN TO AID RELEASE.

JERSEY MAN DROPS DEAD.

Kilbeath Business Man Dies Suddenly at Palm Beach.

GIRL RISKS \$80,000 TO HELP FATHER TO FIGHT ECKERT WILL

Millionaire's Granddaughter Hazards Her Legacy by Taking the Stand.

BESTS LAWYER IN TILT.

Her Sallies at Attorney Amuse Court in Contest for a Fortune.

There was something of the flavor of gambling in Miss Johanna Eckert taking the witness stand to-day in her father's suit to break the will of her grandfather, Gen. Thomas T. Eckert, former President of the Western Union Telegraph Company. As the will stands, little Miss Eckert, who is nineteen and uncommonly attractive, receives \$50,000 and a country estate valued at \$30,000. She is a witness, however, for the plaintiff in the action and if the will is broken her share would be problematical.

Miss Eckert had no sooner been sworn than De Lancey Nicoll, attorney for her uncle, Thomas T. Eckert Jr., who under the will, inherits the bulk of the \$1,500,000 fortune, made a strenuous attempt to disqualify her as a witness. He contended she was a "party to the event" and that unquestionably her father had promised a reward, in the event of her father gaining a larger share of the estate. The lawyer failed to prove this, however, and Justice Greenbaum permitted the examination of the witness to continue.

"What is the earliest recollection you have of your grandfather and his second wife," began Attorney Palmer, counsel for the contestant.

"I recall visiting them when I was three years old," replied Miss Eckert, who maintained the greatest composure when she took umbrage over certain questions asked her. Then the lawyer usually came off second best.

The lawyer wanted to know how frequently she visited her grandparents, but the court interposed, with the remark that the girl could not be expected to recall all of the things occurring when she was a small child.

"She has assured me that she has a very definite memory," said Mr. Palmer. "And a bachelor is the very best authority for the assertion that children differ on memory for events, according to my observation."

"Yes, and an old maid can always raise children the best," said the Justice, with a smile.

Miss Eckert said she visited her grandfather and grandmother frequently, but could not recall the dates. She said Clark, Eckert always called her "Little Queen" and that most of the time she spent in his home he held her in his lap.

The witness testified she saw Gen. Eckert five days before his death, but only after she had been kept waiting outside his room for two hours by her uncle.

"When I entered," she said, "I kissed him and then he twice signified with his lips for me to kiss him again, which I did."

PASSAGE-AT-ARMS WITH ATTORNEY AMUSES COURT.

PANAMA CANAL CRUISES.

GIRL WHO RISKS HER LEGACY BY TESTIFYING IN ECKERT WILL CASE.



Miss JOHANNA ECKERT

PASTOR RUSSELL'S WIFE TELLS OF BIG BUSINESS PROFITS

Says Cemetery Enterprise Stock Paid "Holding Company" 90 Per Cent.

Mrs. Maria Francis Russell, the estranged wife of Pastor Russell, whose whiskered portrait appears on billboards and in newspapers all over the world once a week at the head of his sermons, was a witness against her husband at a hearing before the Tax Commission at the City Hall to-day. Pastor Russell has claimed exemption from taxation of his many publication and business enterprises, including his agency for the sale of \$90 a bushel "miracle wheat," on the ground that all his activities are philanthropic and religious.

Mrs. Russell, who obtained a separation from her husband on the ground that he treated her cruelly, and of whose relations with himself Pastor Russell made unpleasant statements in his publications, said that when Pastor Russell started the Zion Watchtower Society in Pittsburgh, she was entirely in his confidence as his principal aide. She said that she sold membership in the society at \$10 each, and that at the last election in Pittsburgh, of which she had knowledge, 60,000 membership votes were cast, indicating that the society had taken in \$600,000.

Pastor Russell, so his wife testified, also had William Van Amberg, secretary and treasurer of most of the concerns under the Russell management, buy land near Pittsburgh for a cemetery at a cost of many thousands of dollars. The stock of the cemetery was sold to the pliers. The cemetery company was merged into the United States Investment Company, a holding corporation for Russell, under a contract which stipulated that only ten per cent of the profits of the cemetery should go to the United States Investment Corporation.

Secretary Van Amberg, a tall, melancholy man, said that he was able to live in a fine house on Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, only because his parents supported him. His salary as secretary and treasurer of the Russell concerns, he said, was only \$1 a month. He could not work at a better salary elsewhere, he said, but stayed with Pastor Russell "because he loved the work."

"Why, certainly," said Miss Eckert. "The girl said she didn't know what was meant and the lawyer snapped he could not make it plainer, whereupon the Justice observed that the question was not very clear. It finally developed that what the lawyer wanted to bring out was whether the General kissed the child."

"Did you see a picture in that paper?" "Yes, sir; upside down."

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A new Serial Story of Love and Tragedy by Arthur Train, one of the best-known present-day writers of thrilling adventures, now running in the Magazine and Story Section of the Sunday World.

JEROME SAYS GRAFT BY POLICE THRIVES UNDER PRESENT LAWS

McClellan Laughs at Gaynor's "50"; Says Police Corruption Is Not a Question of Arithmetic but of a Discredited Force.

CORRUPTION ON FORCE PRODUCED BY SYSTEM

Gaynor's Police Ideas Not Practical, the Opinion of Former District-Attorney Philbin.

Former Mayor McClellan and Police Commissioner Waldo gave to the Wagner committee on remedial police legislation to-day their opinions of the present police situation in New York, and their views were as far apart as the poles.

Former District-Attorney Jerome told the committee this afternoon that so long as laws are kept on the statute books that will allow graft, graft will continue.

JEWELLER HELD UP IN STORE MAKES DESPERATE FIGHT

Jansen Knocked on Head With Iron Bar but Manages to Shut Safe Door.

Two hold-up men entered the jewelry store of H. Gamse Jansen, at the northwest corner of Eighth avenue and Twenty-fourth street, this afternoon, struck him twice over the head with an iron bar and attempted to steal his stock of diamonds and his money. Jansen put up a stiff resistance and made so much noise that the thieves were compelled to flee before they could get hold of any loot.

The fog and rain made business bad along Eighth avenue this afternoon, and Jansen was in his store alone. He had just sent his daughter, who had been acting as his clerk, on an errand. The holdup men, who had apparently been watching for the chance, entered the store a few moments after the departure of Jansen's daughter.

The Jeweller, who had been in business on Eighth avenue for many years, was suspicious the second he saw his visitors. His mental attitude must have shown in his face, for they lost no time in coming to business.

"Come across with the gems and money," ordered one, "or we'll put you out of business."

Jansen rushed for his safe to shut the door. The thieves pursued him and one drew an iron bar from under his coat and brought it down on Mr. Jansen's head.

The blow staggered but did not disable the Jeweller. He slammed the safe door and yelled. The thieves ran out and disappeared in Twenty-fourth street toward Ninth avenue.

Mr. Jansen, with blood streaming from a cut in his scalp, ran to the street in pursuit of the thieves, but collapsed on the sidewalk. There wasn't a policeman in sight and by the time Patrolman Fisher of the West Seventeenth street station appeared the hold-up men had

Col. McClellan declared bluntly that the police system was rotten to the core and that those not corrupt were afraid to call their souls their own, while on the other hand, Commissioner Waldo declared that the force was doing the work well and that it was through the work of the force that all the recent revelations came. Inspector Dwyer also was a star witness, and he came out bluntly with the statement that the public could not expect a cop to be honest when he was turned loose on a boat at \$60 for the first year, and with \$20 of that taken out for his equipment.

"You give him a club and a pistol and authority and turn him out on the street without the price of a sandwich on him," he declared. "Then you expect him to resist temptation."

Mr. McClellan was the first to take the stand at the hearing.

QUESTION IS NOT HOW MANY POLICE ARE GRAFTERS.

"The question is," he said, "is there anything wrong with the Police Department?" If there is anything wrong, then what is it? Whether there are only fifty men or five thousand on the force who are corrupt is aside from the question.

"The police are discredited in the minds of the people of the city as the result of recent revelations and indictments. Unless the people want to see the police become a very ghastly and grisly jungle something should be done in my time as Mayor I found the system in operation. I have only to refer to the case of the murder by Policemen Dillon. The District-Attorney of that time said that the system had done everything to block the course of justice."

"I would like very much to believe that there are only fifty corrupt policemen, but if there are only fifty they are very capable and active. The corrupt spirit of police system is a false spirit and the morale is rotten. Those who are not corrupt are afraid to call their souls their own, and bow to the corrupt."

He referred to Inspector Sweeney as "a wretched creature under indictment for graft," and said that he would not have attended the Lieutenant's association dinner where Sweeney was a guest. "President Taft," he said, "was fooled. The dinner was turned into a ratification of Sweeney's acts."

Col. McClellan declared that he heartily objected to putting the police into the hands of the State. He declared that politics in the force would only be transferred from the City Hall to the Capitol. He objected also to the idea of electing a Police Commissioner by the votes of the people, as this would bring the force into the elections. He declared that the Mayor should have the power of removal if he has the power of appointment. This power of removal should be restricted, however, he said, and the removal